

ROTARY MEETING No. 1783 – Change-over Night

MC (and soon to be Sergeant) John Walters opened our Changeover meeting and called on Reg Hanson for the Invocation and Toast. President Bernie welcomed official guests including honorary member Iain Evans, MP, Andrew Southcott MP, Duncan Mc Fetridge MP, DGE Arthur Manser and Shirley, DG District 9500 Katina Jones and Jeffrey, DGN Bob Northcote and Margaret and PDGs Graeme Dodsworth, Peter Sandercock and Ken Knights and AGs Peter Shipp and Peter Ochota and their partners.

A Toast to Rotary International, in particular the 2005/2006 theme of "Service Above Self", was followed by PDG John Jackson's response where he talked about the need for enthusiastic renewal each year in order to keep Rotary strong and active.

President Bernie's toast to Partners in Rotary was very inclusive. He talked of our wives, husbands and partners, but also focused on the many other important partnerships – the World Health Organisation (Polio Plus), Blackwood Lions (Christmas Pageant), Mitcham City Council (Karinya Park and the Pony Ridge Trail), Blackwood High School (Interact), Flinders Medical Centre (surgery for Nita Prameswari), local businesses (including Perry's Property Maintenance, John Spick Pharmacy, Adelaide Development Company, Belair Hotel and Marjorie Moritz), Inner Wheel, Our Ladies Auxillary to mention a few. These partners all assist us to support our local community and the global world in a sustainable and rewarding way.

Recently returned LTE student Courtney Williams, accompanied by Josh Sellar on acoustic guitar, swept us away with her beautiful voice as she sang four songs, one of which she composed herself and another sung in Swedish.

DGE Arthur Mansell shared his experiences at the District Governor's Convention at Anaheim, USA, where the costs saved on their basic lunch of soup and a bread roll allowed for a substantial donation to be made to Foodbank for the underprivileged people of California. He reminded us that small personal sacrifices can result in great benefits for others who are less fortunate.

President Bernie's Annual Report, in the 35th year of our club, focused on the five major challenges that we face – proclaiming Rotary's success, generating funds to empower our local and international projects (every fundraising activity exceeded targets this year), protecting our club from litigation, increasing the strength of our club through new membership and increasing our partnership with other organisations.

Bernie reminded us that, if our club is to continue to be successful, we need to support Rotary ideals beyond our individual priorities. He listed some of our achievements including scholarships for an indigenous student and young people in Tanzania and Nepal, Roadwatch activities, a \$4,500 donation to Rotary Foundation, \$10,000 donation to Blackwood Community Hospital from Musicfest proceeds, support for Colebrook Reconciliation Group, a refrigerator for the Eden Hills CFS, our LTE student Shauna from Canada, supporting local students (environmental and science experiences, RYLA, mentoring programs, Interact Club at BHS) Group Study Exchange teams to Mexico and Scotland, supporting Nita from Indonesia to have surgery, Pride of Workmanship Awards – to name a few.

Bernie recognised people in the Community and members of our club who have made significant contributions to the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.

Community Service Award – Phillip Hayden – for driving a bus for elderly and disabled people, JP duties, Life Membership of Blackwood Football Club, the Glenelg SW Football Association, Coromandel Cricket Club, Adelaide and Suburban Cricket Association, President of the Blackwood Bowling club and 15 years service to Eden Hills CFS.

The Vern Surman Award, in honour of the club's Charter President - to Eric Cotton for his untiring efforts as Attendance Officer, Coordinator of the Christmas Fair, and member of the Community Services Committee.

The Presidential Award – to Bob and Marlene Lehmann for their wonderful support for Nita Prameswari and her mother during their 3 month stay here for surgery at FMC and for Bob's work as Almoner, member of the Community Services and Musicfest Committees in addition to Marlene's volunteer work with Red Cross and coordination of Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.

Four Paul Harris Fellows were presented to the late Roy Moritz (posthumously) and Marjorie Moritz (for untiring support of Rotary programs over many years, involvement in YE, and ongoing financial support), Trevor Abbott – for serving as Treasurer and Chair of the Christmas Fair Committee for some years, membership of the Community Services and Musicfest Committees, work at our Equipment Centre and leading Roadwatch teams and Richard Dix – for 10 years of service to the Rotary Club of Renmark and Chairing the Youth and Vocational and Equipment Centre committees

President Bernie concluded by thanking his wife Colleen Penny and noting that our club now has 8 women members, some 10 years after heated debate regarding welcoming women into our club. It was significant, 10 years after the decision, that we have our first woman President.

After her official induction as President, Elizabeth Caldicott, challenged us to confront the enormous challenge of moving forward to support and promote the work of Rotary as we move into the second century of Rotary. Elizabeth reminded us of the original theme in 1905 of Service Above Self and the importance of the 4 Way Test and the 4 Avenues of Service. Elizabeth said that it was important to set goals that were achievable, appropriate to the resources of our club and within the parameters of Rotary. In the coming year we need to focus on Literacy, Clean Water and Youth Programs which are goals set by RI President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer for 2005-2006.

Elizabeth introduced Club Officers for this Rotary year – IPP (Bernie Morgan), President Elect and Community Services Director (Bob Arnold), Vice President and Club Service Director (Russell Eccleston), Secretary (John Jackson), Treasurer (Ray Smith), Finance Director (Robyn Venus), International Director (Michael Mc Claren), Youth and Vocational Director (Jeff Hunter), Future Directions (Graham Lough) and John Walters (Sergeant at Arms).



DUTY ROSTERS

MEETNG NO:	1784	1785	1786	1787
DATE:	14.6.05	21.6.05	28.6.05	5.7.05
FELLOWSHIP:	R Green	G Kamm	J Pearce	K Prime
REG. ASST:	H Henbest	C Lloyd	G Morris	B Perry
FURNITURE:	B Hughes	M Mc Claren	P Pargeter	B Richter
	J Hunter	B Matthews	Neville Newton	K Roscrow
CHAIRMAN:	Robyn Venus	T Abbott	N Capon	N Newton
SPEAKER:	Shauna O' Rourke	Dr Peter Stephens	Ken Roscrow	Bill Flynn
TOPIC:	My Year In Australia	Indonesia–Unity & Diversity	The Web Master	This is my Life

COMING EVENTS

15th July: Art Show

BIRTHDAYS

18th June: Barb Capon

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week