

ROTARY MEETING No. 1774

Following the opening of the meeting with the Invocation and Toast by Chairperson Cherilyn Fleming, Pres Bernie Morgan gave a warm welcome to all, including guests Wanda Taylor and Jo Howard, and guest speaker Courtney Williams with her family Trudy Thorp, "Nana" Williams, Ray Williams and Jenny Williams. At Pres Bernie's request, exchange student Shauna O'Rourke told of her activities over the past two weeks – visit to "China Town" at the Central Market, Clipsal 500 concert, a trip to Mt Gambier with the Venus family including some exhausting tennis. She enjoyed the four-day Easter break (only three days in Canada) and the surprises in store with the "Guess-Who-Is-Coming-To-Dinner". Pres Bernie thanked Bob & Marlene Lehmann for the hard work involved in Guess Who is Coming to Dinner. Pres Bernie informed the Club of Board decisions made on 15 March, 2005 – the purchase of a PowerPoint-capable projector, B Matthews granted "Excused Attendance" status, donation of \$4,500 to Rotary Foundation, discussion on possible Sister Club relationship with Dillibazar and the finalizing of Time Capsule document for Blackwood. Pres Bernie read out an email from R.C. Bogor, Indonesia, expressing thanks to Bob & Marlene Lehmann and Elizabeth Caldicott and our Club for their work for Anita.

PRESENTATION: Pres Bernie presented a cheque for \$300 to GSE team member Jo Howard and to team leader Graham Lough, together with 12 R.C. Blackwood banners. Graham and Jo will speak at a farewell function on 10 April before heading off to Mexico.

MAKE-UP: Elizabeth Caldicott (PETS at Merbein).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bob Lehmann announced that Anita would be going home to Indonesia in approx one week; Ken Roscrow indicated that 16 Indigenous Medical Scholarships of Rotary (11 have qualified so far); Ken asked overseas travellers to consider Friendship Exchange with Alberta Canada in May/June; Cherilyn Fleming announced the Art Show Committee members; Geof Kamm told of his organizing a luncheon for his Pharmacy Class of 1954 (34 graduates, 16 to lunch, including one of his lecturers now 89). Stan Tolley reminded members of "set up" at 9am Saturday April 2 for Musicfest, of duties of door crew and ushers, and that dismantling starts at 8am, Sunday April 3.

ATTENDANCE: Sue Wymond made it 42 present and with make-up, 84%.

RAFFLE: Won by Laz Meszaros.

SERGEANT'S SESSION: Graham Roberts "waded in" with fines for all including Neville Newton, Gerald Morris, Peter Pargeter (queue jumping), Laz with banking problems, Cherilyn Fleming and Bill Perry (it's all a matter of size!) and Helen Henbest and Bob Lehmann for going to hear Neil Diamond.

GUEST SPEAKER – Courtney Williams

Chairperson Cherilyn Fleming introduced our exchange student to Sweden last year, Courtney Williams. Courtney spoke confidently with the assistance of a PowerPoint slide show, looked on by her father (and former Blackwood Rotarian) Ray Williams, her mother Trudy, and other family members. Courtney, wearing her jacket with all sorts of trophies attached to it (a moose was prominent), told us that she was hosted by the Rotary Club of Göteborg Vinga, in the south of Sweden. Sweden stretches a long way N & S, in the north is Lapland where she did go skiing and where many of the indigenous Swedes live. Dialect and language can vary enormously in Sweden. Courtney's first host family were the Pauve family, very warm and welcoming (Gunilla, Krister and host sister Nadine). She started school at the Frölunda Gymnasiet, but changed to the Angered Gymnasiet because of her music. Her first family lived in the middle of Göteborg, a new experience for her, she later moved to her second hosts, the Lejgren family who lived a little out of town, again in a very beautiful setting. Much snow, it got dark early in the afternoons. Courtney learnt Swedish well, she started with Gunilla Pauve when learning cooking skills. Breakfast was usually Muesli and a thick, sour milk. She attended meetings of the Rotary Club of Göteborg Vinga every Friday morning (breakfast club), a young Club, mostly men, Courtney also attended a District Conference. Sometimes she would spend time at her host's "summer house" which was used in winter as well. Courtney enjoyed her eighteenth birthday in Sweden – croissants for breakfast! She got used to the often silent ways (in public) of the Swedes which they share with the Norwegians, and was taken to the usual Swedish popular activities – football, café-hopping, ice hockey, opera and skiing. Our exchange student went on several trips out of Sweden, including one to London, Dresden, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Venice, Nice, Avignon, Paris (she liked Paris it seems), Brussels, parts of Denmark and finally "home" again. She went flying, sailing at the Marstrand, skiing, snow-boarding and lots more. An excited, confident Courtney finished with an heartfelt "thank you" to the Club and especially Cherilyn Fleming her Club Counsellor. This was expressed in Swedish – "Tack sa mycket till alla er i Klubben". Cherilyn Fleming thanked Courtney to a standing ovation by members of the Club.

CLOSE: Pres Bernie closed the meeting at 8:30pm, expressing his appreciation to Courtney Williams and her counsellor Cherilyn Fleming.

John Jackson – Bulletin Editor



(left) Chairperson Cherilyn with returned LTYE student Courtney (right) Pres Bernie with outgoing GSE team member Joanne

DUTY ROSTERS

MEETNG NO:	1775	1776	1777
DATE:	5.4.05	12.4.05	19.4.05
FELLOWSHIP:	N Newton	K Prime	J Lewis
REG. ASST:	B Lehmann	S Wymond	N White
FURNITURE:	P Pargeter	K Roscrow	G Sargent
	J Pearce	B Richter	R Tannebring
CHAIRMAN:	Bill Perry	Trevor Abbott	Richard Dix
SPEAKER:	Graham Roberts	Peter Sutton Smith	Kevin Filke
TOPIC:	"This is my Life"	"Glycobiology and Health"	"Victim Support"
			Scottish GSE at Thaxted Park (Noarlunga East)
Club Website: www.rotarnet.com.au/blackwood - Webmaster: Ken Roscrow			

COMING EVENTS

April 10: Farewell to Mexican GSE team
April 21-24: Pt Lincoln District Conference
May 2: Film Evening
May 15: District Assembly
June 7: Change-over

BIRTHDAYS

April 5: Graham Lough
April 8: Jean Surman

ANNIVERSARIES

April 4: Neil & Kathleen White
April 6: Bill & Hilary Flynn