

ROTARY MEETING No. 1771 ~ CLUB ASSEMBLY

OPENING: Pres Bernie, in the Chair, introduced guests Nita and her mother Supiyatun both from Indonesia and Rev. Peter Stephens (language interpreter). At Pres Bernie's invitation, Bob Lehmann explained that Nita had been in Adelaide 8 weeks so far, receiving treatment for her deformed leg, and would return to hospital next week for a final operation. She would return at 12 or 13 years of age for further corrective surgery. Nita and her mother have been staying with Bob & Marlene Lehmann, PE Elizabeth Caldicott has assisted in many ways as well. Through interpreter Rev. Peter Stephens, Supiyatun thanked the Lehmanns and the Rotary Club for their assistance.

Resuming his opening remarks, Pres Bernie also welcomed John & Jenny Lewis, Mark Burns, Wanda Taylor and Marlene Lehmann. Exchange Student Shauna O'Rourke told the meeting that she visited Wilcannia and Broken Hill in NSW last week with the Morgans.

NEW MEMBER: John Lewis with the classification of "Aged Care Management" was inducted as a member of the Club by Pres Bernie, his wife Jenny was made welcome as well. John will join the New Generations Committee, his mentor will be PP David Rusk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Arthur Finch asked for assistance in slicing onions for BBQ on 13 March – Helen Henbest volunteered; Roger Wheaton asked for helpers to load BREC equipment on Friday and got several volunteers; Bob Arnold explained procedures for the visit to Colebrook Reserve – damper and dessert will be served on the site, no alcohol, bring chair, speakers will explain the meaning of the memorial; Laz Meszaros and Trevor Abbott reminded members to keep selling Musicfest tickets; Ian Wicks told of the usefulness of the Club's donation to the Eden Hills Fire Fighting unit; Helen Henbest read a short letter from Sarah in Denmark.

ATTENDANCE: Eric Cotton calculated 84% attendance with 42 members present and make-ups.

RAFFLE: Won by Ian Wicks.

FINES SESSION: Sergeant Graham Roberts, kept under restraint last week, eagerly fined almost everyone in the room, David Rusk who carried the fines box found it very heavy at the finish. Amongst those fined were Reg Hanson (witnessed Graham's new golf clubs), Barry Hughes & Eric Cotton for very colourful golden ties, John Pearce for parking and visitor Mark Burns.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Pres Bernie invited Directors for a very brief report. Barry Hughes: Chairman Club Service, all going well. Club is considering buying "PowerPoint-able" projector. Bob Arnold: Community Service – Blackwood Forum on 29 May, 2005 (Sunday) on Water, Global Warming & Population. Speakers include Prof. Andrew Beer, Flinders University and Dr. Greg Morozow (formerly environmental manager with Santos Ltd). Greg Mackie, founder Adelaide Festival of Ideas is interested, will assist and cooperate. Bob and Ian Wicks will present cheque for \$500 to Eden Hills Primary School on Wednesday for their new General Purpose Hall. Bob will present the Colebrook Reconciliation Group with a cheque for \$250 to go towards an all weather shelter for visiting school children. This will be done during our visit on 22 March. Other projects include the Rotary Centenary Project – a million trees to be planted by our Districts, assistance to Inner Wheel for Cord Blood Project, Pony Ridge Trail, assistance to the Blackwood High Interact Club, and providing Emergency Medical Information Books to aged care homes. Roadwatch is ongoing. Jeff Hunter: New Generations & Vocational. Jeff explained that his committee's projects included Care for the Environment through the River Murray projects at Calperum (Renmark), Lake Cullulera River school and the Albury Freshwater school. Interact, Rypen, Ryla & science schools continue. Vocational activities include Pride of Workmanship Award, Indigenous scholarships & youth programmes. Ken Roscrow: International. Activities include "adopt-a-village" in PNG for Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), Long Term Youth Exchange, School in Tanzania (student assisted), Nita from Indonesia for Surgery, student in Nepal, clean water assistance, G.S.E. team to Mexico. Graham Lough: Future Directions. Seven new members this year so far, buddy system, former members (one newsletter produced for them). Robyn Venus: Finance. Robyn announced that our fundraiser projects had performed better than last year (cakes, Fair, Arts Festival so far), and two Rotary Foundation grants received. Net result therefore is that the Club is very sound financially. Pres Bernie: Centennial Time Capsule – Pres Bernie has distributed his draft submission for the Blackwood Club and asks for more suggestions, changes, etc from Club members. Bernie, Colleen, John & Heather Jackson will be attending the Chicago Convention in June for placement of the Club submission into the Time Capsule by Pres Bernie. Pres Bernie explained that procedures were well in place now for protection against litigation (eg in Roadwatch), Pres Bernie asked for general discussion on the suggestion from PP David Rusk that we form a Sister Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Dillibazar. This topic generated much discussion, some for, some against. It was pointed out that it doesn't necessarily involve an outlay of money, could be quite informal, and there could be a higher degree risk in visits at present. The "for" case was put by David last week (see Bulletin Issue 34). Elizabeth Caldicott, our President Elect, indicated that the new Governor Arthur Manser had Timor Leste and several tsunami projects in mind for 2005/6. Bob Arnold suggested we could be involved in all these projects, including Youth Exchange, as we are probably the strongest Club in the District. There was a suggestion from some that we drop Youth Exchange. Neville Newton urged a strong input into the Blackwood Community.

CLOSE: pres Bernie closed the meeting at 8:50pm with a quote from Paul Harris.

John Jackson – Bulletin Editor



President Bernie with new Rotarian John & his partner Jenny

DUTY ROSTERS

MEETNG NO:	1772	1773	1774	1775
DATE:	15.3.05	22.3.05	29.3.05	5.4.05
FELLOWSHIP:	R Green	J Jackson	G Kamm	N Newton
REG. ASST:	S Wymond	S Wymond	C Lloyd	B Lehmann
FURNITURE:	H Henbest		B Matthews	P Pargeter
	J Hunter		M McClaren	J Pearce
CHAIRMAN:	Tom Davenport	Bob Arnold	Cherilyn Fleming	Bill Perry
SPEAKER:	Terina Edwards	Various Speakers	Courtney Williams	Graham Roberts
TOPIC:	"Out 'n About"	Colebrook Memorial	"My Year in Sweden"	"This is my Life"

Club Website: www.rotarnet.com.au/blackwood - Webmaster: Ken Roscrow

COMING EVENTS

March 19: Guess Who is Coming to Dinner
April 2: Musicfest 2005
April 21-24: Pt Lincoln District Conference
May 2: Film Night

BIRTHDAYS

March 13: Jill Wicks
March 19: Dianne Walters

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week