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SCHOOLCHILDREN'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON THE BIBLE

- * In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off;
- * Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night;
- * Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles;
- * Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without ingredients;
- * The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards Moses went up to Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 commandments.

Attendance last week

Guest Speaker: Jenny Swanson
Visiting Rotarians: John Gray (Canberra City), and George Pratt (Kyogle)
Other Guests: Rod Smith
Members present: 19
Makeups: 3
Percentage: 72.414 %

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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DINNER ROSTER

	THIS WEEK – 5 May	NEXT WEEK – 12 May
Program	Gary Scott "My time in Vietnam"	Major General P M Jeffery
Introduction	Alec Philip	Ros Osbourne
Appreciation	Ajit Bannerjee	
Fellowship	Des Pain Sue Pelengaris	
Raven Recorder	Jeff Ibbotson	Bob Harvie
Birthdays	Ray Newcombe 5/5, Lyn Svanosio 6/5, John Gray 7/5	Helen Harvie 10/5, Helen Rodd 13/5
Anniversaries	Ian and Val Excell 3/5	Des and Nell Pain 12/5

PARKING AT THOROUGHbred PARK

Friday 14 May: Robin Cromer (Leader), John Gray, Keith Avent & Alec Philip



THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings: 6.00 for 6.15 pm Wednesdays, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle Ride of Canberra.

Held annually in September or October.

HONORARY MEMBER - Don Whitbread

I arrived in Canberra in 1949 when my father was appointed as Minister at Wesley Methodist (now Uniting) Church. After Canberra High I went to Wagga Wagga Teachers' College and in 1956 was appointed to a one-teacher school at Beargamil near Parkes. After 3 years I was transferred to Sans Souci, then Carlton South (where my choir career started) and was promoted to Deputy Master at Greenacre P S. I married my high school sweetheart, Barbara (Gumley) in 1960 and we have 3 children, David, Rodney and Jenny, plus 8 grandchildren.

I completed a B.Com (Economics) in 1967 from UNSW, received a University Blue for hockey and represented NSW, and later Australia in the Senior Masters.

In 1968 I joined the NCDC and in 1970 became Secretary to the Senate Select Committee on Securities and Exchange, then a Senior Advisor in PM and C, before becoming Assistant Director at the National Film and Sound Archive on its inception.

It was in 1969 that Barbara and I founded the Woden Valley Youth Choir and I directed the Choir for 28 years. It celebrated its 40th anniversary last year and continues to flourish.

During that time I conducted many shows for Canberra Philharmonic, Carols by Candlelight etc.

However in 1987 Barbara suffered a brain tumour and in 1990 a massive stroke, so I took early retirement and set up *Music Co-ordination Australia* from home, which became part of a world-wide organisation which operated tours for bands, choirs and orchestras into and out of Australia.



I retired again in 2001 and have since spent my time as a "locum" conductor for many local choirs, adjudicating at eisteddfods, as a judge for the CAT (Canberra Area Theatre) Awards and as a Boardmember for the Wesley Music Foundation.

Incidentally through Woden Rotary I was the first GSE team-member selected from Canberra, representing District 270 which visited District 757 in Virginia and Tennessee in 1973. This has had a profound affect on my life and I am grateful for such an opportunity.

(Don has been recognised in many ways for his achievements including with a Paul Harris Fellowship from District 9710 and a Medal in the Order of Australia. Ed)

Dates for your diary

- Racecourse parking – roster at foot of page 4
- 12 May – WDHP Promotional Dinner
- 14 May – NYSF applications close
- 19 May – Sviatko "What it is to be a Collector"
- 26 May – V. Rasheed "Community Nursing and Management of Chronic Conditions"
- 2 June – John Robson "Sailing"
- 9 June – Emma Baldock "Grandparents"
- 21/22 Aug – District Conference - Hellenic Club

TONIGHT

One of our members
GARY SCOTT
 "My time in Vietnam"

Last week

Sergeant Ian Excell opened the meeting and members and guests were welcomed by President Ros Osbourne. The meeting was held in the open part of the club which results in difficulties of communication – this unfortunately occurs occasionally when there are bookings for both of the usual meetings rooms.

Noting Anzac Day on Sunday, Ros referred to a number of her relatives who had served in both World War I and II. It is a time she remembers her 3 uncles who enlisted in the First World War – one was a member of the 1st Australian Light Horse and one landed in France the day after the battle of the Somme. Her father and two uncles were involved in the Second World War and her godfather died in Syria. She wished she could hear their stories, she said.

Snowy Hydro SouthCare – Jenny Swanson



Jenny Swanson, the Regional Relations Manager of Snowy Hydro SouthCare was introduced by Annemarie. Jenny had come to the meeting to present a Certificate of Appreciation to our club and to speak about the organisation. The certificate reads:

*Snowy Hydro SouthCare thanks you
for helping us to provide
a second chance at life.*

Since 1998 the Snowy Hydro SouthCare has been the primary aero medical rescue helicopter service for the ACT and south eastern NSW, saving nearly 4000 lives. Its footprint extends from Young in the north to the Victorian border and from the NSW coast to past Wagga Wagga.

The organisation is underwritten but not financed completely by the NSW and ACT governments on a 90:10 split. Snowy Hydro SouthCare relies heavily on community support from donations plus revenue from sponsorship, events and merchandise. Some \$600,000 to \$2 million has to be found from the community each year.

The Board is made up of 9 business people in the district and there are a number of special supporters including: Governor-General, Chief of Defence Force, ANU Vice-Chancellor, Michael Milton (Paralympian & Olympic Athlete) and Stuart Diver (sole survivor of the 1997 Thredbo landslide). There are also many sponsors and special sponsors including Rotary.

Confusion still remains after 11 years of service over another organisation called NRMA Careflight. Snowy Hydro SouthCare does not have anything to do with NRMA Careflight which is a big national Sydney Based brand specialising in international air ambulance and fee-for-service retrievals.

For further information go to: www.snowyhydrosouthcare.com.au.

Mike Ross gave the appreciation to Jenny for her visit to our club.

Club News

Police Checks: President Ros thanked Bernadette for having carried out the onerous task of organising police checks for members. These checks cover members in any situation working with children but also working with vulnerable community members. Members without police checks are urged to see Bernadette as soon as possible. These are now an essential requirement.

Western Desert Health Project: President Ros drew attention to the financial situation for the project. In 2008/2009 \$16,527 was spent while in this Rotary year the figure so far is \$55,000. A further \$44,000 has been committed.

Past President Shukry had some good news to the effect that WDNWPT Aboriginal Corporation had gained a grant of \$20,000 to cover both the transport of cupboards to Kintore and also the flooring. He also reported that the kitchen cupboards have been manufactured and will be transported in flatpacks arriving there by 21 May.

RAWCS Projects in East Timor: John Gray (Canberra City) spoke on the need for the reconstruction of the infrastructure of East Timor following the departure of Indonesia. He said that Rotary has a significant role to play in this context and that there are a large number of Rotary projects for East Timor listed on the Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) website at the moment. (A quick check of their website reveals that over 20 projects in East Timor require funding and volunteers Ed).

Bungendore Harvest Festival: The Rotary Club of Bungendore will be holding a Harvest Festival on the Bungendore Oval on Saturday 15 May followed by an Art & Wine trail in the district on the Sunday. Food and wine tastings, cooking demonstration, an art competition, markets and non-stop entertainments for adults and children will feature.

Italian Opera Gala, Saturday 8 May: This is the initiative of the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise. Book your tickets through Ticketek.

Canberra City Club working party at Kintore



John Gray from Canberra City Rotary reported on their recent working party to Kintore. Despite rain and mud they had managed to get to Kintore together with 400 kg of tools.

Due to wet weather all the materials they needed had not arrived and their work had been restricted to all the fencing and some doors.

He reported that it was one of the best projects their club had worked on. Some 9 members of their club were involved together with one extra from Alice Springs arranged by Sarah Brown. They were able to meet and interact with many of the residents in Kintore.