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The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

Last week's attendance

Guest Speaker: Gary Scott

Club Guest: Claudia Oakeshot

Visiting Rotarians: George Pratt (Kyogle)

Visitors: Pat Schmidt, Bob & Trude Townsend

Members present: 27 Make-ups: 1

Countable: 21 Percentage: 75.862 %

APOLOGIES

Apologies and visitor numbers to ALEC PHILIP BEFORE 3.00 P.M. on TUESDAYS (asphilip@bigpond.com) when the order for the number of meals is given to the Golf Club.

For urgent, last minute cancellations or extra visitors, please phone and leave a message on 6290 2510 [H] by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

DINNER ROSTER**This week - 12 May
General Michael Jeffery****Next week - 19 May
AM Sviatko**

Program	This week - 12 May	Next week - 19 May
Master of Ceremonies	PP Gary Scott	Neale Emanuel
Introduction	PP Shukry Sahhar	Bernadette Cappello
Appreciation	PP Ian Excell	Lukas Strohmayer
Fellowship	Neale Emanuel, Keith Avent, Bernadette Cappello, Norma Donaldson	Bish Mukerjee
Raven Recorder	Jeff Ibbotson	Christine Bell
Birthdays	Helen Harvie 10/5	Carolyn Newcombe & Alec Philip 17/5, RC 19/5
Anniversaries	Des & Nell Pain 12/5	Carlo & Joanne Binutti 23/5

Parking at Thoroughbred Park

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



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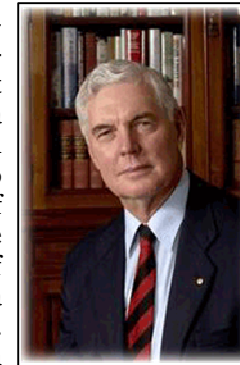
THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

Meetings 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill

Major General P M Jeffery, AC, AO (Mil), CVO, MC (Retd)

Philip Michael Jeffery was born in Wiluna, WA, in 1937. He left Perth for the Royal Military College at Duntroon aged 16 and graduated in 1958.

He served in a number of regimental appointments including the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) in Perth, Malaya and the British SASR in Borneo. He returned to Australia as Adjutant of the SASR in Perth. He married Marlena Kerr, of Manly, Sydney during a posting to PNG (1966-69). During a tour of Vietnam he was awarded the Military Cross and the South Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.



In 1976, he assumed command of the SASR in Perth and was then promoted to Colonel as the first Director of the Army's Special Action Forces, for services to which he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.

From 1981-83 he headed Australia's national counter-terrorist coordination authority in the rank of Brigadier. He was then promoted to Major General and from 1986 commanded the Army's 15,000-person 1st Division. In June 1988, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the Army.

He was appointed the 27th Governor of WA (1993-2000), and became a Companion of the Order of Australia, a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order and a Citizen of Western Australia for his services to the State.

He was Australia's 24th Governor-General (2003-08) and became the Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Australia.

He and his wife Marlena have three sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren. He enjoys music, reading, golf and fishing.

Tonight - Promotional Dinner

Special Guest Speaker Major General Michael Jeffery. The Western Desert Health Project at Kintore will be highlighted. An auction will include works of art, memorabilia, holidays and more! MC Gary Scott will call us to order at 6.20 pm

May is Planning Month

Guest speaker: Gary Scott

Gary Scott spoke on his recent trip to Vietnam. He and his partner Pat spent 3 weeks touring in a party going from Ho Chi Min City, Dalat, Na Trang, Danang, Hoi An, Hanoi, and Halong Bay.

Apart from showing many interesting slides of scenes and street activities as were allowed by Pat, who in fact was the photographer, he gave a brief glimpse of Vietnam's history, of wars and geography. The couple experienced the Tet Festival (Christmas, New Year & birthdays all rolled into one) and described the custom of new clothes for children and



Gary Scott

the importance of pink flowers in the north and yellow in the south. The population is 4 times that of Australia with 10 M motorbikes and growing and the resultant chaos on the roads.

It was regarded as communist but the society lives in a capitalist small business manner and they export rice and oil as well as hi tech industry. They enjoyed the food and noted the importance of fish sauce in the diet (200 M litres per year). The highlight of scenery they found at Halong Bay where they soon lost the throng of tourist boats in the 3000 islands of limestone honeycombed with caves.

Club news

President Ros struggled with a hoarse throat to control the throng and managed to subdue them with professional ease. She thanked the club members for their work in organizing the Promotional Dinner next week.

Geoff Ibbotson has found a student he thinks may be suitable to put forward for a Rotary Ambassadorial Overseas Scholarship. Although our Club has not any hosting family, we would support with a small scholarship.

Norma Donaldson will be away from 17th May and Alec Philip will be taking meeting apologies from that date. Please note his email address: asphilip@bigpond.com.au.

President Elect Gary described his plans for the new Rotary Year. His aim will be to nurture the Club so that members will look forward to fellowship and want to come to Rotary. He plans to reduce the emphasis on membership and to concentrate on ensuring that members are enthusiastic and will volunteer for jobs that they wish to do.

Bob Townsend spoke about the Chronic Fatigue Society and asked if club members would support the Society by selling pens.



Bob Townsend

Rotary Western Desert Project - working parties make progress

In the past month, Rotary had two working parties in Kintore continuing progress on the Dialysis Centre project.

A working party of nine from Canberra City Rotary, led by John Grey (on-site 9-18 April), erected the fences, blocked up external door openings, repaired the metal ceiling and rendered block work that was previously cut to remove internal walls.

The other working party, nominally from Woden Rotary, contained two from Woden (John and Neale), two from Belconnen Rotary, a volunteer plumber (George Calear) and his wife (backhoe driver and plumbers mate), one Indigenous Community Volunteer and three 'friends'. During 26 April - 2 May they managed to complete all the

Kintore crew
April 2010



The plumber
and his mate



Dab hand with
a jack hammer



'plumbing roughing in' (water and sewerage) and some rendering, blocked up an external door opening and internal partitioning and door framing.

The next working party should be on-site at the end of May and complete installation of the cupboards, bench tops, shelving, sinks, tubs and external protective cages for pumps, water chillers and condensers ready for the plumber to complete the 'fit out'.

We will then get two water chillers installed after which we can complete the electrical and air-conditioning work. The remaining work consists of finalising the building (doors, windows, painting, etc) and the external fencing. Should be completed soon!

John Widdup

Dates for your diary

- Parking:** See Roster at foot of page 4
- 14 May:** NYSF applications close
- 30 June:** Handover Dinner
- 14 July:** Della Conroy "The Forgotten Australians"
- 21/22 Aug:** Rotary Conf. Hellenic Club

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