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HUMOUR FOR LEXOPHILES (Lovers of Words)

- * A will is a dead giveaway.
- * To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- * A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- * I wondered why the football was getting bigger – then it hit me.
- * Police were called to a day care centre where a three year old was resisting a rest.
- * Did you hear about the chap whose whole left side was cut off? He’s all right now.

Last week’s attendance

Guest Speakers: Robert (Bert) and Irene Thomson
Other guests: Michal Kovac, Helen Sahhar, and John Joslin
Members present: 23
Percentage: 74.19

APOLOGIES

BY 3 PM TUESDAY
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(FOR MEETINGS ON 22 & 29 OCTOBER PLEASE CONTACT BERNADETTE NOT ROS)

DINNER ROSTER

Program	THIS WEEK - 15 October	NEXT WEEK – Wed 22 October
Introduction	Mr Burt Beasley	District Governor visit
Appreciation	Clean coal	Lynette McNeill
Fellowship	Carlo Binutti	Peter Evans
Raven Recorder	Lukas Strohmayr	Des Henderson-Kelly
Birthdays	Peter Evans	Eric Taylor
Anniversaries	Eric Taylor	Eric Taylor
	Gary Scott	Norma Donaldson
	John Joslin 18 Oct	Robin Hart 22 Oct; David Fox 23 Oct
	Nil	Nil



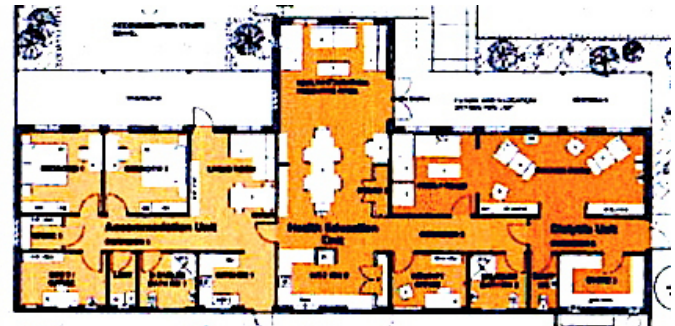
GRANT ANNOUNCED FOR BLUE HOUSE PROJECT!

The Commonwealth Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin, announced last week that she has approved a grant of \$140,000 for all the materials required for the refurbishment of the Blue House at Kintore.

dialysis unit for dialysis patients so local people can receive treatment ‘on country’ rather than having to make the long trip to Alice Springs.”

This is a tremendous step forward for the project and is a credit to David Fox for

The remainder of the project is labour which will largely be supplied by Rotary volunteers or financed by Rotary Clubs.



The materials to be purchased under the grant will include all plumbing, electrical and sewerage materials for bathroom, kitchen, bedrooms etc, airconditioning, hotwater system and so forth.

the comprehensive planning which he has put into the project.

The grant acknowledges that the refurbishment of the blue house will enable the use of the building as “a two bed renal

The first working party from our club will be at Kintore from 8 to 16 November.

Dates for your diary

- Tonight & Wed 22 Oct** – Vote on meeting venue
- Wed 22 Oct** – DG’s visit
- Wed 29 Oct** – Board Meeting
- Frid 31 Oct to Sun 2 Nov** – District Conference
- Tues 4 Nov** – Parking for Melbourne Cup
- Wed 12 Nov** – Club AGM & Elections
- Sat 15 Nov** – Working Bee at Greenhills Centre
- Wed 10 Dec** – Club Xmas Party/ Embassy Finale

TONIGHT’S SPEAKER

Mr Burt Beasley, Director of Technology & Innovation, Australian Coal Association, who will speak on the subject: **“Clean coal– to burn or not to burn”**

Last week – Tales of Scotland (& other places)



Sergeant Neale opened the meeting with an encompassing Toast to Rotary International, welcomed President Shukry who followed with a Toast to “Friends and Family”, both enthusiastically responded to. Visitors and guests were then welcomed and the absence of the “Mystery Speakers” was noted.

The “Mystery Speakers” later appeared, one apparently a visitor and the other our well-known and appreciated host, Irene and her husband Robert

to report on their four-month world tour just completed. This was a joint presentation sharing the commentary as they weaved their way through East Asia, Europe and the USA with emphasis on Scotland from whence they came.

Thailand, a land of crowds, amazing floating markets, a historic bridge over the river and temples to view am and pm. There were numerous slides – all of individual interest – of women whose only work was the weaving of most colourful cloth and then more – elephant rides.

Greece showed its charm, numerous ancient buildings and a visit to Corinth to stand where St Paul had delivered his memorable address, then a look down into an active volcano on the Island of Santorini. On they travelled to Rome, the Leaning Tower with Robert providing it some temporary support, Venice and the Rialto Bridge and the Eiffel Tower had special mentions.

The green-ness of Britain was contrasted with the harshness of the land they were so far away from. One intriguing find was in a chapel at the site of the last battle on English soil, a stained glass window one corner of which showed a Scotsman playing the bag-pipes.



There were renewals of friendships in schools, highland festivals in Scotland, the Tatoo, and then to a brief stay in the USA returning via Los Angeles

We have greatly valued Irene’s hosting of our dinners at the Embassy for over 20 years. Alas it is Vale to the Embassy and Vale too for all as the motel closes shortly. The evening was a nice way to start to say farewell to Irene – a great friend of Rotary.



Italian Opera Gala - Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise

President Shukry has asked that members consider the possibility of supporting the initiative of the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise to sponsor the “Italian Opera Gala” at the Canberra School of Music on 28 March 2009.

The concert will feature Australian Opera stars, the Canberra Opera Chorus and the Melbourne Opera Orchestra to raise funds for the youth and communities of Canberra.

Please advise Shukry if you feel you would like to see the Club support this initiative.



Vote on Club meeting venue

Bernadette Cappello will be conducting the ballot on the Club’s future meeting venue at our normal meetings both tonight and also next week. Ballot papers will be available from her. One vote per member.

If you are unable to be present at either of these meetings you can obtain a ballot paper by emailing Bernadette.

She will report the result of the ballot immediately after 22 October to the Board which will take the final decision.

RAVEN REPORTER

Ken Goard

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District 9710 Conference

Sussex Inlet, Friday Oct 31 to lunch Sun Nov 2

It’s time to register, organise transport and accommodation if you haven’t done so yet

LEAP INTO ROTARY

To register, follow the links: <http://www.rotary9710.org.au/>

Club News

Cancellation of Oktoberfest Parking: Parking guru Gary Scott reported on the unsatisfactory outcome of the negotiations. The club will not now be doing parking at Oktoberfest.

Melbourne Cup parking: Gary indicated that Thoroughbred Park requires our services on Melbourne Cup day on Tuesday 4 November. The likely times are 10am to 3pm. Please keep in your diary.

District-Governor’s Visit: DG Phil Mewett will visit our club next week, and will be our guest speaker. This will be a partners’ night.

George Paulus Vocational Service Award: President Shukry reported that the Board is calling for nominations. Please pass on nominations to Norma Donaldson.

Club Meeting Venue: Discussion indicated general approval to accept the Federal Golf Club with some concerns about the approach road during winter and the minimal serving of vegies for the meal. The facilities were without fault. Votes will be taken tonight and next week.

Injured cyclist: Noel Hart gave a report on the slow progress being made.

Renaming of the club: Secretary Keith Avent reported that the formalisation of the Club’s new name is progressing satisfactorily. It is now with RI for final approval.

Rotary Foundation: Neale Emanuel drew attention to the progress being made with the polio program. He pointed out that the Gates Foundation has contributed \$100 million subject to matching by Rotary. Good progress is being made with raising those funds.