



WEEKLY BULLETIN 12th May 2019

Monday 13th May 2019 - Meeting 2994	
<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Toast</p> <p>Fellowship</p> <p>Plaques</p> <p>Anniversary of Induction</p> <p>Birthdays</p>	<p>Paige and Tahlia</p> <p>National Youth Science Forum (2nd Talk)</p> <p>Michael Jacob</p> <p>Angela Moore</p> <p>PP Kim Potger</p> <p>Mark Smeaton</p> <p>13th May 2013 Dave Griffiths</p>
Monday 20th May 2019 - Meeting 2995	
<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Toast</p> <p>Fellowship</p> <p>Plaques</p>	<p>PP Marie-louise Lees</p> <p>Youth Service</p> <p>PP Leanne Clinch</p> <p>Brenton Hill</p> <p>Tony Fotheringham</p> <p>PP Patsy Johnson</p>
Monday 27th May 2019 - Meeting 2996	
<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>Subject</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Toast</p> <p>Fellowship</p> <p>Plaques</p>	<p>PP Colin Bazeley & Operation Flinders Leader</p> <p>Operation Flinders</p> <p>PP Brian Burt</p> <p>PP Julie Tekell</p> <p>PP Lance Hatcher</p> <p>PP Ron Sanders</p>

Meetings, unless otherwise noted are 6 for 6:30pm at Gawler Sport and Recreation Centre, Nixon Terrace Gawler. RSVP by 10am Monday morning by SMS only to 0437 759 256

FORTHCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

12th May, 22nd May, 5th June **Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club Gate**
 19th May - Adelaide Plains Male Choir - Song of Australia Concert Gawler Civic Centre
 22nd May Birthing Kit Assembly - Bookings Required, members asked to provide supper
 26th June Seven Women Film Evening
 1st July President's Changeover Dinner and 3000th Meeting - Nixon's Function Centre

"It's too bad you can't go to the school of experience on a scholarship."

" "They say" is the biggest liar in the world."

"If you want to be quoted say something you shouldn't say."

"Half the world doesn't know how the other half live but has its suspicions."

Monday 6th May 2019 - Meeting 2993

Vocational Visit to PP Tony Atyeo's new establishment which has replaced the clinic site at 3 Bright Street, Willaston which was founded by PP Bruce Eastick in September 1952.

An evening meal was held at the Gawler Centrals Football Clubrooms, - smorgasbord style by our usual caterer.

Several guests included Rotariannes Lisa Bazeley and Marg Ahrens and Bruce Eastick's son-in-law Peter Smith and his wife Meredith (nee Eastick).

PP Lance Hatcher spoke of the local Male Voice Choir at the new Civic Centre on Sunday 19th May at 2pm for the 160th Anniversary of the Song of Australia held at the original site. He then gave details of the Swap Meet on Sunday which was more consistent with the 2017 event money wise but still a success. There were 20 less stalls than last year. The returns are as follows.

Income	\$7010	
Expenses	\$3211	
Profit	\$3799	which was a figure \$2000 less than last year.

Lance thanked members for their help.

Stan Roulston advised that the Suicide Prevention Event 'Carpe Diem' would be held on Tuesday night.

President Jacqui welcomed the visitors and members and was pleased to see PP Bob Ahrens.

Almoner PP Mike Williams highlighted the presence of PP Bob Ahrens following his cancer treatment and advised that Brenton Hill has returned to work and looks forward to being present for next week's meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms Barry Stewart had his say and some members assisted with their recent experiences; however no fines were collected on the night.

Members and Guests then travelled to the Veterinary Clinic on Redbanks Road, Willaston where practice head PP Tony Atyeo provided detail of the new premises, the number of Veterinarians involved, plus other staff and the other two practice sites at Smithfield and Tanunda. The nature of the equipment, the hours the practices open, and some background of the practice's history was supplied. There were many questions and some back up information on the practice which was established in January 1952 as the only qualified practice north of Gepps Cross through to Darwin. Veterinary Surgeons, Veterinary Practitioners and Veterinary Permit Holders were explained regarding their duties and qualifications.

WHY THE LAST MILE IS SO IMPORTANT - MICHAEL K MCGOVERN, INTERNATIONAL POLIO PLUS COMMITTEE CHAIR

There were more cases of wild polio virus in 2018 than in 2017. Should we be discouraged?

No. We've always expected the number of cases to fluctuate somewhat as we get closer to zero. We've gone for 4 straight years with fewer than 100 cases per year. That's an indicator of great progress. With dedication from governments and Rotarians in areas still affected by polio, we'll get there.

Why is it so difficult to eradicate a disease like polio?

Remember that even in the US, where the polio vaccine was readily available, it still took 20 years to become polio-free. And the areas we are working in now don't have health systems that are as well-developed as in the US.

What challenges are you seeing now?

We have been working intensely in the endemic countries - Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan - for a number of years, and some of the citizens in those countries are getting concerned that we are spending money on polio eradication when they have so many other needs. There's some resistance to keep on receiving immunizations for polio, and polio alone. Our challenge is to find ways to provide other services to the citizens and children so we still have the parental support we need - to provide the "plus" in Polio Plus.

What role does armed conflict play in those areas?

It makes the logistics of immunization far more difficult. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative partnership is not only dealing with governments - we're dealing with anti-government elements as well. While we've worked to gain everyone's trust and support, we've had areas that were inaccessible to immunization teams for months and sometimes years at a time.

Do immunization teams know when they miss children and are there some they don't even know about?

We have a good handle on knowing when and where we're missing children. The challenge is to keep reducing the number we miss. We now know through GPS mapping where children are, and we are working with authorities there to make sure all children receive the vaccine.

Where are we seeing successes?

We haven't had any cases in the world in 5 years except the 3 endemic countries. And in Nigeria it's been almost 3 years since there were cases.

What is the most important thing Rotarians should know?

I've been extremely impressed with the dedication and persistence of Rotarians in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. They are working hard to make sure polio is eradicated. It is pretty amazing what they do in those countries. Rotarians should continue to be optimistic and to support eradication. We also need Rotarians to bring the need for continued funding to the attention of their government leaders. WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE GOAL.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EDITOR IN CHIEF JOHN REZEK FROM APRIL 2019 "THE ROTARIAN"

ROTARIANS ARE MAKING IT THEIR BUSINESS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT CLIMATE

As I'm writing this, Evanston has just recovered from several days of polar vortex, which felt even worse than it sounds. One Rotary Centre was closed, as were most schools and many businesses. It was colder here than at the South Pole with temperatures as low as 23 degrees below zero, and wind chills of minus 52. Frostbite, which could occur in minutes on exposed skin, sent scores of people to the hospital. It was dangerous and frightening weather. 17 people died. Then, a few days later, temperatures reached into the low 50s - above zero.

Mark Twain is credited with the observation that "everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." The same can't be said about climate, which we can look at as weather over time. Rotarians are making it their business to do something about climate, and we're devoting this issue to sharing the ways they are going about it.

President Barry Rassin begins by showing us how to start conversations about climate. He has a personal stake in this. Most of the Bahamas, where he lives, is less than 5 feet above sea level. At the current rate of increase of the ocean level, his hilltop home could soon be beachfront property.

We focus then on Alaska, where the native population is literally losing ground - and culture and livelihood - because of the effects of the change in climate. We check in with the Citizens' Climate Lobby, which works with legislators to create practical and effective guidance for climate remediation. You are likely to see a lot of Rotary in the group methods. And we finish with recommended solutions we should pay close attention to, some obvious, some not so. Again, some Rotarians are already on the case.

I grew up near Chicago, and I know that our winters can be brutal, our springs are momentary and uncertain, our summers are like living in a plastic bag, and our autumns are beautiful and lamentably short. I know what I signed up for by living here. I just want the same climate - more or less - to look forward to.

THE SAME AS YOU DO.