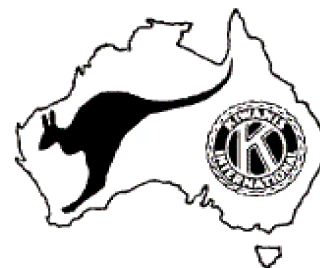


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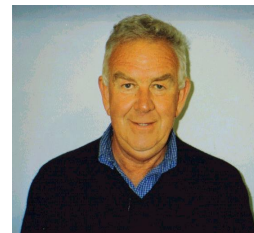
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## Seasons greetings from Governor Geoff Holmes



As we come to the end of 2005 and look forward to Christmas and time spent with family and friends I would like to bring you up to date on some good news since we began our Kiwanis year on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

1. Clubs have inducted 18 new members, including one from Africa.
2. Over \$8,000 has been received towards our major Heartkids Project Fund.
3. On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide our Kiwanis Kooka presented Terrific Kids at Sturt Street School with their certificates and badges, and library books for the school.
4. I am really pleased with the work being done by Lt Governors, Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and District Chairs to strengthen Kiwanis in Australia. Well done!
5. I am looking forward to attending the Kiwanis International Council Meeting, to be held in Florida in January and then having a holiday touring America until late January.
6. Considerable preparation has been made for a new club in Queensland.
7. The Newcastle Circle K Club at their University has continued to grow and local Kiwanians are very supportive.
8. The Key Club at Glenunga International High School will now be supervised by the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide, taking over from Burnside East Adelaide Club.
9. Most clubs have had their Christmas meetings and will be in recess until late in January. My own club, Rostrevor Campbelltown had a wonderful evening, which included presentation of a large hamper of food for sponsored children. We have possibly 4 more new members ready to be inducted in January, which will take our total to 53 members.
10. Our Bulletin Editor Owen Donaghey has recently been recognised by his Local Government for outstanding service to the community.

***I wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas  
and every success, health and happiness in 2006.***



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We look forward to receiving articles for the *Australian Kiwanian*. The next issue will be prepared on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and will include news from the Board of Trustees meeting, news from the clubs, etc. Please email [donaghey@adam.com.au](mailto:donaghey@adam.com.au) or post to me at Unit 1/9 Rotorua Court, Noarlunga Downs SA 5168 or my assistant at [janine.powell3@bigpond.com](mailto:janine.powell3@bigpond.com) 112 Woodland Way, Teringie SA 5072

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## 2005-2006 K. I. PRESIDENT STEVEN SIEMENS ON MEMBERSHIP

(SPEECH DELIVERED AT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN HAWAII IN JUNE 2005.)

I want to be associated with members who:

- Accept responsibility for their club's current condition and future.
- Take growth seriously.
- Keep Kiwanis exciting and fun.
- Dream of our future.
- I want to lead leaders who:
  - Talk more about solutions than problems.
  - Don't care who gets the credit.
  - Give without remembering and receive without forgetting.
  - Stop listening to the negative few.
  - Don't make excuses.

The Kiwanis that motivates me is a new Kiwanis where changes are made often, risks are taken daily, mistakes are a part of the process, and people are not taken for granted. It's a Kiwanis where leaders are strategic in their thinking, bold in their decision making, creative in their vision casting, and driven by its mission and even more importantly, driven by the needs of its members. That's the Kiwanis of tomorrow! When we start measuring the size of Kiwanis by its potential, not its present condition, we'll move this organisation forward with great speed. We're holding on to many things that make Kiwanis feel old! They are killing the momentum and they are draining our energy. Tonight, let's bury them and move on with new solutions, strategies, and thinking.

- Small thinking
- Old thinking
- Apathy
- Old clothes
- Focusing on leaders rather than the members
- Old traditional club rituals
- Ineffective district structure
- Poor vision
- Old structure
- Resistance to being International
- Traditional International Board roles and duties
- A men's organization that tolerates women
- Holding on to the past
- No goals
- Excuses
- "My year- your year" syndrome
- Jealousy
- Past leaders not letting go

There's more, but you get the point. The only way to have effective change is to permanently get rid of those old things that keep us from reaching our potential. Kiwanis is too big of an organization to have small dreams. It's time to get out of our comfort zones. We are where we are today because we've gotten comfortable. Your club is where it is today because the members have gotten comfortable. Your District is where it is today because the leaders have gotten comfortable. A comfortable organization does not grow and is on a sure path to death! We need, more than ever, members and leaders who will lead us out of our comfort zones. We need people with great vision, passion, and people who are willing to pay the price to make it happen"

# SUBJECT: "TOGETHER WE CAN"

## DOES YOUR CLUB NEED AN INJECTION OF VITAMIN "B"?

### KIWANIS PRESCRIPTION FOR VITAMIN B:

- Be active
- Be involved
- Be open
- Be creative
- Be diverse
- Be reproductive (ask likeminded people to join your club)

## LET ME SHARE A VI-TA-MIN PRESCRIPTION FOR GOOD HEALTH IN YOUR CLUB:

### ***HELP-A-MINS***

The more you give the more you live. One child and one community at a time. We only succeed when everyone helps!

### ***FUN-A-MINS***

Our meetings must be upbeat, positive, planned and fun. Find fun in fund raising. Kiwanis provides fun in many ways which helps us enjoy life!

### ***INVITE-A-MINS***

We will turn our club around if we invite guests to meetings. They will not come unless you invite them. Challenge every member to bring one guest.

### ***PRAISE-A-MINS***

Recognise your volunteers and give lots of praise. People work harder when they are praised, not criticized.

### ***GROW-A-MINS***

Commit to growth. Growth will only happen when we work at it. You will either grow or shrink - growth is a choice.

Would your club benefit from these vitamins? Remember, healthy clubs grow ... unhealthy clubs make excuses.

The next time you go to a Kiwanis function, remember to take your vitamins .... especially the B's

I look forward to emails telling me about your new members and how successful your prospective meeting nights have been. **"Together we can"**.

KIND REGARDS

**RAE PIDGEON**

AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CHAIR - MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH

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# DARWIN CONVENTION 2005

– A REPORT FROM DISTRICT SECRETARY BRIAN EMERY

We arrived in Darwin at about 1pm and were met by District Governor Frank Fotiades and his wife Pam. Frank was awaiting the arrival of our Kiwanis International Counsellor for the convention Fred and Pauline Bishop. Pam took us the SKYCITY Casino where we were staying and the site for the 2005 District Convention. On the way we were given a “cook’s tour” of Darwin The Casino is very well sited with the Harbour a 100 metres away. Also, if you were in the right room you could have an ocean view. Libby and I overlooked the pool where Libby was to spend most afternoons having a swim and relaxing poolside.

Frank had invited us all to his place for a feed of Barramundi and a few wines. We were picked up at 7pm and met our International visitors. Frank cooked the fish magnificently and we enjoyed a great meal and washed it down with some nice reds.

On Thursday Kiwanians began to arrive and register. Cyril Emery and Barry Burr were our Tea Tree Gully Club delegates and Barry combined a holiday with Ellen in the Northern Territory. We had our last Board of Trustees meeting for the 04-05 year in the afternoon.

In the evening we attended the Formal Welcome Reception by the Mayor of Darwin, Peter Adamson. The local Government provided nibbles and drinks for us all in the Casino Gardens. It was a balmy evening (apparently they all are) and we enjoyed ourselves immensely catching up with Kiwanians from all over Australia. At about 9pm the formal function ceased and we walked about 400 metres to the Mindil Beach Markets, which are on every Thursday night. Lots of local crafts and food stalls and also plenty of entertainment throughout the evening (they tell us that about 6 - 8,000 attend each Thursday).

On Friday the Convention commenced and we had the formal reports, elections and several workshops, which were all very well attended. Geoff Holmes (Rostrevor Campbelltown) was elected as Governor for 2005-2006 and Geoff Hill (Shepparton Sunrisers) Governor Elect for 2005-2006. (Geoff Holmes was unable to attend convention due to illness). Workshop 1 was on Sponsored Youth and conducted by Graham Mould and Bill van Diemen and Workshop 2 was on Publicity and conducted by Peter Zander. On Friday evening we had the formal dinner where the old Board of Trustee members were thanked for their participation throughout the year and the new Board of Trustees inducted.

Guests for the evening were the Lord Mayor Peter Adamson and the local MLA Chris Burns. The Guest Speaker for the evening was the Darwin Administrator (equivalent to the role of Governor) Ted Egan, resplendent in his famous red shirt. Ted commenced his speech by saying how much he had enjoyed listening to Kiwanians singing both the American and Australian National Anthems. He said a few words of welcome and instead of talking he chose to sing a couple of songs for us. He sang about 5 or 6 of his and our favourite songs finishing with the song he had written for Rolf Harris “Two Little Boys”. His singing was a highlight for the night.

Saturday began with the presentation of all the awards (see November issue of AK). The Newcastle club gave a presentation on the 2006 convention, Rae Pidgeon presented a Workshop on our major district project “Heartkids”, and International Counsellor Fred Bishop provided two Workshops on New Club Building and Membership Retention. Saturday night was the fun night and it had an “Aussie flavour”. Libby and I won our first ever prize for dressing up as Aussie supporters or “fanatics” in Green and Gold, topped off with Black and Gold wigs. (I could not find a green hairpiece). A highlight of the evening was Mick Denigan who gave a great demonstration of “whip cracking”.

The Ecumenical Service was held outside on the lawns on Sunday morning, led by Major Peter Wright from the Salvation Army, together with a Memorial Service for Kiwanians deceased during the past twelve months, conducted by District Chair for Human and Spiritual Aims Janine Powell.

We were then transported by bus to Parliament House for a farewell reception and “brunch”, hosted by Dr Chris Burns MLA, during which time the gavel and gong and District Banner were officially handed over from Governor Frank to Governor Designate Geoff Holmes. As Geoff was unable to attend the Convention due to illness he asked me to reply on his behalf and invite all to attend the next Convention to be held in Newcastle 2006. I was pleased to do this, thanking our International visitors Fred and Pauline, all Kiwanians who had attended and special thanks to all the Darwinians for a very friendly and well-conducted convention. We were then taken on a tour of Parliament House, which is an architectural masterpiece. We enjoyed the art work and beautiful views over the harbour. Farewells were said as Kiwanians headed off to airports or extended holidays in the Territory. Libby and I went to Litchfield National Park for 2 days to explore the waterfalls and swim in the crocodile-free waterholes.