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Welcome to the next edition of the Australian Kiwanis for 2010.

May is Kiwanis Membership Month.

Boost your club's growth potential with these tips:

Invite a friend. Ask each member of your club to invite at least one person to attend a Kiwanis meeting or join you at a service project.

Get engaged. Encourage visitors and new members to participate fully in your meetings and projects.

Have fun. Make your service meetings fun. Consider, for example, turning a club meeting into a service project.

Take a survey. Ask members to list their interests.

Then use that information to find guest speakers for your club meetings or to plan service projects that meet your members' interests.

Plan, plan, plan. Plan the work, then work the plan. A successful membership campaign needs one. Use a community analysis.

Set a goal.

Set a deadline.

Then grow.





General News

ASIA PACIFIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE HELD IN MELBOURNE

Kiwanis International held the Education and Training for the ASIA Pacific area in Melbourne April 30th to May 2nd. Participants came from Philippines Luzon, Philippines South, Malaysia, Korea, Taiwan, Japan, New Zealand South Pacific and Australia.

Kiwanis International leaders included President Paul Palazzolo, Vice President Sylvester Neal, Executive Director Stan Soderstrom, Director Asia Pacific & Europe Christina Hale and Area Director Teresa Chen. Paul was accompanied by his wife Suanne and children Maria and Anthony.

Each District was represented by the Governor, Governor Elect, and the team of 2010-2011; Secretary, Growth, Service Leadership (SLP) and Trainer.

An intense two days were spent in reviewing, learning and planning for the coming year. This schedule was lightened by the sharing together of meals at the end of the day.

The International visitors arrived in Sydney and were given a *world-wind* tour; taking the ferry to Manly past the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. In addition they shared in District functions at meetings in Sydney, Melbourne and Warrnambool - all of which were well supported by Kiwanians in these locations.

Kiwanis International has determined



that International Conventions will be rotated in the cycle of two in North America then one in Europe; followed by two in North America and one in Asia Pacific. The Melbourne Convention Visitors Bureau is a determined bidder for the 2014 International Convention to be held in Melbourne.

After the Training and Education weekend, Sylvester Neal, Christina Hale and Stan Soderstrom were hosted by the Bureau for a couple of extra days and shown the convention and accommodation facilities available in Melbourne. It is my belief that we have an excellent chance of winning the 2014 Convention. The twenty six Australian's attending this year's International Convention in Las Vegas will be lobbying the International Board Members to vote for Australia at their October board meeting!

Paul's family was able to see more of the two cities than the other Guests. In addition to the Harbour trip to Manly, they were able to visit the Sydney Aquarium, Paddy's markets, St Mary's Cathedral, the Melbourne Zoo and other sites around Melbourne. I am sure all were happy to get on the plane for a little rest after a hectic time in Australia. Anthony was seen to have his head on the Dinner table on more than one occasion. (I know that I was very happy to go back to work! for a rest)

My thanks and appreciation goes to all who made the International guests visit to Australia a memorable one. Special thanks to Annette who hosted Paul's family during their stay.

Ken Archer (Gov)

Some of the attendees



General News

Vale Peter Cecil



After a brave but brief battle with cancer, Past Governor Peter Cecil passed away on Easter Sunday 5th April at the age of 63.

Over 400 people attended a Requiem Mass to remember Peter and to pay tribute to his life.

Eulogies were delivered by Peter's children, and by Bill Pentland, who grew up with Peter, and remained a lifelong friend.

Kiwanis friend and colleague Past Governor Peter Kimberley delivered the following Eulogy.

Peter Cecil was a Kiwanian for more than 25 years.

The Organisation meant a great deal to him and he served it with distinction.

He was a Charter member of Knox Club in 1984 and when that Club folded, after a brief period in the wilderness, he joined the Waverley Club.

Where he continued to contribute at the grass roots level with all his trademark enthusiasm, commitment, and natural leadership.

Beyond his Clubs he served the Australia District as Governor, and twice as Secretary. These are both key roles in the successful operation of the District and he performed them effectively and with ease. He attended almost every District Convention since 1984.

Beyond Australia he served as a member of International Committees and was a Delegate to many International Conventions. He once stood for election as a Trustee member of the International Board. He was unsuccessful but he would certainly have made a contribution as a Trustee.

He was honoured in Kiwanis by four Awards

- The Kiwanis International Foundation Tablet of Honour
- Kiwanis International Life Member status
- The International President's Citation in his year as District Governor
- The Kiwanis International Legion of Honour

More important than these awards was the respect and admiration from his fellow Kiwanians.

He was respected because he always put his views in a forthright manner – and we can all recall those occasions when for the common good something really needed to be said - he was usually the one to say it.

In such circumstances he had a strong self-belief which made him more concerned with being honest than being popular, and we all admired that.

He could recite by heart the Six Kiwanis Objects, including the fifth – the one which reminds us that Kiwanis provides “....**the opportunity to form enduring friendships..**”

Cont.....



General News

Vale Peter Cecil *cont...*

And he and I both knew that to be true.

Peter & I could only have met in Kiwanis because we had little else in common.

I had no passion for old Pontiacs or new Statesmans and Peter had scant regard for Volkswagens. I preferred live theatre to The Australian Pops Orchestra and I have never been to a Dawn Service or to Norfolk Island or to a Drag race or to a Formula I Grand Prix. I was not too good at workshop tinkering and Peter did not play golf.

Although we did share a keen interest in Vexillology.

Our friendship flourished for more than 15 years, simply because we enjoyed each other's company.

And we did that all over the world.

Sometimes doing Kiwanis work, sometimes not. Sometimes with Vi and Sue, and sometimes not.

We seldom argued because we had two other ingredients to friendship – respect for differing views and a willingness to learn from each other. In fact, we enjoyed learning from each other.

Peter always had his life in balance. Despite his commitment to a successful business and to Kiwanis, his focus on family was always clear. He was immensely proud of Vi and their 4 children and 8 grandchildren and all of their achievements

He recently adopted a three day working week, preparing to pass the reins of Cecil & Co to the fourth generation and to embrace retirement.

And no one deserved a long and relaxed retirement with Vi more than Peter. No one deserved a long and relaxed retirement with Peter more than Vi. George deserved his son to outlive him and Angela and Shaun's child deserved to know their Grandpa. Even I deserved a few more years of friendship.

But we don't always get what we deserve, and so we make do with the memories.

Fortunately, memories abound, and remain clear and strong because Peter left a wonderful legacy.

Farewell Peter – you have been a marvelous friend who will be greatly missed.

Please also refer to Pages 20 onwards, for some information about Peter's life as recorded by himself.

About Kiwanis

Our Purpose:

To improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide.

Our Mission:

As a thriving organization of men, women and youth, we are dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of life worldwide.

Our Vision:

We will be the world's leading organization engaging adult and youth volunteers.



Our Achievers....

George Santos Melbourne Club Kiwanian

George, An American from New York, served in the United States Navy during World War 2 and visited Australia as a member of the crew of the light cruiser, U.S.S. Birmingham.

George returned to live after the War; He was an expert in the field of Graphic Art and became involved in advertising in Melbourne. Such was the expertise of George that he was later employed as a Senior Lecturer in Graphic Art at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

In 1967, he was the Vice President of the American Club, a social club for Americans living in Melbourne and it was through the American Consulate that George recommended to Kiwanis International.

George's involvement with Kiwanis is still on going and valued, He was a committee member of the first meeting of the Australian National Kiwanis interim Control Committee March 20 of 1969. In August 1969 the Kiwanis Board of trustees approved and announced the officers of the Australian Commission of Kiwanis International became a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne, Vice President, 1967-68. President 1968-69, Lt-governor Division 1 , 1969-70, awarded Life Status Member of Kiwanis International 1986.

George has played a significant role in the extension of Kiwanis in Australia as a member of the Extension Committee and also a member of the Australia Commission of Kiwanis International which was appointed to organize the District of Australia.

George returned to U.S.A joined the Saddle Brook Club, New Jersey, shares time (6 month) Summer & Autumn (Aust) and the (Spring& Summer) U.S.A



Tonight George receives his 40 year Legion of Honor Pin and Certificate.



Pictured above is Kiwanian John Skinner, and some of the other runners, who ran in the "Run with the Law event".

John enjoyed many sponsors and who represented Kiwanis in this Special Olympics event. Well he made it for the full distance, and he and Jan are now preparing for additional roles at the Games in Adelaide next week.

John is from our Moorabbin Club



International News

International Officers visit Sydney

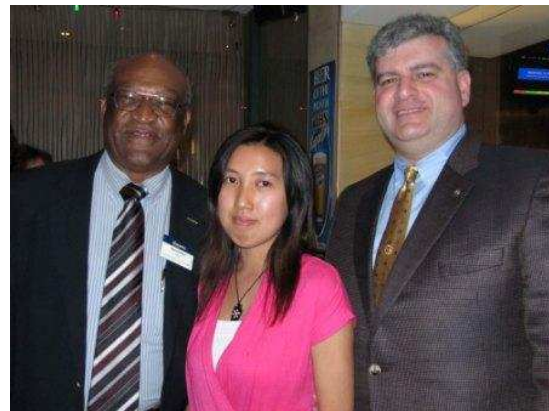


International president Paul Palazzollo & family

International president Paul Palazzollo, president elect Sylvester Neal, and CEO Stan Soderstrom paid a visit to Sydney on their way to attend the Aspac training conference in Melbourne. Kiwanis Sydney organised a suitable venue and members of East Maitland & Newcastle clubs travelled down by bus to meet the international guests. Also on the bus was a representative of Circle K, secretary, Tussy Wong.



Although the international guests were very travel weary they made every effort to talk with all those present. Everyone who attended enjoyed the fellowship and meeting in person the leaders of our organization.



Kiwanis Sydney were excited to have the international president induct their newest member.





Convention News

Live Broadcast

Even if you can't be in Las Vegas at the 95th Annual International Convention, you can join the Opening Session celebration on Thursday, June 24, as Kiwanis announces its next Worldwide Service Project.

That's because Kiwanis will air the announcement live on the Internet. After June 1,

check www.kiwanis.org/wsp for the time.



"Viva Las Vegas!"

Now the big one! The 95th annual Kiwanis International Convention, will be held June 24-27, 2010, at the Las Vegas Convention Centre.

With all the terrific travel deals you can get now and with the Australian dollar comparatively high, this is an opportune time to visit the USA. It is the low season for hotels in Las Vegas and real bargains are on offer!



The Australian District Convention in the Barossa Valley in South Australia, in August 2010.

My recollection of the last convention held there was the fun night at Penfolds Cellars. You had to be careful not to stray off the dance floor ... you may bump into a wine cask!!! The Convention is being hosted by Kiwanis Club of Barossa Inc. (Division 10) and held in the township of Nuriootpa with the main venues being the Vine Inn and Vine Court located on Murray Street, Nuriootpa. Details are

VINE INN – EXECUTIVE 3 ½ STAR - 14 -22
Murray Street Eighteen (18) Motel Units
VINE COURT - DELUXE SELF CONTAINED APARTMENTS - 49
Murray Street

Alternative Accommodation

Resorts - Novotel Barossa Valley Resort (5 star)

Motels:

Barossa Motor Lodge (3 star)

Barossa Junction Motel
Vineyards Motel (3 star)



Marysville Update

CFA presentation

Immediately following Black Saturday in February 2009, the Australia Kiwanis District Board launched their Bushfire Appeal. This resulted in \$64,000 being raised and administered by the Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Trust. The Trust sought input from all members for proposals as to how best utilize these donations.

During May 2009, Kiwanis Moorabbin member Bryan Ingram met on several occasions with Mr Peter Creak the Operations Manager of CFA Region 12. During these discussions, he discovered that an important set of safety equipment used by fire fighters was only available to one brigade in Region 12. This was a self contained breathing apparatus set, and was only available on the Marysville Brigade Unit which routinely shares this equipment with the other 6 brigades in the region. The SCBA enables members to safely reach areas of a fire otherwise inaccessible. On Black Saturday 6 units in region 12 did not have access to a SCBA set.

Bryan there went about ensuring that the Moorabbin Club propose that some of the funds raised by the District be used to purchase 6 SCBA sets for the Flowerdale, Alexandra, Yea, Eildon, Heathcoat & Buxton Brigades.

Although these sets are considered by many as essential, they are not covered by Government funding, and as an example the Marysville sets were purchased by community fundraising. During the presentation, Murrindindi Shire Councilor Bob Flowers highlighted the fact that this donation will ease the financial burden on the areas served by the 7 CFA brigades.

The Region Operations Manager Peter Creak was able to advise during the presentation, that as a result of the donation, that all SCBA sets have now been added to the region's maintenance program budget for future upgrades and maintenance, which will ensure that the equipment is still relevant in 25 yrs time.

Kiwanis will be remembered for many years to come due to the plaques mounted with the sets in each of the Fire Engines, so thanks to the 11 participating Kiwanis Clubs from Divisions 1, 6, & 7, all of whom were represented at the presentation.



On Monday 12th April 2010, District Governor Ken Archer presented a cheque to cover the purchase of 6 sets to Operations Manager Region 12 Peter Creak



Club News

Waverley Kiwanis & MS Australia Megaswim

During April, the Kiwanis Club of Waverley was the community partner for the first ever 24 hour Megaswim for MS Australia at the Nunawading Swimming Pool and what an event it was!!!

Kiwanis Clubs have been involved in events at MSAC and in Shepparton. However MS Australia has been looking to expand the number of events and we were lucky enough to be approached to help in the establishment of this event.

Over the course of a few months, we looked to set up the events with teams and sponsors. While this was a more difficult task than first anticipated, we ended up with 5 teams in the event and nearly 80 swimmers.

The event itself virtually ran itself with lots of Kiwanis helpers around, along with some volunteers from outside the Club. Everybody pitched in when needed and we were rarely lacking for helpers.

The outcome of the event was over \$10,000 raised for MS Australia and their 'Go for Gold' Scholarship program. An amazing effort given the limited time to establish the event.



Adelaide and Rostrevor-Campbelltown inter club meet

There was a massive turnout for our Dinner Meeting on March 23, with around 50 Kiwanians and family present. Our numbers were swelled by the welcome visit of around 25 people from Rostrevor / Campbelltown Club - about the largest Club in this State. Luckily we were in the Main dining room, as our regular spot in the Air Force Room would never have been large enough.



A large interclub meet was enjoyed by all

Kiwanis Sydney continues Bunnings trend..



The team from Sydney at their local Artarmon Bunnings.

Contact your local Bunnings to arrange a local bbq, a popular and easy way to raise funds



Club News

Rostrevor-Campbelltown Club helps with Special Olympics

It was the first time that South Australia had hosted the Special Olympics National Games, held in April. Over 800 athletes with an intellectual disability from all over Australia competed in 12 sports. Everyone was given a welcome bag of goodies which also included a Kiwanis brochure and bookmark.

At the Opening Ceremony mention was made that 'we should not look at their disabilities but at their abilities' and we were reminded of the Athletes' Oath: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt".

The event slogan was '**SO, My Time to Shine**' (SO stands for Special Olympics) – and I believe that's just what they did! Members of the Rostrevor-Campbelltown Club were involved in Track and Field, officiating on the finish line of each race and so were at the right spot to see the jubilation of each competitor, whether they won or not. It was great to see their smiling faces and hear the loud cheering from the many spectators. We Kiwanians were part of the 'Red Army' of 650 volunteers who were asked to organise and officiate at the various venues. It takes a huge effort from many people to put on such a huge event.

At the closing ceremony after all the athletes had marched proudly into the stadium cheered on by their parents and friends it was then their turn to cheer and applaud the hundreds of volunteers as they paraded around the stadium. It made us feel special - all the time and extra effort was well worth it.

As always!



Volunteers with some of the athletes



A few of the club members celebrate with a few of the winners



A team of Athelstone Kiwanians assisted at a check-point in the recent Amazing Race Around Adelaide for CanDo for Kids.



Club News

Kiwanis Club of Modbury presents donation to Angel Flight Australia

Angel Flight Australia is a charity that co-ordinates non-emergency flights to help rural Australians with health problems, with family struggles, with serious financial worries and who face the daunting distances to travel for medical attention.

All flights are free and assist patients or compassionate carers travelling to or from medical facilities anywhere in Australia.

Angel Flight flights are supported, with volunteer pilots who donate their time, skills and the bulk of their aircraft costs for each flight and volunteer land based drivers (Earth Angels), who pick up and transport people to their destinations

The number of flights has grown such that now there are several flights conducted daily.

There has been over 8000 missions helping over 1800 patients, carers and family members. Their motto: "Help is Never Far Away". Relying solely on donations, Angel Flight has no government funding and spends no money on fund raising activity. Over 85% of all money donated is spent on aviation fuel and flight co-ordination.

Following a local presentation by the organisation, Kiwanis Modbury recognised their great work with presentation of a cheque for \$2,000. In addition, it is most encouraging that Helen gained four new volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Modbury after the presentation.

WE WISH THIS MOST WORTHY CHARITY, ANGEL FLIGHT AUSTRALIA, CONTINUED GROWTH AND SUCCESS



Club President Graham presents the cheque to Helen, accepting on behalf of Angel Flight

Mooroopna Park Primary School Bike Program



School Bike Refurbishing Program. Photographed (above) last Wednesday (19/5), Kiwanians Ted, Rod, Jim and Louis with the students who are participating in this program.



Club News

Helping keep baby safe

In conjunction with the local Kiwanis Club of Shepparton - Sunrisers, Shepparton Private Hospital is participating in a program that distributes bath thermometers to new mothers.

Ensuring water is at the correct temperature is important when bathing babies. This device provides new mother's with added assurance that bath water is neither too hot, nor too cold.

The Kiwanis Club provides the thermometers free of charge. Director of Clinical Services, Margaret Watts, is a member of "Sunrisers" and arranged for the hospital to participate in the program.

Margaret explained how happy she was to be involved in the initiative. She said, "The hospital is pleased to be able to assist with one of the many projects that Kiwanis are involved in, that focus on helping children and the local community



Margot presents thermometer to new mum Narelle

Kiwanis Club of East Maitland Raise \$4,000 for Sensory Garden

The Kiwanis Club of East Maitland was the driving force behind a recent Charity Ball held at the Maitland Town Hall on Saturday 1 May.

Riding for the Disabled was chosen as the beneficiary of this year's fundraising dance.

The idea of creating a sensory garden at RDA captured Kiwanis' imagination. Their support is invaluable to the project's success. They also offered labour support to build fences and planting in addition to the above.

Rae Pidgeon informed everyone during the dinner meeting that the Club had raised over \$3,000 from the Charity Ball. This is an amazing total, but to our surprise, Rae announced that Kiwanis would provide \$4,000 towards the project!



Kiwanis members at the presentation meeting



Rae Pidgeon and some of the RDA Committee



Club News

Newcastle Mothers Day Project

Newcastle and CKI members joined forces on Mothers Day to deliver cards and posies to 620 special Mums celebrating the day in nursing homes across Newcastle. The CKI members, (wearing their new shirts) were a big hit as usual and Dan's girls (Madeline and Helina), said they received heaps of hugs from the elderly Mums. Newcastle Club has been involved in this very rewarding project for around 20 years.



Newcastle Club and the CKI team ready to go (with little helpers Madeline and Helina).



Newcastle member Genene Mitchell made this Mum's day!

Unusual gift from the Echuca Moama Kiwanis Club

A young Kyabram boy is looking forward to playing soccer for the first time next year - thanks to an unusual gift from the Echuca Moama Kiwanis Club.

The club combined with four Kiwanis groups in the Shepparton area to provide eight-year-old Kirk Campbell with custom-made leg splints.



Ready to play: Kirk Campbell, 8, and his brother, Declan, 9

Kirk needs the splints because his calf muscles are tight and do not allow him to put his feet flat on the ground, hampering his movement and making it hard for him to run properly.

(in part from Riverine Herald)



Kiwaniis International

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION:

Dear Members, we now find ourselves over half way through this Kiwanis Year, and boy the past six months seem to have passed very quickly. Has your Club forgotten to send their Gifts in to support the Foundation, well good news, don't be disappointed, you can still contribute and get your banner patch. If you don't have a form, ask your Lt/Governor or advise me and your donation form will be in the return post.

I have received word that a new Kiwanis International Web site is about to be launched with the Foundation Web Site following shortly after so look out for them on-line.

A Quote from "**Linda Brimmer**" (Chief Operating Officer)

We cannot do this without you.

Your Clubs dollars contributed annually to the Kiwanis International Foundation, make a difference

Your Kind support allows the Foundation to operate, distribute grants to district clubs, match your district scholarships and help children in need.

In the future, you will hear and see evidence of others following your philanthropic lead, ranging from individual Kiwanian's, foundations, corporations and groups. But you have been the first to lead, and for that we thank you with all our hearts.

Brisbane Kiwanis Club helps pay the education costs of 39 HIV positive children in Thailand and they also have taken on the sponsorship of a boy over there for the next five years, that is on top of their annual gift to the Foundation.

There are many great projects being undertaken by Australian Clubs, please pass on your Clubs activities so that they can be shared with others in this column.

Ivan Bell KIF District Chair

Kiwaniis International Foundation historic campaign surpasses \$750,000 goal

Kiwaniis International Foundation today announced that more than \$750,000 was secured in a historic, seven-month fundraising campaign formulated by its parent organization, Kiwanis International.

The New Beginning Campaign, a lively collaboration in which Kiwanis International matched, dollar for dollar, all unrestricted gifts to the foundation, saw participation by 547 clubs and nearly 4,000 Kiwanians from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and 14 nations.

The \$1.5 million in funds will bolster the foundation's grants and programs that help underwrite Kiwanis club and district projects worldwide.

"The generosity of Kiwanians and Kiwanis clubs never ceases to amaze me," remarks Paul Palazzolo, International President. "There was such superb collaboration at all levels for the New Beginning Campaign. More than ever, Kiwanis International and its foundation are partnering to fulfill the Kiwanis mission of representing the least and last of society." (Taken from Kiwanis Int'l Website)



HeartKids

Shepparton Sunrisers hosts Heart Kids breakfast.



Last week Shepparton Sunrisers hosted the Kiwanis Combined Clubs Heart Kids Day at Kids Town.

About 80 + young children attended with their families and we provided sausages, hamburgers, tea & coffee and as a special treat soft serve yoghurt and frozen Mr. D's from a machine loaned to the club by Geoff Wilson's next door neighbour.

The yoghurt & Mr. D's were a great success and I think probably more adults lined up to be served than kids.

K Kids club @ Ardtornish Primary School

Our K Kids club Ardtornish Primary School had a meeting on Friday 23 April where Heather from Heartkids was Guest Speaker and informed the K Kids on what Heartkids was about.

The Ardtornish K Kids has been allocated a Bunnings BBQ at Modbury on 11 July to raise monies for Heartkids.

President Peter Griffin and I attended the presentation.



Ardtornish Primary students at the Meeting

'Queen of Hearts' Gala Lunch

The Governor of Victoria will launch our annual 'Cuppa for HeartKids' campaign, which runs through August and September.

HeartKids Victoria Ambassadors and celebrities will join our guests in celebration of this very special occasion.

Peninsula A, Shed14,
Central Pier, 161 Harbour
Esplanade, Docklands
Tuesday 3rd of August
\$95 or \$950 table of ten
12noon

High calibre auction items
& raffles

Contact Sharon Elder
Telephone 0408 554 576



HeartKids

Amy's Legacy

On 3rd May, Kiwanis International President, Paul Palazzolo was guest of honour at a dinner hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne. Paul and other high ranking Kiwanians, including President-Elect, Sylvester Neal, were in Melbourne on a fact finding mission to better evaluate Melbourne's bid to host the Kiwanis International Convention in several years time.

Earlier that day, Paul had visited the Royal Children's Hospital where he met with Kevin Wood, Phil Riggio, Tracy Stanley (HeartKids Vic.), Kiwanis Australia Governor, Ken Archer and his wife, Annette, and Lindsay and Amada Dawson

While Paul was in Australia media reports were highlighting the plight of Lindsay and Amanda (from Avoca in Victoria) who were about to leave for the United States so that their baby daughter, Amy, could receive life saving treatment.



Lindsay, Amanda & Amy

Kevin Wood saw an opportunity for Kiwanis, through its network in the U.S. to offer support for Lindsay and Amy and their other 3 children) while they are in the US

Three month old Amy, who was born without an immune system, will undergo an experimental thymus transplant. The potentially life saving treatment will take place at the Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.

The federal government is funding the medical treatment, and public donations have ensured that the whole family will be able to travel and will have some funds to see them through. The family will stay at Ronald McDonald House in Durham.

At the meeting with Amanda and Lindsay, Paul Palazzolo, undertook to do whatever he could to ensure that the family have a support network of Kiwanians ready to help out when required. As a result, local Kiwanians in Durham will assist the family when they arrive next week. Amy's treatment may take up to 8 months.

Sadly baby Amy passed away only a few days before she was to be flown to the US for the life saving operation.

More than \$55K was raised through the Heartkids charity for Amanda and Lindsay Dawson to accompany their daughter. What Amy's short life proved was the generosity of a community that has left her family with memories of what was so nearly made possible.

(part taken from Herald Sun article 22 May)



Terrific Kids

KIWANIS CLUB OF MURRAY BRIDGE supports Terrific Kids

Kiwanis Swan River shares recent recognition at Subiaco Primary



I would like to share with all Kiwanis Members an uplifting story about my experience at Subiaco Primary School W.A. It is a pleasure to attend. I am always welcomed most genuinely by staff, children and indeed parents.

I feel two feet taller when I leave the bright eyed children with their look of anticipation, wonder and boundless energy. It fills you with hope for the next generation.

Anne Cook, Kiwanis Swan River

2009 Term 4

Malcolm Allen presented Mannum recipients Kai Gurr, Matthew Craig, Jaelee Tabe, Mylee Dabinett with their certificates

Transcript from assembly:

"Before I announce this term's outstanding recipient for the Kiwanis Award, I would just like to briefly acknowledge the unwavering and immensely valued awards that the kind people of Kiwanis have been donating on a regular basis for many years at this school.



We thank Kiwanis so very much as independently and as a group. They put in so much volunteer work so they can provide these very special incentives to the children of our school who strive to give of their best.

On Thursday March 18th Alison & Malcolm presented awards to North School

The volunteers involved in Kiwanis continuously and very generously do something special for our younger generation and we respect and admire their continued interest and encouragement."

- Thoughtful**
- Enthusiastic**
- Respectful**
- Responsible**
- Inclusive**
- Friendly**
- Inquisitive**
- Capable**





The Last Page

Dates for Your Diary

May 29th—Board of Trustees Meeting

June 24th—Vegas Convention

Aug 3rd-Heartkids, Queen of Hearts Gala Lunch

Aug 26th—Barossa Convention

THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL.

1. TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. TO ENCOURAGE the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human Relationships
3. TO PROMOTE the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. TO DEVELOP, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. TO PROVIDE, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. TO COOPERATE in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

Corrections and apologies?

Each bulletin, I will do my best to get the correct information, though sometimes those glitches arise.

Please see below corrections from the last publication:

Please note that on p 12 of the bulletin you mentioned the Shepparton club as hosting the Verney Rd Christmas party. It was in fact the **Kiwanis Sunrisers of Shepparton** who hosted the party

Casuarina Club has pointed out to me that Dave Stewart is a new member for Casuarina and not for Darwin.

Editor

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Special Tribute

Special Tribute to Peter Cecil—copy of Peter's life in his own words

Not everyone gets a chance to know their time is up, and I suspect even fewer get to jot down a few lines about their lives prior to it happening. I knew what was coming, and this is my story:

Peter Cecil, aka pontiacpete

I was born in November 1946, a genuine 'baby boomer'. I guess like many 1946 babies, dad returned from the war, and I was a result of the welcome home!

I am the second of four children, and have an older sister Ruth, and younger sister Judi, and an even younger brother Michael. My dad has always claimed credit for producing boys and girls aftertunately. I grew up in Box Hill South, Victoria, in a happy family household. We certainly were not rich, but had a loving home life.

I was born with two club feet, which if it ever happens now, is treated almost immediately by operation, without complications. In 1946, however, it took some years of plaster casts, leg irons and braces to correct. This has always been my excuse for not being an athlete!

I attended primary school at St Dominic's in Camberwell, and moved to St John's in Hawthorn in grade four. Can you imagine parents allowing their children of that age to travel by tram unaccompanied for such a distance today? I think not, but life was simpler then. Trams did not have closing doors, and all that kept us off the road were skinny bits of wood that dropped halfway down on the doorways not being used. Aircon on public transport? Are you serious? Open a window!

After form 4 (year 10) I moved from St John's to Box Hill High School. Oh dear, I had moved from a Marist Brothers school where you did as and what you were bidden, or else, to a school where whether you turned up or not was somewhat optional, and the atmosphere was way too relaxed. I embraced the change. I went from being an A grade student to an also ran. I of course regretted my mistake in later life, but you only have one chance.

I was eager to join the workforce, and after leaving school, I worked at the State Accident Insurance Office, but the life of an Insurance clerk was not one for me. At 21, a mate (from said 'Rocky' High) Bill Pentland and I headed to Western Australia seeking adventure and fortune.

I found myself working on Barrow Island, one of Australia's first production oil fields. It was an isolated, exciting and tough life, and I loved it. I stayed almost three years, and still harbour fond memories of that time. I started as the Field Clerk, on Oil Drilling and Exploration's 'Rig 11.' All this in a time before mobile and satellite phones, so no communication except short wave radio.

At one stage the rig moved to Dongara on the mainland and as we were short handed, I agreed to work a shift on the rig in response to some ribbing from my rigger work mates. The bet soon became several, well lots, of cartons of amber fluid, so I could hardly back out. I had to last the full eight hours to collect, and of course whoever won, we expected to down the spoils collectively. As it transpired, it was a very short shift, for about twenty minutes into the shift, I was struck on the leg by a length of drill pipe we were laying down. Smashed both the bones, and took some eight months to heal. The Hospital at Geraldton was OK, but I eventually convinced the insurance company it would be cheaper to fly me home to Victoria to recuperate, rather than pay the hospital accommodation.

When I returned to work, back on Barrow Island, at the permanent camp, I moved into the kitchen as a kitchen hand (did not want to risk life and limb working on the rig again), and by the time I left was 'Chief Cook', presiding over a kitchen producing about 10,000 meals a month. I still thoroughly enjoy cooking, and do it at any opportunity. My mentor was a mad Irish Chef who enjoyed identifying 'talent' and nurturing it. All our cooks were drawn from the kitchen hands, and trained 'on the job', by my mad Irish Chef. Only he was 'Chef though. We were 'Cooks'.

I returned to Melbourne, with a few dollars in my pocket, but not a clue what I wanted to do. A couple of mates who were motor mechanics operated a service station, and needed funds to expand. I had the dollars, and had always 'mucked around' with cars, and an alliance was formed. We finished up two years later with four of us operating two sites, with very successful workshops. However, as a general rule, friends should not go into business together, as our experience proved.

It was at the service station that I met Violet. She used to walk past, and I used to look. Eventually she started coming in, in her little blue Morris Minor, and I started chatting her up, eventually asking her out to dinner. Used a very original pickup line. 'If I thought you would come, I would ask you out.' The response was instant: 'Unless you invite me, you will never know.' The rest, as they say, is history! We were married in May, 1972. Violet had been widowed very young in life, and had three small children, so I had a 'package deal', getting up one morning as a bachelor, and the next with a wife and three children under twelve.



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During that first year married, I was very keen to establish us as a family, and to that end we purchased a new home, and after considerable discussion with the children, I also adopted them. This gave us a new start in a new neighbourhood, with a common surname, but also left me with a dilemma later. I have had this feeling that in my enthusiasm for an identity, I somehow took the children's father's identity from them.

Something I often think about, but have never discussed. We later had Angela, so now there were four children. Thirty seven years later, we are also the proud grandparents of eight 'grandies', with another on the way. Being grandparents is a role we relish, and you can give the children back when you have had enough! Watching the 'grandies' grow and develop has been a joy! We are a close knit family!

When my partners and I agreed to quit the service station business in 1973, I went to help my dad out in the family sheetmetal/tinsmiths business 'for a couple of weeks' whilst I contemplated my future. I had grown up with the business, which my grandfather started in 1924, so knew my way around it. Within a couple of years, Violet & I had bought dad's business partner out. It has been a very long couple of weeks!

In 2000, our son Chris bought dad's remaining share, and so now we share ownership. I do not think there are many family businesses which have survived into the fourth generation.

I have always been far more interested in things mechanical than sporting pursuits. Our children used to refer to me as 'Mr. Unco', as in uncoordinated, whenever ball games and such were on the agenda. I was handy when they and their friends were old enough to own cars, however! We all have our skills!

My hobbies have always centred around cars and other mechanical stuff. My current email address, 'pontiacpete' was given to me by a member of the Kiwanis Club of Knox during a 'roast' at the end of one of my Presidential years, and refers to the 1938 All Enclosed Coupe (Sloper) which I lovingly restored during the eighties, and still own. The day I brought the Pontiac home, on the back of a truck, friends and neighbours (and Violet) laughed. Violet's brother Brian, when I invited him to drink a toast to celebrate my new challenge, suggested he was going to drink with the bloke who had sold it to me, as he was the only person celebrating. Some four and a half years later, my scoffers had to laugh on the other side of their faces. Several have since borrowed the car for children's weddings. It served both our daughters as their Bridal Car, and one of Brian's daughters as well!

I am a drag racing fan (please note drag racing has no connection with street racing), and was crew chief for several years on a nitro burning 'funny car', which was National Runner-up one year, in an era when you didn't need a million-dollar budget to be successful.) I still follow drag racing from a distance, but it is a big dollar sport these days, and I suspect far less fun.

My dad used to marvel that 'the crew' would leave for perhaps Adelaide after work on Friday, race the car Saturday and Sunday, and hopefully in races that did not last longer than about ten seconds at a time, and drive back overnight in time for work on Monday. Alan and Myra Walton and I spent many hours 'singing' Rod Stewart songs and staying awake.

In 1984 my brother in law Brian Francis invited me to a meeting of a group who were working to form a Kiwanis Club in Knox. I had never heard of Kiwanis, but had harboured an interest in joining a service club, so I went along. By the time I discovered the sponsor club met within walking distance of home, it was too late, and so I became a Charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Knox. Thus started a more than twenty five year association with Kiwanis, and still most people have not heard of us!

In many ways, Kiwanis changed our lives. By moving out of just the Club environment, and eventually onto the International stage, Violet and I travelled the world to International Conventions and meetings, and can now claim friendships in many countries.

The highlight was to serve the Australia District as District Governor and First lady in 1994/1995, when Kiwanis International also enjoyed a first, having a non North American as International President. That non North American was an Australian, Ian Perdriau, who with his wife Trish, did a magnificent job. We were indeed privileged to share the year.

Violet and I have travelled to many parts of the world, and have been very lucky to be able to do so. We have always enjoyed concerts, dining out, plays and musicals, so we have led a pretty fulfilling life. We have worked hard to achieve our level of comfort, and wouldn't change much in what we have done I don't think.

As we have aged gracefully, we made lots of plans to do much more travelling, but alas the fickle finger of fate intervened, and any future travelling will be down to Violet, who will have to fill out her own immigration and customs forms



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But if I was asked to think about what has been most important to me in life, I guess I would answer that to have shared my life with the lady I absolutely love, and to share the raising of four wonderful and well adjusted children, who have all gone on to be successful in their own right, is the glowing achievement. Each of our children has met and married or partnered a wonderful companion, and between them they have raised eight well adjusted and settled grandchildren. Just looking around at the situation in the world, and reading the local papers each day, makes me proud that Violet and I have done a pretty good job.

Any and all of our children's friends, and our grandchildren's friends, are welcome into our home at any time, and we love it when they visit.

I am a man of habit. Have lived in the same house for 37 years, with the same wife of almost 38 years, and worked in the same job! I have been told I do not have any 'grey' areas, everything is either black or white. This is not always a good trait! My children may pass comment on that one!

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