

KRYSTYNA'S KRISTMAS 'K' MESSAGE

My fellow Kiwanians, as we embrace the festive season – that time of the year when most people traditionally spend time with friends and family, let us pause to consider those in the community less fortunate than ourselves. Here in Australia we really do seem to have the ability to celebrate Christmas in a generally self-indulgent style, so I would ask people to remember the real “reason for the season” – the birth of our Lord Jesus.

But having said that, naturally please do enjoy yourselves this evening at our Kiwanis Christmas Dinner – our last get-together for 2005 and a terrific chance for fellowship as we welcome our special guests, the a capella quartet “Heaven Knows”.

There is a list circulating for everyone to register their proposed attendance on 15th January at the traditional President’s Luncheon. This is our first Kiwanis function for 2006 and will be held at my place at Royal Park. I would love to see as many of our Club members and friends there as possible, to kick-start the new year in style.

For now, please keep some of our unwell members in your thoughts (including Clair Bottroff and Vic Hugo) and we look forward to your attendance next year at as many Kiwanis events as possible.

On behalf of the Board I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Yours in Kiwanis, Krystyna

Dinner Meetings held 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at Naval Military & Air Force Club

Board Meetings held 1st Tuesday at Hilton RSL



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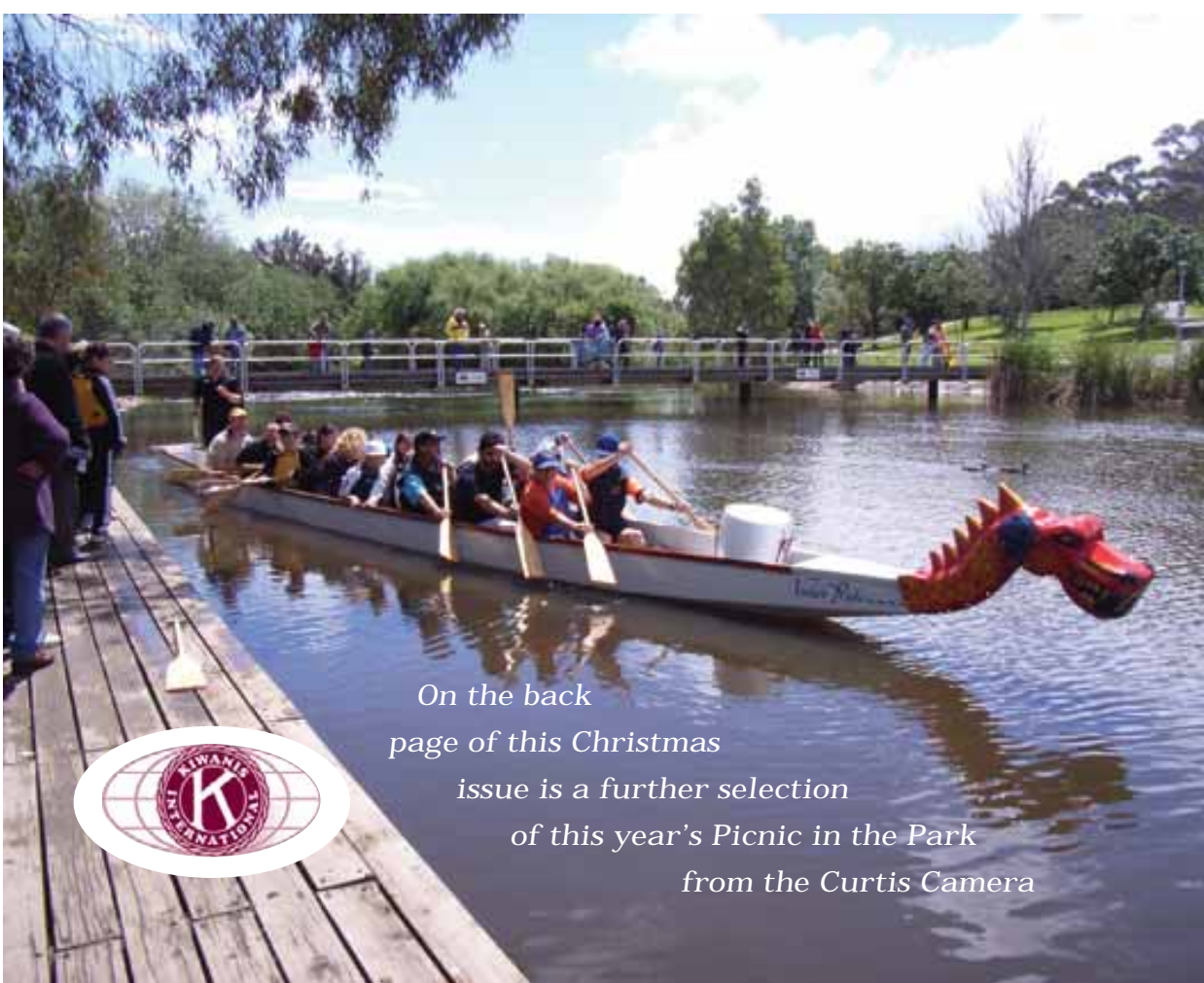
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MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE:
Where possible, bring along to dinner meetings a non-perishable item for our food box which is distributed periodically to needy people or organisations.

Contact email:
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On the back page of this Christmas issue is a further selection of this year's Picnic in the Park from the Curtis Camera





We don't often score correspondence in relation to the Club's magazine that we send out monthly all over the place via e-mail, but your editor did score a nice letter late last month from Lt Gov Div 8, Bryan Saunders. He wrote:

Dear David, Greetings. The KAN looks good and is very newsy. Congratulations on very fine reporting. The photos are excellent reproductions. I enjoy reading of the Adelaide Club's involvement in the community.

Best wishes to all members at Adelaide Kiwanis Club for a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2006.

kindest regards, Bryan Saunders

It happens! Our fill-in guest speaker late November was Alan Williams who was regaled upon to draw the raffle. So who won first prize? Alan Williams..... (Welcome back also to Alan & Margaret who have just returned from Victoria this afternoon!)>

Well, a new record has been set, ratified by Fred, for takings at the Kiosk during one day (not Skyshow). This new benchmark was set last month on a Sunday by Ken Foggo and Bob Collings who were kept very steady during a day of excellent weather which helped swell the takings to (wait for it): \$1372.40. Well done gentlemen!!

Those who attended our last dinner meeting were Colin Brookes, Fred Wilson, Ron Milsom, Colin Waterman, Lindsay Curtis, Alan Williams, Alan Forrester, Krystyna Kubiak, Ken Foggo, Garry Meggison, Ray Packer, David McNabb, Janine Powell and friend Wendy.

Janine went to the 10th Birthday dinner meeting at Murray Bridge last month. M/Bridge Club will long be remembered as the Kiwanis outfit which supplements its fundraising by flogging moo poo.

SPEAKER SPOT

At our Dinner Meeting on November 22, there was no regular Guest Speaker scheduled, so our Past President **Alan Williams** stepped into the breach and delivered a most interesting dissertation on the venue for our meetings - the Naval, Military & Air Force Club of South Australia

The Club is now around 126 years old and began in 1879 as the Militia Officers Club of SA, originally based down by the old Army Barracks. It wasn't until 1943 that the Air Force was incorporated into the Club's name. During World War II, the premises were used as an R&R base for US Army forces stationed in Adelaide.

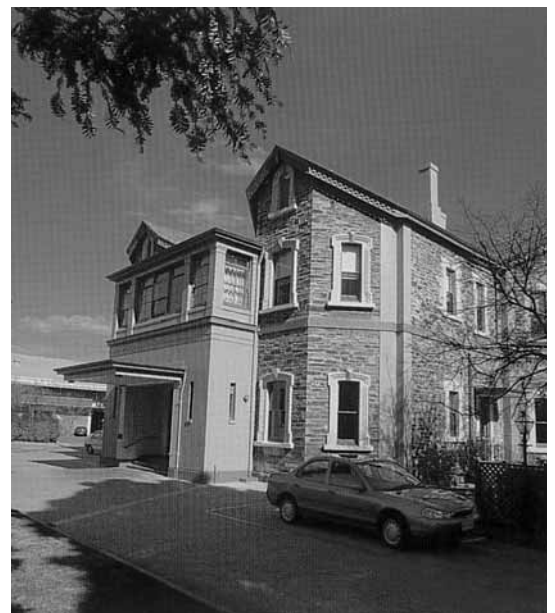
In 1956 this present property on Hutt Street was purchased (having cost 1750 pounds originally to build), and much effort was put into refurbishing and altering the building. The Imperial Room annex has been added on, but incorporated very tastefully. There is even a lead-sealed cellar apparently, although its history is unknown. Incidentally the Club's motto means: "For hearth and home".

The NMAF Club currently has around 1700 members, with ladies being eligible for membership since the mid 1970s. This was one of the first Clubs in the world to admit ladies – a factor which raised plenty of discussion at the time. Initially ladies had to use the side entrance, and were not permitted to be in the main bar area.

As Alan pointed out, the Stock Exchange, Adelaide Club and Tattersalls have all folded over recent years but this is one Club which has continued to flourish. It is considered quite rare these days for an organisation to own a 1-acre block in the city precinct that has not been subdivided.

The building's impressive features include five rooms available for accommodation, an upstairs Library, and a full-size billiard room. Among the Club's functions it holds each year are Robbie Burns nights, Father & Son (plus Father & Daughter) nights, garden luncheons, along with monthly Bridge and mahjong sessions.

There is a General Manager and around 40 staff, so it all adds up to a great setup for the Naval, Military & Air Force Club of SA. At the moment there are quite a large number of Kiwanis Club members who also belong to the NMAF, all helping to forge a greater liaison between these two entities. Well done Alan on your talk to us, at short notice.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Graham Shevlin January 25th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David McNabb & Kerry Hugo January 11th
Colin & Wendy Waterman January 26th

THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

One who lacks the courage to
start has already finished.

2005-06 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. For now, 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"

"TOGETHER WE CAN"

(2005/2006 Kiwanis International President Steve Siemens's Membership & Community Service theme song, sung at 2005 International Convention in Hawaii at Closing Ceremony. The words * Kiwanians and * Members* are here adapted from "Governors" and "chosen" .)

Together we can, together we will. Together we strive, this task to fulfill.

The children are waiting, this we understand.

We'll give our hearts and minds,

TOGETHER WE CAN

*Kiwanians, no waiting for tomorrow.

You are leaders of this moment, and there's work for you to do.

*Kiwanians, the reason you are *Members*, People are depending, depending on you.

So take the job in your hands. Take the job in your heart. Take the job in your spirit.

And it's time to do your part.

Together we can, together we will. Together we strive, this task to fulfill.

The children are waiting, this much we understand. We'll give our hearts and minds, TOGETHER WE CAN.

Strangers, we began as strangers, and see how quickly we've turned to friends.

So much of the world is strangers, strangers and enemies.

And we've come to do our work, 'til strangeness will end.

Together we can, together we will. Together we strive, this task to fulfill.

The children are waiting, this much we understand. We'll give our hearts and minds, TOGETHER WE CAN.

Together we can, together we will. Together we'll strive, our task to fulfill.

And when we see, what we've done for kids, won't it be sweet to say, "TOGETHER WE DID"?



Serving the
children
of the World



On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide Board and Committees
we wish you all Seasons Greetings



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