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**BOB'S 90
YEAR CELEBRATION**

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PRESIDENTIAL

Greetings to all our Kiwanis members and friends.

It's now quarter the way through 2008 already and we have been having reasonable attendances at our meetings. Thanks to Krystyna we have had some excellent guest speakers and we look forward to hearing more speakers soon.

Our last Membership Drive was a bit disappointing, but it resulted in Colin Waterman introducing a couple of potential new members at our last meeting. We urgently need new members for our Club to survive so we really need to be on the lookout for potential members. Many thanks to Colin for his efforts.

The Bowls Night last month organised by Colin and Alan Forrester was a success with several clubs attending. We have been invited to run some Sausage Sizzles already this year which has given our members a chance to get together for some worthwhile fun and fellowship.

The Annual Arts Fair in Whitmore Square is on again soon - hope the weather is an improvement on last year - and anyone interested in volunteering can contact Carolyn on 0417 613 000. Any time you spend helping will be counted as a Kiwanis project. We really need an ongoing project for the Club, so any ideas will be welcomed.

We have been asked to give continuing support for HeartKids - they will be holding a Quiz Night on May 17 (see details inside p.7 this KAN), so perhaps we can arrange a table for the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide if we can get enough support.

The Board and myself look forward to and will appreciate the continuing support of our members for the rest of the year.

Just a thought - Although the cost of living continues to rise, living still seems to be popular ... Colin

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90!
Bob



**90 Wonderful Years!
Happy Birthday Bob**

Inside: More pix from Bob's 90th !

KANDID CAMERA



This rare pic taken at Bob Thompson's Birthday Bash, is notable for showing three of our Charter Members. Graham, Clair and Peter were all in attendance. The only other remaining original member of the Club, founding President Ken Farmer was unable to join in the festivities, but we drank a toast in Ken's absence.



EASTERN SUBURBS KIOSK FLOAT

All members who usually make arrangements with Don Millard to pick up the float for their Kiosk duty, please note that from May 24 until we re-open after the winter recess, Peter O'Keefe will be looking after this float while Don is away on leave. Peter is at 27 Lockwood Road, Erindale, phone 8332 2357.

Those present at our April 8th dinner meeting included President Colin, Alan W, Alan F, Lindsay, Peter (raffle winner), Garry, Krystyna, David, Don, Gosia, Krysia, Graham Shevlin, Ken Foggo, Colin W, Tony, Irena & Andrew, guest speaker Bill, plus Brenda and Tony.

Good to see another decent-sized representation of Kiwanis people at this year's ANZAC Day parade held in the city. A sobering thought to reflect that in 2008 we commemorated 90 years since the Great War finished, plus next year's march marks 70 years since World War II began.

THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED NANA!!

The computer swallowed Nana.
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed "control" and "enter"
Then disappeared from view.

In desperation I asked Mum,
My searches to refine..
The reply from her was negative.
Not a thing was found "online".

It devoured her so completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

So if inside your "Inbox"
My Nana you should see
Please Copy, Scan and Paste her
And send her back to me!

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind.
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.



ADELAIDE CLUB DINNER MEETINGS HELD 2nd and 4th TUESDAYS AT NAVAL MILITARY & AIR FORCE CLUB - BOARD MEETINGS HELD 1st TUESDAY AT HILTON RSL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tony Dalidowicz May 22nd
Lindsay Curtis May 23rd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joan & Peter O'Keefe April 27th
Lorraine & Kevin Reich May 9th

THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH
Retirement is when we stop working for a living,
and start working at living....

SPEAKER SPOT

As promised in the last KAN, here is a report on the Guest Speaker we were totally privileged to hear at our March 11th meeting. It was an honour to have **LIBBY KOSMINOS** wheel her way into the meeting room and into our hearts with her courageous and most interesting account of her life journey so far...

A very down-to-earth person, Libby began her talk quite frankly by discussing how she was born with a spinal disorder which the doctors assessed very early as being very debilitating - in other words it was most likely she would never be able to walk, and in fact back in the late 1940s (“now you can work out my age!”) they were predicting that people like Libby would likely have a low life expectancy.

Fortunately with great support from her family, this courageous young girl was able to tackle childhood from a wheelchair in her stride, being considered an “unusual case” at her educational institution and being advised to attend a special school.

Around the time of leaving school, she was approached to possibly try out for various sporting codes such as softball, basketball, golf, and a few others, but Libby didn't seem suited to these, performing rather “below par” at trials. However all this was set to change when a sporting coach suggested a code possibly well suited to wheelchair-bound participants - target shooting with pistols.

The hero of our story pulled an incredibly high score from her first ever tryout, amazing onlookers, and Libby was invited back a week later for another attempt. Same result - she showed an incredible prowess for scoring “bullseye” and it seemed fate that she was destined to progress onto higher things.

It's been all uphill since then for Libby as she has progressed to being selected several times to represent Australia at Para-Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Asia-Pacific Games and similar high level gatherings of elite athletes. This amazing lady has always returned home with medals (usually gold) and she wowed our gathering when distributing some target score sheets showing her results - to our untrained eyes, they looked damn good!

There has been no holding back our Libby - after talking with medical consultants, she was advised that having a family was not out of the question, and she and her partner have conceived offspring (the “apple” of Libby's eye) which is a truly magnificent result.

Libby Kosminos continues on her merry way, hoping to help represent Australia at future international archery events, and as always, she remains not only an irrepressible personality but a truly inspirational sportsperson and someone to look up to!

(PS : She even inspired us to buy books of raffle tickets!)



President Colin presented Libby with a cheque after her terrific talk.



Beautiful food, lovely wine, great company. The Thompson family celebrate the birthday of Bob Thompson, take a bow, as he turns 91st year! This monumental milestone was celebrated with an enjoyable afternoon at The Wine Centre. Bob, Helen and several grandchildren (and of course, the staff) were present for this great occasion. The amusing speeches were given during the afternoon and we can only marvel at Bob's energy, appearing nearly 20 years younger than his age! The guests included identities present including Australia Governor-General, plus the Emerys, Peirces, Baaks and others. Bob was surrounded with people from our Club who we don't usually see. Bob's 90th birthday was a wonderful day with Graham Shevlin and Clair Bottroff. *Maureen*





any - what better way to help the
of one of our long-standing
s you slide gracefully into your
as marked in style with a most
where his daughters including
(course Joan!) were all part of
es and tributes flowed throughout
this great bloke's ability to look
ere were plenty of Kiwanis
vernor Bill Van Diemen (& Ali),
ers. It was also lovely to chat
t see too often such as Wendy &
ny *Happy Returns Bob!!*



SPEAKER SPOT

On Tuesday 8th April an attendance of around 20 was on hand to hear our guest speaker Mr BILL BAMFORD, deliver a fascinating oration on telescopes and astronomy as a hobby.

A retired rocket scientist, Bill was born and raised near Palmerston North, New Zealand, graduating from university before scoring a position in Great Britain for two years ("loved the scene over in UK"). He then crossed the Tasman to live in Australia, having qualified as a "rocketometrist".

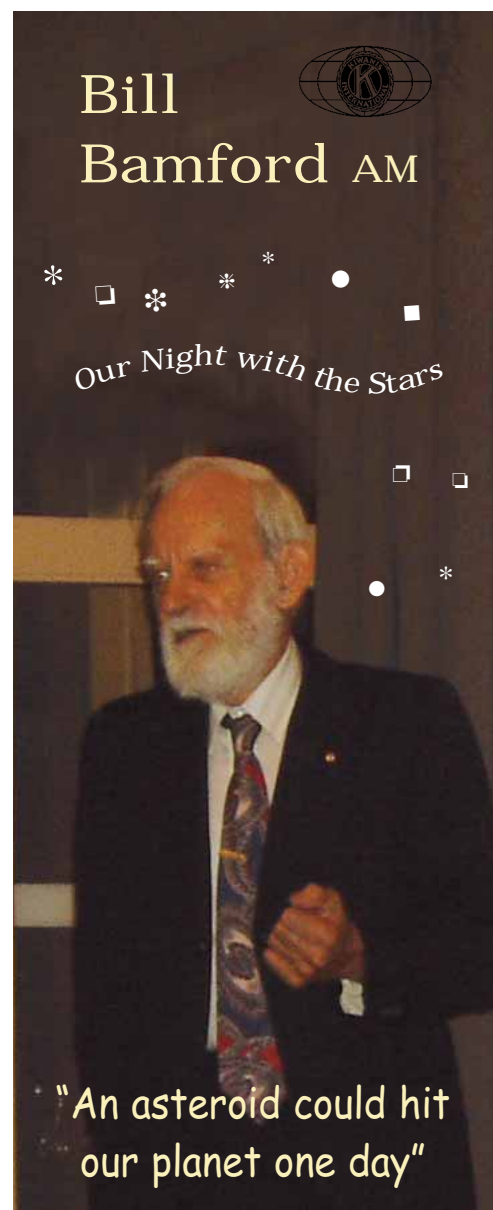
Bill was based at Salisbury Airbase ("near Adelaide" in those days) and while carrying out his duties in the interesting occupation as a rocket scientist, Bill's hobby of astronomy began to blossom. We were told about a rocket team which was sent out from UK in the 1950s to be based at Woomera in outback SA where rockets such as the German V2 bomber from World War II were studied.

Bill only spent four days on site at Woomera, all his work was done on base at Salisbury. During the late 1950s, while living in Beaumont, he bought his first telescope in Adelaide and promptly began using it at night on various dirt tracks in the area where the suburb of Golden Grove now sits. Bill loved looking at comets, satellites and stars and would go out stargazing back in the days when all suburban street lights went out at 1 am, which made looking to the heavens slightly easier.

One of his ambitions was to try finding his own comet as an amateur, and he persevered until years later he has been credited with finding 17 comets in a short space of time. In fact, from the time he started up until 2004, he has found 72 of these phenomena, which gained him a world record for a while.

Bill told us how in the Mars / Jupiter area, there seem to be a myriad of asteroids and comets. (Comets are always easily discernible by their long tails). It is a sobering thought that an asteroid could strike planet earth quite easily. Not many people would be aware that our nearest star is Alpha Centauri which is "a mere three light years" away!

In conclusion, Bill let slip that he was awarded an AM, Order of Australia in 1989 for services to Australian astronomy, so this NZ-born Australasian has really done well in this fascinating field over the years. Well done Bill!



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CLUB DIARY DATES

TUESDAY, MAY 6 - MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY MAY 13 - DINNER MEETING (Geoff King, Antique Phones)

SATURDAY MAY 24 - Deadline for copy for next Australian Kiwanian.
Send items to Jan Hyde, 118 The Boulevard, Shepparton 3630
or submissions to jh345616@bigpond.net.au

TUESDAY MAY 27 - DINNER MEETING Usual venue

QUIZ NIGHT - HeartKids

The annual Max Round Memorial Quiz Night

SATURDAY MAY 17th - 7 for 7.30 start

Unley Citizens Centre, 18 Arthur Street, Unley

\$15 per head, Tables of 10

Lots of Prizes to be won - Silent Auction items - FUN AND GAMES!

WORKING BEE - SATURDAY MAY 10th

THIS IS A MUST!

Sturt Street Community School 8.30am onwards
221 Sturt Street, City

Tasks: Line marking, rainwater tank positioning, trellis & plants, etc

ALL ABLE BODIED PERSONNEL REQUIRED

Proposed to have lunch at the nearby Elephant & Castle

Our Club has an affiliation with this School, so do come along and lend a hand!

THIS IS A MUST!



40th ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION



Adelaide :: 21 - 24 August 2008

Host Clubs: Rostrevor - Campbelltown and Tea Tree Gully

Venue: Mercure Grosvenor Hotel Complex, North Terrace, Adelaide

Register NOW and don't miss out on this fun-filled Convention.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE JULY 31

Registration Forms: Ms Chris Brown, PO Box 89, Campbelltown SA 5078

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Most of us would remember **Mel Kutek** (now Mel Baak), a previous guest speaker and daughter of Past Prospect President Henry Kutek. This selfless person who now treks back to Africa each December (with William) to help the local people in Sudan, continues to be heavily involved in the aid organisation Panhom.

Late last year Panhom changed its name to Timpir - Australians supporting health, education and development in South Sudan. Timpir is a Dinka word meaning the growing shoot of a tree or plant.

The name Timpir was chosen because many important events take place under trees in South Sudan including court hearings, wedding negotiations and traditional education. Also a newly shooting tree helps symbolise the new growth and development in South Sudan since the end of the 2005 civil war.



Waramoth Primary School's first classroom built in 2007

Through the efforts of Timpir, the local Waramoth Primary School has now expanded from one volunteer teacher at an under-the-tree "classroom" to a compound with five enclosed weatherproof classrooms, a staffroom and store, two salaried teachers, four volunteer teachers and over 300 students. A huge improvement.

Panhom / Timpir is involved in several other aid projects including the Christmas Gift programme in which our Kiwanis Club members have assisted. Last Christmas the programme saw the distribution of 49 mosquito nets, 45 schoolbags, 48 goats, 19 blankets and 14 bicycles.

For more on this very worthwhile organisation, visit www.timpir.org or phone 8266 4942 or 0422 816 840.



Above: Lynda Kutek with a birthing kit.

Below: A gift goat being distributed in Sudan.



GLENUNGA KEY CLUB - FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

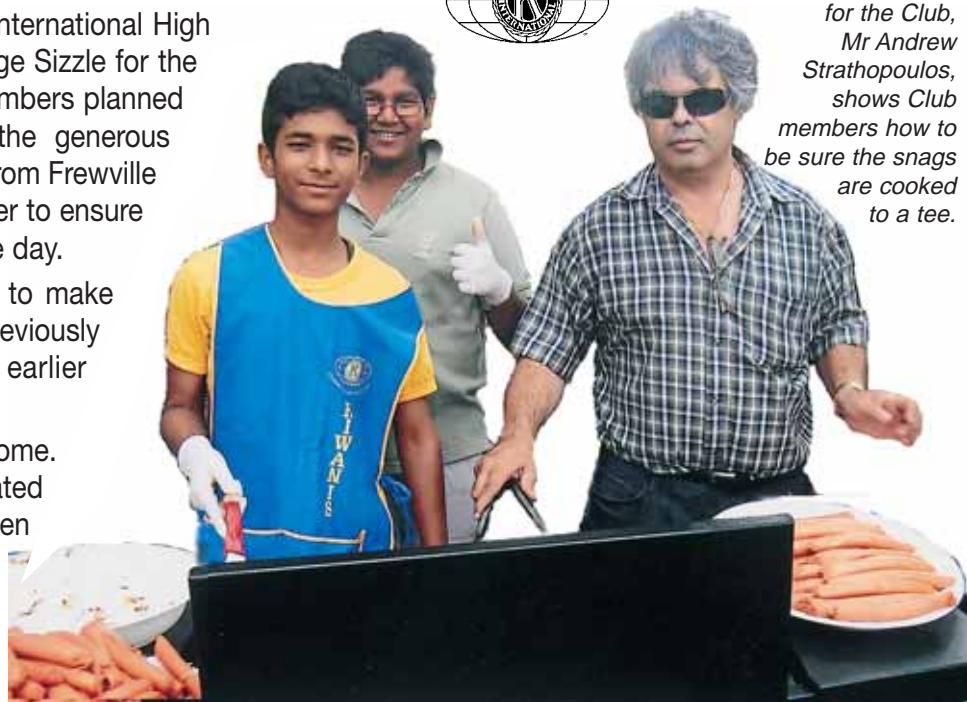
Thursday before Easter was a busy and successful one for our sponsored youth Key Club at Glenunga International High School. The Club again set up the Sausage Sizzle for the school's annual Sports Day. The Club members planned the project, were pleased to arrange the generous donation of sausages, bread and onions from Frewville Foodland Store and worked out their roster to ensure the busy stall was manned throughout the day.

On this occasion too they were pleased to make use of the barbecue which they had previously donated to the school after some earlier fundraising efforts.

They were delighted with the day's outcome. Over \$400 was raised and their nominated benefactor for this is the Save The Children Fund. They were pleased also that on the day a number of fellow students, seeing the Club at work, inquired about becoming members.



Teacher Coordinator for the Club, Mr Andrew Strathopoulos, shows Club members how to be sure the snags are cooked to a tee.



Many thanks to Don Millard for contributing this item.

