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“ Kiwanis is set to embrace the next generation ”



“This is my chance to meet ordinary people doing extraordinary things”

“We want to take the Kiwanis organisation from good to great”



Kiwaniis International CEO ROBERT PARKER (above) makes Adelaide the first stopover on his Trek Downunder! Read more inside, page 3.



Well done Adelaide Kiwanians! This issue of KAN is yet another 10 pager, which is becoming more the norm lately, whereas years ago we struggled to fill 4 pages per month. Many thanks to all the contributors who “keep those cards & letters rolling in!”

Our best thoughts to to any Club members battling ill-health, with special mention of Graham Shevlin who had been set to return to attending dinner meetings more regularly but hasn't been keeping well lately. Get better soon Graham!

Don't forget the Divisional annual Bowls Night on Thursday March 6th. Make sure you're there!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is approaching! Watch for more details regarding the scheme Colin Waterman is initiating, to hopefully net us some more potential new members. (Keep Monday March 31st free!)

KIOSK NEWS - Our new Kiosk management committee is headed by Irena and Andrew who have now officially “taken over”. The keys and cash floats are still being maintained by Fred and Ken, so that pickup from those areas can be undertaken as previously. Worth noting that at our Club's last meeting with Adelaide Council, it was agreed that our Lease would continue on a monthly carry-over basis until the end of the season around late May / early June. This would give Irena and team a chance to assess and hopefully improve turnover during the next few months. Importantly, the Council are naturally extremely keen to have the Kiosk continue and will assist with extra signs and promotion. They have also agreed to replace the second table setting under the verandah (after it went “missing” last month).

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It's okay to blow our bags sometimes! At the Club Board meeting for February, there was a 100 per cent turnout of Board members which (with work commitments, etc) doesn't always happen. So well done! And an ongoing thank you to some Board personnel who regularly bring along lovely supper / food items to keep up our energy levels

The Divisional annual Bowls Night - March 6th. Even if not bowling, come along (great social event!)

The brand new Kiwanis Bus was launched last Sunday (Feb 24th) at Oaklands Road, Warradale where a ceremony was held, followed by afternoon tea. Despite clashing with the Clipsal car racing in town, the good attendance was able to inspect the bus on site. Bob Edwards, Head of the Kiwanis Bus Service Board of Management advises that a more comprehensive report of that afternoon will appear in our next issue, along with (hopefully) a photo of the new Bus. Well done Kiwanis on continuing to provide what is a rather unique service in Australia.

Just be advised - your KAN editor is involved with the department that actually prints on a daily basis the police traffic infringement notices emanating from speed camera activities. As most of our Kiwanis members still drive, it's worth keeping in mind that prior to Christmas, the threshold at which the speed cameras take notice of motorists has been dropped considerably (some might say purely for revenue raising)... ie, whereas previously you had around 10-12km/h leeway, this has now been slashed to around 7-8km/h margin, so be warned that sadly, one is now more liable to be “pinged” and the minimum fee is \$196. Oh yes, previous Adelaide's daily infringement mailout for speeding offences was around 800 notices - now it averages well over 1500. You be the judge! (But do keep your speed down!!)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Roma & Ken Farmer

February 14th (Valentines Day !!)

THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

Life can be like a hot bath. The longer you stay in it, the more wrinkled you get!!

Let's grow the K !!!!



OUR CHANCE TO MEET WITH K I CHIEF !

Although it was late notice, those Clubs unable to attend this Divisional meeting with Kiwanis International CEO ROBERT PARKER, missed “a unique chance” to exchange ideas with the Chief Cheese from America (home of Kiwanis).

Adelaide was not originally intended to be the CEO’s first port of call on his Tour Downunder, so Governor Bill Van Diemen needed to move swiftly and did well to arrange for Divisions 3, 8 & 10 to meet with our distinguished guest just hours after he had touched down in Australia for the first time. The venue - the Gil Langley Room at Adelaide Oval, overlooking the famed cricket grounds and tennis courts was a lovely setting, and with the bar operating and hot drinks plus nibbles available, the scene was set for a relaxed, informal meeting with the man elevated just 18 months ago to the helm of Kiwanis International.

Robert is in fact our first Chief Executive Officer - up until now we have just had an Executive Officer overseeing operations and reporting to the Board. Mr Parker was head-hunted by the International Board of Trustees after a perceived slide of interest in Kiwanis, stemming from an overall net loss in membership (a worldwide trend not unique to Kiwanis).

Rob backgrounded us on how he had left USA on Sunday (in near freezing temperatures!) and was talking to us on a very warm Tuesday evening, but on his time clock, that was merely hours after he had departed his homeland! One of his nice opening comments was how he was taking this chance to meet ordinary people doing extraordinary things. We Kiwanians surely don’t need reminding that it is a real privilege being able to serve our communities in the way that we do.

Some stats provided - In 1992 our organisation peaked at a worldwide membership of over 327,000. For varying reasons we have slipped somewhat to around 248,000, but the good news is that over the past two years there has been a net increase in growth which we are all aiming to see continue.

Two other Parkerisms worth noting were the statements that “We want to take the Kiwanis organisation from Good to Great”; and “The future is in our hands”. Sometimes we settle for good – enough.....

There are possible bold new plans afoot for the K overseas, some of which have started, viz. the “new” Kiwanis logo. This mainly evolved because surveys revealed that many “outsiders” did not recognise what the emblem (K inside a world globe) meant, whereas, like with most large brands such as Nike and Cola-Cola, the actual name needs to be “upfront” and in the face of people. Hence our new logo.

*“The future is
in our hands...”*

Now, in America where earnest discussions have agonised about what course of action to pursue, some have been talking of promoting “New” Kiwanis, but Rob was concerned that this means our current and previous movement would be deemed the “old” Kiwanis which is an unfortunate connotation. So, maybe the previous K could be referred to as K Classic, with the new generation and revived Kiwanis being initially referred to as the Next Generation.

Rob was unaware of the irony in this statement, because we were sitting around 100 metres from the sports operation known as *Next Generation* which is quite well known in Adelaide. Anyway, rather than talk or “preach”, Rob threw the forum to open discussion and heaps of worthwhile words were chucked around the room. We really appreciated the golden chance to interact with Rob (a motorbike enthusiast) and all those present would have gained plenty from this meeting.

Adelaide Club was well represented at this function, our members in attendance including Lindsay, Allan F, Ken, Colin W, President Colin, Peter, Krystyna, Krissie, Don, Gosia, Garry, David, Dalidowicz family. Other familiar faces among the gathering of around three dozen included Geoff Holmes, Geoff Rundle, Owen Donaghy, Brian Emery, David & Tanya Allen, Bill & Ali. As an impromptu gesture, Peter O’Keefe and Geoff Holmes were awarded a special memento of the evening because they were they only members present with over 30 years service. [Further photos on back page] (some further gems from this evening to appear in next KAN)

**The four stages
of life . . .**

(so true!)



DIARY DATES

Please note these functions - may see you there?

TUESDAY MARCH 4th BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 11th DINNER MEETING

FRIDAY 14th MARCH
Muscular Dystrophy Badge Day - Collectors needed
Former RAA site in Hindmarsh Square

TUESDAY MARCH 25th DINNER MEETING

MONDAY MARCH 31st - COCKTAIL EVENING

THE KEULEN KIWANIS ESCAPE!

Janine and Simon Keulen have just returned from a fairly lengthy sabbatical over the past couple of months or more, travelling around parts of this vast, arid country. They were able to keep in touch on the road via email and Janine sent this lovely pic of their camper van.

It's so really great to see these guys being a mobile advertisement for Service Clubs (including of course Kiwanis). The slogan says it all - "Make a difference - Join a service club".....



Vale Lionel Whalan

Sadly we advise that Past President **Lionel Whalan** passed away in Canberra on February 2, aged 93.

Adelaide Club was just five years old when Lionel was installed as (Distinguished) President - 1974, following this in 1980 with a term as Australia District Governor. He then became a Life Member of Kiwanis International and also served as Lt Gov Div 3, later being awarded a George F. Hixson Fellowship.

Born in Broken Hill NSW in June 1914, our club's oldest member eventually moved to Adelaide with his siblings Vincent, John, Harry, Isla and Carmel. His passion for beach activities resulted in Lionel becoming a founding member and former captain of the Port Noarlunga Surf Life Saving Club. He was good enough to represent South Australia in the National Surf Life Saving Championships, and joined the Army in time for World War II, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. Following discharge he pursued a career in education, starting as a teacher, then headmaster before rising to the role of District Superintendent as a senior public servant. (Club member Colin Waterman can recall encountering Lionel at Adelaide Boys' High on West Terrace!).

The name Lionel Whalan became attached to the list of Australian Presidents who headed the World Education Fellowship.

Setting up home in Glenelg, he married Betty who predeceased him, and the couple had four children (Terry, Jill, David and Jeff), eventually being blessed with eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

This tireless man served our Kiwanis Club well for several decades, turning out to working bees in his eighties, rolling up his sleeves and getting involved at "grass roots" level. He was also instrumental in coordinating the annual Kiwanis Bowls Night for many year, and along with a small team headed by Ken Farmer, he was one of the driving forces behind helping produce our Club's 30 Year Booklet. A real inspiration.

For the past couple of years, declining health saw Lionel transfer to Canberra to be closer to several family members. His funeral was held in the ACT in a private ceremony early February.

Adelaide Kiwanis have lost a long-standing member and someone with a real commitment for our cause. RIP, Lionel - you have earned your rest.



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WHALAN, Lionel Walter.

The Members and Friends of the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide mourn the loss of Life Member Lionel.

He was highly regarded for his wisdom and contribution to our Club and to the wider community during his 35 year membership, and as a Past Distinguished Governor of Kiwanis Australia District.

FOLLOWING IS A THANK YOU NOTE WRITTEN BY LIONEL'S SON JEFF WHALAN AND SENT TO SECRETARY KEN EARLIER THIS MONTH.

4 Millen Street, Hughes, ACT 2605
6-2-2008

Ken,

We saw the kind words that Kiwanis put in the paper for Lionel. Thank you and thanks to Kiwanis.

As I mentioned on the phone, Lionel died peacefully, with his family by his side.

We loved him dearly and were very sorry to see him go – but it was time.

He was quite happy during his time at St Andrews Village and it was more us than him who found it difficult to deal with. The staff adored him and will also miss him.

I have enclosed a donation to HeartKids – from our family.

With kind regards

Jeff Whalan



TOC H CAMP - Report from the Director



It is my pleasure to report on the recent Toc H Kids Camp, which 32 children attended.

The children were collected from several pickup points, and in addition to Tim and myself, we had a further 11 leaders on camp - all of whom are volunteers. All the leaders except two had been on camp at least once before so were quickly able to get back into routine and start running activities with the kids.

On arrival Thursday, we played the usual "getting to know you" games before and after lunch, followed by a trip to the beach in perfect weather. We all had a good time in the waves and on the sand, many building a sandcastle for the first time.

On Friday we split into three groups and did small group activities - including sports games on the basketball court, skits in the Rec Hut, and craft on the new deck. In craft activities, the children liked the chance of making something useful which they could take home. In the afternoon, during free time, equipment from the store room was used including bike sand trampolines.

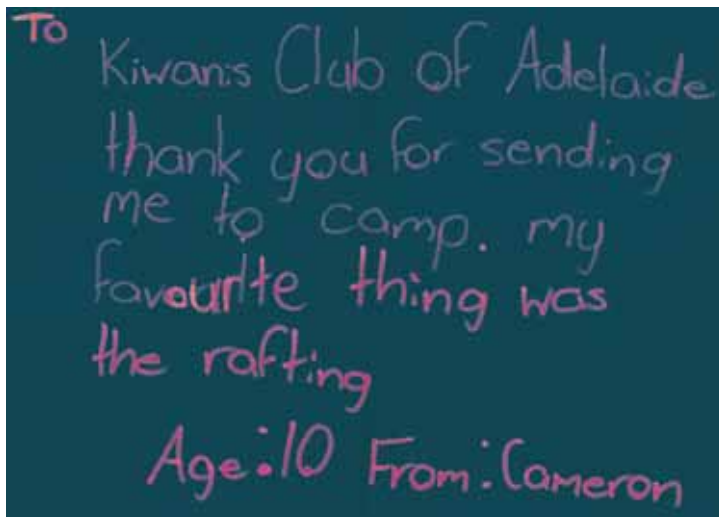
With the drought affecting water levels in the lake, the Centennial Park Sea Scouts were able to help with suitable water activities on Saturday despite the levels being ankle deep in places. Rafting was a big hit here! Also canoeing!

Sunday was a repeat of Friday with stations in the morning and free time in the afternoon - one highlight being a water fight with over 200 water balloons - the lawned area appreciated a bit of water! The evening consisted of drama night with the kids performing the skits they had learnt followed by glow stick games once the sun had gone down. Most effective, especially the sight of 60 glow sticks all flying across the field at once.

After emu parade on Monday and a big cleanup, it was back on the bus and return to Adelaide. Our camp cooks did a marvellous job and we thank them sincerely for their time and effort. Thanks also to all our leaders who ensured the children were well cared for and learnt many new skills, and most importantly, had fun.

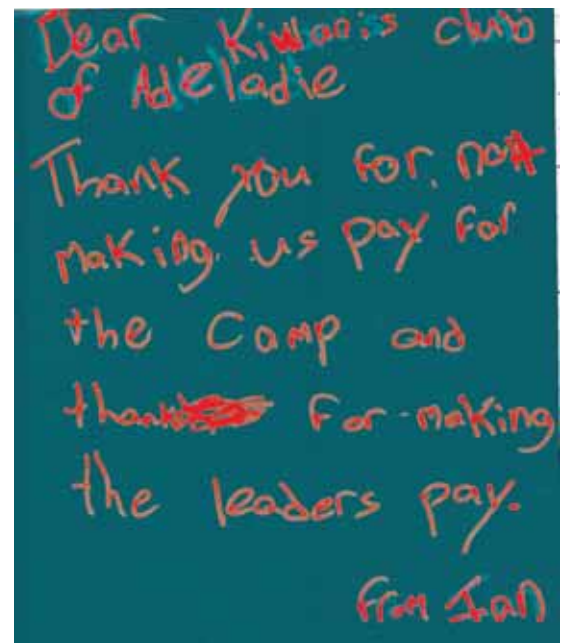
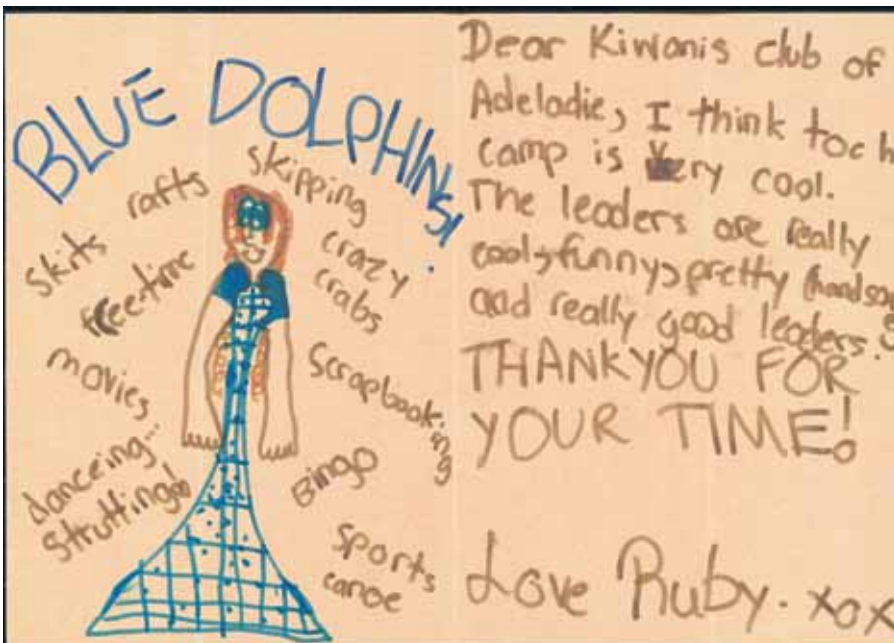
We are grateful to the many groups who sponsor our camping program, including Adelaide Kiwanis, without whose help we would be unable to run our annual Kids' Camps. Our sincere thanks to you all.

Darrell Hamlyn



Adelaide Kiwanis Club is among several service organisations which help sponsor the annual Toc H Camps Kids Camps, the latest being held from December 26 to 31, 2007.

Published above is a report (abridged) covering the varied activities which these children are treated to. Does sound like fun! On the next page is a thank you letter which was sent to Treasurer Peter, expressing appreciation to our Club from Toc H for helping sponsor these camps. It's great to have an ongoing association with these organisations.





President Colin reported on attending the South-West Community meeting and that the painting of a mural was delayed due to insurance. We may be requested to help them in some way with this project.

Colin Waterman advised of plans for a Membership Drive late March and would ask that all members give assistance. Proposed to distribute flyers Pulteney St to South Tce and to East Tce.

Lindsay attended Children's Week committee meeting and a written report to be submitted. Members' hours for youth activities this month totalled 8 hours.

Irena suggested we could maybe consider running a Gepps Cross Trading Table. Members and friends could clean out their garages.

Please Note: The proposed Cocktail Evening - drive for new members is scheduled for MONDAY, MARCH 31st. Please try to attend on this night if you are available.

IWONA PATTISON from Adelaide City Council has provided the following information:

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - ACC extends an invite for everyone to help participate in the annual Clean Up Australia Day, being held Sunday March 2, from 9am-1pm. All volunteers will be provided with a free barbecue lunch. Assemble at Ellis Park (enter off West Tce next to Adelaide High), and bring a hat, sunscreen, sturdy shoes and water, and they will supply the rest. For more information visit: www.adelaidecitycouncil.com or contact Michael Mezzina on 8203 7680.

EARTH HOUR 2008 - TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS AT 8pm ON SATURDAY MARCH 29th

At 8pm, Adelaide will join cities across Australia and around the world in turning off their lights for one hour in a powerful visual statement to generate awareness about the need to tackle the increasingly urgent matter of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Earth Hour took place for the first time in Sydney, March 2007 when over 2 million people and 2100 businesses demonstrated their commitment to tackling climate change by turning off lights for one hour. Due to the increasing emergence of climate change, everyone is urged to support this symbolic gesture. Sign up at www.earthhour.org and gain more information by visiting this site. Adelaide people can contact Rachael Ford at Adelaide City Council on 8235 7635.



Final word (another blonde joke)

Suzie the blonde is a teacher who lands a job at the local school. She notices a lonely young boy on the playing field during P.E. standing by himself while all the other kids are running around having fun. She takes pity on him and decides to talk to the solitary lad. "You okay?" she asks. "Yes" he replies. "You can play with the other lads, you know," she kindly offers. "It's best I stay here," he says. "Really, why?" asks the benevolent blonde. The boy says, "Because I'm the goalie !!?"

[We often need to broaden our vision. The following item illustrates this nicely]

A ship's captain received the following radio message: "Change course 30degrees north". To which he responded: "No, you change course 30deg south." Back came the same decree: "Change course 30deg north." The captain replied: "I am a Captain. You change course 30deg south." The other party: "Im a seaman third class. Change course 30deg north." The captain replied rather overbearingly: "I'm a battleship!" To which came the final response: "I'm a lighthouse!"



We were privileged to have HELEN ENGLISH as guest speaker at our Dinner Meeting on January 22nd. She happens to be Alan Williams' sister but we won't hold that against her! Apparently Helen asked brother Alan if he needed anyone for a guest speaker at an upcoming meeting. He replied, "Why, do you know someone?" Her response was, "Yes, me!" Alan did not know what she did for employment and naturally received a cheer for that!

Helen (pictured below) kindly informed us about Community Carers/Visitors. They are volunteers who with appropriate training and clearance are assigned to a resident, often in a nursing home, and they visit regularly. Strong friendships are formed in this way and if a visit is missed, the resident can get quite upset and consider they have been forgotten. So it is not a task to be taken on lightly. She talked about many other forms of volunteering as well but unfortunately didn't have a magic recipe for recruiting new Kiwanis members!

We were joined for the evening by a gentleman named Lionel Boxer, a Canadian from Toronto who has lived and worked in Melbourne for several years. He was in Adelaide for the day and staying at the Club for the night. Lionel was by himself in the bar before our meeting and Colin W. invited him to join us for dinner which he did. He is not a Kiwanian but we think that he enjoyed himself - at least he had company for dinner!

(Many thanks to FRED for supplying the photos and report in the absence of our magazine editor who was on night shift that week and couldn't attend.)



Smile Awhile!!

These glorious (true) insults are from an era when cleverness in words was still valued, before a great portion of the English language was reduced to four letter words, not to mention waving middle fingers!

The famous exchange between Winston Churchill and Lady Astor:

She said, "If you were my husband, I'd give you poison", and he replied, "If you were my wife . . . I'd drink it!"

A member of the British Parliament said to Benjamin Disraeli":

"Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspecified disease." "That depends, sir," retorted Disraeli, "on whether I embrace your policies – or your mistress."

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - Moses Hadas

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends," - Oscar Wilding.

"I am enclosing two tickets to the 1st night of my new play. Bring a friend – if you have one!" - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second . . . if there is one." Churchill's response!

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop

"He is a self-made man, and worships his creator". – Jeff Willet

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, when they go." – Oscar Wilde...

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." – Billy Wilder

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't one of them..." – Groucho Marx (who else?!)



These pictures are from the Session at Adelaide Oval in the Gil Langley Room, where we were able to meet with KI CEO Robert Parker. There was a lovely outlook over the famed Oval which was a nice backdrop, while we partook of refreshments during interaction with the CEO. Supplies officer Peter O'Keefe was able to get into the act, spruiking some of the Kiwanis goodies on offer, including the *I Love Kiwanis* T-shirts which are currently available. Check with Peter for more details.



FEELING "TERRIFIC" FOR THE HOLIDAYS - December 2007



Fred Wilson helped to make the long December/January holidays extra special for the 16 schoolkids from Sturt Street Community School who received our Terrific Kids Awards at their main Assembly, watched by parents and staff, to round off 2007 in a nice manner. Pictured making the Awards on December 6 are Fred, with Kerri Southwell who kindly coordinates the program for us at the School. No doubt some of the littlies would have pinned certificates in their rooms and felt very "Terrific" throughout the long break.!

