

### ADELAIDE HILLS CLUB VISIT

ADELAIDE Club was happy to host the Adelaide Hills Club at our Dinner Meeting on June 10 - this was just the most terrific gathering of true blue Kiwanians who had the bonus of hearing Marjon Martin from South West Community Centre as guest speaker (report of her talk on page 4).

Another "super-plus" was the attendance of at least three Hills Club recent recipients of the prestigious George F. Hixson Awards from the Hills Club - they are true-grit veteran Norm Coventry, Past President John Dowe, and Past Distinguished President Peter Staniford. Read on for a full report on this great gathering, inside this issue of KAN.



*Left: Past Hills President Ashleigh Gore, wife Ros, and Colin Waterman. Below: from left: Norm Coventry, Graham Shevlin, Fred Wilson, Alan Forrester and John Dowe*

Adelaide Hills  
Club visit

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First up, an initial “clarification” - your hard-working editorial team prefers, as a rule, to cover in KAN our activities in the community but as it is only a couple of weeks since the last issue of KAN, and we’re kind of in “winter recess”, the main activity to report on in this edition is our combined meeting (held on June 10) with Adelaide Hills Club - that fine group which we helped build 18 years ago.

There was a small but elite group of attendees at the JUNE 24th DINNER MEETING - possibly one reason for so many apologies was that it seems currently nearly a third of our membership is away travelling (interstate or overseas) - it must be the season for journeying! Apologies included Krystyna K (at the dentist), Ray (attending hospital), Don, Fred, Janine, Gosia (out of town), but those hardy souls in attendance included President Colin, Alan F, Alan W, Colin W, Graham, Ken, David, Lindsay, Garry (raffle winner) and the Dalidowicz family.

In the absence of a guest speaker, there were impromptu talks from two or three members on their recent travels, the most interesting tales coming from Irena whose snippets from her trip to Indonesia were really eye-opening. Irena spoke of how 2 per cent of the population are billionaires virtually controlling the rest of the population who are mainly quite poor. The opulence in some shopping plazas has to be seen to be believed (gold plated wash basins in toilets sited next to very austere prayer rooms), continuing the theme of extreme variance between wealthy and not-so-rich. An underlying existence of extreme corruption sadly seems to filter through from rank and file workers (eg immigration officers seeking to rip off unsuspecting tourists), and even police and high ranking government officials are not averse to corruption. Irena’s experiences seemed typical of what “first-time” travellers can expect in that vast country of vast contrasts.

**CITY SOUTH ASSOCIATION AGM** - The Annual General Meeting is to be held at the South West Community Centre, 171 Sturt Street, Adelaide on Wednesday July 23 at 7.30pm. Drinks and finger food will be provided (drinks beforehand at 7.30). Please RSVP for catering purposes via email to: citysouthassoc@adelaide.on.net All Kiwanians are more than welcome to attend.



Caught literally by Kandid Camera! The Club Executive at the top table during a recent dinner meeting were spotted busily digesting the latest KAN which had just been distributed earlier that evening.....



**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

Sheila Harman	July 3rd
Elisabeth von Ballmoos	July 9th
Krystyna Kubiak	July 13th
Clair Bottroff	July 13th

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joan & Bob Thompson	July 5th
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## THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

The question's been asked: If Barack Obama becomes USA President next year, do they need to re-name the White House?!!



# CLUB DIARY DATES

TUESDAY JULY 1 - **BOARD MEETING** 6pm at Hilton RSL

TUESDAY JULY 8 - **DINNER MEETING** Usual venue

TUESDAY JULY 22 - **DINNER MEETING** Usual venue Speaker TBA

## JUNE 24 DINNER MEETING

There was a large turnout of Adelaide Hills Club members for our combined dinner meeting. The Hills contingent included Norm Coventry, John Dowe, Peter & Barb Staniford, John & Jenny Fox, Peter Barnett, Robyn Woodrup, Ros & Ashleigh Gore, amongst others. Always great to have you guys on board!

## STOP PRESS

Piccadilly Cinema, North Adelaide was the venue for the Movie Night held on June 29, sponsored by African aid organisation Timpir.

On a balmy winter's evening, around 300 people gathered for pre-event drinks and nibbles, except that the "nibbles" seemed to be a never-ending yummy array of fresh pizza, sandwiches, etc, which only served to whet the appetite of the assembled throng for the movie about to be viewed - "Get Smart".

This amusing, comical spoof was highly entertaining and recommended to any Adelaide Club members who wish to see a cleverly produced, lightweight comedy that leaves viewers in stitches!

There were a few Kiwanis people present including the Baaks, Kuteks and Peter Kelly (Prospect Club), Cyril Emery, while Adelaide Club was represented by David.



## SOME ODD SPOTS (These are all true!)

The pelican breathes through its mouth. It has no nostrils.

A lobster's kidneys are in its forehead and its teeth are in its stomach.

Buckingham Palace, London, has around 600 rooms.

Elephants and short-tailed shrews get only two hours of sleep each day.

Xerophagy refers to a diet of bread and water.

So now you know! And you can wow people at your next round-the-table discussion . . . .

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**ENTRIES CLOSE END OF THIS MONTH (July 31) DON'T MISS OUT!**

## SPEAKER SPOT



**OUR Dinner meeting on June 24th saw us score an excellent talk by a lady with whom this club has had plenty of correspondence over the past year or so - MARJON MARTIN from South West Community Centre.**

This meeting coincided with a visit from Adelaide Hills Club so we had nearly 30 people there to hear our very eloquent guest speaker.

Marjon began by describing her background, having been born in Holland and raised in Sydney after her family moved to Australia when she was young. She started work in Sydney in 1969, initially being employed with community centres in NSW, before moving to Adelaide in 1983.

Marjon initially found it quite hard to engage with local Adelaide neighbours, nearly everyone of her fellow inner city dwellers seemingly wanting to keep very private and (sadly) not engage in any friendly talk or chatter.

An interest in books as well as people led her meantime to become aware that Adelaide City Council was looking to set up the "Singapore model" of libraries in separate local areas, instead of just one central library in the middle of town. After a couple of years through, ACC discovered that it becomes quite expensive maintaining several smaller public libraries (running costs, etc), and the Council decided to withdraw most of these "local" libraries. But the idea was mooted of continuing with the library services in the City South Western area - combined with a community centre - and an advert was placed seeking a coordinator of such a centre.

Marjon (who resides in central Adelaide) applied and won the position - "How lucky am I! I can walk to work each day!" understandably is her proud catch-phrase....

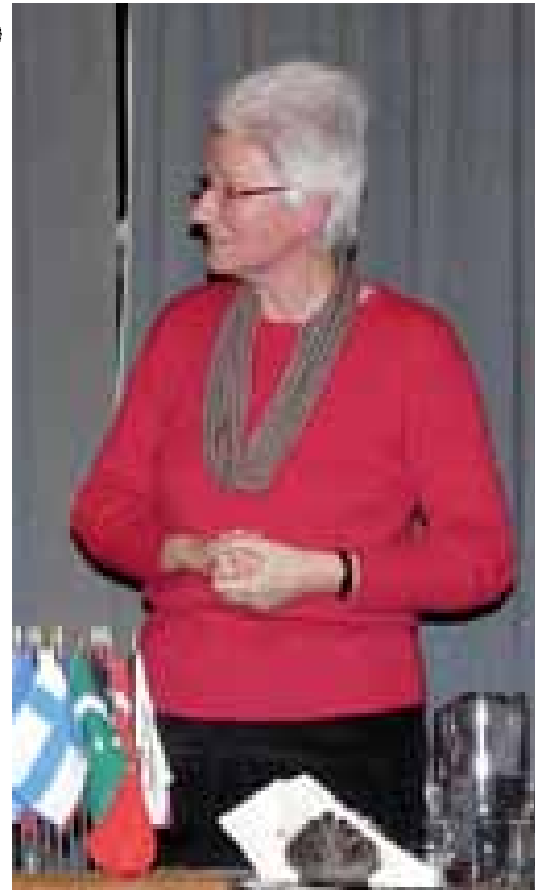
There are many different aspects to SWCC - promoting local artists including sculpture, paint, etc; language courses including Chinese (which our Kiwanis President Colin has become involved with!), art shows, fitness classes, in fact almost any worthwhile activity you can think of. The South West Community Centre has become an activity hub - set up for meetings as well. Something particularly well worthwhile that is offered at SWCC are health services for young parents, for instance immunisation.

Just about everything is offered including games such as batanque. Marjon told us how the aim is to get people to enjoy city living - but it can get interesting at games sessions where language "difficulties" with some of the participants not fluent in English can make for all sorts of fun situations.

Adelaide City Council is happy with the current focus and operations of SWCC, and it's worth keeping in mind that there are similar community centres dotted all over Adelaide suburbs. The one coordinated by Marjon Martin and her small team is probably the most "central" in South Australia, although there is one in North Adelaide, and also a City Christian Community Centre.

To give an idea of how full-on the SWCC is, there were 150 bookings last month which was up by 30 on May last year, confirming the ongoing trend for this busy hub of activity to continue increasing its usage.

In conclusion Marjon informed us that the South West Community Centre at 171 Sturt Street, first officially opened on July 12, 2005, thereby celebrating its third anniversary in just a few days time. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SWCC!**



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## **KIWANIS CLUB OF PROSPECT**

invites all Kiwanis members and their friends  
to join us for an

**Information Session** from four Prospect Club people  
on their recent trip to South Sudan

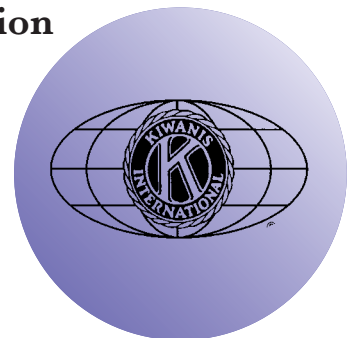
and their volunteer work through the organisation TIMPIR.  
This will also be a rare opportunity for Kiwanis members from  
South Australia to get together and share in the fellowship that  
makes up an important component of Kiwanis objectives.  
Partners and guests are more than welcome.

- WHO:** **MEL BAAK** “Educational and Health Perspective”  
Member and Past President, Kiwanis Club of Prospect  
**WILLIAM KUOL BAAK** “Planning and Infrastructure”  
Member, Kiwanis Club of Prospect  
**HENRY KUTEK** “A general impression”  
Member and Charter President, Kiwanis Club of Prospect  
**LYNDA KUTEK** “Family - Food and Health”  
Partner, Kiwanis Club of Prospect
- WHERE:** Prospect Community Hall  
(behind Prospect Town Hall, 126 Prospect Road)
- WHEN:** Monday, July 14 6.30 for 7.00pm start
- WHY:** To share four different perspectives of the conditions  
in South Sudan after three years of peace  
following 40 years of civil war.
- COST:** Gold coin donation

Supper will be provided after the session

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The photos on this page were taken at our Dinner Meeting on June 10, combined with Adelaide Hills Club visit. We were most privileged to have among the visitors, the Hills Club three recent recipients of George F. Hixson Awards - Past President John Dowe, Past Distinguished President Peter Staniford, and Norm Coventry.



**Kiwanis**  
Go on, make a difference!



MARJON MARTIN (above) from South West Community Centre was our Guest Speaker at our June 10 Dinner Meeting. Read about her fascinating talk inside this issue of KAN.