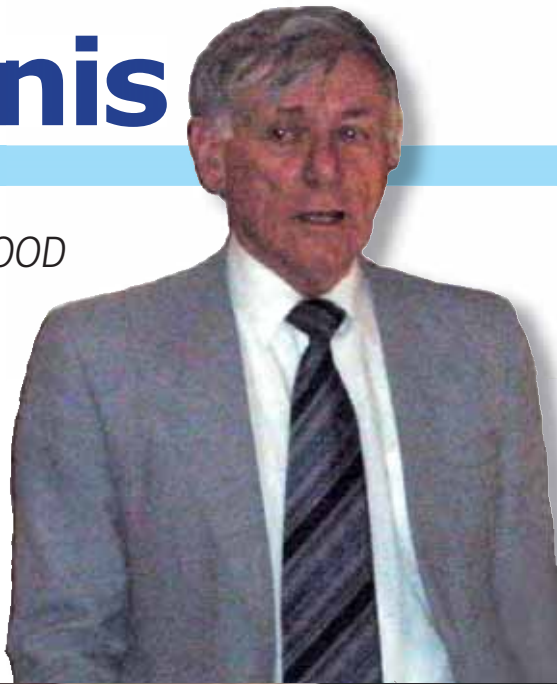


IS DON, IS (HOP)GOOD

Our Club had the real privilege of recently hearing from a past SA Deputy Premier, a rare honour for us Kiwanians. Mr Don Hopgood's interesting talk had an inter-planetary theme, being centred on Mars . . .



HIXSON FELLOWSHIP EXPLAINED



Read on page 9 the "full oil" on the Kiwanis International George F. Hixson Fellowships. Pictured above is the "package" that arrives when one of these prestigious awards is to be presented to the fortunate person. They include lapel pin, badges, the medal and ribbon which is worn around the neck, and a framed commemorative replica of the Hixson award which the newly ordained Kiwanian can display on their wall.



Read "The Don Hopgood Report" inside this KAN, on page 4 (Thanks to Ray for the camera work)

THE BIRTH OF KIWANIS



Page 10 - Facts about Kiwanis that you may not have been aware of !!

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Bon Voyage to our Club delegates, President Janine and Secretary Ken who are off to USA around now, to attend the 95th International Convention in Las Vegas. Both these seasoned travellers have been overseas in previous years for Kiwanis meetings, so it will be good to have such experienced representation at this upcoming Convention.

At a recent Dinner Meeting, one of the questions posed by our Sergeant Alan Williams was, "What is the figure that makes up a billion?" Garry has managed to confirm that in Australia, a billion is 1,000 million (ie 1,000,000,000). There were some people who considered a billion might be 100 million, so hopefully this will set the record straight. Thanks Garry for your fact-finding!

The latest Newsletter from Barossa Club, our hosts for the upcoming District Convention, reported on the results from a Survey they have just held, asking their members for feedback on preferred options for Dinner Meetings, and other suggestions. Interestingly the results came back with 93% of members supporting the present arrangement for meetings. Probably a similar result would be produced if a similar survey was conducted for Adelaide Club members on our present Dinner Meeting arrangements.

Kiwi Kiwanis Kapers - Taupo (New Zealand) Kiwanis Club is setting the admirable target of ten new members by mid October this year. That would be 10/10/10 which, if achieved, would give them a ten out of ten out of ten rating! Incidentally Taupo Club in May next year celebrates its 40th Anniversary. Great to hear! Also, if anyone is straying across the Tasman early September (the week after Australia District Convention) you could take in the South Pacific District Convention in lovely Rotorua.

The latest magazine (called Seaside Soliloquy) from Adelaide's Brighton Kiwanis Club mentions how just four days after his daughter was married at Angaston SA, Peter Zander attended an investiture service at Government House, North Terrace where he received his Medal of the Order of Australia. Well done!

KIRKIN' THE TARTAN Church Service at St Andrews Presbyterian, Archer Street, North Adelaide. SUNDAY 4th JULY 10.20am, followed by a traditional Scottish lunch at the church. Kiwanis Club of Adelaide is invited to help participate in this service. We plan to join Club members Joseph and Eveline Fombason who will be there.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL - MARKING 95 YEARS OF SERVICE IN 2010

THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

A successful diet is the triumph
of mind over platter !!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sheila Harman	July 3rd
Krystyna Kubiak	July 13th
Clair Bottroff	July 13th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joan & Bob Thompson	July 5th
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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY

Ray Packer	joined July 13th 1982
Kevin Reich	joined July 9th 1985
Don Millard	joined July 9th 1996

KIWANIS CLUB OF ADELAIDE

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Serving the
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Saturday July 3rd - **KIWANIS QUIZ NIGHT** - hosted by Adelaide Hills Club

Venue: Echunga Memorial Institute, Main Road, Echunga 6.30 for 7pm
\$15 per head, BYO drinks and supper. Coffee / tea provided. Tables of 8
Prize for "Best Dressed Table". Come along and support this Kiwanis venture
where funds raised go to children in need. Bookings: Sue, phone 8398 5390.

Sunday July 4th - **CHURCH SERVICE (Kirkin' the Tartan)** Details page 2

Tuesday July 6th - **BOARD MEETING**

Saturday July 10th - **DINNER WITH AUST DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

Governor Ken Archer is visiting Adelaide and we would love to see as many
Kiwanians possible at Somerton Park to share this occasion.

Tuesday July 13th - **DINNER MEETING** Partners Night - We are hosting a couple of visiting Kiwanis Clubs. Do come along and hear our special guest speaker FRED WILSON talking on his recent trip to Uganda. **6:30 for 7:00pm start....**

Also: Wish Krystyna a big Happy Birthday!!!

Tuesday July 27th - **DINNER MEETING** Usual details. Guest Speaker

Saturday July 31st - **TIMPIR QUIZ NIGHT** To aid Timpir and South Sudan.

Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Rd, Enfield

7:00 for 7:30pm start. Details - Mel - 0422 816 840



August 2010 - **AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION in the Barossa**

Theme: *"Taste The Blend"*! This is a must - Put in your diary and consider joining in.

Dates: August 26 - 29 Hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Barossa. This year's 42nd
Convention is in South Australia, so you have no excuse. Come along and
experience the hospitality of Barossa Club! Entry forms are available by writing to
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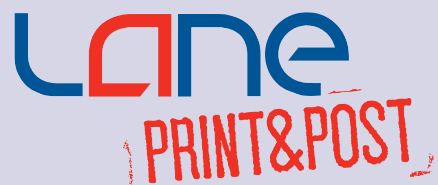
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At our Club Meeting on May 25, “our” regular spot - the Air Force Room - was being used, so we were accommodated next door in the Gallipoli Room, still an admirable venue and most conducive to conducting our Kiwanis “business”.

We had the bonus of a Guest Speaker with considerable charisma and an interesting topic. If you weren't able to join us to hear former Deputy Premier DON HOPGOOD, sorry, but you missed a great night! As a brief background Don told us how he had “retired” three times, was born in Prospect SA, is a widower interested in astronomy and jazz (he plays a brass instrument), having served in SA Parliament from 1970 to 1993 and held several portfolios including deputising when Premier John Bannon was out of town.

Lindsay also pointed out that the Hon. Mr Hopgood had a brief Kiwanis connection in the early 1980s when he was the honourable member who opened one of our Kiwanis Art Shows at Marion!

Mr Hopgood was well prepared with a great slideshow, including his favourite cartoon (Calvin & Hobbes), which prepared us for takeoff because outer space (the final frontier) is his favourite topic. We were set to visit the planet Mars (by imagination), and as a prelude Don provided some astronomical thoughts. He reminded us how Neil Armstrong and his pair of high flying partners landed on the Moon in July 1969, at which point Don reckoned mankind would be setting foot on Mars by the mid-1980s. Wrong.

USA lost two spacecraft in the 1990s near Mars, both aborted projects but at least no lives were lost as these were unmanned spacecraft. Earth is 93 million miles from the sun, and many astronomers have tantalised us with the thoughts that both Mars and Earth are far enough (close enough) from the sun to both support life. In other words Mars, a long long time ago, may well have been host to life of some kind. Did you know that a “day” on Mars is 20 minutes longer than our Earth 24 hours. Also, the atmosphere of that distant planet consists of carbon dioxide and nitrogen with virtually no oxygen - not conducive to breathing for us humans.

Scientists have deduced that Mars was warmer and had thicker atmosphere than it currently has. There also seems to be evidence of running water being there at some stage in the past, and also signs pointing to extinct volcanoes.

Don told us of a privately run Observatory in Arizona where Pluto (since downgraded as a planet) was first observed. There is also the common held belief that large meteorites could again strike our planet Earth sometime in the not too distant future. Interestingly, the gravity on Mars is only 25% as strong as on Earth, so you would be able to literally “float” around.



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It also means (to Garry's delight!) that the average punter could whang a golfball about 2 kilometres!!) with a 3-wood Tee shot!!

Anyone fancy a trip to Mars sometime in the future?! Mr Hopgood said a return trip to that planet could set you back around A\$40 million. Our speaker is most prepared and happy to take deposits any time for those who would like to book their journey to Mars - just no guarantee when takeoff will be !!

Predictably, Don owns his own high-grade telescope and doesn't mind a spot of star-gazing. Overall this would have to be one of the most fascinating topics, and we were so rapt to have had this man as Speaker (Don reminded us that Speaker of the House was one of the few positions he didn't fill in Parliament!). So, to sum up, the talk was really "out of this world", highly entertaining, most enlightening and well worth hearing. Thank you Don.

Those who helped join in on this "interplanetary experience" included President Janine, Ken, Krystyna, Peter, Alan W (raffle winner), Alan F, Graham, David, Graham, Ray, Lindsay, Colin, Dalidowicz family, Michael, and Don Millard (our Sergeant). Apologies were recorded from new member Will, Fred and Gosia. Golfer Garry was also in attendance and gave the vote of thanks. He is shown on the previous page, inset, delivering his appreciative comments for Don Hopgood's excellent talk.

Speaker Spot 2



Our Club Dinner Meeting on June 8th was again held in the Gallipoli Room as the Air Force Room was occupied by another function. A guest speaker wasn't on the agenda, so President Janine stepped into the breach by organising an entertaining Member Information spot.

An apology was received from Don M. (unwell) but those able to attend included President Janine, Ken, Peter, Alan W (our Sergeant), Alan F, Graham, Joseph, Will, Colin, Lindsay, Garry, Fred, David, Ray,

Lindsay spoke to the meeting on an interesting topic - Solar Cycle - and how data is now available from scientists, pointing to the fact that Earth's climate is now predicted to be likely to be cooling down, rather than warming up! Either way, climate change is definitely "on".

Lindsay told us how figures are available that show much of the Earth's foodbowls and green belt areas are likely to be under threat from various impending and current problems. He tabled some most interesting graphs and information sheets by David Archibold whose prophecies of a global nature have plenty of credence. These revelations were most interesting and certainly food for thought...

On a lighter note, our President had compiled some guidelines to help members talk for five minutes on their teenage years, outlining school activities, sporting prowess, early interests, etc. No-one in attendance had prior notice they were going to be giving a short impromptu speech, which helped make the whole experience rather entertaining, totally enlightening and most worthwhile!

As a very brief snapshot - FRED told how he was raised in Adelaide opposite Rowley Park at Brompton, before that area became a speedway track. As a 15-year-old he successfully applied for a job at Shell, and ended up working for that firm for over 40 years. Fred's comment was that "in those days, people didn't move around to different employment like they seem to do these days..."

ALAN WILLIAMS told how he was born in June 1940, so a few days ago he joined Janine in the Seventies Brigade (well done!). As a youth he was one of the many who rolled jaffas in movie theatres, while rowing was one of his sporting interests - he was involved in rowing for several years. In his teenage years he also did national service in the armed forces.

During RAY'S speaker spot, he told how he knew Bruce Harman very well as a youngster. He began working at Gerard Industries at Bowden and ended up working at Shell, as did Fred.

PETER came from a large family of 8, he was schooled in Melbourne before moving to Adelaide, and became an engineer as a career.

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JUNE DINNER MEETING REPORT (continued from previous page)

GRAHAM kept it short 'n sweet and let us know how he enjoyed playing tennis and lacrosse as a youth.

GARRY said he was born in UK and in his mid-teens his family decided to emigrate to Australia. A young Mr Meggison was just 16 when he landed on these fair shores, where he eventually met and married Glenys, and also established a most successful financial advising career.

JANINE, who lost her father in World War II, was a real sport-a-holic at school. She captained the girls softball and netball teams and won various awards. She also used to hang at the Chelsea Cinema as a youngster (she still does!) and has vivid memories of whizzing around on one of those autocycles. As Janine reiterated, it was a lot easier to get a job of your choice in the 1950s, as opposed to these days.

ALAN FORRESTER was born in Mildura, schooled at Irymple, sold wild asparagus to earn a few bob as a schoolkid, got a liking for wine as he grew up in a vineyard area (!), and his early interests included fishing, athletics and going on picnics on the banks of the River Murray.

JOSEPH attended a Government College, did well and went on to attend university where he studied law. He developed an early interest in travel and as a teenager played sport.

WILL has vivid memories of being in air raid shelters during the Battle of Britain, with the dreadful sound of bombs, air raid sirens and the awful damage caused in UK during the early 1940s. He also served in the air cadets, nearly fell out of a Tiger Moth during a flight (!!!!), and spent time as a choirboy at his local church.

KEN was born at Cheltenham, SA and schooled at Currency Creek. He eventually moved to Adelaide where he studied accountancy. His early working life saw him at Lightburns where Ken remembers the Zeta projects nearly sent that firm broke! He ended up working with Bob Ling at Hills Industries.

LINDSAY was born in Hobart and his family moved around a fair bit while he was still at school. His father liked engineering and a young Lindsay became interested in rocks and minerals, which led to him studying geology at uni. He was called up to go to Vietnam but (luckily) just missed out on actually going.

COLIN did his schooling at Stirling in the Adelaide Hills and as a teenager was involved in the Air Training Corps. He can remember doing heaps of parading, marching, parading, marching, plus time in flight simulators. His early working life in the 1950s was all at sea, literally. Colin was working on Shell tankers.

DAVID being our Kiwi Kiwanian, spent all his formative years in NZ, being into soccer and hockey while at school. He joined his high school Drama group, learned the piano accordion from an early age, and used to pushbike into town Saturday afternoons to buy the daily newspaper for twopence. This led to employment at the newspaper office, later emigrating to Adelaide to continue a printing industry career.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Kiwanis Club formed in Asia was organised in Tokyo Japan on January 24, 1964.

ALSO

Adelaide City's South West Community Centre is now hosting Ballroom Dancing lessons on Mondays evenings - 7.30 to 9.30pm. Classes are \$10 each. Learn to dance the night away!

The ASWCC also has available a booklet listing programs and events at all three of Adelaide's Community Centres - the South West, Box Factory and North Adelaide CC. Anyone's welcome to pop in and pick up a copy.

The Minutes have been provided by Chandler Giles of the latest Network meeting of ASWCC, held on May 19. Our Club members Colin Brookes and Will Baker were among the attendees - in fact Will's name is listed twice among the attendees in the Minutes - he must have been a busy chap that evening! Deputy Lord Mayor Michael Henningsen was amongst those attending, while Lord Mayor Michael Harbison was amongst the apologies. Marjon Martin made one of the presentations during the meeting. Advice was given that the next meeting will be held in the City on August 18. All welcome. Your KAN editor has a copy of the latest minutes if anyone would like to peruse them.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ADELAIDE - INTO OUR 5th DECADE!!



TRANS TASMAN TALK

It's not good policy to single out people when it comes to attending District Conventions, because during the past four decades, several Kiwanians have been to the majority of these enjoyable functions, certainly over recent years. However, a Letter to the Editor arrived last month from our perennial New Zealand visitor Chrissie McRobbie (left) who has attended many recent Conventions in Australia and it's worth passing on our Kiwi Kiwanian's words, because sadly she will be missing from 2010 Convention.

Hi David, I can't make it to Australia this year as I am going to London in October to see my son, his wife and their two wee girls, Chloe and Stephi. I am going to our NZ Convention in Rotorua in September and I have Betty and Louis D'Amor coming over from OZ for that, and staying with me for the week after. Do have a good Convention in the Barossa. I will miss seeing my Aussie mates though! Perhaps next year!! Cheers, Chrissie

STAMP OF APPROVAL !

Your Editor isn't really sure how many philatelists there are, out in "Kiwani Land", but he recently discovered this actual postage stamp issued in Australia in 1955. With a new value of threepence halfpenny, it was brought out to commemorate another Service Club organisation (Rotary) marking 50 years since its inception in 1905. In five years time Kiwanis International celebrates its centenary - maybe a postage stamp should be commissioned!



DON'T MISS THIS!

KIWANIS CLUB OF GLENELG

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT

SATURDAY JULY 10th (Not Friday 9th as prev. advised)

Lt Gov Div 8, ASHLEIGH GORE has requested that Glenelg Club organise a function to mark the visit to SA by District Governor KEN ARCHER (below)



All Kiwanians are encouraged to come along and join in the fun.

Somerton Park Bowling Club 6:30 for 7:00pm
(Cnr King George Ave & Eton Rd, Somerton Park)

2 Course Meal - \$20 per person Dress: Neat casual

Deposit: \$10 each, by late June (please RSVP via your Club Secretary)

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SA Kiwanis Hierarchy



Many of our Adelaide Club members have internet access at home and would therefore be able to gain updated information regarding Australia District details -
Just in case, here are our other local South Australian Club executive positions for 2009 / 2010:

DIVISION THREE

(Lt Gov Div 3 Alan Williams)

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(Lt Gov Div 8 Ash Gore)

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BUS OPERATORS CLUB
REYNELLA

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Glen Dorsey
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Marianne Noack
Margaret Hague
Graham Brown
Chris Ward
Peter Griffin

Charles Jolly
Chris Leske
Monica Scholz
Robert Culshaw
Joan Tye
Brian Emery

NEW KIWANIS SATELLITE CLUB IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA !!

Lt Gov Div 8, Ash Gore, advises of a new Satellite Kiwanis Club, currently with four members and calling themselves the South Coast Kiwanis Group. Based around the Victor Harbor / Port Elliot area, this group currently consists of PETER STANIFORD (Adelaide Hills Club member, now living in Goolwa), MARLENE CHAPMAN (former Glenelg Club member residing in Port Elliot), JOHN ZANDER (former Adelaide Hills member residing in Port Elliot), and BRUCE HOOPER past Adelaide Hills member residing in Victor Harbor).

They have been meeting in members' homes on a monthly basis. These members have already commenced a Terrific Kids programme at Goolwa Primary School, and also made a donation of \$500 towards a special reading and writing computer programme for the class of children with special needs at Goolwa Primary. The group has also held a fundraising barbecue at Mitre 10 Port Elliot.

Ash Gore requests that if anyone knows potential candidates who may be interested in swelling the numbers of this Kiwanis Group, please contact Ash (ph. 8388 7584) who will pass on the information.

Great to see the Kiwanis message being promulgated down south, and we wish this Group well.



GEORGE F. HIXSON FELLOWSHIP (KAN Special Report)

Our Adelaide Club has had a dozen members accorded one of Kiwanis highest honours - joining the elite group who have been awarded a George F. Hixson Fellowship, pictured below. Just what does this entail? Read on, and hopefully you will increase your knowledge on this fascinating subject.



The George F. Hixson Fellowship is awarded to Kwanians (via their Club) who donate \$US1000 and are able to demonstrate strong Kiwanis support. Where do the funds actually go? Well, the proceeds can be designated for one of two programmes, the Kiwanis International Endowment or the Kiwanis International Worldwide Service Project/Iodine Deficiency Disorders. The interest from funds placed in the Endowment is used to award international grants. The funds designated for IDD go directly to the WSP and have been steered towards Iodine Deficiency in recent years.

Who was this man Hixson? Pictured at the top of this page, he was the first Kiwanis International President. As a young attorney in Rochester, New York, George met Kiwanis founder Allen Browne on his own terms and the two discussed the agreement to form what would be the fourth K Club in Rochester.

George went to Cleveland, Ohio in May of 1916 for the first Convention of Kiwanis Clubs as a representative of his home Club of Rochester and came away from Cleveland as the first President of what was then known as National Kiwanis. He saw Kiwanis become international with the formation of the first Club in Canada at Hamilton, Ontario, on November 1, 1916.

During the period from 1916-1919, George Hixson saw the organisation torn over two major issues. One was the relationship of Allen Browne to the Kiwanis he had founded in Detroit in 1915. The other was the philosophical split between Browne's feeling that "We trade" should be the motto, and the "Service to humankind" motto brought by other Kiwanis leaders. Don Johnson, President of the Detroit Club, and Joe Prance (the first to sign an application for membership), were the dominant forces behind the belief that Kiwanis success was based on service.

It was obvious that a break had to come and Hixson took Allen aside and bluntly told him that his best course was to accept the offer made to him to buy the organisation and to quietly move on.

Interestingly, Hixson is listed as having held the position of International President for two years, becoming the only person to hold this role for more than one year. Although never a Governor, George Hixson favoured the plan for the establishment of Districts put forth at the Providence Convention of 1918. His was a continuing prominent role, as Kiwanis prepared for its Constitutional Convention held in Denver, Colorado in 1924. Always positive and frequently blunt, especially as the years passed, it was George who in 1917 established for all time the manner a member of the Kiwanis Club should be referred. They are a KEE-WAHN-IAN.

Even though Hixson's influence in Kiwanis waned as the years passed, he was still a highly recognised personality at all International Councils and Conventions. He felt his key role in later years was to corner members of the International Board and the committee of past presidents, explaining with great vigour what he thought was wrong with Kiwanis and giving his ideas on how to correct such wrongs.

It is true that some felt heavily "leaned upon" and tried to avoid at all cost the finger of George Hixson in their faces demanding attention to what he had to say. Nevertheless, when the time came to establish a Fellowship within the Kiwanis International foundation in which Kwanians could seek membership through appropriate contributions, it was abundantly clear that the honour of the name for such a Fellowship should go to George F. Hixson.

Thus the George F. Hixson Fellowship was created in 1983 in honour of the first international President. It surely seems appropriate to celebrate the founding of the Hixson Fellowship by learning a bit more about the man for whom it is named. George F. Hixson passed away in USA on March 10, 1967, but his name will live on forever, remembered by all those who are members of the George F. Hixson Fellowship.

The Hixson award to this day remains as the "Magarey Medal" of our local service clubs, and a much aspired-to honour - in all cases, well deserved.

Adelaide Club members - our current Hixson recipients are Ken Farmer, Bob Thompson, Peter O'Keefe, Ken Foggo, Janine Powell, Fred Wilson, Ray Packer, alongside respected deceased members Bruce Harman, George Monten, Lionel Whalan, Vic Hugo and Murdy Inglis. **GEORGE F. HIXSON RECIPIENTS - WE SALUTE YOU !!**

The Birth of Kiwanis



Your KAN Editor acquired many intriguing Kiwanis items that past Club Secretary Vic Hugo had gathered during his lengthy spell in office. Included in these items was a pamphlet containing some most interesting information on the formative years of Kiwanis, both in USA and Australia. There's plenty of history which is worth reflecting on, because we are less than five years away from celebrating 100 years of Kiwanis! Following is a summary of that pamphlet, centering on Mr Allen S. Browne's role in "hatching" Kiwanis.

THE BIRTH AND GROWTH OF KIWANIS

Dateline: 1914. The month of August that brought the start of the Great War in Europe, and two men held a meeting at 1188 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit in the tailor's shop of Joe Prance. Enterprising businessman Allen Simpson Browne had called on his friend Mr Prance to discuss the possibility of organising a few of their business and professional friends into a fraternal club featuring a sickness benefit.

Allen Browne had made his livelihood over recent months by successfully setting up Lodges for the Loyal Order of Moose in USA and Canada, but had not had such a good run in Detroit in trying to start off the Loyal Home Fraternity based on accident and sickness benefits - in fact Prance and Browne had met just a few weeks earlier when the latter was trying to get the Loyal Home deal going. Browne was determined to make a go of this latest potential new venture.

In these early days of the 20th century he identified the need for a club of only business and professional men without insurance features. Men seemed to be looking for new ideas in human relationships, giving Browne great hope to launch his latest scheme.

Browne was to feature prominently in the next couple of years and there can be little doubt that his energy, enthusiasm and selling ability laid the foundations of the Kiwanis movement as we know it today. In the earliest years of Kiwanis, it was the respectable, bespectacled Browne who was responsible for recruiting members and starting up these new clubs.



Significantly, after suggesting a few amendments to Browne's scheme, Joseph C. Prance signed the application form in the tailor shop, paid Browne his \$5 "subs" (thereby becoming the first paid up member) and a new organisation was born.

However, at that time in 1914 there wasn't any thought of a Kiwanis Club as such. In fact the name Browne had chosen for his new organisation was "The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers", and in spite of that pretentious name this Club was eventually organised on 7th December 1914, and soon became known as "BOB". During Christmas 1914, BOB members sought out indigent and crippled children (today referred to as disadvantaged) and helped them in whatever way they could, and so set a programme that would be followed throughout the future years. Predictably, many complained that the name "The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers" was unsuitable and meaningless, and towards the end of December 1914 at a meeting of 35 members, it was moved that the longwinded name be abandoned and a committee formed to select a better one.



*Top pic:
The Titanic disaster had occurred just a couple of years prior to Kiwanis being "born".*

Left: A typical USA street scene from the era in which Kiwanis started, way back in 1914.

*Opposite page:
Women weren't destined to be eligible for joining Kiwanis for several years.*

Special Feature: The Birth of Kiwanis

The motion was carried and the committee called on the services of the Detroit Historian to select a name of historical significance. After much discussion, a phrase from the local Indian tribe (using their Otchipow language) gave them what they were seeking. *Nun Ke-wan-is* which could be interpreted as "We enjoy trading, we find pleasure in sharing our talents" appeared to be most descriptive of their Club. From that phrase, they coined the name "Kiwanis".

This name met with instant approval. It was short and easy to pronounce. It had a pleasing sound, was distinctive and could readily become distinguished.

Before the end of December this name was adopted and in the first week of January 1915, the initial meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Detroit was held in the Griswold Hotel - where the "Nun" wording was officially left off. At this meeting the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and four Directors were elected. Also at this meeting the members approved the name "Kiwanis" and the "Articles of Association".

On January 21, (almost Graham Shevlin's birthday!) 1915, the Charter was signed and recorded by the Secretary of State of the United States, having been returned by the State of Michigan, and this date became the official birth date of Kiwanis. A bronze plaque displayed on the Griswold Hotel commemorates the founding of our organisation and exists to this day.

In mid-July at a meeting attended by 175 members, accusations were made against Browne and the Secretary, Ottie Robertson. These accusations were later found to be completely unjust but as Browne was virtually the owner of Kiwanis at that time, he was receiving the full joining fee and selling one share in Kiwanis with each membership.

At this stage Browne and Robertson thought it wise to leave Detroit for Cleveland to organise a Kiwanis club there. They contacted professional men and businessmen there, promising that the new Club "is designed to gather only the outstanding citizens".

Ten weeks after their arrival, the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland was organised with a membership of 135 within ten weeks and this same Club organised another nine clubs in double quick time. The network was really beginning to blossom.

Meanwhile, remaining Detroit Club members had regrouped for their first major Service Project - the adoption of a young ward who was completely supported by the Club. Apparently they even changed his name to "Henry Kiwanis"! Thus, the motives of fellowship, service and youth activities were established at an early stage.

It was now becoming obvious that Kiwanis had to have a national organisation. After consulting other Clubs,

Cleveland organised the very first Kiwanis Convention. Held in Cleveland on 18-19 May, 1916 this inaugural Convention attracted members from more than 16 Clubs. At this Convention a National Constitution was written and adopted, and a National President, George F. Hixson, was elected.

Kiwanis now came under the notice of the newspapers, and stories about the organisation crossed the border into Canada. When a district organiser visited Hamilton he found a ready audience and the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, organised on November 1, 1916 immediately commenced a programme of public service.

Hamilton Club in Canada is recognised to this day as the first Club that propelled Kiwanis into an organisation with international status. The local Hamilton daily newspaper considered this event so notable that it devoted 14 pages of one of its editions to covering this newfangled Kiwanis Club. (Oh to get similar coverage these days!)

By May 1917, there were over 50 Clubs in existence (representing 5700 members), including four in Canada, and the Convention that year was held in Detroit. At this Convention many problems were sorted out. Additional Kiwanis

Clubs were authorised where the potential membership was too great for one, the matter of dues was straightened out and set at a minimum level that would allow each Club to send their delegates to Conventions.

Also at the 1917 Convention the official emblem was approved. Apart from changing the Kiwanis name to Kiwanis International and the much later addition of the globe surround, this emblem has changed very little from that day (see next page).

The motivation of this new organisation was the reciprocal buying of goods and services and was exemplified by their motto, "We trade". However the members soon realised they could gather together and have a good time, but scratching each other's backs in business would not motivate them in the long run. Dissension arose over this seemingly selfish motive, as members realised that mere economic profit was not sufficient reason for sustaining the Kiwanis Club; community service without thought for personal gain was a sounder motivation.

The initial membership fee had risen from \$5 to \$10 by mid-July 1915, and Browne still legally "owned" Kiwanis, a fact that was resented by some.

In 1918 at the Convention in Providence, a new contract was drawn up for Allen Browne. This contract was designed to free the Organisation from Browne's dominance. The contract would continue for three years but the following year at the 1919 Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, it was agreed to buy Browne out and \$17,500 was raised by the delegates within an hour, to achieve this (Browne had actually proposed this



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motion, thinking that Kiwanis would not be able to raise the capital, but he was mistaken.) As a point of interest, Baltimore Club put up the first \$500 of the \$17,500 with the rest surprisingly being raised within an hour.

Although he had his critics, Browne could never be proved to be other than enthusiastic and committed to the goals of Kiwanis. He was sincere about the organisation he had founded, and many regretted that his services and counsel were to be surrendered.

It's sobering for us current Kiwanians to contemplate that the whole organisation came close to faltering at an early stage, and even failing altogether just six months after its new name had been chosen, but luckily wiser counsel was to prevail.



At the 1917 Convention, the "new" Kiwanis logo was confirmed (top emblem), and the second logo shown here, for Kiwanis International, was later ratified, with the globe of the world added.

By the time of the Convention at Providence, Rhode Island in 1918, Kiwanis had grown exponentially to 93 Clubs (and 10,000 members) with many more in the process of being organised. It was obvious that some greater control was needed and at this Convention, Kiwanis was organised into Districts with elected District Governors, but a move to make these Governors the trustees of the International Organisation was disallowed.

Around this time the first issue of a broadly distributed Kiwanis magazine was produced, known as the Kiwanis Hornet, of all names!

By 1920 there was much discussion on the subject of a suitable motto. The original meaning given to Kiwanis

- "We enjoy trading" was obviously unsuitable because trading between members was not the reason for the various Clubs' existence. In January of that year one of the trustees, Roe Fulkerson, moved for the adoption of the Kiwanis motto "We Build" which was carried unanimously. Fulkerson later admitted that "God inspired me to write those two words"

In an article in the Kiwanis magazine of March 1920, Fulkerson explained his reasons for putting forward this motto. He wrote, "In every city which has a Kiwanis Club, that Club has built steadily for civic pride".

"In its work for recreation grounds, for pure politics, for better housing and living conditions, for safety first movements and for every charitable institution of which the city boasts, Kiwanis has made the cities in which it exists better cities to live in. Building for Civic betterment has been the big outstanding feature of the movement everywhere."

"Kiwanis has everywhere built for better business standards. Kiwanis had built up the personality of every man who is one of its members."

"We build in Kiwanis"

So the new motto came into effect but it is perhaps a pity that the remainder of the original phrase was lost. "We find pleasure in sharing our talents" which was given as the second part of the interpretation of Nun Kee-wan-is, can be seen as the underlying motive for the Objects of Kiwanis.

In 1924 at the eighth Annual Convention in Denver Colorado, the name was officially changed to Kiwanis International, this move having been justified by the growth of the movement in Canada. Also at this Convention the present Constitution and By-laws were adopted and, most importantly, the six Constitutional Objects, which form the written basis of the Kiwanis philosophy, were drawn up and adopted. As early as 1925 Kiwanis established Key Clubs International, for service at high school level. Then in 1947, Circle K was initiated for college and university students. With these actions, the foundations of an international service club had been set in place within its first decade of existence.

In 1961, the 46th Annual Convention held in Toronto was especially noteworthy because it was at this Convention that Kiwanis was authorised to extend to other countries. As a result of this the first club in Mexico was established in Tijuana in 1962, and in 1963 the first European Club was organised - in Vienna, Austria.

By January 1, 1966 Kiwanis had spread to 17 countries outside the USA and Canada. Twelve years later Kiwanis had become established in more than 60 countries around the world, with in excess of 7000 Clubs and more than 300,000 members. A truly remarkable growth rate.

FOOTNOTE: *While most of the article above on The History of Kiwanis was gleaned from the small brochure previously mentioned, some "top-up" facts have been added from the Kiwanis website.*

KIWANIS IN AUSTRALIA

(Remember, this is reprinted from an outdated brochure!!)

Kiwanis in Australia began on November 25, 1966. On this date the Board of Directors of Kiwanis International meeting in Chicago, Illinois, resolved that operations should commence in Australia. Less than a year later, on October 27, 1967, the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne, Australia, was chartered by James M. Moler, President of Kiwanis International. During the next two years Kiwanis Clubs were formed in Sydney, Springvale (Victoria), Adelaide, Perth, Camberwell, Brisbane, Wollongong, Moorabbin, Hobart, Chatswood, and as a consequence Kiwanis International requested that Australia should become a Provisional District.

On October 18, 1969, Mr Robert Weber Esq, Kiwanis International President, at the Inaugural Convention of Kiwanis in Australia held in Melbourne, declared Australia a Provisional District of K.I. Bill Lees who had acted as "Keyman in Australia" from the very beginning was elected the First Governor of Kiwanis Provisional District of Australia.



Above: Mr Bill Lees from Melbourne, acknowledged as "The Father of Kiwanis in Australia"

In the ten years following the Charter of Melbourne Club, Kiwanis in Australia grew at a steady rate. Each State was classified a Division and numbered with Victoria and Tasmania being Div 1, NSW Div 2, SA and NT Div 3, WA Div 4 and Qld Div 5. Later Division 6 was formed in Victoria to cope with the number of Clubs in that State.

In every Division Kiwanis Clubs have made a great impact on their communities. Darwin Club, in spite of Cyclone Tracy and the subsequent loss of some members, never missed a meeting and in 1977 raised \$18,840 for the Spastic Association by sponsoring an entrant in the Miss Northern Territory Quest. Darwin have every right to be proud of their achievements which include giving toys to underprivileged children, donating wheelchairs to handicapped children, assisting pensioners and mentally



challenged persons. In a city with some 14 active Clubs, the Kiwanis Club of Darwin is probably the best known and most respected in the community.

Further south, Glenelg Club in Adelaide initiated the distribution of a white flowers to mothers in Homes and hospitals in Adelaide's metro area on Mothers Day. Commencing as a Club activity in 1975 this has now become an annual project for all Clubs in the Division.

Adelaide Club has raised many thousands of dollars for the Autism Association of SA (formerly known as Autistic Children's Association) by organising an Art Exhibition each year since 1970.

In Perth a large park has been developed as an adventure park for children. In Victoria the Shepparton Club also runs a successful annual Art Show and contributes greatly to their community by staging regattas, Carols by Candlelight and other spectacular events designed to help elderly citizens and youth. The Kiwanis Club of Wollongong South builds chairs for handicapped children.

These are only a few of the projects attempted by Kiwanis Clubs in Australia. Fundraising is by no means the major activity. Each year Kiwanis International advises a Major Emphasis Programme for the year. Some years ago the emphasis was on youth and the aged, and these are still given priority by many Clubs. Later the emphasis moved to a campaign against crime and this too has initiated many spectacular activities with Kiwanis Clubs cooperating closely with State police to help to educate the public on methods for preventing crime.

In 1978 a most successful competition was organised Australia-wide calling for children to write an essay on ways of combatting crime. The findings from these essays could have a lasting impact on the attitudes of Australian families.

Kiwanis is now firmly established on the Australian scene and in the years to come it will have an increasing influence on the communities it serves. Every new Club will be carrying on a tradition which has been developing since those early days of Kiwanis History when the first Club was built way back in 1915 in America.

With service to Youth, Community and Nation as their purpose in life, Kiwanis are indeed building a better world in which to live.

As the motto says – "WE BUILD" . . .

(These Australian details have been reproduced here as they appeared in the original printed brochure from the late 1970s. Obviously the lists of Club projects are somewhat outdated, and they don't mention the current slogan of Serving the Children of the World)

KIWANIS MEND THE GENDER BENDER SITUATION

As a codicil to the previous four-page Feature on the birth of Kiwanis, from its roots in America, to its gestation period in Australia, it is definitely worth reiterating how our K movement has come a long way since the original concept as a males-only movement.

In the mid-1970s the vexed question of gender in our then male dominated service clubs reached the high court in America. The US Jaycees and Rotary International battled through the courts over their "rights" to limit membership based on gender. The American Supreme Court ruled in mid 1987 that Rotary must open its membership to both males and females in California.

A vote on July 7, 1987 at the Kiwanis International Convention in Washington saw 80 per cent of the 5600+ male delegates stand in support of the motion to remove the gender bias. By the end of 1987-88 administrative year, over 8500 women had joined Kiwanis worldwide.

1997-98 International President Mr Walter Sellers reiterated Kiwanis attitude to diversity when he said, "Make it known that Kiwanis represents all races, cultures and religious beliefs. Make it known that Kiwanis is an organisation for both men and women. Make it known that Kiwanis welcomes young, middle-age, and older adults in our fellowship and service."

These days, there can be occasional mild debate on this subject, but it is really great to be able to consider that appropriately, women are totally considered equal membership candidates for Kiwanis and in fact it has really helped the Kiwanis cause that females can join our organisation.

In Adelaide Club's case, females constitute nearly 25 per cent of our membership (with two honorary members included), so that is a worthwhile percentage - and it really is great to see that women are these days quite rightly acknowledged as equals in membership status. That's the way it should be! Our Club has had two females "in charge" (including the present President) and it's easy to admit that having ladies on board our Kiwanis organisation is "just the best thing!"

QUIZ NIGHTS - Don't forget!

(Page 3 for details)

JULY 03 - ADELAIDE KIWANIS HILLS CLUB - Venue: Echunga Memorial Institute

JULY 31 - TIMPIR AID ORGANISATION, SUDAN - Venue: Enfield Community Centre

SMILE AWHILE :-)

The young ventriliquist, fairly new to this caper, was sailling through the routine with his puppet "assistant" seated at his right hand. A lot of the ventriliquist's repertoire centred on blonde jokes which were coming out thick and fast, and the audience seemed quite responsive and appreciative. However, partway through the session a lady (with blonde hair) jumped to her feet and loudly proclaimed, "I've had enough of this! Really, how can you be up there on stage poking fun at a section of the human race just because of the colour of their hair. On behalf of all blondes I reckon you should just stop right now. and turn to another subject....!!" The ventriliquist was taken aback, cleared his throat and started, "Okay ma'am, there was never any intention to" He was interrupted by the lady of light coloured hair who said, "Back off mister, I'm talking to the little guy sitting on your knee . . . !!!"

A class of five-year-old schoolchildren return to the classroom after playing in the playground during their break time. The teacher says to the first child, "Hello Becky, what have you been doing this playtime?" Becky replies, "I have been playing in the sandbox." "Very good," says the teacher. "If you can spell 'sand' on the blackboard, I will give you a biscuit." Becky duly goes and writes 's a n d' on the blackboard. "Very good," says the teacher and gives Becky a biscuit. The teacher then says, 'Freddie, what have you been doing in your playtime?' Freddie replies, "Playing with Becky in the sandbox." "That's lovely," says the teacher, "If you can spell 'box' on the blackboard, I will also give you a biscuit." Freddie duly goes and writes 'b o x' on the blackboard. "Very good," says the teacher and gives Freddie a biscuit. Teacher then says, 'Hello Mohammed, have you been playing in the sandbox with Becky and Freddie?' "No," replies Mohammed, "I wanted to, but they would not be letting me. Every time I went near them they started throwing sand at me, calling the nasty names to me and asking to see under my jacket in case I had explosives." "Oh dear," says the teacher, "that sounds like blatant racial discrimination to me - tell you what, if you can spell 'blatant racial discrimination' I will give you a biscuit."

Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached cruising altitude, the captain announced: “Ladies and gentlemen, this is your Captain, welcoming you on flight 293 non-stop from London to Toronto.

“The weather ahead is fine and calm, so we should be experiencing a smooth uneventful flight. Sit back, relax and . . . **OH MY GOD !!!!!!!**”

Silence followed.

Some moments later the Captain returned to the intercom. “Ladies and gentlemen, I’m sorry if I scared anyone while I was talking to you. A flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in the cockpit and it landed on my crotch. You should see the front of my pants!”

One Irish passenger yelled out, “For goodness sake, you should see the back of my pants!!”

A middle-aged man from Tupelo, Mississippi, walked into a bank in New York City and asked to speak to the loans officer, telling him that he was going to Paris on an international festival for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 cash. He admitted that he was not a customer of the bank.

The bank officer told him that they would need some form of security for the loan, so the man from Mississippi handed over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street out front of the bank. The ownership papers were produced for the flash car and everything checked out. The loans officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologised for having to charge 12% interest.

Later, the bank’s president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the country boy from the south for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the car carefully into the bank’s private underground garage and parked it. Two weeks later the borrower returned, repaid the \$5,000 plus the interest of \$23.07. The loans officer said, “Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are greatly puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out on Dunn & Bradstreet and found that you are a highly experienced investor and multi-millionaire with real estate and financial interests all over the world. Forgive us for probing, but why on earth would you bother to borrow \$5,000??”

The good ol’ southern man replied, “Where else in New York City can I park my car for a fortnight for only \$23.07 and also expect it to still be there when I return?!”



Right: The definition of Irony



BRITISH SURVEY

A recent survey in the United Kingdom asked the following question:

Are there too many foreigners in this country now?

Answer:

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DISTRICT CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Thursday 26th

Registration desk opens
Board of Trustees meeting
Civic Reception 5:30 @ Council Chambers
Past Governors Dinner

Friday 27th

Opening by Mayor Brian Hurn
Business Session(s)
Lunch with Guest Speaker
Afternoon Tour "Taste the Produce"
Business Session(s)
Dinner - Installation of Lt Governors

Saturday 28th

Early Morning Tour - Farms & Views
Morning Tour "Taste the Heritage"
Business Session(s)
Lunch with Guest Speaker
Afternoon Tour "Taste the Barrels"
Business Session(s)
Convention Dinner, Angaston Town Hall

Sunday 29th

Ecumenical & Memorial Service 9:30
Brunch 10:00 am
Conference Close



THE LAST WORD!

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Jolly well would need to be
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in a big way!



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