

ADELAIDE CLUB AGM

MAY 27th dinner meeting was also our Club's AGM, where those in attendance included President Colin Brookes, Secretary Ken Foggo, Treasurer Peter O'Keefe, Alan Williams, Ray Packer, Ron Milsom, Alan Forrester, Garry Meggison (raffle winner), Fred Wilson, David McNabb, Graham Shevlin, Irena, Tony and Andrew Dalidowicz, Krystyna Kubiak, and our guest speaker, Jane Scotcher from Ronald McDonald House.

Apologies came from Lindsay (away, work), Don (away, holidays) and Colin Waterman (unwell). The current Board and Executive were returned unopposed, with Colin B being IPP, and Alan Williams kindly agreeing to becoming President-Elect.

Congratulations and best wishes to our "new" Board, due to be installed on Handover Night in September.

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Inside: More pix from Sturt
Street School Working Bee



KANDID CAMERA

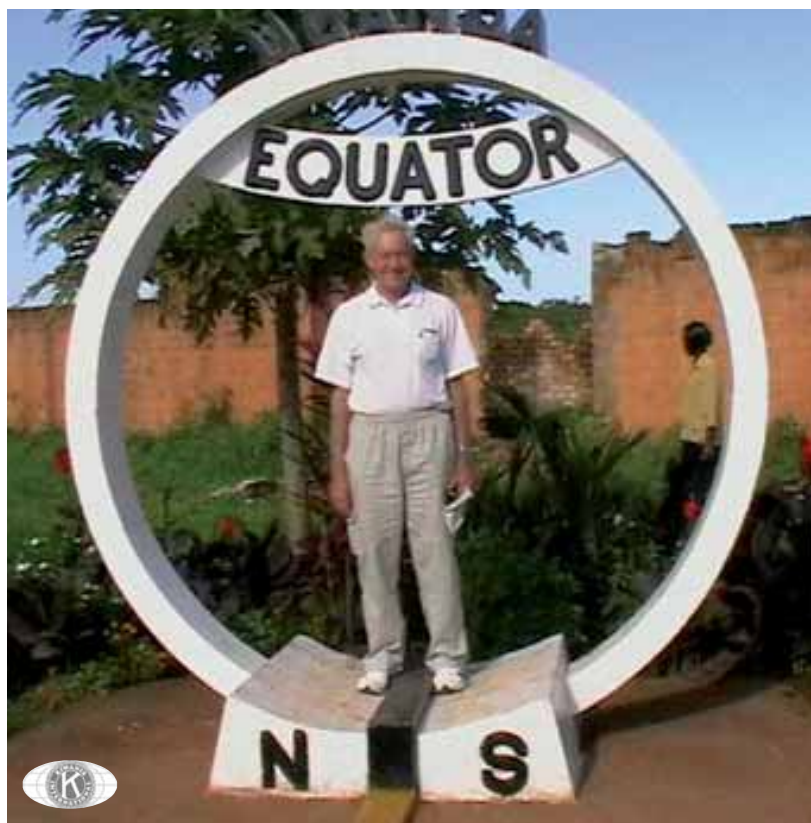


Colin Waterman is in trouble. Since producing those terrific metal planter frames which were used at the Sturt Street School working bee, wife Wendy W. has put her order in for Colin to churn out something similar for their garden. Go figure Colin!! (success has its price!)

The HeartKids Quiz Night held at Unley on May 17th had a good representation from our own Kiwanis Club - in fact our table turned out to be the only Kiwanians present amongst a very large gathering of around 400 people, and mention was made at the start of the evening regarding Kiwanis support for the HeartKids movement. "Our" table comprised the Dalidowicz family, Colin Brookes, Ken Foggo and Ray Packer who all had a fun night.

Condolences are extended to the family of one of our very early Club members Bill Harvey who passed away recently. Bill has not been in the K fraternity for some time, but for many years in the 1970s was an active stalwart.

While on funerals, also noted is the recent passing of Peggy Arnold, wife of the late Geoff Arnold, past Lt Gov and Life Member of Glenelg Club. Peg's funeral was held early June.



Your humble editor can only say "sorry" for the week or so lateness in supplying the May KAN, but work commitments and a property sale with its inherent time consuming aspects have conspired to delay production of this edition. However, we have set some sort of record for this month with a 12 page issue(!), so read on and hopefully enjoy your new KAN...

OUT OF AFRICA . . .

Left: Our globetrotting Fred Wilson crossing the equator on the way back from a 3 day safari to the Queen Elizabeth National Park during his recent African excursion. Read more on Fred's travels on page 10.



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

- Irena Dalidowicz June 7th
- Sam Christodoulou June 12th
- Alan Williams June 13th
- Kevin Reich June 21st



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

The Robilliard and Dalidowicz families celebrate their anniversaries in June. Well done!

THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH
Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every couple of hours?!



CLUB DIARY DATES

TUESDAY JUNE 10 - DINNER MEETING (Guest Speaker: Marion Marjon)
(WELCOME ALSO TO ADELAIDE HILLS CLUB, visiting us . . .)

TUESDAY JUNE 27 - DINNER MEETING Usual venue Speaker TBA

KANDID CAMERA Postscript.

President Colin and Alan received Certificates of Appreciation last month for National Volunteers Week - they were countersigned by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. National Volunteer Week ran from May 12 - 18.

BUS NEWS: Don provided a report recently on the Kiwanis Bus Service, outlining how there are many Bus drivers now that belong to their own Sub-Club, which entitles these much needed volunteer drivers to Kiwanis benefits, but they are not obligated to attend K meetings on a regular basis. This has evolved through a shortage of qualified bus drivers, and we do need drivers to keep the service running! One of these drivers, Dave Potter, has recently retired from steering the K bus since he turned 80 years old and no longer holds a licence.



KIOSK NEWS! Did you know, that as of recently, Adelaide City Council has put up a sign on Port Rd, near the Entertainment Centre, pointing to the Kiosk ("our" kiosk) in Bonython Park. Every bit of advertising helps!!



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SPONSOR CHILD - World Vision



Late last year our long-standing Sponsor child through World Vision, Ritah Nalubega, advanced to an age where she is deemed "self sufficient" with support from her family, so we now have a new" sponsor child - Delphine Muhawenimana - who is also based in Africa.

With help from Jean, a CRS Assistant, Delphine has written to thank our Club and here is the transcript of her letter:

Dear Sponsor,

Hi. Thank you for sponsoring me. My name is Delphine Muhawenimana and I am a happy girl born on February 4, 2001. I am in primary, 1st grade. My favourite subject is National language and I like toys.

I live with my mother only, because my father died. I have three brothers and two sisters. We depend on growing of wheat, sorghum, with potatoes and beans. Babysitting is my home chore. From home to the well is 1000 metres, 3 kilometres to school and 4 kilometres to the health centre.

We live in Rwanda, a lovely country located in central Africa and sharing borders with Uganda in north, Burundi in south, Tanzania in east and Democratic Republic of Congo in the west. Kigali is the capital city of Rwanda. We stay at 90 kilometres away from Kijali.

Thank you once again or sponsoring me. Your Sponsor Child

DELPHINE MUHAWENIMANA RWA-178198 - 2099



Pictured below is Jane Scotcher during the delivery of her fascinating insight into Adelaide's Ronald McDonald House. (see article opposite)

Janine & Simon's 2008 "Magical Mystery Tour"

A small selection of photos from the Around Australia trip that Janine and Simon Keulen are currently undertaking. See Editor's Mailbag for more details. (Love the "parking advice" sign...)



"We cannot change the situation for the families who enter our doors, but with love and support we can make their journey that bit easier"

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The following article appeared in The Advertiser last month and in this Year of the Volunteer, serves as a reminder (none needed) that as well as Service Clubs such as Kiwanis having to really push for new members, there's a similar dilemma for volunteer organisations who are also struggling for personnel. Read on . . .

Fewer ready to give others a helping hand

SOUTH Australia has the worst rate of volunteering in the nation.

While the rest of Australia has experienced growth in numbers in the past decade, SA has bucked the trend. A Federal Government study,

Volunteering in Australia, shows numbers here have dropped from 38 per cent of the population in 2000 to 32 per cent today.

Volunteering Australia's chief executive Gary Pedicinie said: "We do know broadly, and this

may be a factor, that across Australia generally there is a decline in community service volunteering. It could be SA had a higher proportion of community service volunteering and, therefore, as that trend is reflected across the nation,

it could explain some of that large decrease".

Volunteering SA chief Moira Deslandes disputed the figures. "It's growing in lots of ways with lots of young people volunteering, particularly in the environment area," she said.

Kelly Fitzhardy, 27, and Rennie Riley, 77, volunteer at Ronald McDonald House Charities. Mr Riley, of Rosewater, loves working with sick children who use the facilities. "They make it all worthwhile," he said.

SPEAKER SPOT



On May 24 our Club members were privileged to hear JANE SCOTCHER, our guest speaker who talked to us about Ronald McDonald House in Adelaide. Originally a Registered Nurse, Jane worked at Wakefield Hospital for 15 years before the chance arose to apply for the position as inaugural overseer at RM House when this worthwhile venture was being set up 8 years ago.

The Board of Ronald McDonald House consisted of Glen Cooper (Coopers Brewery), David Simmons from Hills Industries, and Sir Eric Neal (past Gov.General), this trio having helped set up Adelaide's branch of this nation-wide organisation which provides accommodation and sanctuary for families from out of town who have a child suffering a serious illness that requires lengthy periods of hospital treatment. One of the Mission Statements is to help keep these disadvantaged families together.

While working at Wakefield, Jane noticed an advertisement in 2000 for someone to set up and manage RM House and as she had an interest in palliative care, decided to apply. The original "House" was set up at Women's & Children's Hospital before quickly transferring to its own premises in Melbourne St, North Adelaide.

A commitment to raise a large sum of funds was needed before the licence could be granted to get RM House up and running, and a consortium of nine local businessmen was able to pledge the \$2 million needed - a terrific effort. This meant Adelaide's Ronald McDonald House was able to be freehold right from the start. There are now nine RM H franchises throughout this State, with the one in North Adelaide being probably the most central city-based location.

Kiwanis Clubs were amongst the benefactors and Jane proudly informed us how Kiwanis raised \$50,000 at the beginning of RMH's operations in Adelaide. In fact, there is a Kiwanis Room with sponsors board, mounted inside the building.

Most families seeking accommodation with RM House usually stay for a few weeks but we were told of one family who needed to remain residents for 17 months! However the large percentage usually stay an average of around six months. There have been 750 families helped out over the past eight years.

The organisation has 70 volunteers, of which 40 are "on call", many being on hand for large amounts of time. Some volunteers (bless their souls) are often able to help out over an entire weekend which is a marvellous effort on their part. They really are part of the engine room which keeps the place going.

Just six months after the operation began, RM House needed to have a waiting list, due to the increased demand on its services. Expanding the original building was soon considered, including flirting with the idea of building over the carpark in Melbourne Street. However Jane pushed for the idea of "waiting, not rushing into rebuilding".

Jane's wise counsel proved to be correct a couple of years ago when they were able to bid at auction for a neighbouring property that became available. This land was purchased, Council passed plans for an expanded Ronald McDonald House, and 10 more units were approved to be built - somewhat like motel rooms with self contained facilities and much needed privacy (whereas previously families had to share kitchens, rec rooms, etc).

Four Kiwanis Clubs (including Burnside, Mitcham and C'town/Rostrevor) are involved with hosting dinner evenings regularly at the House. Jane extended an invitation to our own Kiwanis Club of Adelaide to consider joining in by helping out at a future dinner night - a proposal that will be considered at our next Board meeting. Many thanks Jane for enlightening us on what Ronald McDonald House is about, and how Kiwanis Clubs can further their involvement.

Footnote: Being Guest Speaker, Jane was asked to draw the raffle, and (as has happened in the past) drew her own ticket! She magnanimously offered to re-draw, and Garry became the raffle winner. Must be something about seating at the Top Table, as Garry was the man who introduced the Guest Speaker..... !!! [See opp. page for pic of Jane in action]

STURT STREET SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Saturday morning, May 10th dawned lovely and fine following several days of (welcome) rain, ensuring all was green and fresh, ready for our Club members to attack Sturt Street Community School for a good “old-fashioned” working bee.

Capably coordinated by “Captain” Colin (Waterman), several of our troops were there by 0830 hours, ready for action, with assistance from school principal Pat Cardone, in assigning the tasks we were about to face.

The advance battalion, comprising Brigadier Don Millard and Corporal Ken Foggo helped with the initial task of draining a smaller rainwater tank, ready for re-positioning on the northern flank, the original tank due to be replaced by a larger unit.

Reinforcements were soon parachuted in for this Division: David McNabb, Tony Dalidowicz and Andrew Dalidowicz who promptly set about helping the troops already bunkered in.

Flt Lt Krystyna Kubiak flew past around 0900 hrs to check progress on her way to helping at the Dom Polski Centre - her support was a morale booster for the troops.

Lance Corporal Lindsay Curtis provided welcome support to the troops when he landed with the plant frames that had been pre-fabricated by field engineer Waterman.





Sturt Street Working Bee



Sturt Street Working Bee

Line marking and relocation of Hopscotch squares were amongst the tasks set by HQ and undertaken willingly by our valiant troops.

Platoon President Colin Brookes was detached to help oversee one of our big missions which field engineers Daldowicz (x 2) performed admirably under “friendly fire”.

As we were preparing for de-mob, with most of our planned activities having been engaged Brigadier Millard was able to help co-ordinate remaining troops to the de-facto wet canteen at the Elephant & Castle where a very enjoyable luncheon was held in the off-shore “officers mess”.

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THOUGHT PROVOKERS

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, what's the likely temperature....

What is the speed of darkness . . . ?

How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

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MAILBAG



(For some reason, after our last KAN which featured Bob Thompson's 90th Birthday, your editor received a considerable amount of feedback, probably more than any other issue has generated. The following is a small selection of some of the correspondence (gratefully) received. Keep those cards n letters rolling in folks . . . !!

Dear David,

Greetings and thanks for your KAN April edition. Just to prove that people are reading your publication and I might add, with great interest about the Adelaide Kiwanis Club. May I refer you to page 6, the article Speaker Spot. I have it on good authority that your Guest Speaker's name is Bill Bradfield. Evidently Bill stayed in Melbourne with Barry Cleland, Past President and Life Member of Doncaster / Templestowe Kiwanis Club. Our Barry was also President of the Astronomical Society in Victoria just two years ago This society enjoys a membership of over 1000 financial members. Apart from the mistake naming the guest speaker, your Bulletin with its fantastic graphics is greatly enjoyed. Keep up the good work!! See you at Adelaide Convention 2008.

Regards, BRYAN SAUNDERS

(Editor's Note: Serial correspondent Bryan has kindly written on earlier occasions, with generous feedback on Adelaide Club's activities via the KAN, and it transpires that he is on the money, with the correct name for our Guest Speaker during April. Bill Bamford was the name relayed to your Editor who erroneously printed this incorrect nomenclature. Not the first time this has happened, so in future your KAN man intends trying to triple check spelling of speakers' names beforehand!)

Hi David

Thanks so much for continuing to give us space and promotion in KAN. I loved this month's KAN, especially the photos of Bob's birthday (it was a terrific celebraton of a fanastic life so far), and you did a great job putting together the piece on Timpir. That would be lovely if you could promote the June film night in the next edition of KAN. We're planning on applying for a Kiwanis International grant, so the more we can work in partnership with Kiwanis in Australia the better.

The response of the Kiwanis Clubs Australia-wide has been fantastic!! Newcastle Club has sponsored a teacher and one of their members has also sponsored a child, so we are even starting to get support from outside of South Australia which is great.

Look forward to the next KAN edition. Cheers, MEL BAAK

The following was received during May from Janine & Simon as they continue their trek around Australia. Some pics from their odyssey appear on page 4 of this KAN.

Hi David, We have been in Karratha, WA for three Mondays now, while we wait to have the engine and radiator on our van replaced and repaired. Not good news but we are making the most of this incredibly industrious mining and support area.

Have enclosed some photos from our trip from Adelaide to Darwin. The Kimberley region is amazing and we have lots of lovely photos to show on our return to Adelaide.

Thanks for the KAN and please send our love to all.

JANINE AND SIMON



I have been in Kiwanis for well over twenty something years now and it never ceases to amaze me the number of experiences we can have through this organisation.

I recently had an opportunity to attend the 2008 Asia Pacific Convention in Jakarta, Indonesia from the 27th to 29th of March. With me from Australia were Governor Bill van Diemen and Past Governors Geoff Holmes and Frank Fotiades, along with over 500 fellow Kiwanians and their partners from Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand – South Pacific, Phillipine Luzon, Phillipine South, and Taiwan Districts as well as Kiwanis nations India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Guam, Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangladesh. Also in attendance were our International President Dave Curry and International President Elect Don Canaday and their wives and the Kiwanis International Foundation President Jane Erickson and her husband and a number of Kiwanis International staff members.

I am a regular attendee at our District Conventions, but nothing could quite prepare me for the world of ASPAC and I would recommend it to everyone. The Convention was held at the Sultan Hotel in the centre of Jakarta CBD which is always warm (mid 30s) but at around 90 per cent humidity, it was “very warm”.

The Convention started Friday morning with a brief welcome by current ASPAC Chairman Stewart LaBrooy from Malaysia and then it was straight into business when we were treated to a number of sessions presented by International President Elect Don Canaday and staff from Kiwanis International. The theme of the sessions was a Growth Summit and it is expected this will be presented at the Australia District Convention in Adelaide. Don is coming to the Convention in Adelaide and should not be missed. He is a retired US Army Brigadier General and a business executive of many years experience. He has a positive “can do” attitude that he puts into action, being responsible for the building of 99 clubs (an amazing total).



Above: Boys from Wisma Kiwanis playing the angung.

Following on from the Growth Summit was the grand opening Ceremony that featured many young children with voices that just blew us away. We were also fortunate to hear President Dave Curry tell us a little of his year so far and the many projects that have had positive impacts on children all around the world. Being able to talk to Kiwanians from so many countries was an eye opener, particularly listening to the many and varied projects and the amounts of money that some Clubs and Districts raise to fund their projects is just mind boggling. This I think is one of the major attractions, to network and meet other like-minded people from all around the world.

Friday night started off with an invitation to The Japan Night, with finger foods and drinks and an introduction of Dr. Tadao Oda as a candidate for International Trustee 2008-2011. The highlight for me, though, was to sit and chat with one of the nicest Kiwanians I have ever encountered, Past International President Dr Juan “Ito” Torres Jr. Following the Japan Night was a relaxed evening with an Indonesian style barbecue with Batik Dancers for entertainment.

Afterwards the Aussie contingent had a few relaxing drinks with Stan Soderstom and Christina Hale from Kiwanis International and a quick phone chat with Lisa Pyron in Indianapolis. This was followed by a few more impromptu drinks in the palatial rooms of Messers Fotiades and Holmes - exceptional hosts!

Saturday was Election Day and again a real eye opener with the position of International Trustee for Asia Pacific Region being up for grabs. It was a contest between Dr Su Wen-Pin from Taiwan and Dr Tadao Oda from Japan. Many will have met Dr Oda at the inter-divisional bowls night at Holdfast Bay or possibly at previous ASPAC Conventions.

Before the election sessions we heard from each of the Districts of ASPAC and the many nations about what is happening in their parts of the world. Membership Growth being a key element of all presentations, with many individual Districts having outstanding success and others struggling a little. All Districts, though, are upbeat and the projects undertaken inspirational.

The quest for votes was unbelievable with the Taiwanese giving away pins and pens, whilst the Japanese contingent all wearing yellow kimono jackets with Dr Oda's picture on the back. Little did I know I would be directly involved in the elections being asked to assist Governor Bill who was Chairman of the Election Committee. Again this was an

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SPEAKER SPOT

A slight mixup saw our Guest Speaker for May 13 unable to attend but we were fortunate to have FRED WILSON on hand, having just returned a few days prior from a four week overseas trip, and Fred agreed to give us a talk on his travels.

Fred's main destination was Uganda, accompanied by perennial African visitor Judy Steel, amongst others, where the main aim was to check out progress at Najjanankumbi on the Health Clinic. Most Club members would recall how our Kiwanis Club became involved in Stage 1 of this project, helping fund a container of hospital and medical gear being sent to Kampala, Uganda, and the subsequent transformation of the container into a clinic. The "Medical Centre" doubled in size a couple of years later when another container was sent over.

This was Fred's first African experience, having previously only seen videos and photos of the hospital compound, sited in one of the poorer areas of Kampala. He admitted that the reality of what he saw was somewhat different to what he envisaged. The clinics are situated on property belong to Dr Edward Sdembatya – the UNCOS Country Director.

Judy Steel, who played a major role in kickstarting the Clinic concept, has frequently visited Uganda and her trip this time was scheduled to last nine weeks, quite a long time.

Meals were provided by Dr Ed's wife and Fred found Ugandan food very filling! Approval was granted for an Ausaid grant while Fred was in Africa - encouragingly this was for the sum of US\$45,000 - a sizeable amount, but the only proviso was that the grant had to be spent within a short timeframe.

Now, the Clinic deals with many ailments including Aids sufferers, and anti-viral drugs are provided to patients with malaria. The care provided is of such a standard that over the past couple of years not one female patient has died through Aids in the local area which is quite amazing.

Fred happened to be in Kampala when there was a "Big Day" held at the Clinic compound - Dr Edward asked our intrepid Kiwanian to video the grand parade march-past which was held in conjunction with the Big Day. Fred was lucky enough to be able to do the camerawork while riding in a 4WD LandCruiser. This turned out to be quite a large cavalcade and our Aussie visitors suggested that the Advance Australia Fair be sung after the Ugandan anthem and speeches had been delivered. The hosts obliged, although it was only really Fred and Judy that knew the words to "our" anthem. Overall, the Big Day was abuzz with excitement and noteworthy for the streets packed with enthusiastic locals. There were even TV camera crews on hand and apparently our Australians got onto national television!

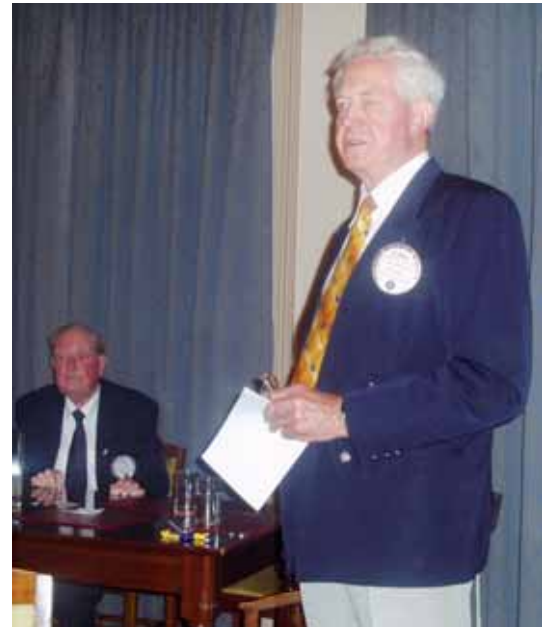
Back to the Clinic. Home visits are performed on a monthly basis by staff, especially in the sub-standard housing areas. Fred advised that the Mini Loan scheme set up via the Clinic seems to be working well in supporting individuals to set up their own small businesses. The loans are due to be repaid within six months and so far there have been hardly any defaulters.

The ambulance sent over from Adelaide in September 2006 is still going strong, thankfully. This is despite the vehicle being driven over some really bad roads. Overall, the road systems and standard of driving rate as rather basic. It's worth noting there are no local Council rubbish collections - refuse is just disposed of wherever, including dumping in the streets. Sadly Fred noted quite squalid conditions in several city areas, and signs of obvious poverty.

Fred told us how the smaller container of the two sent over, is now a dedicated clinic. Interesting to note that pedal-operated sewing machines help provide the power supply as parts of Uganda have such intermittent and unreliable electricity supply.

It's also noteworthy that adult literacy classes have been set up, due to the high rate of illiteracy amongst the local population - some children don't even know how to hold a pencil but at least efforts at education seem to be making an improvement.

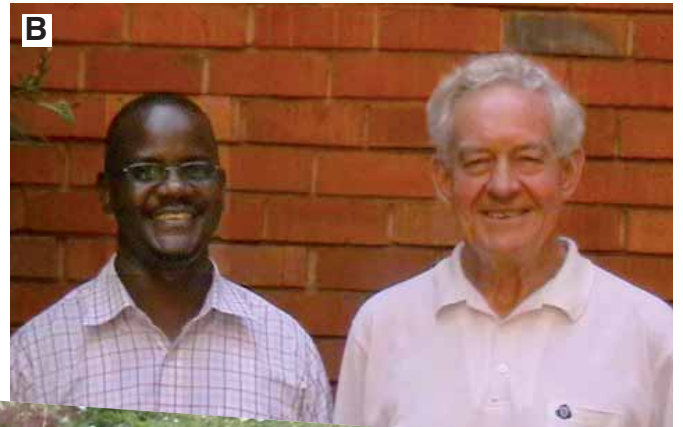
It is encouraging that the Outreach Clinic is very highly regarded and well known in Uganda. Among the noteworthy stats: 120 babies are immunised daily - an impressive record. Fred was understandably amazed to find that if you go to the main hospital in Kampala, you take your own sheets and food. Relatives of patients are expected to provide the post-op care as there is usually no "proper" staff to perform these duties.



A small selection of the photos Fred took while on his recent African Experience.



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A: The former St John's Ambulance sent from Adelaide - it has the only roll out stretcher in Uganda as far as we know; **B:** Fred with his counterpart at UACO-Bukenya. He is Dr Edward's accountant; **C:** This elephant was only 5 metres away, yet totally ignored us; **D:** Ugandan cattle are longhorns but these are the best I saw!



E

E: Fred with Dr Edward Ssembatya, UACO's Director, in the hospital grounds. We have some of the 166 shopping bags taken over from Adelaide, mainly by Judy, but I took a lot as well. We also handed out food supplements provided from part of the AusAID grant.



F

F: Iva (from Griffith NSW), Fred, Judy with concrete elephant at entrance to Mweya Lodge. **G:** One of the new government ambulances. The patients ride where?



J

J: These horns are the real deal! In the Mweya Safari Lodge where we stayed.



G

K: This lady rents a space about 2m x 1m outside a shop, making & repairing clothes. She took up the hem on my kunzu (traditional men's garment). She has a micro loan for her business.



K



H

H: Roof raised on our safari mini bus. Excellent for filming and viewing.

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opportunity to see another side of Kiwanis. In one of the closest votes ever held, Dr Oda was elected as the Region IV (Asia-Pacific) Trustee with a majority of just one vote!

As well as the elections there were a number of presentations from International President Dave Curry and various officials – but I particularly enjoyed the presentation from KIF President Jane Erickson who spoke about where Kiwanis International Funds are used and how they are available to clubs and Districts.

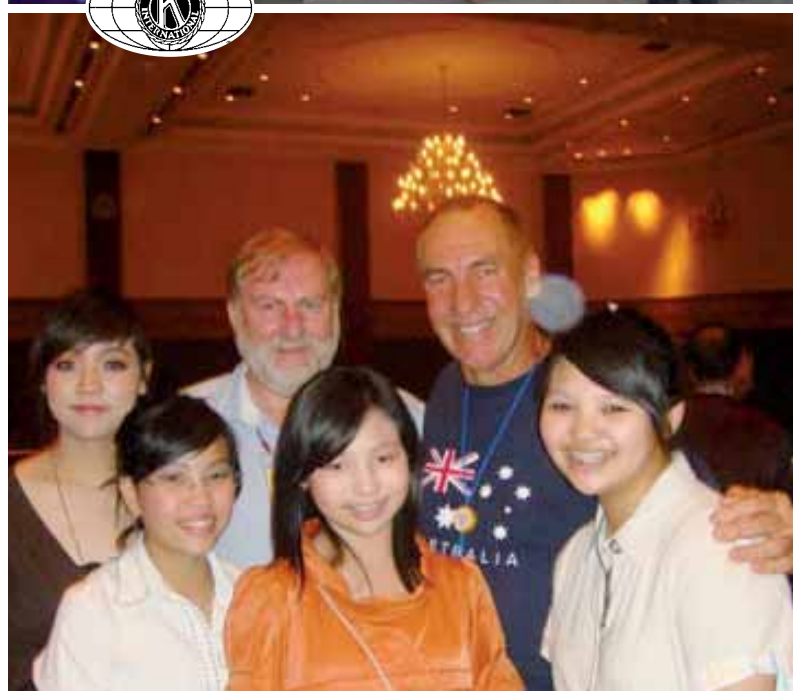
Saturday night was the farewell dinner. This dinner was held in the Jakarta Convention Centre, which was reached by walking along 100 metre “travelators” underground through a large space decorated by photographs of the many international dignitaries that have visited Jakarta. The entertainment provided by the children was again exceptional, as was a number of the impromptu performances from some of the Kiwanis Districts.

The evening was a hoot and a great opportunity to let your hair down and meet many Kiwanians – language not being a barrier as smile and hugs are universal. Governor Bill was inspirational in rounding up a group of volunteers to collect some “loose change” to assist one of the local Kiwanis Project – Wisma Kiwanis – an orphanage and education centre for orphaned street kids. Over US\$2000 was collected. A very late night spent socialising and not a lot of sleep, especially as Sunday morning Governor Bill and I were up pretty early (5am) to join a bus tour of Wisma Kiwanis project (The Wisma Kiwanis Orphanage).

Little did we know that we were to be given a police escort to speed up our trip as we were again accompanied by International President Dave and KIF President Jane. It still took a good hour and a half to get there, but gave us an opportunity to see a bit of outlying Jakarta and traffic on roads that you just would not believe. This project is quite exceptional where orphaned street kids are given a home and new “family unit” and taught traditional Indonesian music as well as other basic living skills including reading and writing. The performance that we all took part in with the kids using the traditional Indonesian instrument (Angklung) whilst not “pitch perfect” was no less memorable but above all a lot of fun.

ASPAC was a truly memorable experience and has broadened my Kiwanis experience and introduced me to many new friends. I am looking forward to attending ASPAC again in the future and would recommend it to everyone, with next year's Convention being held in the Phillipines.

PETER ZANDER



Pictured - (top) ASPAC opening ceremony; (middle) Wisma Kiwanis Orphanage, home for street kids; (bottom) Peter Zander and Governor Bill with some of the girls who helped collect the US\$2000 for Wisma Kiwanis.

ASPAC CONVENTION 2009 - The 34th Asia-Pacific Convention 2009 will be held in Cebu (the Philippines). It is one of the world's great holiday destinations with 5-star hotels, white sandy beaches, world-class golf courses and shopping malls to rival any in Asia. Dates yet to be finalised but will be held in March 2009.