



THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELIZABETH INC

District 9500 - Charter granted 23 Nov 1966
PO Box 233, Elizabeth SA 5112

ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

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District Governor 9500: Peter Schaefer
AG Group 4: Rick Henke
President Elizabeth Rotary: Alan Murphy

BULLETIN

MEETING 2564 – WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL 2018

Report from meeting held on Monday 26 March 2018 at the Grenville Community Connections Hub

President Alan in his opening of the meeting welcomed members – Anthony James, Delwyn Watts, Raelene Trickett, David Adamson, Elizabeth Adamson, Lesley Trevilyan, Viv Valladares, Eryn Halls, Theo Nitz, Jackie Webb, Jim Buckoke and Sharka Byrne and guests Robin Trevilyan, Rotary Club of Playford, Glenn Docherty, Mayor of Playford, Birgitta Gbaintor and Puskar Poudyal.

Apologies: Gay Smallwood-Smith and Margaret Green

Sergeant Lesley gave the toast to the Queen, the people of Australia, and the invocation.

Chairperson Sharka called for spots.

- ✚ P Alan reminded members that our next commitment to a barbecue is on the 19 April 2018 for Anglicare. He passed around the roster. If you're able to help please let him know.

The Group 4 Intercity Meeting is on 9 April. It looks like we have secured a couple of Bollywood dancers. This should be a good night so please make sure you secure your tickets early so we can see who is coming.

Three of our members, P Alan, Delwyn Watts, and Jackie Webb, attended the joint District 9500/9520 Conference in the Barossa Valley. This was a very informative conference with a variety of guest speakers and an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new friends. One observation that was made was that one has never seen so many grey and bald heads in one place. This is representative of the challenge of Rotary. There were six hundred Rotarians in attendance other than Rotaractors and exchange students there was probably less than twenty people under the age of sixty.

P Alan has received an email from the RYE chairman Ian Howlett, enquiring about our interest in sponsoring an exchange student in 2019 He also indicated that they are still looking for two more host families to host exchange students arriving in July 2018.

- ✚ Delwyn informed members that Viv helped out with the Birthing Kits Workshop organised by Alan McKinon from the Romac committee at the District Conference.
- ✚ David asked members going to the Tunnels to please get their payments in.
- ✚ Lesley reminded members that they'll need to work out where they want to have lunch after the Tunnels visit. She also let members know that with Robin, she is hosting a Red Cross baby event at their place in their garden. The cost is five dollars per head.
- ✚ Jackie has collected twenty male and twenty female toiletry packs for Anglicare. The packs came in under budget. She also thanked Pandi for donating forty dental sets including a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. They will be delivered to Anglicare in Elizabeth on Wednesday 28 March by Jackie and P Alan and any other who would like to attend.



✚ Jim reminded members that the next Northern Business Breakfast is on Wednesday 28 March at the Parafield Gardens Community Club.

After dinner, Chairperson Sharka introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Puskar Poudyal. Puskar is a Bhutanese Australian who was a refugee from Bhutan in Asia.

Puskar and his family were evicted from Bhutan when Puskar was two years old. Bhutan is a small country that is neighboured by India and The Tibet Autonomous Region of China. It is the second least populous country (750,000) in the region after the Maldives.

Puskar's grandfather was forced to carry heavy equipment without help as the government looked for reasons to evict his family. No-one was allowed to help him.

Men were taken into the forest. The women were subjected to intimidation and violence. They were evicted from the country and have never been allowed to return. Puskar can't even return even though he is now an Australian citizen.

Puskar Poudyal

The Red Cross and the United Nations setup seven camps in Nepal and India. In the camps volunteers started schools which go to Year 10. CARITAS supported them by sponsoring school supplies. Most school classes sit on a mat and use chalk and blackboard. Tables and chairs are provided only for Year 10 students.

Life was very hard in the camps. Each family had 2 jerry cans. One for drinking water and the other for cleaning water. Unfortunately there are still people in the refugee camps after twenty years.

Several countries agreed to allow the refugees to settle in their countries including America, Australia and New Zealand. Around 8,000 came to Australia of which about 4,000 settled in Adelaide. They mainly live in the Salisbury and Elizabeth areas. Some of them later moved to Sydney.

Puskar is now an Australian citizen and has been an electoral official in parliamentary elections. He works from home as a Mortgage Broker.

Sergeant Lesley handed out fines.

The raffle was drawn by Glenn and Puskar, being won by Lesley and Delwyn.

P Alan thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.



DUTIES	4 APRIL	9 APRIL	16 APRIL	23 APRIL
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Chairperson	Committees and	Group 4	No Meeting	Elizabeth Adamson
Cashier	Board night	Intercity Meeting		Anthony James
Visitors	Steak Sandwiches	Grenville Hub		Viv Valladares
Regalia	6.30pm start	6:30pm for 7:00pm		Anthony James
Sergeant				Lesley Trevilyan
Speaker	Committees, Board, Del's Place			

N.B. If you are unable to attend please arrange a replacement for your duties. Thank you.

DIARY DATES:				
2017	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
WEDNESDAY	4 APRIL	Committees, Board	Del's Place	7pm
MONDAY	9 APRIL	Group 4 Intercity Dinner	Grenville Hub	6.30pm for 7.00pm
SUNDAY	15 APRIL	Barbecue	Birdwood	TBA (Breakfast & Lunch)
THURSDAY	19 APRIL	Anglicare Barbecue	Burgate Park	3pm to 8pm
TBC	TBC	Fire Station Visit	Salisbury Fire Station	TBC



Who is celebrating in April?

BIRTHDAYS: - Elaine Alford 1st Elizabeth Adamson 2nd Ruth Hunt 2nd
Mark Shaw 10th Anthony James 11th Helen Driver 23rd
Peter Smith 26th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: None

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES: Judith Nitz 21st

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Meet at the Grenville Community Hub, Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth
6:15 p.m. for 6:45 p.m. start

If not attending please send apology to Delwyn Watts – Club Secretary
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to assist with catering for meal numbers