



# e-Bulletin

27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

ROTARY CLUB of SAMFORD VALLEY Inc



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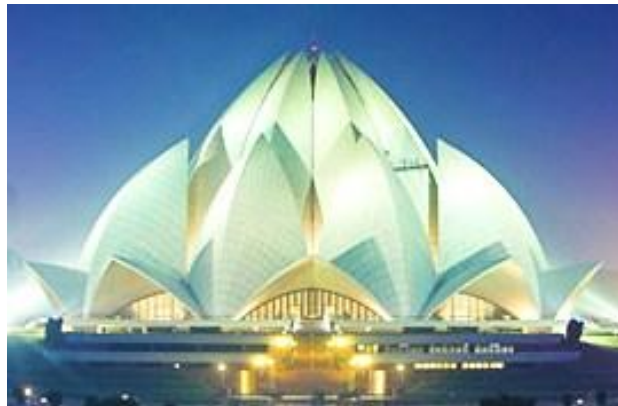
**INTERNATIONAL TOAST**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF DELHI**  
[DELHI DOWN TOWN]

REGULAR MEETINGS,  
HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT  
MAIN STREET, SAMFORD  
EVERY TUESDAY 6:30 FOR 7:00 PM

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**DUTY ROSTER**  
IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT,  
PLEASE APPOINT A REPLACEMENT

Duty	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	
Chair	CRAIG ANDERSON	
Sergeant	JEANELLE YOUNG	
Treasury	BOB MLLAR	
Hot Seat	SIMON GRANT	
Meet, Greet	LORELLE HOLCROFT	
Speaker	CHRIS	
Topic	SANCTITY OF LIFE	
Bulletin	BOB DUNN	
EarlyAct	IAN RUFFLES	
FGHS l/act 1.00pm	TONY FREEMAN	



**Rotary Toast**  
The toast was to The Rotary Club of Delhi which is apparently called Delhi Down Town. I note that there is a Club called Delhi Uptown so it is conceivable the chair was correct. Chairman Chris went on to pre-

cisely indicate that the club is probably large and has an Indian as President.

The construction of the Lotus Temple, popularly known as the Bahai Temple came to an end in the year 1986. Built of marble blocks, the Lotus temple is an architectural marvel built in the shape of a white lotus in half bloom. Set in the midst of acres of lush lawns, the Lotus Temple mirrors the concept of peace and all the values that are so integral to the Bahai sect.

The nine doors of the Lotus Temple open onto a central hall, capable of holding up to 2,500 people. The central hall is slightly more than 40 meters tall and its surface is made of white marble. The House of Worship, along with the nine surrounding ponds and the gardens around comprise 10.5 ha.

### The Meeting Begins

Occasionally it is difficulty to arrange speakers but we had the distinction of commencing with two speakers. This abundance of speakers led to a tricky Rotary game known as "Guess Who Is Chair Tonight". Craig Anderson was to be the chair person but Chris Ellis argued that as his wife had lived in India for some years and the speaker was talking about India he should chair the meeting. President Lorelle graciously agreed to this and anointed Craig for next Tuesday.

### Paul Harris Fellowship

**President Lorelle** welcomed Phil McPhail to the meeting and indicated that the club was to present him with a Paul Harris Fellowship. **Ross Shardlow** gave a summary of the outstanding work that Phil had undertaken in the community over the last 10 years and Phil responded on behalf of himself and wife Julie.

### Reports

**President Lorelle** reported that Janelle Young's work with literacy would result in the Club receiving both a District and Zone Literacy Award. Lorelle also congratulated ED Tucker on his Paul Harris Fellowship awarded at the District Conference. Warren Hampton supported the comments made by Lorelle.

**Treasurer Bob** reminded members that their \$20 for Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner should be paid next Tuesday.

**Annie (Earlyact)** reported that there was a morning tea at the School as part of the Anzac Memorial on Friday 23rd.

## FORWARD DIARY

**4th May:** Away visit. Theme song: "I could have Danced all Night..."

**18th May:** Club Community Awards

**30th May:** District Assembly for Training

**29th June:** Changeover Dinner. Venue TBA

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## ATTENDANCE

20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010

ATTENDANCE: NUMBERS N/A

APOPOLOES: BARRY WALKER, SIMON GRANT, DARYL SCOTT, DES BYRNE

GUESTS AND VISITORS: LEREE MAZZER AND HER TECHNICAL ASSISTANT LEAH, CHRIS, CRAIG'S ONLY FRIEND WHO IS THE SPEAKER NEXT WEEK, ED TUCKER AND PHIL AND JULIE MCPHAIL.

CELEBRATIONS: KIRSTY WAS BORN ABOUT THIS TIME, WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD, BUT ALL THE REST OF THE WORLD STOOD STILL. MAYBE THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE OCCURRENCES.

MAKE-UPS: CHRIS ELLIS, BRIAN HANSFORD AND IAN SPILLER AT A VERY GOOD MITCHELTON ROTARY CLUB MEETING. WARREN HAMPTON, PETER GLOOR AND TWO OTHERS WHO HELPED AS DRIVERS FOR THE ED TUCKER PROJECT. IAN RUFFLES AT EARLYACT.

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**Peter (Community)** There will be at least two painting seats days at the Showgrounds. One could well be on a Thursday morning and the other on a weekend. **Would you please email Peter** and indicate if you are available to do some painting on Thursday morning 29th April or at the weekend of May 1st or 2nd.

**Warren** (i)suggested member might like to look at the website to check out what he is doing there.

(ii) reported that he and Ian Ruffles are working on a summation of the vision evening.

(iii) reported that recipes are coming in for the cook-book.

### Speaker Leree Mazzer

Spoke of her two month involvement in India as a volunteer. Leree is the Assistant Principal at the Holy Rosary Primary School and worked for the Salaam Balik Trust a non-denominational organisation in Delhi.

This Trust has set up five shelters for young children. These children are the equivalent to what we call 'street kids'. They have been deserted; are run aways from home or have fallen into various illegal activities. To a large extent these children hang around railway stations as there is the possibility of raising some meagre funds. One of the most common activities for these children is the selling of rebottled water---it is sometimes possible to make around 80 cents some days.

Leree spoke of the immense number of children who live well below the poverty line and the Trust endeavours to help some of these children by setting up five shelters. Leree worked at Astra a shelter for 60 boys between the ages of 6 to 14 years. This shelter had rather primitive conditions but as a teacher she was impressed by the willingness of the children to engage in learning. She had nothing but praise for the dedicated teachers and spoke about one who "taught" 56 children with virtually no resources.

The experience for Leree was extraordinary but in the last two weeks of her stay she was hospitalised by a gastric condition and she is still receiving medical treatment in Brisbane some months later.

Ian Ruffles thanked Leree and presented her with a bottle of wine.

### Closing Down

**Heads and Tails was Won by Phil McPhail.**

**Bucket Raffle Won By Tony Freeman**

### Candid Comment

*Since I decided to retire from Rotary I have asked myself a couple of times, "Is this really the right time?... Or could I have hung on a bit longer?"*

*I think these are questions we should ask more often.*

*Peta Seaton, writing in a recent book "What If?" (which is a collection of essays published*

*only recently) says of governments "...States should compete—not cooperate— and go to each Ministerial Council meeting armed to prosecute reforms to remove obstacles to their own competitive success. In other words, we need more skirmish, and less Kumbayah..."*

*... And is it not the same for Rotary?... More skirmish and less Kumbayah? I think that would*

*be the comparison that would stand out if you compared our 1990 Club with our 2010 Club.*

*The good news is that within the Club there exists right now that spirit of 'skirmish'... Me? Time and its companion Kumbayah have caught up with me. It is time to move over and make way for those with the energy to prosecute skirmish with vigour. **DesB***

THE ART OF LEADERSHIP IS SAYING NO, NOT YES. IT IS VERY EASY TO SAY YES.

*TONY BLAIR — On leadership*

## **GARDEN SNAKES CAN BE DANGEROUS..**

Snakes also known as Garter Snakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) can be dangerous. Yes, grass snakes, not rattlesnakes. Here's why.

A couple in Sweetwater, Texas, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze.

It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants. When it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa.

She let out a very loud scream.

The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room naked to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa.

He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor.

His wife thought he had had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still and called an ambulance.

The attendants rushed in, would not listen to his protests, loaded him on the stretcher, and started carrying him out.

About that time, the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital.

The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbour who volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief. But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted, the snake rushed back under the sofa.

The neighbour man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her.

The neighbour's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches.

The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbour lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that the snake had bitten him. She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat.

By now, the police had arrived.

Breathe here...

They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little garden snake!

The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbour and his sobbing wife.

Now, the little snake again crawled out from under the sofa and one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over, the lamp on it shattered and, as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the drapes.

The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car.

Meanwhile, neighbours saw the burning drapes and called in the fire department. The firemen had started raising the fire ladder when they were halfway down the street. The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires, put out the power, and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).

Time passed! Both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night. The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

***And that's when he shot her.***

**'IF WE WOULD LIKE OUR GOVERNMENTS TO BE MORE COMPETITIVE, WE SHOULD STOP HANDING OVER FUNCTIONS TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'**

**GARY STURGESS**

**Law of the Workshop:** ANY TOOL, WHEN DROPPED, WILL ROLL TO THE LEAST ACCESSIBLE CORNER.

**Law of probability:** THE PROBABILITY OF BEING WATCHED IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE STUPIDITY OF YOUR ACT.

**Law of the Telephone:** WHEN YOU DIAL A WRONG NUMBER, YOU NEVER GET A BUSY SIGNAL.

**Law of the Alibi:** IF YOU TELL THE BOSS YOU WERE LATE FOR WORK BECAUSE YOU HAD A FLAT TIRE, THE VERY NEXT MORNING YOU WILL HAVE A FLAT TIRE.

**Variation Law:** IF YOU CHANGE LINES (OR TRAFFIC LANES), THE ONE YOU WERE IN WILL START TO MOVE FASTER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE IN NOW. (WORKS EVERY TIME)

**Bath Theorem:** WHEN THE BODY IS FULLY IMMersed IN WATER, THE TELEPHONE RINGS.

**Law of Close Encounters:**

THE PROBABILITY OF MEETING SOMEONE YOU KNOW INCREASES WHEN YOU ARE WITH SOMEONE YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN WITH.

**Law of the Result:** WHEN YOU TRY TO PROVE TO SOMEONE THAT A MACHINE WON'T WORK, IT WILL.

**SOMETIMES IT IS BETTER TO LOSE AND DO THE RIGHT THING THAN TO WIN AND DO THE WRONG THING.**

**TONY BLAIR**

## The Four Way Test

Of things we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## Rotary Grace

O Lord, and giver of all good,  
We thank Thee for our daily food.  
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways  
Help us to serve Thee all our days.

*Amen*

## Rotary Club of Samford Valley Inc

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## The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD:** The application of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

## FORWARD PLANNING

DATE	SPEAKER	OCCASION
15 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	PLANETARIUM	CLUB VISIT
18 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	PRESENTATION	PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP ETC
22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	PEACE FELLOWS	SEMINAR AT UQ
30 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	TRAINING SESSIONS
5 <sup>TH</sup> JUN	DIK CONTAINER	LOADING
26 <sup>TH</sup> JUN	DISTRICT CHANGEOVER	KALLANGUR
29 <sup>TH</sup> JUN	CLUB CHANGEOVER	

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MEMBERSHIP	COMMUNITY	INTERNATIONAL	VOCATIONAL	YOUTH	CLUB	SPECIAL Projects
DARYL SCOTT	PETER GLOOR	IAN SPILLER	ROSS SHARDLOW	CHRIS ELLIS	JOHN BROADBENT	~
	TERRY HOGAN	BRIAN HANSFORD	WARREN HAMPTON	IAN RUFFLES <i>Earlyact</i>	KIRSTY McKimmie	
CRAIG ANDERSON	PAUL JACKSON	TONY FREEMAN	DES BYRNE	ANNIE COLLEDGE	BARRY WALKER	
	BOB MILLAR	ROB ROBINSON	JANELLE YOUNG		BOB DUNN	
	LEE KENNY				SIMON GRANT	
	CHRISSY WILKINSON				<i>DES B-BULLETIN</i>	
					<i>IAN S-Speakers</i>	