

# ROTARY CLUB OF BENONI AURORA



*"Take time for some Fun in Your Life Today" – Kevin Norris, 2010/2011 President*

## JUNE - FELLOWSHIP

DOOR DUTIES	22/06/2011	Sunday 26/06/2011	29/06/2011
	Meeting	Induction Lunch	EVENING MEETING
WELCOME	Cancelled	Paul Kindon	Claire Wilson
OBJECT	Replaced by the	Brian Moseley	Douglas Norval
HOSPITALITY/ GRACE	Induction Lunch	Lindy van Moerkerken	Sandy Newell
INTRODUCE SPEAKER	on		Roger Gilder
THANK SPEAKER	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Martin Westcott
SERGEANT		12.30p.m for 1p.m.	
		Dress is smart casual – NO JEANS!	Speaker Stephen Grootes

## SPEAKERS

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
29 <sup>th</sup> June Evening Meeting	Stephen Grootes	This well known speaker is always worth listening to.

## BIRTHDAYS

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rais Pearson	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Roger & Gwenda Gilder	26 <sup>th</sup> June

### REPORT ON THE MEETING OF 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011

This was a Vocational Meeting and Rais Pearson entertained us with a very good presentation which covered his life (personal, work and Rotary), some cutting edge fashion and photos of Rotary events and people that had us laughing and reminiscing. President Kevin gave us feedback on Discon where Aurora (Rotarians and Anns) won several prizes – well done. Malcolm Sainsbury was Sergeant and used the alphabet to relieve us of our cash.

### Dates to diarise

**Leadership Programme** – the next session will be at 7p.m. on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011** at Benoni Country Club.

**The Spring Walk** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Yes, Spring is on the way!!! Time to start working on sponsors for the annual walk. Companies will be offered packages whereby their sponsorship also gives them free entrance for their walkers. This can be used for Team Building, a Customer Fun Day etc. Rex van Olst is Aurora's Man in Charge let him have your ideas for making the Walk bigger, better and more fun!



*Passa Da Port* – has passed to Sylvia Knoop – let's keep the momentum going. Move it, move it!

**EDITOR'S LAST WORD** – "I've learned to accept birth and death but sometimes I still worry about what lies between" Ashleigh Brilliant

I didn't know that.....??

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France, where tennis became popular, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

Q. Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Q: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theaters by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A. When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie'.

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

Q: Did you ever wonder why dimes, quarters and half dollars have notches (milling), while pennies and nickels do not?

A: The US Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Dimes, quarters and half dollars are notched because they used to contain silver. Pennies and nickels aren't notched because the metals they contain are not valuable enough to shave.

So there! Now you know!



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