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## ATSFI newsletter, August 2016

#### 2015 - 2016 AGM

Last month saw ATSFI's sixth Annual General Meeting – held on 9<sup>th</sup> July at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Kensington Road, Marryatville. It was a most successful evening, with the business meeting followed by a presentation from Drs. Derrick and Susan Selby, currently back from Tanzania, and a sumptuous BBQ meal featuring an amazing variety of salad dishes provided by our culinary talented committee members. In between we were once more privileged to enjoy genuine African entertainment provided by *African Soul*. As previously, this featured some physically demanding improvised dancing to the accompaniment of an

eclectic musical ensemble.

While the obligatory grass skirt dancewear was definitely more fetching on some than others, it was an opportunity to showcase the wide and rare talents of our ATSFI members – perhaps better for the rarer for some of us!

My sincere thanks to the heaps of 'behind the scenes' work by ATSFI

members that made the evening such a great success, and to St Matt's for again kindly providing such a great venue.

ATSFI AGM's are always an exciting event, open to all our supporters, so if you missed this year's, make sure you try to catch the 2016 – 2017 meeting!

### The Abyssinian Restaurant fundraiser

In May ATSFI held a major fundraising event – a night of genuine Ethiopian fare and dancing, also featuring a traditional coffee ceremony, at the Abyssinian Restaurant on Henley Beach Road at Torrensville. It was a memorable evening with great food and yet another opportunity to participate in 'free movement' dancing! We all left feeling it had been good to eat well, enjoy each others' company, and learn some new facts about ATSFI's work.

It was also financially successful, raising in excess of \$2,700 to support ATSFI's objectives.

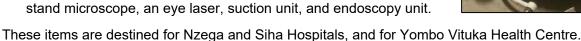


Restaurant fundraising will definitely be added to ATSFI's arsenal of events, so watch out for the next date and location!

## Container shipping

Meanwhile ATSFI is on the cusp of sending a further container to Dar es Salaam, filled with donated medical equipment, particularly featuring:

- 5 ultrasound machines donated by Jones & Partners
- 5 sets of Operating Theatre Lights donated by Burnside War Memorial Hospital (one set is shown at *right*)
- A number of other items from Burnside, including amongst other items; 2 operating theatre tables, several obstetric delivery beds, a stand microscope, an eye laser, suction unit, and endoscopy unit.



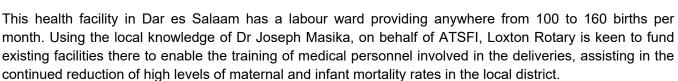
Edinburgh, and the ultrasound machines will require transporting in the near future.

In a substantial set of exercises, most of these goods have been already transferred by truck to Rotary DIK,

We also thank Edwardstown Rotary for their recent generous donation of \$2,000 towards shipping ATSFI's containers.

# Other projects

ATSFI is currently a partner in an application by Loxton Rotary to Rotary International for the provision of additional training for assistant nurses and midwives at Yombo Vituka Hospital.



The project will also provide ATSFI with important new contacts and open up possible new 'on-going' worthy projects linked to this scheme.

By the time this newsletter goes to print, ATSFI's new website will be up and running. Our huge thanks to Andrew Green for his work in getting this established. Over time it should make a substantial difference to our work and communication.

ATSFI continues to be represented at the ground floor in the administrative work for the disbursement of medical goods from the existing Royal Adelaide Hospital. This will be an enormous exercise stretching over at least 9 months from about March of 2017. Currently the administrative committee is seeking corporate and government-sponsored financial assistance for the project, which, if successful, will make a considerable difference to the number of containers ATSFI will be able to send.

We are also continuing to liaise and communicate with the appropriate authorities for ATSFI to obtain another ambulance from the SA Government. This is an exciting (and a little daunting) project. Stay posted for further news.

# Congratulations

ATSFI has sent a congratulatory letter to our Patron, His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia (*right*), who was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in the 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Vern Marshall (ATSFI Chair)





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