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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING: 10.00 am. Thursday, 13th April, 2023

SDA Youth Hall, 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023

President: Graham Liddle 0403 046 200
Secretary: Barry Smith 0418 884 742
Newsletter: Madonna Ryan 0422 546 062
Dine Outs: Di Thomas 0413 531 329
Membership: Di Walker 0402 090 094
Welfare: Roni Harvey 0432 862 105

Vice President: Lorraine Mason 0409 980 661
Treasurer: Allan Johnson 0400 110 242
Guest Speakers: Mervyn Richens 0420 373 162
Outings: Rose Johnson (Temp) 0417 606 234
Club Services: Lorraine Williams 0421 410 182
Past President: Alicia Cook 0413 307 050

If unable to attend please phone your apology to Lorraine Williams (0421 410 182) before the meeting

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

As a matter of courtesy, **apologies** need to be given to **Club Services** if unable to attend monthly meetings. Members are reminded that it is a constitution requirement to attend a minimum of **50% of meetings per annum**. Unfortunately, **no refund** shall be given for any **pre paid events** once holding deposits are paid.

President's Message – April 2023

Wow again! I'm still in a daze and very honoured to be your President for 2023/2024 year.

I'm confident the year will be a good one as we have an excellent committee consisting of experience and new blood. We have Barry Smith as Secretary; Allan Johnson as Treasurer; Madonna Ryan on Newsletter, who took over the role from Merv mid last year; Di Walker on Membership and Roni Harvey on Welfare all repeating from last year. Lorraine Williams moves to Club Services with Merv Richens on Guest Speakers and Lorraine Mason as Vice President returning to the Committee. Finally, we welcome Di Thomas to the position of Dine-outs. We are still seeking a member to fill the position of Outings.

We say farewell to Rolf Steenland and Helen Faulkner from the Committee and thank them for their valuable contribution in maintaining the smooth running of the Club. Rose Johnson has resigned from the Committee as Outings Officer but has kindly stood in until a replacement of her wonderful involvement can be found. Last, but certainly not least, Alicia leaves the President's position after being an inspiration to the Club and an invaluable mentor to me and will continue to mentor Di Thomas in Dineouts (and me as President!).

Outside the committee, we have a treasured support group of volunteer members who quietly go about their activities on a monthly or weekly basis, I offer my sincere thanks to them. We have:- Raghbir and Kevin on our weekly walk groups, Joan who runs the Craft Group, Rose with the Coffee and Chat Group, Bob with the Ten Pin Bowling, and Heather and Robert who greet and help at our monthly meetings.



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President's Message – April 2023 continued

We started the year with 95 members and have prospective members waiting to join, so we will soon be at our limit of 100. This provides us with a great opportunity to connect socially through our monthly meetings and currently eight other activities. This can only succeed in establishing and maintaining a lot of FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and FOOD!

I hope that you will join me in attending in many of our activities and get to know all the terrific members that we have in the PROBUS CLUB OF SPRINGWOOD!!!

Graham

Graham's Acceptance Speech

Wow! Who is more surprised with me being here, you or me. Probably both. I may have had ambitions of this honoured role after a lot more years in the Club, but here I am as I enter my third year in the Club, having joined at the tail end of Ragbir, and seen Jeff and Alicia in this role. Through them all I have learnt a lot, especially Alicia who was a great mentor to me in the role of Dineouts. They have provided big shoes to fill! And I'm very grateful for what they have achieved.

I am extremely lucky to have most of the existing wonderful Committee team, together with the support group, going for another year. No doubt that with their help we can maintain the high standard of the Springwood Probus Club that we all enjoy.

Through Dineouts and Friday nights, I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of the members of Springwood Probus Club that has resulted in lovely friendships. Going with a group of members to Maroochydore in October last year was an excellent occasion to get closer to those members and now look forward to the Bright Autumn trip at the end of next month.

I have two goals that with help from an awesome Committee team and support group, that I would like to achieve.

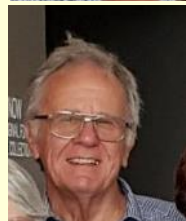
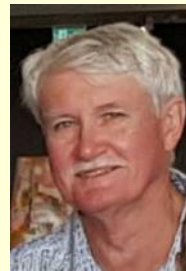
Firstly, that we maintain the wonderful high standard of this club with all its many activities. These include:

- Our Monthly Meetings, with interesting guest speakers
- Monthly Dineouts
- Monthly Outings
- Monthly Coffee and Chat
- Our Craft Group
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Our Friday Nights
- Weekly Walking Groups
- And finally our terrific Monthly Newsletter

The second goal that I would like to achieve, is to make the Club more inclusive. Except for our Monthly Meeting and the Christmas Lunch, our activities only attract 20 to 30 members. Are we doing enough for the other 70 members? I hope, next month to conduct a small anonymous survey to see if that will throw a light on this.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for the honour of being chosen as your new President, and look forward to your support in the coming year for this terrific, elected Committee and support group, and your help in achieving my goals.

My thanks to Dawn Anderson Stubbs for being our Returning Officer, and my wife Sofia for putting up with me!!



Your new Management Committee for 2023-2024.

Alicia Cook, Graham Liddle, Madonna Ryan, Lorraine Mason, Lorraine Williams, Di Thomas, Merv Richens, Roni Harvey, Di Walker, Barry Smith, Alan Johnson

Past President's Report

As the song title says "Time to Say Goodbye" and now is my time as your President for the last year to hand over the Presidential jewels and meeting bell to the new President for 2023-2024.

I never had any policies in place, not needing to make any changes as the club was humming along nicely. My one aim was to bring a little humour and fun to our general meetings and for members to enjoy a sociable morning.

Thank you to the committee for sourcing and bringing a selection of guest speakers, outings and dine outs, caring for the well being of members and producing a newsletter each month for your enjoyment, as well as the small group of volunteers who offer their time for us to enjoy extra activities. Our committee members are a very important and necessary part of the club.

Our membership numbers in the last 12 months have grown by seventeen and only in the last week both Di Walker and myself have spoken to numerous people who are showing an interest in joining our Club. Our Club must have a reputation for having too much Fun, enjoying numerous Friendships and Fellowships.

Thank you, members, for your support both to me and to the Committee.

You know I never wanted to join Probus, as I didn't believe I needed more friends, but here I am nearly seven years later with a wonderful group of people enjoying our Thursday morning meetings as well as other activities. I take great pride in knowing every one of our member's names but may stumble with the newer members.

Congratulations to the new President and the incoming committee, I know that they will continue to keep Springwood Probus strong for all to enjoy.

My last words are to thank Dawn for her mentoring, for her assistance in help with some situations faced but more so for her friendship.

Alicia 2023



All online payments now to BENDIGO BANK BSB: 633 000 Account number : 178 031 910

Account Name: Probus Club of Springwood
Please provide a reference to help Allan identify what you are paying for!

Vale Len

It was my privilege to farewell Len Torrens last Monday. Seven probians also attended to pay their respects. It was a moving service with both his children and grandchildren taking part. He lived a long, full life as I learned as a farmer, milkman, carer, business man etc., but was first and foremost a family man.

A man of many talents, he gave pencil drawing classes to some of our members and one of his masterpieces adorned his coffin.

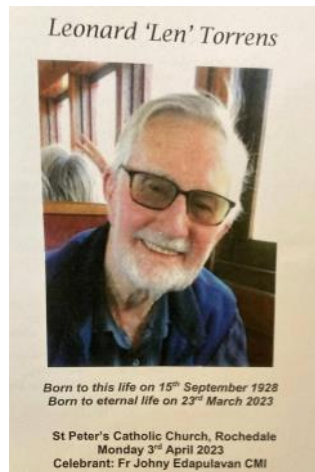
Len was a longtime member of Probus and regularly attended our meetings.

I knew him as a softly spoken gentleman. At one of our meetings I commented on the fact that he had grown a beard.

'Do you like it?'
'Absolutely' I replied 'it gives you a very debonair look'
'My wife hates it.'
'Oh that's a shame'
He leant in close and with a twinkle in his eye said,
'But I'm going to keep it!'

Rest In Peace Len.

Carla.



Vale Len Torrens.

15.09.1928 – 23.03.2023

Len was an active member of Logan Rotary Club and later graduated to the Springwood Probus Club until failing health caused his recent resignation.

Len, with other probians, worked all year, for many years making wooden toys for disadvantaged children as Christmas gifts, utilizing the MAD (Make and Do) facilities at Loganholme.

Len also had a great interest in drawing & painting, mainly watercolours. He hosted a fortnightly Probus Interest Art Workshop which was attended by enthusiastic probians. No great art eventuated, but they were enjoyable days, until terminated by covid.

A display of his toys & a beautiful pencil drawing of St. Peter's Church were on display on his coffin.

Len Torrens. A true gentleman.

Our condolences to his wife of 68 years, Kay and their family.

R.I.P. Joan Bamforth

GUEST SPEAKER:

In March, our guest speaker was Andrew Jones from Crime Stoppers who described how crime rates in Queensland had escalated dramatically over the last decade. He explained how to benefit from Crime Stoppers by reporting anything that appears untoward anonymously and they then pass the information on to the Police. This saves the hassle of giving all your details and filing reports, etc. that the Police are required to do.

Some of the ways that we can make our homes more secure include firstly having Security labels on some windows or doors (I know personally that works very well), having a dog that barks at anybody entering your premises, cameras that are visible, and of course good locks on doors and windows.

Andrew finished by opening up for questions and gave out stickers and brochures. He gave a very interesting and informative talk that was appreciated by us all.

Graham



Future Guest Speakers:

April: Heather Joy Campbell - Laughter Yoga

She is looking forward to discussing laughing for wellbeing and encouraging our members to chortle with her.

May: Rod Preston - Mysteries of the Mail

Welcome to *Mysteries of the Mail*; a funny entertaining and enriching series of presentations that open up the fascinating, often comical history of the untold tales of the mail.

From the Persian Empire to Silicon Valley, Europe to America, England to Australia and the South Pacific Islands the series brings to life the unique mysteries of the mail.

Emperors, presidents, royalty, outlaws, highwaymen, bushrangers and swashbuckling buccaneers with buried treasure have all impacted on the intriguing history and development of mail services through the ages.

Blackmail, fanmail, junkmail, postcards, scandals, scams and the impact on the entertainment industry are explored together with the weird and unbelievable items that have been posted through the mail.

All of this and more comes together in *Mysteries of the Mail*



Birthday Greetings for April

10 Diane Mason	14 Lyn Ahern
20 Ted Wieden	23 Yvonne Cook
23 Andrew MacFarlane	28 David Cherry
29 Phyllis Davey	30 Rhonda Cutts

Your Club Calendar Outings and Activities

Date	Activity	Venue	Time
Tue 4 th Apr	Coffee and Chat	Café 63, Cinderella Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Tue 11 th Apr	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth (0416 076 276)	9:30am
Thur 13 th Apr	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall	10:00am
Tue 18 th Apr	Ten Pin Bowling	Logan City Tenpin, 17 Wembley Rd. Bob Pareezer Phone: 0499 559 281.	9:30am to 12:00pm
Thur 20 th Apr	Morning Melodies Music Hall Concert	Woongoolba Hall, 1226 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road	10:30am to 2:00 pm
Wed 26 th Apr	Bright Autumn Festival Tour starts		
Thur 27 th Apr	The Laneway Green	Chatswood Central Shopping Centre, Chatswood Rd & Magellan Rd	8:30am
Tue 2 nd May	Coffee and Chat	Café 63, Cinderella Drive, Springwood	10:00am
Tue 9 th May	Craft Group	Joan Bamforth (0416 076 276)	9:30am
Thur 11 th May	Our Club Meeting	SDA Youth Hall	10:00am
Every Wed	Walking Group	Daisy Hill Forest	8:30am
Every Fri	Social Meal Gathering	Listed Below	5:30pm
7 th April	Good Friday	No Friday Night Dinner	
14 th April	Lions@Springwood	Pannikin St, Springwood	5:30pm
21 st April	Gateway of India	Murrajong Rd, Springwood	5:30pm
28 th April	No dinner	Most members away on Bright Tour	
5 th May	Chatswood Tavern	Magellan Rd, Chatswood	5:30pm
12 th May	Thai Daisy Hill	Daisy Hill Shopping Plaza	5:30pm

FUTURE DINEOUTS AND OUTINGS

20 th April	Outing	Morning Melodies at Woongoolba Hall Time: 10:30am to 2:00pm Cost \$25.00 per person Direct payment by Friday 14 th April - Ref. MUSIC + (Name) * * * * *
27 th April	Breakfast	The Laneway Green, Chatswood Central Shopping Centre. Time: 8:30am Own cost * * * * *
18 th May	Lunch	Windaroo Lakes Golf Club Time: 11:30am for 12:00noon Own cost * * * * *
25 th May	Outing	Guided History Tour of Old St Marks Church and Cemetery Time: 10:30am to 11:30am * * * * *
	Lunch	Chatswood Tavern, Springwood Time: 12:00noon Own cost * * * * *
15 th June	Dinner	Sunnybank Community & Sports Club Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm Own cost * * * * *
20 th July	Lunch	Buffet Xmas in July, Mansfield Tavern Time: 11:30am for 12noon Cost - Prepaid (to be advised) * * * * *

ATTENTION !! When doing bank transfers, please identify yourself and the payment.
 i.e. outing, your surname. Example - Easter-Ryan (Easter Bonnets outing)



The craft ladies are busy at 2nd Tuesday Craft.
 Come along and enjoy the company as you work and or chat.
 All welcome. Talk to Joan Bamford at the meeting for details.



Di Walker welcomes our new member, Glenys Scott.

FRIDAY NIGHTERS

We had sixty attendees at four of our great restaurants in March. We started at Chatswood Tavern, followed by Thai Daisy Hill, Café 63 and Woka Woka. We ended the month at VietFood in Springwood. Eighteen of us turned up at VietFood last Friday for a great evening. Lots of chatter until the food arrived, then it went a bit quiet surprisingly!!! It seems that this restaurant is going to be a stayer as the food is good and the service friendly. Harry tries his best to make sure we are all happy.

The roster for April is shown below:-

7 th April	NO DINNER FOR GOOD FRIDAY
14 th April	Lion's Club at Underwood
21 st April	Gateway of India at Springwood
28 th April	NO DINNER AS MOST MEMBERS AWAY ON BRIGHT TOUR
5 th May	Chatswood Tavern at Chatswood
12 th May	Thai Daisy Hill at Daisy Hill Shopping Centre

We love having new members and guests join us, but just let me know on 0403 046 200 or my email grahamjl@optusnet.com.au by no later than Wednesday lunch (12.00pm) so I can make the appropriate booking, please!

Convener: Graham Liddle



COFFEE & CHAT

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH at Café 63 – when the weather cools down, we will return to Springwood Park.



Come along, enjoy catching up with members in a relaxed atmosphere.



New members, this is the opportunity to get to know your fellow Probian.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 4th April.

ROSE

TEN PIN BOWLING

We had 8 members turn up for another great fun morning of bowling. There were the usual smattering of gutter balls (I think we all had one) but also a few strikes which were celebrated with gusto. We are all improving shown by the number of scores over 100. The main thing is that we all had fun at a great venue.

Any member wishing to give it a try will be most welcome.

Next bowling day is Tuesday 18th April at 10am which is a week earlier this month due to Anzac Day falling on our usual bowling day.

Bob



EASTER BONNET CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE DINEOUT



We all woke up on the morning of Easter Chicken and Champagne Dineout in trepidation after listening to a storm that started at 3.30am and continued until 5.30am. Would we be able to have our picnic in the park? Well, it turned out to be a glorious day, with 22 members turning up, mostly wearing wonderful Easter Bonnets in the hope of winning a prize or two.

The location at Underwood Park was very good with adequate facilities and table and bench seating. The Champagne

flowed to the extent I forgot to take the cold water out of the esky!

The Chicken arrived on time and was complimented with five salads and bread rolls, which went down very well judging by the minimal leftovers. Finally, four different cakes went down a treat for a sweet desert. The only complaint was that the chicken was cut in quarters instead of eighths as ordered, however the Deli hasn't yet learnt to count on the second hand!!



The Prizes for the best Ladies Easter Hat went to Carla Sherrington, with a close runner-up Merrill Trousdell. The Gent's best Easter Hat went to Barry Smith and runner up to Jeff Beach. Well done and congratulations to the winners, and of course, 'hats off' (pun intended) to everyone who donned an Easter bonnet of some description.

To everyone who turned up, a big thank you, especially to those who assisted Sofia and me in serving and cleaning up.

Graham



HARRIGAN'S



It was a good turnout of 25 members to our St Patrick's Day Dineout at Harrigan's in Calypso Bay. Nearly everyone was dressed in something green to celebrate this Irish day. Wayne Thomas, looking like a leprechaun, won the day and I think I came a close second with my leprechaun shirt.

The Beef and Guinness Pot Pie was very popular, but Pauline decided on something quite different – the Beetroot and Spinach Burger!! I think she has gone Vegan, Haha!



Everybody enjoyed themselves with the usual Fun, Fellowship, Friendship and of course Food. The party broke up a little after 2.00pm once a group photo was taken and as we were split up on different tables I wasn't able to share my Irish jokes that I had prepared - Oh well, save them for another time.

Di Thomas, who has taken over the Dineouts Officer role did a great job of checking names and organising the group photos – well done, Di.

Graham



While our mighty leader is away doing other walks, we keep the weekly walks going. It's not all hard work. We do have a laugh along the way.



We breed them big here in Queensland!!!

MORNING MELODIES MUSIC HALL CONCERT
TWO COURSE LUNCH \$25.00 per head - bar available

THURSDAY 20th APRIL -- OUTING

Time: 10.30am to 2.00pm

Direct Payment by Friday, 14th April

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BSB: 633 000 Account No: 178 031 910

Payment Reference: MUSIC along with your name.



Wayne and Marie will entertain us with all their favourite tunes - Musical Bingo - prizes for winners – should be a great fun outing.

WOONGOOLBA HALL

Pimpama Island & District Community Centre
1226 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road

The historical hall is set in the cane fields halfway
between Brisbane and the Gold Coast

Convener: Rose Johnson

DINEOUTS – APRIL - BREAKFAST



THE LANEWAY GREEN

Chatswood Rd & Magellan Rd, Springwood
(Chatswood Central Shopping Centre)

Thursday 27th April 2023

Time: 8.30am

OWN COST

Contact: Di Thomas - 0413531329

DINEOUTS- MAY – LUNCH



WINDAROO LAKES GOLF CLUB

Anna Louise Terrace, Windaroo , QLD 4207

Thursday 18th May 2023

Time: 11.30am for 12md

OWN COST

Contact: Di Thomas-0413531329



MAY OUTING – THURSDAY, 25TH MAY

**OLD ST MARK'S CHURCH
41A WINNETS ROAD, DAISY HILL**

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am



We will be given a guided tour and photographic display of the historic and

heritage listed church and cemetery trail by Marie-Louise and Sybil.

Those of us new to Daisy Hill will find the history of local families who built this area interesting and informative.

There is ample parking on Church grounds and mobility level good.

LUNCH

Chatswood Tavern, Springwood

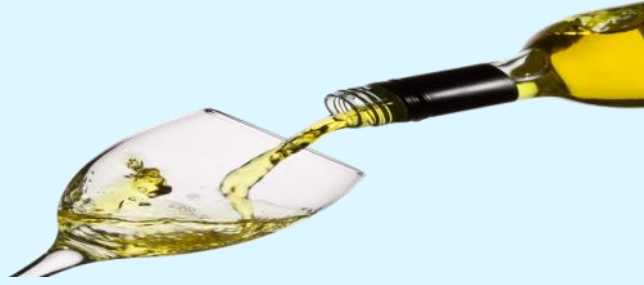
at 12.00 noon at Own Expense



Please indicate if you are coming for lunch



DINEOUTS – JUNE – DINNER



SUNNYBANK COMMUNITY & SPORTS CLUB

McCullough St, Sunnybank 4109

Thursday 15th June 2023

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm

OWN COST

Contact: Di Thomas - 0413531329



BUFFET XMAS IN JULY THURSDAY 20TH JULY 2023

11.30AM FOR 12.00MD

MANSFIELD TAVERN

181 WECKER ROAD, MANSFIELD 4122

COST – PREPAID (DUE DATE)

MENU DISPLAYED AT MEETING

CONTACT: DI THOMAS – 0413531329

ROTARY MOVIE NIGHT

Aren't we lucky in that we can help others
Whilst enjoying ourselves!

And Rotary certainly facilitated that when they invited us to view a
great movie whilst donating to the Turkey/Ukraine disasters.

And whoo-hoo!! "Fisherman's Friends" the movie was a delight.

Heart warming - happy - positive - sad - suspenseful - uplifting, are just a few adjectives to describe it.

And the icing on the cake was being able to sing along to some great Irish songs.

(I hope the other movie goes didn't mind - oh well too bad!)



A few of us stopped at the Beach House for some dinner afterwards which fuelled some very lively conversation, about the movie and other things of course.

THANKS MERV. We had a great night.

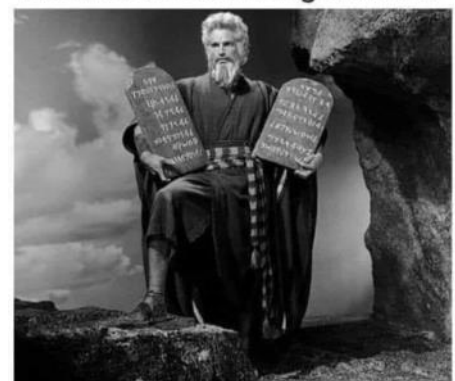
P.s. I won a lucky door prize ; how's that!!!!

Carla.

1. Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
2. What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
3. A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.
4. Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
5. How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
6. I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
7. When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, he gave me a blank stare.
8. Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Ono, not U2 again."
9. Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
10. I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.
11. I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
12. What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
13. I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarznegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."
14. What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up her own incision? Suture self.
15. I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.



So technically Moses was the
first man to download files
from the cloud using a tablet.



A Little Poem For Seniors, so true it hurts!
 Another year has passed
 And we're all a little older.
 Last summer felt hotter
 And winter seems much colder.
 There was a time not long ago
 When life was quite a blast.
 Now I fully understand
 About 'Living in the Past'
 We used to go to weddings,
 Football games and lunches..
 Now we go to funeral homes
 And after-funeral brunches.
 We used to go out dining,
 And couldn't get our fill.
 Now we ask for doggie bags,
 Come home and take a pill.
 We used to often travel
 To places near and far.
 Now we get sore asses
 From riding in the car.
 We used to go to nightclubs
 And drink a little booze.
 Now we stay home at night
 And watch the evening news.
 That, my friend is how life is,
 And now my tale is told.
 So, enjoy each day and live it up...
 Before you're too damned old!



Things to think about:

- What if my dog only brings the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If poison is past its expiry date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- Which letter is silent in the word "Scent", the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is the letter w, in English, called double u? Shouldn't it be called double v?
- Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
- Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.