

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3392
Date	6 January 2004
Venue	U.C.S.C.
Occasion	Jess Henderson – Outbound Exchange Student to Brazil; Committee Meetings

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Jess Henderson, Elizabeth Henderson, Helen Richter, Naome Low, Netta-Riina Salila

Apologies	Trudi Wallbridge (in Melbourne), Don Emmett, Norm Wallace, Alex Jonson, Tom Tirrell, Lou Barteletti, Michael Tait, Maeve & Dean Swinden (in Tasmania)
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Make Ups	None
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Percentage	60%
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Sick List	Alex Jonson, Don Emmett
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Returning Rotarians	Everyone
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Departing Rotarians	None
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From President John

OSSAA are having a **film evening** to raise funds (cost \$15 per person) and tickets are on sale (at \$2 ea) for a raffle with great prizes – see Pres. John and the ad on this page.

A Christmas card was received from the **District Governor** with greetings to Pres. John and Barbara and to all members of the Unley Club.

Unley Mayor Michael Keenan has written seeking members for a **Committee on Community Safety**. The aim is to get community-wide involvement in an effort being run by the SA Police. Pres. John feels that our Club should be represented in view of our involvement with the Police Officer of the Year. See Pres. John if interested.

Our Club will be helping to hand out drinks at the City of Unley's **Citizenship Ceremonies** on Australia Day on 26 January.

Before Christmas **Anglicare** contacted the Club at the Thrift Shop seeking help with laundry for a distressed couple living in a house in Hyde Park. The Russells offered to help but found themselves with 12 bags of laundry (watching the clothes go round at laundromat was fascinating).

Ian Pearson has offered to help on a District Committee to do with promotion and marketing.

On the Spot

Wayne Ross: We have received a letter from Toch thanking the Club for the sponsorship of 5 children and 2 leaders, a letter from Guides Australia thanking the Club for a donation to the Edna Ayers Camp (our support will be advertised in their bulletin and camp literature), a letter and certificate from YMCA thanking the Club for our support for 2 children to attend summer camps on Kangaroo Island, a letter from RYPEN Chairman Allan Bartram thanking the Club for nominating Melanie Fishers to attend the RYPEN Seminar in Sunrasia (Melanie will speak to us next week about her experiences), and a Christmas card from Amelia Fotheringham, our nominee to the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra (she is looking forward to speaking to us soon after she gets back).

Bob Laws: The Prospect Sunrise Club is holding a Rock Concert on 7 February in the Burnside Town Hall to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. The band is giving its time free. Bob has some tickets available at \$25 ea that also covers food and spiders (drinks) – BYO alcohol. There will be a best/worst dressed competition.

Ron Schubert: This week there will be a spring clean at the Thrift Shop in preparation for the “Grand (Re-)Opening” this Saturday. Volunteers are needed to assist with various tasks at the Thrift Shop this week, such as window cleaning, dusting, vacuuming, cleaning shelves, painting and installing picture hooks. The net profit for the Thrift Shop for the year to date is \$18,080. The Thrift Shop is badly in need of men’s ties, so fellers go through your wardrobes and see if you’ve got any ties you can part with.

Volunteers are needed to share the important responsibility of compiling the weekly bulletin next Rotary year. Please think about it.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant-at-Arms:	David Middleton
Wine Raffle Winner:	Ken Daly
Lucky Squares Winner:	Ian Pearson

Guest Speaker – Jess Henderson

Chairperson Mavis Martin introduced Jess Henderson, our outbound exchange student to Brazil. Mavis has been Jess' counselor. Jess presented the talk that she will give to her host Rotary club and other clubs. She described her childhood, family and education in Australia and in Adelaide and showed slides depicting various aspects of our country and city.

Jess expressed her appreciation to the Club and Rotary for the opportunity to travel and live abroad for a year. Mavis presented Jess with some Unley Rotary Club banners to present to clubs in Brazil.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
10/01/04	Ron Schubert & Joan Reed
17/01/04	Kevin Rogers, Ken Haines, Ron Schubert
24/01/04	Ken Haines & Mavis Martin
31/01/04	Chandra Sluggett & Greg McLeod
07/02/04	Dean & Maeve Swinden

OSSAA

Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia

Invites you and your friends to attend a

FILM EVENING

Enjoy a perfect night with Champagne, a Light Supper and

“Mona Lisa Smiles”

starring Julia Roberts
at the

Chelsea Cinema
275 Kensington Road
Kensington Park

on
Sunday, 22 February 2004
At 5.30pm for 6.15pm

Donation \$15 per person

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
13/01/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Melanie Fishers – RYPEN Seminar Experience	TBA	Adrian Sobels	Wayne Ross	Bob Laws	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
20/01/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Freya Gehling – Returned Exchange Student	Geoff Hill	Ken Haines	TBA	Greg Love		8179 5650
27/01/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	TBA	TBA	Lucien Parent	TBA	Rex Martin		
03/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	Pres. John	Joan Reed	TBA	Greg McLeod		

A Brief History of Interplast

How did it all begin? About 30 years ago an American Plastic Surgeon, Dr Don Laub, went to Mexico for a holiday - whilst he was there he was asked to have a look at a child with a cleft lip - Don Laub was so moved by the fact that this child was being brought up in the chook house because his parents were ashamed of his appearance. He took him back to Stanford University and operated to repair the cleft lip.

When he returned the little boy to his home some weeks later, he was surprised to find there were many, many more children suffering the same condition and not being treated as there was no plastic surgeon. He gathered together volunteer surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses and established Interplast America which then provided programmes to this part of the world and, eventually, into South America. It was on a programme to Ecuador that a plastic surgeon from Melbourne joined the team. On his return he spoke at a Rotary Club about his experiences.

Rotarians, being the great organisers they are, then wondered whether a service such as this was needed in our near neighbour developing countries - and in making enquiries found that there was no plastic surgeon in the whole of the Pacific.

The concept of Interplast Australia was then introduced to the Rotary Clubs in the then District 980 and the very first programme was conducted to Samoa in 1983, fully funded by Rotary. The next programme funded by Rotary was to Fiji, and it was there the Australian Government - Department of Foreign Affairs - recognised the importance of such a programme as a foreign aid programme (the results are there to see - the before and afters), and this resulted in Government funding being allocated for Interplast programmes throughout the Pacific Islands.

Since that time, Interplast programmes have been extended to include Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Laos, and Myanmar and in March 2002 programmes commenced to Sri Lanka.

Interplast Australia is set up as a company limited by guarantee and has 3 Rotary members (from districts 9810, 9680 & 9780) 3 members from R.A.C.S. and 1 independent member. It has a board of directors including Rotarians from 5 Australian districts and is now supported by District Interplast Committees in around 18 of the 23 Australian districts.

To date: 488 Volunteers have conducted 305 programmes to 20 countries comprising 22,079 consultations and 12,645 operations. 40 patients have been brought to Australia for treatment and over 40 doctors and nurses brought out for further training.

Interplast teams consist of two surgeons, one anaesthetist and one nurse who give their time entirely for two weeks. There are more volunteers than there are programmes. In some cases an extra nurse and anaesthetist may be sent - depending on the local staff and facilities available.

Trees For Survival

Trees for Survival is an educational and revegetation program, initiated and supported by the Rotary Clubs of Australia. The project originated from Rotary's concern for Australia's rapidly degrading environment and has achieved worldwide recognition under Rotary's Preserve Planet Earth initiative.

TFS is a co-operative annual cycle of carers and land management groups working together to revegetate indigenous landscapes by nurturing seedlings to return to their original habitat.

Through its Trees for 2000 project, Trees for Survival project has two key objectives to combat this degradation problem:

?? Increase the community's awareness of the issues surrounding land degradation and the importance of natural vegetation

?? Foster a close link between revegetation groups, Rotary Clubs, Schools and other institutions involved with the shade house.

Trees for Survival has supplied many hundreds of thousands of healthy trees to revegetation groups and these have been planted in degraded areas of Australia. It also encourages those schools involved to grow native plants for local community beautification and benefit and to engage in many environmental projects such as waste recycling, testing of air and water pollution, care of endangered species.

The program enjoys the support of environment organisations (e.g. Greening Australia, Landcare and Dunecare groups), Federal and State government agencies, many local councils, business (e.g. Trans-Grid) and Catchment Management Committees and Trusts.

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Monday 23 February at 11:00am at the home of Pat Limbert at 40 "The Parks", 3 Cashel Street, Pasadena.

The Unley Rotarian 2003/2004

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc

Chartered 17th April 1935 – District 9520

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at 6.30 pm. Fellowship at 6.15 pm**

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