

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3393
Date	13 January 2004
Venue	U.C.S.C.
Occasion	Melanie Fishers – RYPEN Seminar Report; Rotarian Lindsay England – His Story

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Sheila Evans, Naomi Low, Helen Richter, Fred Peter (Pres. of RC of Broken Hill South), Melanie Fishers and Jill Fishers

Apologies	Norm Wallace, Paul Howard, Trudi Wallbridge, Alex Jonson, Natalie Bowen, Don Emmett, Greg Love, Dean and Maeve Swinden, Michael Tait, Lou Barteletti
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Make Ups	Paul Howard (District Committee), Greg Love (Thrift Shop)
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Percentage	64%
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Sick List	Norm Wallace, Alex Jonson, Don Emmett
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Returning Rotarians	None
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Departing Rotarians	None
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From President John

Greg Love has been approached by District Governor Elect Euan Miller to be a member of the District Membership Committee, a credit to Greg's efforts with our Club's membership activities.

Pres. John still has tickets for the **OSSAA Film Night** to see "Mona Lisa Smiles" – see the ad in the Bulletin. Pres. John also has a few remaining OSSAA raffle tickets for sale. Don't miss out.

Thanks to all those who donated goods to the **Salvation Army Appeal** prior to Christmas.

Since Denis White left the Club there is now a **vacancy on the Sergeant at Arms Sub-committee**. Anyone interested in an opportunity to embarrass or make fun of fellow members please see Pres. John.

On the Spot

Ron Schubert reported with pleasure that the Annual Sale at the Thrift Shop last Saturday achieved a new one-day sales record of \$1,604, exceeding the previous record by \$674, an outstanding result. Then on Monday, sales of \$616 were achieved where normally we would be lucky to sell \$200, again another outstanding result, and today sales were over \$400. Sales for the last three days have been over \$2,620.

Before Christmas Ron placed a notice in the Unley Community Notices and, more importantly, Paul Howard came up with the idea of placing an advertisement in the Garage Sales section of the Advertiser classifieds; subsequently Jo Blowes reported seeing many new faces that had not been seen in the Thrift Shop before.

Ron sought and obtained the members' full endorsement of a proposal to write letters of appreciation from the Club to Jo Blowes, Joan Moore and Marni Phillips thanking them for their enormous effort in making the Thrift Shop sale such a success and to send a gift of champagne with each letter.

Ron also thanked Rotarians Ken Haines, John Russell, Joan Reed, Bob Laws and Ken Daly who all responded to the call for help with the cleaning and preparation of the Thrift Shop for the grand re-opening. In particular Ron thanked **Ken Haines** who spent the whole week helping with the preparations, and **Ken Daly** who cleaned and refurbished the change room area.

The **Thrift Shop Committee** will be meeting on Saturday 17 January at 9:30am at Mama Carmela's restaurant on Oxford Corner.

Gary Tonkin: On Australia Day on 26 January there will be a Naturalisation Ceremony at the Unley Civic Centre at 4:30pm. We have volunteered to help by manning the drinks stall. Anyone who can help on the stall please see Gary who will have more details next week.

Bob Laws: The **Major Projects Committee** will be meeting immediately after next week's meeting on 20 January.

Bob reiterated last week's report on the Prospect Sunrise Club's rock concert on 7 February at the Burnside Town Hall. He has now sold all tickets that he had on hand.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant-at-Arms:	David Middleton
Wine Raffle Winner:	Alex Jonson
Lucky Squares Winner:	Chandra Sluggett

Guest Speaker – Melanie Fishers

Wayne Ross introduced Melanie Fishers, our Club's sponsored participant in the recent RYPEN camp at Lake Cullulleraine near Mildura. Melanie reported on what it was like for her to attend the RYPEN camp and meeting a whole group of people whom she didn't know. She described the activities and events she had been involved in, the lessons she had learned and how the experience of the camp had benefited her. Melanie then conducted a very enjoyable "Mini Olympics" with four members competing in the javelin throw (drinking straws), shot put (cotton balls) and discus throw (paper plates).

Melanie expressed "huge thanks" to the Club for sponsoring her on the camp and to her mother Jill for encouraging her to apply to attend. Pres. John presented Melanie with her RYPEN certificate.

Rotarian Lindsay England

One of three sons of a farming family, Lindsay was born in Mount Barker and raised at Paris Creek. After high school he joined an insurance company where he worked for 31 years. Following retrenchment and a year of job search he did some government work and then joined EDS where he has worked for 7 years. He has been married to Linda for 31 years and they have two sons. Tom Tirrell revealed that Lindsay is an accomplished square dancer.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
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

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
20/01/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Freya Gehling – Returned Exchange Student	Geoff Hill	Ken Haines	TBA	Greg Love	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
27/01/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	TBA	TBA	Lucien Parent	TBA	Rex Martin		8179 5650
03/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	Pres. John	Joan Reed	TBA	Greg McLeod		
10/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	John Schwerdt – Asian Nursing	Ken Haines	Adrian Sobels	TBA	David Middleton		

Hope for the Children Community Family Networks

- + A Rotary Project to keep 'HOPE' alive for children
- + A support service for families in need or with new babies

Many families today are isolated in their community and live far from relatives and friends, so many are unsupported and find it hard to cope when problems arise, especially when they have a new baby.

Through their experience and training, the volunteers can help parents to cope better and gain greater joy from the early years of the new baby's life, enriching the family experience for all its members. The volunteers provide the type of support which new parents used to have access to through the extended family, when grandparents, aunts, sisters and good friends lived close by and were ready to help or give loving care and support when needed, so that parent and babies got off to a good start.

Volunteers also help families to access any other services they may require, such as professional medical services, through referral by the co-coordinator or by giving advice on social community services that may be helpful to a family.

Family Support

The main role of volunteers in visiting families is to provide friendship, support, and information about parenting skills, also help with access to childcare, education, health and social services.

The aim of the volunteers is to support families with new babies, to limit the amount of stress they often suffer, by giving them commonsense advice on the everyday issues and problems arising when new babies come into the family. The volunteers draw from their own experiences and coping skills, also what they learn from the training course, to help parents into their new role and to manage any potential problems.

The Service

The Community Family Network service is delivered by trained volunteers who have enjoyed bringing up their own children and wish to help other parents find the same joy from this experience.

The volunteers are drawn from the local community, and will visit the homes of families who are referred to the

service through the maternity hospital, GP or other source. The visits are on a weekly basis, starting after the volunteer has undergone a training course and had personal guidance from the service co-ordinator.

The Community Family Networks are also part of a broader research project with three similar services, proving the effectiveness of such programs in keeping families healthy, preventing the damaging consequences to individuals - and great cost to society! - incurred when families become stressed past their endurance and parents can no longer cope.

The Kind of Help Needed

Hope for the Children Foundation is a non-profit organisation that receives no government funding and relies totally on sponsorship and donations from the business sector and fundraising in the local community. One network can cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000 a year to operate, but this cost can be considerably less with strong community support.

HOPE remains committed to providing practical parenting support for stressed families especially with babies, so that we can provide our children with the best chance to grow into happy, healthy and productive adults.

OSSAA Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia

Invites you and your friends to attend a
FILM EVENING
Enjoy a 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

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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