

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3394
Date	20 January 2004
Venue	U.C.S.C.
Occasion	Freya Gehling – Returned Exchange Student
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Darrell Wickham (RC of Coromandel Valley, Helen Richter, Netta-Riina Salila, Kathryn Howard
Apologies	Norm Wallace, Don Emmett, Geoff Hill, Trudi Wallbridge, Alex Jonson, Geoff Dunn, Adrian Sobels, Jim Newall, Wayne Ross, Chandra Sluggett, David Middleton
Make Ups	Geoff Dunn & Jim Newall (Thrift Shop)
Percentage	70%
Sick List	Don Emmett, Norm Wallace, Alex Jonson
Returning Rotarians	Maeve & Dean Swinden
Departing Rotarians	John Russell

From President John

Pres. John has sent a card on behalf of members to Geoff Hill expressing sympathies on the recent death of his mother.

Pres. John reminded members of the OSSAA Film Evening to see Julia Roberts in “Mona Lisa Smiled” (see ad over page). John has plenty of tickets to sell to Rotarians at \$15.

We need another Sergeant to fill the vacancy left by Denis White. Would anyone willing to take on this role please see Natalie Bowen.

To celebrate 100 years of Rotary the RC of Glen Osmond is doing a commemorative bottling of McLaren Vale Shiraz. After next week's meeting members of the Glen Osmond Club will be here to give a tasting of this wine, which our members will then be able to order (see District News).

The RC of Brownhill Creek is holding a Golf Day on 20 February 2004 at Blackwood. Anyone interested in being part of a RC of Unley team please see Pres. John.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) are looking for a team leader for a group going to Scotland from 1 October to 1 November 2004. GSE are also seeking potential study team members. So if anyone is interested in the leadership role or may know of a potential team member, please see Pres. John who has all the necessary details.

Pres. John has the Rotary International and Rotary Foundation **annual reports** for anyone who is interested.

Pres. John has received a report on a **DGs' “Think Tank”** at Wagga that looked at fund raising. Several clubs in several Districts were mentioned for their particular fund raising expertise, including the RC of Unley and our Thrift Shop.

On the Spot

Ron Schubert thanked Greg Love for his contribution to preparing of the Thrift Shop for its Reopening Sale. Ron reported with pleasure the results of the Sale which amounted to a total of \$2,325.90 for the week following the opening Saturday, a record. Total sales for the sale period were a record \$3,929.90. Normal sales in one week are around \$1,300. And yesterday's sales were \$616, which normally would be around \$200. More stock is needed.

Volunteers are needed to pick-up goods for the Thrift Shop. While Ron is happy to take calls offering goods, he does need help with picking up the donations. Would anyone who can help please see Ron.

Bob Laws read an email received from Fabiano Santos-Ramos, a Brazilian exchange student hosted by our Club 10 years ago. Bob had emailed Fabiano as he comes from Maringa where Jess Henderson is going, but Fabiano is currently in Australia studying in Sydney and hopes to get to Adelaide in February to catch-up with his “past parents”.

Gary Tonkin recorded the names of volunteers to help at the Australia Day ceremonies at 5:30pm on 26 January.

Mavis Martin reported that Jess Henderson left for Brazil (very early) last Friday morning and that Jess' mother had called to say that Jess had arrived safely and was settled with her first host family.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant-at-Arms:	Natalie Bowen
Wine Raffle Winner:	Geoff Hill
Lucky Squares Winner:	Robert Birnie

Guest Speaker – Freya Gehling

Chairman Stephen Westgarth introduced Freya Gehling, our 2002 exchange student to Belgium. Since her return Freya has been studying molecular biology at Adelaide University.

Freya described the country of Belgium in terms of location, size, topography, cities (favourites like Bruges and Brussels), languages and cultural icons (beer and chocolate, both of which Freya sampled).

She described her host families of which she had four, and how each family was pleasingly different. Her families were generous with their time and travel opportunities. Freya attended two high schools, which were rather spartan compared to ours in terms of facilities (e.g. heating and computers), but where the students worked very hard.

And she was fortunate to be able to travel to several countries including the Netherlands, France, Czech Republic, Italy and England.

Clearly Freya had a great deal of fun and learned a great deal about herself and other countries and cultures. She presented Pres. John with a banner from her host club of Braine-Le-Comte and a club banner and a teddy bear left with Freya's family by Kat Logan, our South African exchange student.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
24/01/04	Ken Haines & Mavis Martin
31/01/04	Chandra Sluggett & Greg McLeod
07/02/04	Dean & Maeve Swinden
14/02/04	Kevin Rogers, Stephen Westgarth, John Russell

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
27/01/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Ben Yengi – Ethiopian Multicultural SA	Chandra Sluggett	Lucien Parent	Dean Swinden	Rex Martin	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
03/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	Pres. John	Joan Reed	Dean Swinden	Greg McLeod		8179 5650
10/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	John Schwerdt – Asian Nursing	Ken Haines	Adrian Sobels	Bob Laws	David Middleton		
17/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Visit to Mosque – Partners Night	John Russell	N/A	N/A	N/A		

District News

Centenary Celebration Shiraz

In 2004 Rotary International will celebrate 100 years of service to the community.

The Glen Osmond Rotary Club has announced the release of the "Centenary Celebration Shiraz" to commemorate this momentous occasion.

In keeping with the significance of the event they have selected a quality McLaren Vale Richard Hamilton "Gump's Block" shiraz. The wine is dark crimson with a purple hue and it has an earthy, inky perfume of violet bouquet and a ripe up-front crushed raspberry palate.

The wine will cellar well, and every bottle will remind you of the achievements of Rotary International and your personal contribution to the community through Rotary.

From December the Glen Osmond Club will be contacting metropolitan clubs, offering to visit them in January and February, to provide a wine tasting at a club meeting.

The proceeds from sales (\$180/doz) will be used for Glen Osmond Rotary Club projects, both International and Local.

Group Study Exchange (GSE)

On Sunday 14th December the recently returned GSE Team to Japan was officially welcomed back with a luncheon and debriefing at the Edinburgh Hotel.

The team, led by Rtn Malcolm Lindquist of the Brownhill Creek Club, gave an excellent presentation of their experiences during their four-week stay in Japan. They were treated like royalty, visited many large corporations, gave 12 presentations to Rotary clubs (in English), enjoyed many home stays and dined on a large variety of Japanese cuisine.

The host District 2810 provided a full-time interpreter who stayed with the team during their entire stay in Japan.

If nothing else it was an amazing cultural experience for all. However, there were many opportunities for vocational experiences, entertainment and interaction with their Japanese hosts.

It was the first such GSE visit by our District to Japan and was a successful one.

The team members would be delighted to visit Clubs within the district and let us know something about their exchange – they each have a PowerPoint presentation.

[Group Study Exchange is a Rotary Foundation Program]

Rotary Disaster Committee

The District governor has received a lengthy letter from the D9500 Disaster Committee Chair PDG Allan Wilson asking that our District 9520 form a joint State Rotary Disaster

Committee with D9500. For several years D9500 has had such a committee though it has been somewhat dormant.

The State Disaster Committee had assumed that their committee was representative of all Rotary clubs within South Australia – and at present this is not the case.

The purpose of the Rotary Committee and Rotary Club involvement is to assist with a range of provisions – beds, bedding, tarpaulins, mobile cooking facilities and foodstuffs in case of a declared "Disaster" by the State Disaster Committee. Such a disaster would be the result of flooding, bushfire, earthquake or major explosion and could occur in either Rotary District.

Our district does have a "Disaster" Fund that can be used at the discretion of the District governor – whether it is local, national or somewhere overseas.

This matter will be discussed at the next Management Meeting to see if this District will be involved. If so we will then need to supply at least three members of the joint District Committee and to find out which Clubs would be prepared to assist if there were a "disaster" in their immediate area.

In the meantime, Rotarians are asked to give the matter some thought and if there are any Rotarians willing to serve on this joint D9500/9520 Committee, perhaps they could notify their Assistant Governor (Dean Standish).

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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Rotary Club of Unley Inc

Chartered 17th April 1935 – District 9520

The Club meets every Tuesday at the
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