

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3396
Date	3 February 2004
Venue	U.C.S.C.
Occasion	Mamiko Tanaka – Support for “Futoko” Youth in Japan; Committee Meetings
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Naomi Low, Hideko Tanaka, Nancye Van Der Lee, Mamiko Tanaka, Shono Yoneyama, Helen Richter, Netta-Riina Salila, Rob Rodenburg (Pres. RC of Hyde Park), Dean Standish (ADG Group 6, RC of Mitcham)
Apologies	Norm Wallace, Darrol Foote, John Russell, Trudi Wallbridge, Natalie Bowen, Greg Love, Tom Tirrell
Make Ups	Robert Birnie (Thrift Shop)
Percentage	80%
Sick List	Norm Wallace
Returning Rotarians	Lou Barteletti, Geoff Dunn, Don Emmett
Departing Rotarians	None

From Acting President Kaylene

Janet Pearce has written to thank the Club for our birthday greetings to her (Ed: Janet is the person who faithfully sends birthday cards to the partners of our Rotarians).

Acting Pres. Kaylene gave a further reminder of the **District Conference** and reported that the “Early Bird” date for registrations has been extended for any Rotarians still wishing to attend. See Kaylene for registration forms.

Also, a reminder of the **Murray Bridge Club’s 50th Anniversary Dinner** on Saturday 28 February at the Racing Club and the barbeque picnic on Sunday 29 February, also at the Racing Club. Anyone wishing to attend please see Kaylene. It would be good if as many Unley members as possible could attend given that Murray Bridge is our daughter club (see last week’s Bulletin for further details).

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
10/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	John Schwerdt – Asian Nursing	Ken Haines	Adrian Sobels	Bob Mullins	David Middleton	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
17/02/04	Mosque	6.00 for 6.30pm	Visit to Mosque – Partners Night	John Russell	N/A	N/A	N/A		8179 5650
24/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Daryl Wickman – RYWELL - Disadvantaged Youth	Bob Laws	Greg Love	Bob Laws	Bob Mills		
02/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	John Russell	Geoff Howland	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mullins		

On the Spot

Rob Rodenburg, visiting Rotarian and President of the RC of Hyde Park, informed Unley members of the forthcoming Special Rotary Meeting being held by the Hyde Park Club on Wednesday 3 March at 7:00 for 7:30pm at the U.C.S.C. to hear **Dr Ken Collins** speak on **Polio Plus**. Among many positions he holds, Dr Collins is Chairperson of the Australian Polio Eradication Committee. Cost is \$18 per head including drinks on arrival. RSVP to Theo Kruys by phone on 0417 877 508.

Ron Schubert reminded members about the Glen Osmond Club’s Rotary Centenary Commemorative Wine, a shiraz produced by the Jimmy Watson’s Trophy winning Hamilton’s’ winery in McLaren Vale. Anyone wishing to place an order for this wine please contact Ron for order forms. Priced at \$180 per dozen or \$15 a bottle.

Bob Laws raised the opportunity for Rotarians to attend the Rotary International Conference in Osaka, Japan from 22 to 27 May, 2004. Bob has details of travel and accommodation packages available through Harvey World Travel, who are the official travel agents for the conference.

Geoff Dunn: There will be a Paint Your Heart Out project on the weekend of 14 and 15 February at Aldridge House in Parkside. Geoff is looking for volunteers to do three hours work on each of Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons. The work to be done should be completed easily within the two days if there are sufficient volunteers. Please contact Geoff if you can help.

Alex Johnson: A reminder that tickets are still available for the OSSAA film night to see Mona Lisa Smile on 22 February (see advert over page).

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant-at-Arms: David Middleton
Wine Raffle Winner: Natalie Bowen
Lucky Squares Winner: Jim Newall

Guest Speaker – Mamiko Tanaka

Ichiro Tanaka introduced his daughter Mamiko to speak to the Club on the topic of “Futoko”, which is the Japanese name for the problem of children who do not want to go to school. Mamiko was born in Houston, Texas. She attended kindergarten and primary school in Japan and then came to Adelaide with her parents where she completed primary school, then high school, then a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Asian Studies.

Mamiko began by recounting how her first encounter with Rotary was the sight of the Four Way Test engraved on a plate at the studio of her music teacher in Japan and said how pleased she was that her father had joined Rotary.

The problem of futoko is a serious one in Japan, with increasing numbers of young people staying away from school and withdrawing from society. These young people range from primary school age through to the university years. Mamiko went to Japan to pursue her passion for finding out from the point of view of the young people themselves just why they were withdrawing from school and society.

Mamiko described some of the identified causes of futoko including the Japanese cultural expectation for scholastic success, bullying and the shame attached to not attending school. Children who don’t go to school are often regarded as mentally ill and are sent to hospital for treatment. Suicide can sometimes be an outcome of futoko.

The public school system is very strict and does not suit the personalities of many students. Support groups have been established by volunteers to provide an alternative, less strict environment to help futoko students return to school.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
07/02/04	Dean & Maeve Swinden
14/02/04	Kevin Rogers, Stephen Westgarth, John Russell
21/02/04	John Russell, Lindsay England
28/02/04	Darrol Foote & Joan Reed

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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.

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