Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3398			
Date	17 February 2004			
Venue	Al Khalil Mosque			
Occasion	Visit to Mosque – Partners Night			
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Pauline Daly, Nadia Dunn, Marlene Foote, Jil Cleghorn, Kathryn Howard, Rose Howland, Sue Middleton, Kiara Middleton, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Faye Ross, Pam Bowling, Hideko Tanaka, Sharron Tirrell, Helen Richter, Neville and Jill Highett			
Apologies	Don Emmett, Bob Laws, Joan Reed, Michael Tait, Gary Tonkin, Norm Wallace & Stephen Westgarth			
Make Ups	Don Emmett & Gary Tonkin			
Percentage	70%			
Sick List	Don Emmett & Joan Reed			
Returning Rotarians None				
Departing Rotarians None				

From President John

Norm Wallace is progressing well and hopes to be back at Rotary next week after a long absence.

Ray Emmett has written to thank the Club for the card to mark his recent birthday.

The **OSSAA** picture theatre tickets are all but sold out. Alex Jonson has just a few left. See Alex for last minute ticket purchases.

Matters of Interest

Half-yearly subscriptions are due and payment should be made to Bob Laws or Alex Jonson promptly.

Fees \$95 Wine Raffle \$24

Bulletin Postage \$15 (nil for e-mail)

The Japanese Society of Adelaide is presenting "Japan Festa '04" on Saturday 27 March 2004 at Marryatville Primary School, Dankel Avenue Kensington between 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Come along and join in the various activities and partake of the food with a Japanese flavour! See Ichiro Tanaka for further details.

Club Visit to Al Khalil Mosque

Sheik Solaiman welcomed members and partners (*Salaam aleikum* – "peace be unto you") to the mosque which was built in 1998 and serves the wider Adelaide community.

The site contains the mosque, an extensive library, seminar and teaching rooms and a cemetery.

Australia is a multicultural society and Sheik Solaiman explained that the mosque and its facilities are open to people of all faiths. It is a place of worship and of learning. Lessons in Arabic are available at no charge as the teachings of the Koran can only best be learned and understood in the original language. The daily prayers and the rituals should also be spoken in the Arabic language.

There are many interpretations of the words of the Koran and of the meanings conveyed but the words themselves may never be changed and must always be translated word for word.

Sheik Solaiman is one of two imams who provide wisdom and direction in both Arabic and English for the worshippers and followers of Islam. There is no register of worshippers and no restrictions on who may come to visit and to worship – the door is always open. Prayers are said five times a day, starting from 4.30am through to 11.00pm and the numbers of persons attending the individual prayer sessions may range from just a handful to several hundreds. The imam will deliver a form of sermon at the lunchtime prayer session on a Friday.

Sheik Solaiman and Dr Tony Khan endeavoured to educate us on the basic tenets of the Muslim faith. At the mosque, classes are held to teach Islamic knowledge and the Arabic language to all comers.

Islam is complete and total submission to Allah, that is, to the word of God. Islam is built on the Shahada which is a declaration of faith: *There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is His messenger*. There are similarities with

the Ten Commandments and thus Islam is not a new religion in itself but is a reviving of much earlier teachings. There are six beliefs in Islam:

- 1. To believe exclusively in Allah.
- To believe in angels (such as Gabriel (revelations), Michael (sustenance)).
- To believe in and honour and respect prophets, the universal prophet being Mohammed (- "peace and blessings be upon Him").
- 4. To believe in the Day of Judgment.
- 5. To believe in predestination, that if it is written that something is going to happen, then it is going to happen and one should accept this.
- 6. To believe in the five pillars of Islam:
 - a. The Shahada
 - b. The five daily prayer sessions
 - c. Fasting
 - d. To give to charity (2.5% of annual income)
 - e. To undertake the hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia)

Sheik Solaiman has only recently returned from the hajj where there were over 2 million worshippers.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
21/02/04	John Russell & Lindsay England
28/02/04	Darrol Foote & Joan Reed
06/03/04	Kathryn Howard & Tom Tirrell
13/03/04	Kevin Rogers, Michael Tait & Lindsay England

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.

Points to Ponder

Heard on the radio recently:

"Do you believe in love at first sight, or would you like me to pass by you again?"

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
24/02/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Mavis Martin and Ian Pearson - Personal Profiles	Bob Laws	Greg Love	Bob Laws	Bob Mills	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
02/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	John Russell	Geoff Howland	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mullins		8179 5650
Wednesday 10/03/04	Edinburgh Hotel	6.00 for 6.30pm	Bowls Night vs Rotary Club of Mitcham	Tom Tirrell	N/A	Natalie Bowen	Jim Newall		
16/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Ric Mortizon - Painter	Greg Love	Lucien Parent	Natalie Bowen	John Nowland		

Club Board of Directors 2003-04

President: John Russell President Elect: Ron Schubert Vice President/Club Service: Kaylene Kranz Immediate Past President: **Bob Laws Honorary Secretary:** Ken Haines **Honorary Treasurer:** Alex Jonson **Vocational & Youth Service:** Wayne Ross Membership & Classification: Greg Love International Service: Kevin Rogers **Community Service:** Gary Tonkin

Standing Committees 2003-04

Vocational & Youth Service Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Wayne Ross - Director/Chair
Joan Reed - Deputy Chair
Natalie Bowen
Ken Daly
Lindsay England
Trudi Wallbridge

Vince Michielin
Bob Mills
Rex Martin
John Nowland
Rob Paternoster
John Symons

Membership & Classification Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Greg Love - Director/Chair David Middleton Kaylene Kranz Norm Wallace

International Service Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Kevin Rogers - Director/Chair
Greg McLeod - Deputy Chair
Lou Barteletti
Don Emmett
Darrol Foote
Geoff Hill
Paul Howard
Geoff Howland
Mavis Martin
Bob Mullins
David Payne
Chandra Sluggett

Community Service Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Gary Tonkin - Director/Chair
Geoff Dunn - Deputy Chair
Robert Birnie
Peter James
Jim Newall
Lucien Parent
Adrian Sobels

Dean Swinden
Maeve Swinden
Michael Tait
Ichiro Tanaka
Tom Tirrell
Stephen Westgarth

Thrift Shop Committee (Meets Second Saturday)

Ron Schubert - Chair Ken Haines
Geoff Hill - Deputy Chair David Payne
Josephine Blowes Joan Reed
Don Emmett

Club Service Committee (Meets Third Tuesday)

Kaylene Kranz - Director/Chair Sub-committee Representatives

Tom Tirrell - Chair

Club Service Sub-committees 2003-04

Almoner	Fundraising		
Norm Wallace	Ron Schubert - Chair		
	Kaylene Kranz		
Attendance	Michael Tait		
Ken Daly - Chair	Adrian Sobels		
Natalie Bowen	Dean Swinden		
Norm Wallace	Maeve Swinden		
Auditor	Major Projects		
Geoff Dunn	Bob Laws - Chair		
	Robert Birnie		
Catering	Sheila Evans		
Kaylene Kranz - Chair	Ken Haines		
Don Emmett	Kaylene Kranz		
Maeve Swinden	lan Pearson		
	Ron Schubert		
Club Records			
Bob Mills	President's Advisory &		
	Nominating Committee		
Communications	Bob Laws - Chair		
Bulletin:	Darrol Foote		
Stephen Westgarth - Chair	Geoff Hill		
Greg McLeod (Backup)	Alex Jonson		
Program:			
Geoff Howland	Rotary Information		
Publicity:	Bob Laws		
Darrol Foote			
Website:	Sergeant-At-Arms		
Stephen Westgarth	Natalie Bowen - Chair		
	David Middleton		
Fellowship			

The Unley Rotarian 2003/2004

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc

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