

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3399
Date	24 February 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Mavis Martin – Personal Profile
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Netta-Riina Salila, Helen Richter, Neville Highett and President Chris Walker from the RC of Norwich-St Edmund
Apologies	Don Emmett, Stephen Westgarth, Natalie Bowen, Norm Wallace, Lucien Parent, Tom Tirrell, Darrol Foote, Jim Newall & Bob Mills
Make Ups	Stephen Westgarth
Percentage	70%
Sick List	Norm Wallace & Don Emmett
Returning Rotarians	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
Departing Rotarians	Adrian Sobels

From President John

A warm welcome was extended to visiting **President Chris Walker from the Rotary Club of Norwich-St Edmund**, the home club of Bridget Youngs who is a former member of our Club. President Chris reciprocated the greetings and welcomed further future interaction between our two Clubs.

Last week's **visit to the Al-Khalil mosque** was well received and, while the Club was asked by the hosts not to offer payment for the meal, President John canvassed other means by which we could show our gratitude for the hospitality provided. The Club may be approached for financial assistance in the obtaining of overseas medical treatment for an ailing family member of one of the worshippers.

The recent **OSSAA film evening** was very successful with around \$5,000.00 being raised

February is World Understanding Month. The current DG's newsletter enlarges on this topic. Please contact the Bulletin editor for more details or if you would like a copy of the newsletter.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
02/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Ian Pearson and Committee Meetings	John Russell	Geoff Howland	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mullins	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
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		8179 5650
16/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Ric Mortizon - Painter	Greg Love	Lucien Parent	Natalie Bowen	John Nowland		
23/03/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Eda Payne – Language and Cultural Teaching of Afghan Women and Children	Bob Laws	Joan Reed	David Middleton	Lucien Parent		

The **bowls challenge** with the Rotary Club of Mitcham will take place on 10 March 2004. Team placements will be circulated by Tom Tirrell presently.

Those members intending to attend the speech to be delivered by Dr Ken Collins on the **Polio Plus project** during the meeting of the Rotary Club of Hyde Park on Wednesday 3 March 2004 at UCSC should see John asap.

On the Spot

Chandra Sluggett expressed her grave concerns about the cultural insensitivities and lack of awareness evident in a talk recently given to the Club on the topic of Asian Nursing and sought to provide a more balanced and accurate perspective.

Ron Schubert reminded members that the celebrations recording the 50th anniversary of the receiving by the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge of its charter will be held over this coming weekend. Several members will be attending. Any other members who wish to attend should see Ron Schubert as soon as possible.

Maeve Swinden sought support for the holding of a book sale to raise funds for the provision of financial assistance to the East Timorese community, in particular through a clinic and school run by the Maryknoll Sisters in Aileu. The International Service committee is currently recommending to the Board that financial assistance be provided at this time but Maeve would see the book sale as a regular event of the Club providing ongoing assistance in the areas of education and sustenance. A large number of books in good condition has already been secured but more books are needed if the project is to be successful.

Geoff Howland advised that another means of providing financial assistance to the East Timorese community is to buy a 250 gm pack of ground coffee from East Timor at \$6.00. Geoff has tried the product and provides his personal endorsement. Supplies can be regularly sourced by Geoff to make this an ongoing project. See Geoff for further details.

Greg McLeod reported that he is updating the List of Members and invited members to contact him with any changes to personal information.

Geoff Dunn reminded members that the Paint your Heart Out project will be undertaken this weekend at Aldridge Court on the corner of Young and George Streets Parkside.

Induction of New Member

Helen Richter (Law Practice – Family) was tonight inducted into the Club by President John. Her mentor will be Kaylene Kranz and she will serve on the Vocational and Youth Committee. Wayne Ross welcomed her to the Committee and Greg Love presented her with her dinner plaque.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant: Bob Laws
Wine Raffle Winner: Joan Reed
Lucky Squares Winner: Kevin Rogers

Guest Speaker – Mavis Martin

Mavis Martin spoke of her early life in Lancashire and of her love of nursing. She has worked hard in difficult circumstances to obtain a good education, obtaining a degree in adult education and training and a graduate degree in health management. She has trained and worked in various hospital and nursing institutions throughout South Australia and latterly in Clare and Gawler and she now works in Adelaide. She spoke admiringly of the Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre and of the good works achieved there.

She joined Rotary in 1993 and has been privileged to be a member of three Rotary Clubs.

She has travelled to India as a Rotary Volunteer (see overleaf) and worked with the Rotary Foundation in assisting a monastery in the Himalayas to redevelop its hospital and to retrain its nurses and provided consultancy services to the patients from the surrounding villages.

She has two daughters and six grandchildren.

Rotary and Volunteerism

Founded in 1905, Rotary International (RI) has a rich heritage of public service. Today, approximately 1.2 million members of more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in more than 165 countries serve as volunteers in their local and world communities. Rotarians initiate community projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as violence, drug abuse, AIDS, hunger, the environment and illiteracy. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchange for students, teachers and professionals, and vocational and career development.

A History of Volunteerism

Rotary's history provides outstanding examples of what a few concerned citizens can do. After World War II, many Rotary clubs initiated service projects to help refugees and former prisoners of war. From 1980-1997 hundreds of rotary volunteers worked in refugee camps worldwide.

During the United Nations Year of the Volunteer in 2001, Rotary expanded its efforts to increase world understanding by opening rotary Centres programs at seven universities worldwide. The program provides 70 Rotary world Peace Scholars each year with a two-year master's level degree program.

Volunteering through PolioPlus

Rotary's most ambitious undertaking to date is its effort to eradicate the poliovirus. Working with the World Health Organisation, UNICEF, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and national governments, Rotarians have contributed hundreds of millions of dollars and countless volunteer hours to the effort through the PolioPlus program.

Volunteer Opportunities for Youth

Interact (for high school students) and Rotaract (for young adults 18-30) are Rotary-sponsored service clubs that provide opportunities for service and leadership development. Many Rotaract and Interact projects focus on of importance to young people such as AIDS, the environment, homelessness, urban peace, and drug abuse prevention.

The Rotary Volunteers Program

The Rotary volunteers Program provides opportunities for skilled individuals to offer their services and expertise to projects sponsored by their own Rotary club or district, or to international projects requiring volunteers and expertise from abroad.

Rotary Volunteers Project Examples

Dentists and doctors from around the world have served at Rotary-sponsored medical and dental clinics in Bangladesh, Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico and Thailand.

A mechanical engineer from the United States assisted the rural farming village of El Limon, Dominican Republic by working on the electrification project sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Jose de Ocoa, Cornell University, and ProNatural.

A team of Indian Rotarians assisted victims of an earthquake in Western India.

A building trades teacher and a plumber sponsored by the Rotary Club of Unley, Australia undertook projects to install reliable, reticulated water supplies to the operating theatres of two hospitals in West Timor.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
28/02/04	Darrol Foote & Ken Haines
06/03/04	Kathryn Howard & Tom Tirrell
13/03/04	Kevin Rogers, Michael Tait & Lindsay England
20/03/04	Dean Swinden & Maeve Swinden

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Monday 22 March at 11.00am at the home of Muriel Wallace at 28 Hardy Street Goodwood.

Points to Ponder

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Good judgement comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.

The darkest hour is just before the dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbour's milk, that's the time to do it.

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