

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3404
Date	30 March 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Prem Willis – The 5th Beatle
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Netta-Riina's sister Emmi-Stina and her boyfriend Mikko, Pat McNiffe, Gillian Lewis - Coles and Vima Willis
Apologies	Neville Highett, Greg Love, Rex Martin, Stephen Westgarth, Norm Wallace, Ichiro Tanaka, Lucien Parent, David Middleton, Robert Paternoster and Kaylene Kranz
Make Ups	Robert Paternoster
Percentage	71%
Sick List	NIL
Returning Rotarians	N/A
Departing Rotarians	N/A

From President John

A [letter of appreciation](#) has been received from Aldridge Court for the internal painting work undertaken by members of the Club as a Paint your Heart Out project.

President John and several other Club members attended the recent [Rotary Club of Blackwood Music Fest](#) at the Mitsubishi auditorium and had an enjoyable evening.

The DG has written about the [by-laws](#) relating to the workings of Rotary at the district level which are to be adopted at next month's District Conference at Swan Hill. For more information, see President John

The [DG's March newsletter](#) is available for members to peruse. It will also be passed on to the Bulletin Editor.

On the Spot

Ron Schubert reported on a successful presence at last

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
06/04/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	John Russell	Adrian Sobels	TBA	David Payne	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly 8179 5650
13/04/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Alison Russell – Art In Health	John Russell	Geoff Howland	TBA	Ian Pearson		
20/04/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Colin Pitman – Director Salisbury Council: Wetlands and Water Catchment	TBA	Greg Love	TBA	Joan Reed		
27/04/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Bendigo Bank Representative	Robert Birnie	Joan Reed	TBA	Wayne Ross		

weekend's Unley Way to Go fair at the Unley Oval. While the net monetary profits were modest, the Club was able to showcase itself to the community and represented a worthwhile event for the Club and its members. Many thanks to the four young women who provided face painting for the children. Letters of appreciation are to be sent. Special thanks also to Margaret Payne and Linda England.

Ron also reported that the Changeover Dinner will be held on 6 July 2004 at the Morphetville Junction Function Centre, adjacent to the Morphetville Racecourse. The cost has yet to be fixed but will be of the order of \$40 per head.

Gary Tonkin presented President John with a Certificate of Appreciation from Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and noted that this Club's collection team topped the list for the largest amount collected by a team for this cause.

Gary advised that the entertainment discount books are available once again at \$60.00 each, which still represents excellent value and returns \$12.00 per book to the Club. Last year, the Club made about \$500.00 for application to its projects. Please place orders with Gary.

Darrol Foote reported that our indigenous medical scholar Olivia O'Donoghue is now practising as a doctor at the Alice Springs Hospital. The Club has been allocated a new mature age medical student who is in her fifth year of training at the University of Adelaide. She is married to a pastor and is the mother of four children. Her name is [Kali Haywood](#). More details to follow.

Our exchange student **Netta-Riina Salila** introduced her sister Emma-Stina and boyfriend Mikko, both of whom are visiting from Finland. They left a very chilly Finland and liken our current mild temperatures to summertime back in Finland. They are enjoying their brief time in Adelaide.

Sergeant's Session

The Sergeant for the evening was Bob Laws. Adrian Sobels won the money and the bottle of wine went to Robert Birnie.

Guest Speaker

Ken Haines introduced **Prem Willis** who spoke on his early life growing up in Liverpool and his association with the music scene of the time. He joined the Merchant Navy and spent time in India as a teenager. Through hard work, he entered university and obtained graduate and postgraduate distinctions in English Literature and in Education and Linguistics respectively. He lectured abroad for a period. He has written and produced many programs for the BBC and for fringe theatre.

In his youth, he played in the same pubs and with the same bands as the Beatles. Compared with anywhere else in England, Liverpool had by far the greatest number of working bands. There was a considerable Irish influence through the songs being sung in pubs and halls and with that came the country and western style of music. Thus, American music already had a toehold in the local music scene via the Irish link. Immigration and strong Celtic influences also played a part in the development of the music of Liverpool together with greater personal freedoms and educational opportunities after the war.

Prem has written a book entitled "Liverpool: The 5th Beatle" which is described as "an insider's perspective on the rise of the Liverpool MerseyBeat. He gives an insight into how the social and musical conditions in the American community found a direct parallel with the Liverpool-Irish youth who were singularly responsible for the rise of the MerseyBeat and the subsequent British invasion of America."

Many of the photos in the book were donated from personal albums by people in Liverpool when they became aware that Prem was writing a book on their city.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
03/04/04	Ken Haines / Sheila Evans
10/04/04	Closed for Easter
17/04/04	Ken Haines / Tom Tirrell
24/04/04	David Middleton / Lindsay England

The Rotary Foundation Trustees approve rollout of Children's Fund

At the February 2004 International Assembly in Anaheim, Foundation Trustee Chairman James Lacy announced that the Trustees had approved the creation of a new Children's Fund within The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund.

The Trustee Chairman reported that the Children's Fund "will be used to support projects that benefit children and offer them hope for a brighter future." Also, he expressed the hope that this fund would encourage Rotarians to expand their help to children through the Foundation's humanitarian programs.

The guidelines outlined by the Trustees include the following:

- The Children's Fund shall be established as a pooled sub-account of the Permanent Fund, with the spending portion available to the World Fund for humanitarian projects that address the needs of children;
- The spending rate of the Children's Fund will be determined by the spending rate of the Permanent Fund;
- In the future, Rotary clubs and districts may apply for support from the Children's Fund only through the current Foundation program structure, such as Individual Grants and Matching Grants;
- Approved projects can be diverse in nature and scope, as long as they meet established Foundation program policies and assist children.

At UN event, RI showcases efforts to enhance women's status

For the first time at the annual conference of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, Rotary International co-sponsored a joint panel discussion at a side event.

RI, Zonta International, and Soroptimist International co-sponsored the panel discussion, "Role of NGOs in promoting gender equality through sustainable development," at the 48th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York, USA, 1-12 March.

Ezra Teshome, World Community Service chair of District 5030, was a panellist and Joan Fyfe, alternate RI representative to the UN in New York, served as moderator at the discussion. Teshome discussed projects Rotary clubs initiate worldwide that benefit women, such as micro-credit, fistula prevention, and education of female children.

The conference attracted representatives from more than 900 nongovernmental organizations. Attendees explored ways to promote the equal participation of women in conflict prevention, management, and resolution and post-conflict peace building, as well as the role men and boys can play to help achieve gender equality.

The object of the UN Commission on the Status of Women is to promote implementation of the principle that men and women shall have equal rights.

Rotaractors take to the road as peace envoys in Asia

A bicycle rally team of Rotaractors from Chennai, India, recently travelled on a goodwill mission to Malaysia, where they took their message of world understanding to residents in cities along an 800-kilometer (497-mile) route.

All 10 members of the Ambassadors of Peace team flew on an Air India flight with their equipment to Singapore on 10 February. The following day, they crossed the causeway on the Johor Strait to Johor Baru in neighbouring Malaysia. The visitors were hosted by the local Rotary club.

A dream project of District 3230 Governor Sv. Rm. Ramanathan, the rally was flagged off from the Malaysian city of Johor Baru on 12 February. The team rode during the day and stopped in a town for the night. At each rest location, Rotarians and Rotaractors came out to meet, greet, and offer fellowship to the cycling peace envoys.

"The rally promoted a lot of goodwill and fellowship among Rotarians and Rotaractors," says V. Krishnaswami, youth service chair of District 3230, who accompanied the team. "Many clubs agreed to the invitation of the team to return the visit at the earliest opportunity."

The team rested for three nights in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital. On 18 February, the second day of their sojourn in the city, the Indian Rotaractors attended an inter-city meeting of Districts 3300 and 3230. They also signed twin-club agreements with sister Rotaract clubs from the two districts.

On 23 February, the team rode into Penang, the final destination, where local Rotarians gave them a rousing welcome. State police outriders escorted them through the city. For three days, the visitors were the guests of the local Rotary Club of Tanjung Bungah.

The team donated the 10 bicycles to the Rotary Club of Penang for use in a community project of the members' choice.

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