

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3409
Date	4 May 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Alex Rafalowicz – The Hague International UN Model; Committee Meetings
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Netta-Riina Salila, Reno Elms
Apologies	Maeve Swinden, Dean Swinden, Don Emmett, David Payne, Darrol Foote, Robert Birnie, Norm Wallace, Neville Highett, Lou Barteletti, Geoff Howland, Ichiro Tanaka, Kaylene Kranz
Make Ups	Don Emmett and Helen Richter (Thrift Shop), David Middleton (District Conference)
Percentage	63%
Sick List	None
Returning Rotarians	Adrian Sobels
Departing Rotarians	Mavis Martin

From President John

Pres. John reminded members of the new meal costs, now \$17.50 per head and that subs will go down from \$95 per half year to \$90 [which should help pay for the meals increase].

Our next membership drive will be commencing soon and Greg Love will provide details within the next few weeks. Please think about friends or acquaintances whom you would like to introduce as possible Unley Rotarians. Pres. John complimented Greg on the success of the last two membership drives.

Pres. John asked that written Committee reports be available before the commencement of the Club Assembly meeting on 18 May. Two copies of each report are required.

Pres. John sought the views of members on a proposal for the Club to donate a painting [depicting the Arthur Street – Unley Road corner viewed from the south side of the pedestrian crossing in Arthur Street] painted by Richard

Maurovic, a local Unley artist, to the refurbished Unley Library. The cost of the painting is \$1,500 but would be \$1,000 if the credit for the gift were shared with the artist. After some discussion, the members decided that the decision should be referred to the Board.

SPECIAL REMINDER

Police Officer of the Year 11 May 2004

**12:00 noon in Rundle Mall at Gawler Place
Public presentation of the POOTY Award**

**7:00 for 7:30pm at U.C.S.C.
POOTY Presentation Dinner**

On the Spot

Reno Elms and his wife have recently been appointed as the officers at the Salvation Army's Unley Corps in Marion Street. Reno, who is also the Director of the Red Shield appeal for SA, asked members to consider helping with this year's Appeal in the Unley area on 22 and 23 May. Members [and their families] can be involved as area collectors, or as a District chairperson for one of the four districts in Unley, or by promoting the Appeal in their workplaces. Please call Reno if you would like to help.

Netta-Riina Salila thanked Ian Pearson and the members of the Club for helping her to buy a new dress to wear to her school formal on Friday 7 May. Netta described it as a simple but very nice black dress, and she can show you a picture of her modeling it, if you'd like to see it.

Netta-Riina also invited everyone to Belair National Park on 16 May for a barbeque to celebrate her birthday. Contact Joan Reed for details.

Wayne Ross thanked those members who have already paid for the Police Officer of the Year Dinner. Members intending to pay on the night please bring either a cheque or the correct money, to help the people on the door.

Wayne congratulated Bob Mills on the POOTY publicity he achieved during a country radio interview a few weeks ago.

Young Achiever Australia is seeking 2-3 mentors to assist with a Business Skills program for some enthusiastic students from Pulteney and Walford. The time requirement is from 4-6pm on Mondays at U.C.S.C. and will last for about 2 months. Please see Wayne or Pres. John if you would like to contribute to this project.

All members and guests have been invited to the Douglas Scrub, the Guides Camp out of McLaren Vale, on 13 June from 2-4pm for the visitors' afternoon at the Edna Ayers Camp for girls with disabilities, which the Club has sponsored this year. It would be good if a group from our Club could go and see what our money is going towards.

Geoff Hill made an appeal for donations of blankets to the Thrift Shop as this year we have seen an unprecedented number of enquiries from people wanting to buy blankets. Please take your donations to the shop or call Geoff to arrange pick-up.

Ron Schubert reminded next year's Board members and Deputy Chairs of committees about the District Assembly at Murray Bridge on 23 May, starting at 9am and ending around 3.15pm and encouraged everyone to attend.

There will be a Thrift Shop Committee meeting at 9.30am on Saturday 8 May at Mama Carmela's.

Greg Love reminded those members who have offered to assist with the Helping Hand Garage Sale at 6.30am until noon on Saturday 8 May in Molesworth Street, North Adelaide.

Gary Tonkin passed on thanks from the Unley Citizens Centre to the members of our Club who provided transport to enable some elderly folk attend the Senior Citizens Concert last Sunday. The Citizens Centre also made effusive mention of the generous donor of the cakes for afternoon tea. "It was the best spread they have ever had," they said.

Sergeant's Session

The Sergeant for the evening was David Middleton. John Russell won the Lucky Squares Draw and Bob Mills won the Wine Raffle.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
11/05/04	U.C.S.C.	7.00 for 7.30pm	Police Officer of the Year Dinner	Wayne Ross	Adrian Sobels	David Middleton	Chandra Sluggett	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
18/05/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	John Russell	Geoff Howland	Bob Laws	Adrian Sobels		8179 5650
25/05/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Paul Munn – Winter Lawns (TBC)	TBA	Lucien Parent	Bob Laws	Dean Swinden		
01/06/04	TBA	TBA	Combined Meeting with Murray Bridge Club	John Russell	N/A	Bob Laws	Maeve Swinden		

Guest Speaker – Alex Rafalowicz

Greg McLeod introduced Alex Rafalowicz, who attended the United Nations Youth Association's "The Hague International UN Model Forum" in January this year. A former Unley High School student, Alex is now studying Law and International Studies and is Secretary of UNYA in Australia.

Alex thanked the Club for sponsoring him to attend the forum and described his experiences there, including preparing, negotiating and debating a draft UN resolution. He also dropped in on the trial of Slobodan Miloscevic, across the road from the forum.

The following articles are reprinted from *Rotary World* April 2004.

Centennial marks birth of service club movement

In 2005, as the Rotary world celebrates the Rotary Centennial, the world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the service club movement – a powerful force in shaping community and world affairs. As the world's first service club organisation, Rotary set the standard for service and fellowship that has since been emulated by numerous groups.

In his book *Service Clubs in American Society*, Jeffrey A. Charles explains the phenomenal growth of service clubs in the early 1900s: "The appeal of this kind of activity was so broad it could not be accommodated by Rotary, and imitations began to appear."

Attesting to Paul Harris's prescience, the first Optimist club was begun in 1911, its founders already anticipating the type of nationwide expansion Rotary was then achieving. The next year saw the birth of the National Exchange Club and Sertoma, followed by Kiwanis in 1915 and Lions in 1917.

Because early service clubs were open only to men, service-minded women established Zonta in 1919 and Soroptimist clubs in 1921.

If imitation is the highest form of flattery, Rotary received an abundance of compliments in its early decades. The classification system, district administrative structure, weekly club meetings, organisation motto, and annual convention are just a few Rotary basics that other services clubs have adopted. From the time Rotary pioneered the concept of the service club, the movement has grown to encompass more than 30 organisations with a combined membership of over 4.3 million. Today, these legions of volunteers work throughout the world eradicating polio, helping the blind and visually impaired, preventing child abuse, assisting disabled individuals, and addressing

a wide range of other issues related to health, education, and the well-being of children.

Like Rotary, many of these organisations sponsor service clubs for teenagers and young adults, ensuring that the service club mission will be carried on well into the movement's second century. **O**

Rotary Fellowships Month is highlighted in June

Rotary Fellowships Month in June is an ideal time to explore the rewards of Rotary Fellowships. Many Rotarians join these groups because they are interested in making new, international friends who share common interests or vocations. Most Rotarians also find that sharing interests generates ideas for service.

That is exactly what happened when several members of the Rotarians-on-the-Internet (ROTI) Fellowship were chatting in cyberspace last year. Troubled by armed conflicts in Iraq and elsewhere, several ROTI members were determined to take positive action. Ideas began flying back and forth as the fellowship considered the potential of modern information technology for exploring the Avenues of Service.

Deciding that they wanted to do something for children, they began working with the Gift of Life program, which provides lifesaving surgeries to needy children. Harnessing the communication power of the Internet, ROTI quickly raised enough money to sponsor children from India and Ukraine. The Internet also proved valuable for handling the logistics of bringing the children to the United States for their surgeries.

For information about joining a Rotary Fellowship, e-mail RI Intercultural Programs staff at rotaryfellowships@rotaryintl.org, visit individual fellowships on the RI Web site at www.rotary.org/programs/fellowships, or consult the fellowship's Web site at www.rotaryfellowships.org. **O**

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
08/05/04	John Russell and Greg McLeod
15/05/04	Joan Reed & Ron Schubert
22/05/04	Ken Haines & Stephen Westgarth
29/05/04	Kaylene Kranz & Darrol Foote

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the home of Eunice Pascoe, Unit 38 Victoria Grove, 254 Greenhill Road, Glenside, on Monday 24th May at 11am. Enter Victoria Grove off Greenhill Road through Gate 3.

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