

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3410
Date	11 May 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Police Officer of the Year Dinner
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	See below
Apologies	Joan Calder, Fiona Nettelbeck, Janet Pearce, Robert Birnie, Don Emmett, Ray Emmett, John Nowland, Chandra Sluggett, Maeve Swinden, Ichiro Tanaka, Gary Tonkin, Stephen Westgarth, Lucien Parent, Neville Hightt and Sheila Evans
Make Ups	NIL
Percentage	Not given
Sick List	Not given
Returning Rotarians	NIL
Departing Rotarians	NIL

From President John

President John introduced the large number of guests to this evening's Police Officer of the Year Presentation Dinner, as follows:

- DG Graeme Dodsworth and his wife Chris
- Police Commissioner Mal Hyde and his wife Marcia
- Assistant Commissioner Bryan Fahy
- Senior Constable Michael Thunig and his wife Karen
- Sergeant Andrew Minnis and his partner Michelle Hann
- Pat McNiffe (guest of Greg Love)
- Alison Reed (guest of Joan Reed)
- Netta-Riina Salila (our exchange student from Finland)
- Pat Limbert, Barbara Russell, Faye Ross, Jill Cleghorn, Pauline Daly, Nadia Dunn, Linda England, Marlene Foote, Rose Howland, Maria Mills, Genese Mullins, Anne Newall, Margaret Payne, Glenyss Steedman, Sharron Tirrell and Muriel Wallace.

President John drew members' attention to the current edition of Rotary Down Under, which features an article on the Club's visits to the Hindu temple and Muslim mosque. All thanks to Darrol Foote for compiling the information and photos for the article.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
18/05/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	John Russell	Geoff Howland	Bob Laws	Adrian Sobels	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
25/05/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Paul Munn – Winter Lawns (TBC)	TBA	Lucien Parent	Bob Laws	Dean Swinden		8179 5650
01/06/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committees	John Russell	N/A	Bob Laws	Maeve Swinden		
08/06/04	TBA	TBA	Combined Meeting with Murray Bridge Club	John Russell	N/A	David Middleton	Michael Tait		

The Board has resolved to purchase Rick Maurovic's painting of a scene looking eastwards up Arthur Street for presentation to the Unley Library where it will hang in the newly refurbished premises.

Members are invited to a BBQ at Belair National Park next Sunday 16 May to celebrate Netta-Riina's 18th birthday. It will be held from 11.30 onwards at Courts 28 and 29. Enter National Park and go down Creek Road and the Courts can be found at the end on the right hand side. BYO food and drinks. BBQ available. For any queries, contact Joan Reed on 8379 8470 or 0401 714 499.

Police Officer of the Year - 2003

DG Graeme Dodsworth spoke on the Role of Rotary and the importance of vocational service in Rotary life. He congratulated the Club for initiating and maintaining such a high profile and worthwhile project in the SA and police community. He reminded those present that the project has been running successfully since 1978 and is well regarded.

Senior Constable Michael Thunig, who was the awardee for 2002, spoke about his activities in the year since receiving his award. He is still stationed at Lucindale and is heavily committed in community activities in addition to his policing duties. He has coached the Under 17s football team and is on a committee whose aim is to promote Lucindale. He has been involved in organising the Police Charity Golf Day and \$17,000.00 was raised from this event and channeled back to community organisations in the town. Currently, he is involved in the construction of three entrance walls to the township and a skate park. Michael's wife is also actively involved in community activities. Life is good in Lucindale!

In his pre-announcement remarks, Wayne Ross advised that the purpose of the award is to provide a means by which members of the public may bring to notice outstanding acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage or devotion to duty by any member of the SA Police.

Wayne announced that the recipient of the Police Officer of the Year Award for 2003 is Sergeant Andrew Minnis who is the officer in charge at Aldinga Police Station.

He was nominated by the community kindergarten, the Rural Hills South Community Forum, the community centre, Mission Australia, the Ranger Services Branch of the Onkaparinga Council and two separate residents for the tremendous support and encouragement that he has given to youth and to the general community. He is a member of many committees aimed at improving the local lifestyle for all members of the community.

In the nominations received by the Club in support of Sergeant Minnis, he has been described as “. . . having a strong sense of commitment in carrying out his police duties and in creating a safe environment for the community. He is admired for his methods of community policing and has earned the respect and trust of local people.”

President John presented the award and citation to Sergeant Minnis and the perpetual award was re-presented to Commissioner Mal Hyde.

Sergeant Minnis thanked the Club for the recognition and spoke of his activities in the rapidly developing Aldinga area and of his commitment to his local community particularly in the area of driver awareness. Commissioner Hyde also addressed the gathering and congratulated Sergeant Minnis and reaffirmed SAPOL's support for this project.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
15/05/04	Joan Reed & Ron Schubert
22/05/04	Ken Haines & Stephen Westgarth
29/05/04	Kaylene Kranz & Darrol Foote
05/06/04	Kaylene Kranz & Ken Haines

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.

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

HIV/AIDS volunteer from Argentina changes lives in Zimbabwe

Working abroad as a volunteer can be the most satisfying service experience in the life of a Rotarian. Just ask Argentine pharmacist Eloy Rau'l Baigorri who travelled to Zimbabwe in April 2003 to help care for terminally ill AIDS patients and their children.

Baigorri's trip was the result of a pilot initiative involving his Las Parejas club in Argentina, the host Rotary Club of Harare Central, the local Catholic Church-sponsored Life Centre in Magama, and the Zimbabwe Medical Volunteer Corps, a U.S.-based initiative that arranges for volunteer health professionals to offer much-needed medical expertise in Zimbabwe.

Helping some 500 local volunteers provide training in voluntary HIV/AIDS testing and counselling, as well as home-based care and psychosocial support to patients and their families, Baigorri saw firsthand how timely intervention can make a powerful difference in breaking the vicious cycle of poverty and the spread of AIDS.

"I (learned) how (with) simple and natural techniques, few medicines, and a great amount of love, you can get excellent results," he says.

Since his return to Argentina, Baigorri has made presentations about his Zimbabwean experience to Rotary clubs hoping to interest them in cosponsoring a project to "adopt" needy AIDS orphans by pledging funds to assist them. A job-training centre would be pivotal in imparting skills to both patients and their children in a collapsed economy, he believes.

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PolioPlus Partners a great way to 'Lend a Hand'

PolioPlus Partners, relaunched on 1 July 2003, provides an ideal opportunity for Rotarians to *Lend a Hand* to their fellow members on the front lines of the battle against polio. Created in 1995 to enable Rotarians to support supplemental needs of immunization campaigns and poliovirus surveillance, the PolioPlus Partners program was deferred in 2002-03 to allow club members to focus exclusively on the one-year polio eradication fundraising campaign (PEFC).

The program now has an expanded scope that includes identifying speakers to update Rotary Clubs on the status of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; educating clubs and districts, communities, local media, and political representatives about Rotary's role in the initiative and the

need for their support; and providing resources to Rotarians in polio-endemic and high-risk countries.

For those who have completed their FEFC commitments, PolioPlus Partners is another opportunity for contributing to the eradication of polio. Contributions to PolioPlus Partners do not count toward PEFC totals and should be clearly marked. Cash contributions to PolioPlus Partners will be matched at the rate of US\$0.50 per \$1 contributed. District Designated Fund contributions are also accepted.

An important tool of PolioPlus Partners is the Open Projects List, which identifies projects that provide support for National Polio Plus committees in polio-endemic and high-risk countries. Support items typically include T-shirts and caps to identify health workers; television and radio ads, banners, and posters to announce dates of NIDs; insulated vaccine carriers; and bicycles, motorcycles, and vehicles to transport health workers and vaccine during NIDs and specimens during surveillance.

To obtain the Open Projects Lists, log on to the RI Web site at www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus or e-mail: polioplus@rotaryintl.org.

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Otto Austel receives 2003-04 Foundation Alumni Service Award

A California, USA, surgeon is this year's recipient of The Rotary Foundation Alumni Service to Humanity Award. A Rotary volunteer who has served on 25 humanitarian projects, Dr. Otto Austel will accept the award at Rotary International's 95th annual convention in Osaka, Japan, in May.

Established by The Rotary Foundation Trustees in 1995-96 to honour outstanding alumni who have contributed to greater understanding and peace through service to humanity, the award also recognizes former Foundation program participants whose significant achievements have enriched their profession.

Since 2000, the indefatigable surgeon has devoted his energies to polio eradication, helping to organise National Immunisation Days (NIDs) and encouraging Rotarians in his district to participate in NIDs in Ghana and India.

He is one of only three Rotarians volunteering with the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organisation as experts for Stop Transmission of Polio (STOP), a four-year-old eradication initiative program that trains and deploys teams of health professionals to provide technical assistance in polio-endemic or at-risk countries. As a STOP surveillance consultant, Austel has worked, sometimes in the midst of war, in Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Ghana, India, Pakistan and Zambia.

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