

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3411
Date	18 May 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Club Assembly
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	NIL
Apologies	Bob Mills, Lou Barteletti, Neville Highett, Ichiro Tanaka, Stephen Westgarth, John Nowland, Robert Birnie, Wayne Ross, Don Emmett, Dean & Maeve Swinden and Michael Tait
Make Ups	Bob Mills
Percentage	72 %
Sick List	Don Emmett
Returning Rotarians	NIL
Departing Rotarians	NIL

From President John

A minute's silence was observed to record the passing of our member John Symons who died on 15 May 2004. John was inducted as a member of the Club on 9 July 1970, holding the classification of Electricity Supply. He served on all committees and was Club historian between 1991 and 2000. He was made a Paul Harris Fellow on 3 July 2001. Vale John.

A combined meeting with the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge is to be held at the Mt Barker Golf Club on 8 June 2004. The charge will be \$16.00 per head. It is a partners' night.

Many members of the Club helped our exchange student Netta-Riina Salila celebrate her 18th birthday at National Park last Sunday. She is now interstate enjoying the sights of Australia with other exchange students.

Maeve Swinden has resigned as a member of the Club but will continue to support the Club as the wife of a Rotarian.

The Minda Charity Golf Day will be held on Friday 4 June 2004 at Flagstaff Hill. If interested, please see Pres. John.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
25/05/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Paul Munn – Winter Lawns (TBC)	TBA	Lucien Parent	Bob Laws	Dean Swinden	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly
01/06/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committees	John Russell	Joan Reed	Bob Laws	TBA		8179 5650
08/06/04	Above	TBA	Combined Meeting with Murray Bridge Club	John Russell	Ken Haines	Natalie Bowen	Michael Tait		
15/06/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Anne Henderson – Residential Care	Jim Newall	Geoff Howland	Natalie Bowen	Ichiro Tanaka		

A letter of thanks has been received for the Club's donation in support of the "Go-Go Grannies" in South Africa.

On the Spot

Greg Love indicated that there will be a short meeting of the outgoing and incoming International Service Committees after next week's meeting to finalise the business plan of the Int. Service Committee for next year.

Ron Schubert advised that the District Assembly will be held next Sunday at Murray Bridge and announced that several members of the Club will be attending.

To assist in next year's planning, Ron would like business plans from the various committees to be submitted to him by 12 June.

The position of Bulletin Editor for next year remains to be filled. Members who can assist with the production of the Bulletin are urged to take up this challenge, as this is an important medium by which the business and activities of the Club are notified to the members and their families and to many others. Please see Ron if you can assist. Michael Tait will contact later this week those members who volunteered to assist with the Salvation Army door knock.

Club Assembly

Extracts follow from the reports of some of the chairpersons of the various Club committees:

Club Service

Management of the Club is running smoothly. Members will shortly be able to purchase a monogrammed T-shirt or similar for wearing at activities to aid in the promotion of the Club to the community. Samples of garments and a badge for social functions will be available at next week's meeting.

Community Service

Activities and projects have included "Paint your Heart Out" at Aldridge Court in Parkside, Carols in the Rotunda last Christmas, provisioning of a stall at the Unley Way to Go fair through which thrift shop goods were sold and the existence of the Club was exposed to the wider community, the annual assistance to the Unley Citizens' Centre in providing transport and biscuits for elderly citizens attending

a Sunday afternoon concert and a closer association with the Unley Citizens' Centre resulting from the decision to direct centenary celebration funds to the Centre next year.

International Service Committee

There has been an emphasis on lending support to the people of East Timor in the projects undertaken, from direct financial donations to organisations in that country to assistance in the refurbishment in South Australia of wheelchairs for ultimate transport to East Timor. A book sale by this Club is scheduled for later this year with proceeds to aid the people of East Timor. Donations to the City of Bam Iran Earthquake Appeal (\$200.00) and to The Rotary Foundation for the Polio Plus project (\$2,000.00) have also been made.

Vocational And Youth Service

The Club has been closely associated again with RYLA, RYWEL, ToCH, educational science and plain speaking forums. Vocational visits were made to Darroch House and to the Al-Khalil mosque. The Police Officer of the Year project was successfully concluded last week with the award for 2003 going to Sgt. Andrew Minnis of Aldinga.

Membership

A fresh membership drive has been planned and will be underway in the near future, with an interest meeting to be convened early in the next Rotary year. Refinements to mentoring and other support mechanisms for new members are also in hand.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
22/05/04	Ken Haines & Stephen Westgarth
29/05/04	Kaylene Kranz & Darrol Foote
05/06/04	Kaylene Kranz & Ken Haines
12/06/04	Bob Laws & Michael Tait

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, next Monday 24th May at 11am. Enter Victoria Grove off Greenhill Road through Gate 3.

District 9520 – Rotary Exchange Student Scholarships

The District 9520 Youth Exchange scholarship is a new initiative by this district to enable a student who is selected by the normal process to participate in youth exchange even though his or her family is unable financially to fully fund the exchange costs.

The amount

The district committee will contribute towards the cost of a selected student's exchange to a maximum of \$4,000. (Many of the students who presently go on exchange work part time and save money to cover some of the cost of their exchange. It would be unfair to these students if we were to cover the full cost of the exchange for any student.)

The actual amount given will be allocated in accordance with the particular family's needs.

Who assesses the students for a scholarship?

Rotary believes it is important that in selecting students to go away representing Australia, their community and Rotary, the best possible students are always selected.

It is felt The Rotary Club and the Rotary District 9520 Youth Exchange Committee will be less likely to be in any way influenced if they do not know a student is a scholarship applicant. We have therefore established a Scholarship Committee comprised of no more than three experienced Rotarians to assess the financial situation of the families of students applying for the scholarship.

The assessment of the student's family's financial situation will be made before they are selected on their personal suitability to be an exchange student by a Rotary club and the District Committee. These two latter groups of Rotarians have no knowledge that among the students they are interviewing is someone approved for financial assistance by the Scholarship Committee.

The guidelines

- ?? Money will only be given to families whose means are such that in spite of careful saving and some sacrifices on their part they can not raise enough money to send their son or daughter away on exchange.
- ?? The cost of the organised Rotary trip and some overseas spending money are to be borne in mind when assessing this.
- ?? The total costs of a student's year overseas, if they live carefully in one of the moderately priced countries (which they can request), is about \$7,000 - \$8,000.

?? Parents are reminded that if their son or daughter does not go on exchange, it will cost a not insignificant amount of money (upwards of \$3,000) to keep them home in Australia, so the real extra cost of the exchange is the difference between the cost of keeping the student at home and the cost of sending them overseas.

?? Only sufficient money will be given to top up the funds the family is able to raise to be able to meet all costs.

?? An amount of \$4,000 per family is the maximum that will be given to any one family.

?? Only students who have made a genuine effort to save and have earned some money themselves towards the exchange will be eligible.

?? If there are a number of families who are worthy recipients, the Scholarship Committee will use the funds available to get as many as possible of the applicants overseas.

The Scholarship Committee's decision on granting or not granting of assistance and the amount of assistance if granted is final and no further discussion will be entered into once their decision is made.

Zensho River cleanup uncovers treasure among trash

More than 300 volunteers, including members of the Rotary clubs of Otawara and Otawara Chuo, Japan, spent a summer day last year cleaning up the Zensho River. In the process, the volunteers discovered a rare jewel among the cast-offs.

The Zensho River's source is a spring in the centre of Otawara City and the central habitat for the rare Itoyo fish. The species' survival is threatened by the pollution caused by the fact that the river unfortunately has been a dumping ground for everything from aluminium cans to old tyres.

"We found an Itoyo in the upper part of the river," explains Motohide Nakai, 2002-03 Community Service committee chair of the Otawara Rotary club. "It was a mature male with a stomach of the brightest red. Many of us had never seen an Itoyo during spawning season. The significance of the river cleanups was confirmed for us at that moment."

June 2003 marked the fourth consecutive year that Rotarians sponsored the Zensho River cleanup. Both Otawara clubs now sponsor the project, which also involves Girl Scout troops, industry representatives, and a variety of volunteer organizations.

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