

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3414
Date	8 June 2004
Venue	Mt Barker Golf Club
Occasion	Combined Meeting with Murray Bridge Club
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	DGE Arthur and Shirley Manser
Apologies	Lou Barteletti, Don Emmett, Darrol Foote, Neville Highett, Bob Mullins, Adrian Sobels, Dean Swinden, Ichiro Tanaka, Lindsay England, Jim Newall, Chandra Sluggett, Gary Tonkin, bob Laws, Robert Birnie
Make Ups	Jim Newall and Robert Birnie, both at the Thrift Shop
Percentage	48%
Sick List	Bob Mullins
Returning Rotarians	None
Departing Rotarians	None

Joint Meeting

Presidents John Russell and Brian Foster opened the combined meetings of the Rotary Clubs of Unley and daughter Murray Bridge.

From President John

The **Ric Maurovic painting** will be formally handed over to Unley Mayor Michael Keenan at 5.45pm on Tuesday 29 June. So far Pres. John has a list of 11 people who wish to attend the presentation (and drinks and nibbles). Anyone else who would like to attend please see Pres. John.

A reminder that the **Changeover Dinner** will be held on Tuesday 6 July at the Stables Ballroom, Morphettville Junction, 472 Anzac Highway, Camden Park at 6.30 for 7.00pm. This will be a partners night.

There will be a **Thrift Shop Committee** meeting on Saturday 11 June at 9.30am at Mama Carmela's.

Pres. John **thanked Pres. Brian Foster and the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge** for arranging this combined meeting with our daughter club.

On the spot

Greg Love reminded members of the "New Members" barbeque to be held at his and Kaylene Kranz's home on Sunday 22 June at 11.30am for a 12 noon lighting of the barbie. The event is being held for our newer members, the Rotarians involved as mentors to new members or who would like to be mentors, and their partners.

President Brian Foster (RC of Murray Bridge) outlined the history of the Murray Bridge Club from the initial interest meeting held in October 1953, the first dinner meeting held in December 1953, and the Club's Charter Meeting held in February 1954. And on 27 February this year the Club celebrated its 50th birthday.

Pres. Brian made particular mention of the enormous contribution by Unley Rotarian and DG's Representative Fred Claridge who helped establish the Murray Bridge Club and attended all Club meetings plus most committee meetings in Murray Bridge for two years (when the roads were nothing like they are today).

Guest Speaker – Phil Hereen

Phil Hereen was a highly successful speedway driver in South Australia who tragically became a paraplegic following a bad speedway crash about 10 years ago at Speedway Park, Virginia. At the time he was the manager of a pre-cast concrete company. He now works very actively supporting the "Para Quad" Association helping to raise funds.

Phil began a speedway career spanning 36 years at Rowley Park and which ended in 1993 when he was defending his title at the South Australian Speedway Championships.

Phil described how he became involved in speedway racing while an apprentice motor mechanic when he provided support in the pits for his employer.

By a string of coincidences, Phil purchased his first racing car from a visiting Victorian driver for five pounds deposit and the balance of the 350 pounds financed in cash by his boss Phil Skipper. He hid the car in the back of a friend's crash repair workshop until he had the nerve to tell his father what he'd bought for "50 pounds"; his Dad thought it was a bargain and worth much more!

Phil went on to describe the development of speed car racing and the personalities involved in it, such as Kim Bonython, and his adventures in racing up until the time of his enforced retirement.

Before he could drive at Rowley Park he had to firstly qualify at smaller speed car events around the State. He drove a variety of speedway cars, both locally built and American imports, and looked for cars to drive that had an edge in power to weight. His comparatively lightweight cars enabled him to drive around the fields of bumping and manoeuvring competitors and win.

He also described the effect his paralyzing spinal injuries had on him and how the main impacts were emotional, psychological and financial, especially the high cost of adapting his family home for a wheel chair bound paraplegic. Phil drew inspiration from other wheelchair bound members who attended the meeting.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
12/06/04	Bob Laws & Michael Tait
19/06/04	Ken Haines & Maeve & Dean Swinden
26/06/04	John Russell & Stephen Westgarth

Ladies Auxiliary - Correction

The venue for the next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary was incorrectly reported in last week's Bulletin. The next meeting will be held at the home of Pauline Daly, Unit 3, 50 Cashel Street, Pasadena, on Monday 28th June at 11am.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
15/06/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Anne Henderson – Residential Care	Jim Newall	Geoff Howland	Natalie Bowen	Ichiro Tanaka	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly 8179 5650
22/06/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Netta-Riina Salila – Our Exchange Student This is a Partners Night	Kaylene Kranz	Adrian Sobels	Natalie Bowen	Gary Tonkin		
29/06/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Bianca Moerman - DrugArm	Michael Tait	Greg Love	David Middleton	Stephen Westgarth		
06/07/04	Stables Ballroom, Morphettville Junction, 472 Anzac Highway, Camden Park	6.30 for 7.00pm	Changeover Dinner – A Partners Night	John Russell	N/A	David Middleton	Lou Barteletti		

Items from the District 9520 DG's April 2004 Newsletter

Rotary Down Under Magazine

Are you aware that in addition to Rotary International's flagship magazine "The Rotarian", there are 31 independently produced magazines one of which we refer to as "Rotary Down Under".

Rotary Down Under is the only magazine that conveys to Rotarians in the 23 Australian Districts and the six districts in New Zealand information on outstanding club, district and regional activities that are worthy of sharing. There is no other magazine that will do this. It also allows Rotarians to express their personal views and opinions in the Mailbox section.

DG Graeme Dodsworth said, 'I have heard the comment that it is difficult to get an article into Rotary Down Under. Remember, there are usually only 48 pages [in each issue] and there are 29 Districts to be covered. Articles do need to be concise, newsworthy, often accompanied by a clear photograph and of interest to the readership. They must also be relevant at the time of being published'. [Did you see Darrol Foote's excellent article in the May 2004 edition of RDU about the Unley Club's visits to the Shri-Ganesha Hindu Temple and the Al-Khalil Mosque? – Ed.]

DG Graeme went on to say, 'Many are critical of being compelled to subscribe to our own "Rotary Down Under". "Why not make it voluntary?" and "If it was worth reading then Rotarians would want to subscribe and read it" are other comments heard from time to time. This kind of comment is reflected in proposals before the current "Council on Legislation" '.

DG Graeme has announced that Rotary Down Under magazine has had to increase the yearly subscription price by 10%. Many factors have had an influence on this price rise, one of which is a much-reduced circulation due to the decline in membership here in Australia and New Zealand. The number of pages has been reduced, staff numbers reduced, savings have been effected in production costs and a concerted effort made to increase advertising. Rotary Down Under also sells Rotary Supplies, the profits from which help to offset the cost of producing the magazine.

He said, 'Voluntary subscription, as proposed, I believe, will further reduce circulation, increase overall costs per issue and at the same time deter advertisers from advertising as there will be a diminishing audience.'

'It has been argued that the magazine "should be on the web site". I wonder if anyone has thought through the economic feasibility of doing this – at the expense of not subscribing to hard copy?'

DG Graeme shared a number of other thoughts:

- Once you have read your Rotary Down Under, do you use it to inform non-Rotarians of the great activities undertaken by Rotarians – have you considered placing it in doctors'/dentists' waiting rooms? What about the local library, Subway, hairdresser, McDonalds, High School Library, etc.?
- As a Club, advise the Editor of those who have been awarded a Paul Harris Fellow or have been "Called to Higher Service"? [Unley does, ask Ken Haines – Ed]
- Contribute to your magazine in some way – with an article of some importance or a letter to the Mailbox. [Unley does this too, ask Darrol Foote. – Ed]
- If you are critical of the magazine, express your thoughts and ideas in a constructive manner to the Editor.

The Brian and Maxine Newell Prostate Cancer Foundation

President Elect Sandra Marinelli gave a presentation to the recent District Conference on the work undertaken by the late Rtn Brian Newell in producing a wonderful pictorial book entitled "Following the Old Ghan Railway Line". Sandra is a trustee of the Foundation, which has been well supported by the Rotary Club of Brighton.

Sandra highlighted the work being undertaken by the Foundation in memory of Brian through the sale of some 5,000 books at \$40 each. There were still some 1,800 still to be sold and Sandra was very happy to have sold around 90 copies at the Conference.

DG Graeme Dodsworth said, 'The book will make an excellent gift, especially to an overseas visitor, and I encourage Rotarians to contact Sandra for your copies. The cost of producing the books has been met and so all proceeds from present and future sales can be put to good use in providing much needed equipment etc. for prostate cancer treatment and research'.

The Rotary "Centurion" Program – Another Way of Supporting the Rotary Foundation

Remember that if your Rotary Centurion Program payment is made out to "The Rotary foundation Trust" it is tax deductible – why not do it now so that you can get the tax benefit in this financial year and the Rotary Foundation the benefit of your personal giving?

The Unley Rotarian 2003/2004

Meeting 3414 – Tuesday 8 June 2004

Rotary Club of Unley Inc

Chartered 17th April 1935 – District 9520

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