

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No. 3416

Date 22 June 2004

Venue Unley Community Sports Club

Guest Speaker

Netta-Riina Salila – Her Year as a Rotary Exchange Student

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Pauline Daly, Jane & Matthew Paternoster, John, Terry, Jo, Tessa & Zack Schenkel, Kathryn & AJ Howard, Sue Middleton, Alison Reed, Genese Mullins, Maria Mills and Glenyss Steedman

Apologies

Neville Highett, Lou Barteletti, Don Emmett, Norm Wallace, Mavis Martin, David Payne, Gary Tonkin, Greg Love, Darrol Foote, Wayne Ross

Make Ups

Rob Paternoster & Joan Reed (Tree Planting – in the rain), David Payne (Thrift Shop)

Percentage 75%

Sick List Don Emmett

Returning Rotarians Bob Mullins

Departing Rotarians None

From President John

A reminder that the **presentation of the Ric Maurovic** painting to the Unley Library will be held at 5.45pm next Tuesday 29 June. Pres. John has a list of 12 Rotarians who will be attending the presentation.

A further reminder that the **Changeover Dinner** will be held on Tuesday 6 July at 6.30 for 7.00pm at the Stables Ballroom, Morphetville Junction, 472 Anzac Highway, Camden Park. This will be a **partners night** and the cost is \$40 per head. Members are asked to pay by next Tuesday 29 June and Ken Haines is collecting the money.

Pres. John also reminded Rotarians and partners that the next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the home of Pauline Daly at Unit 50, 3 Cashel Street, Pasadena on Monday 28th June at 11 am.

On the Spot

Ron Schubert asked members to advise ASAP whether they would be attending the Changeover Night, as the numbers attending must be known by 25 June.

The [painting] “Busy Bee” planned for next weekend at 24 Vinrace Street in the City has been called-off as the occupant cannot be located. As soon as Ron has an amended date, he will contact those who had volunteered.

Ron would like to hear from any Rotarians who can help this Saturday morning at 9.00am at Dean and Maeve Swinden's house to get the books for the Book Sale on 16 September sorted and priced well before the Sale date.

Kaylene Kranz thanked Ian Pearson for arranging with the UCSC's chef the Scandinavian theme for tonight's meeting.

On behalf of Greg Love, Kaylene handed out to members a package of material about the forthcoming Membership Drive, to enable members to consider inviting friends or colleagues to be members of Rotary. The Membership Committee is seeking members' help to bring people to the Information Night to be held on 27 July.

Bob Laws thanked all the people involved in the Trees for Life project including the “tube stuffers”, the tree growers, the tree transporter and the tree planters. 600 trees were planted on the recent tree-planting weekend [in abysmal weather] at Wellington. About 200 trees remain to be planted at a future date.

Paul Howard: Our new incoming Exchange Student, Isabella Olsen [“Isa”], will arrive on 16 July; an hour and a half earlier than Netta-Riina departs to return to Finland. Isa is no longer a strict vegetarian - with some difficulty. John Nowland is her counselor and her first host family will be John Henderson and Liz Pike, who are the parents of Jess Henderson, our current exchange student in Brazil.

Sergeant's Session

The Sergeant for the evening was Natalie Bowen. She also won the Wine Raffle [quite legitimately] while Greg McLeod won the Lucky Squares. A great many fines were exacted remorselessly but with considerable humour.

Guest Speaker – Netta-Riina Salila

Netta-Riina Salila, our Exchange Student from Finland, was introduced by her Counsellor Bob Laws. Bob complimented Netta-Riina on being a fantastic exchange student for us.

Netta-Riina thanked the Rotary Club of Unley for making possible her year here in Australia, her host families who have been so great, and her counsellor Bob Laws. Sometimes she was a little homesick and a little sad, but it felt so good to know that she had a lot of people who wanted to help her get over it, so that she was not alone.

She remembered like it was yesterday how nervous she was before coming to Australia; imagine a 17 year old girl going to the other side of the world without having any experience travelling alone. She was very scared and remembered how she went to lie on her sister's bed many times and ask her many questions about her experiences on an exchange, and she knew what Netta-Riina was going through.

Netta-Riina felt that her biggest fear was the language; she had studied English before she came here, but it's so different when you don't speak English even as a second language. But when she arrived in Adelaide, she soon realised that she didn't need to be scared and that everything was going to be fine. Of course sometimes she missed her family and friends, but then she would just find something to do so she didn't miss home any more.

Netta-Riina feels very lucky and special because she has seen so much of Australia.

- With her first host family she went to Victor Harbour and to the Barossa Valley;
- With her second host family she went to Queensland and saw Brisbane and Bundaberg;
- With her third host family she saw the Great Ocean road and Melbourne;
- On the “Rock and Reef Trip” she saw Canberra, Sydney, Byron Bay, Airlie Beach, the Whitsundays, Mount Isa, Alice Springs, Kings Canyon, Uluru, the Olgas, Coober Pedy and Port Augusta; and
- Many places in South Australia.

When she came here she was a very shy person and wasn't confident to speak to people she didn't know. This year has changed her in many ways; she has become more open and

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
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	6.30 for 7.00pm	Changeover Dinner	John Russell &	N/A	David Middleton	Lou Barteletti		
	Morphettville Junction, 472 Anzac Highway, Camden Park			Ron Schubert					

confident, has come out of her shell and her English has improved greatly. All the people who she has met during the year have changed her as a person.

Netta-Riina showed about 40 photos of her experiences while in Australia. They showed places she has been, sights she has seen, furry and slithery Australian animals she has cuddled, families and exchange students she travelled with, school activities, wake boarding, beach volleyballing and the dress she wore to her school formal. The picture show was accompanied by very appropriate background music. Well done Netta.

Netta-Riina has been studying tourism at Pulteney Grammar School this year. After more than seven months at school Netta's tourism teacher said she qualified as an "adopted Aussie".

She feels like she has two homes now; one here in Australia and one back in Finland. Netta-Riina feels that it is going to be very hard for her when she goes home in three weeks time. She has so many friends here who she is going to miss when she goes back.

Netta-Riina feels that this year in Australia has been the best year of her life, but a year like a roller coaster with its ups and downs. She has many good memories and friends here who are always going to be part of her life and will always have a place in her heart. In three weeks she will be leaving, but you have to go if you want to come back, right?

Australian Corporate Alliance Program

What is the Australian Corporate Alliance Program?

ACAP is a program of Rotary Districts in Australia including Rotarians, Corporate Alliance Partners, suppliers and sponsors which seeks through corporate and community partnerships to raise increased awareness and fundraising for Rotary and its programs through member and non member involvement and donation.

Started as a three year pilot program, at a time when funding and support for community volunteer organisations was as competitive as ever, the (then named) Australian Rotarians Corporate Alliance Program – now renamed the Australian Corporate Alliance Program (ACAP) – has since made a positive impact on Rotary projects. The pilot period was successfully completed in November 2000 and ACAP is now operating as a multi-district program of the Rotary Districts in Australia.

For the first time in Rotary's history, the pioneering program enables companies to directly sponsor Rotary programs and events in Australia. At a time when funding

and support for community volunteer organisations is as competitive as ever, Rotary's Australian Corporate Community Alliance Program has already made a positive impact on Rotary projects.

Support for specific Rotary programs is now being provided by some of Australia's largest companies, in recognition of the role played by Australian Rotarians on a community, state and national basis. Rotary's Corporate Alliance Program involves a raft of community groups and companies, which work together to leverage maximum benefit for both sectors.

Objectives of ACAP

The objective of the Australian Corporate Alliance Program (ACAP) is to create mutually rewarding and dynamic partnerships which will enhance the work of Rotary in the new Millennium.

The program aims to expand the scale and scope of the projects undertaken by Rotary Clubs and increase funding for and community awareness of the programs run by or supported by Rotary. The Corporate Alliance Program has now been extended to New Zealand.

ACAP Key Partnership Objectives

Key partnership objectives are:

- Increase ongoing funding for community programs
- Secure additional funding for increased number and scale of future community and Rotary projects
- Establish sponsorship administration fund to oversee distribution of funds
- Increase community visibility & awareness of Rotary and Rotary programs
- Additional non-member and member involvement and donations
- Enhance membership retention and numbers
- Further the Object of Rotary

Alliance Partners

Details of ACAP corporate sponsors can be found on the ACAP web site at <http://r-acap.org/index.html>.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
26/06/04	John Russell & Chandra Sluggett
03/07/04	Ken Haines & Stephen Westgarth
10/07/04	Lindsay England & Sheila Evans
17/07/04	Greg Love & Kaylene Kranz

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting is at Pauline Daly's home at Unit 50, 3 Cashel Street, Pasadena at 11am on Monday 28th June.

The Unley Rotarian 2003/2004

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