

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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Meeting 3420 – Tuesday 20 July 2004



The Club meets every Tuesday at
the Unley Community Sports Club
Oxford Terrace, Unley, at 6.30pm
Fellowship at 6.15pm

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President:	Ron Schubert
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New Generation:	Joan Reed
International Service:	Greg Love
Membership:	Adrian Sobels (ex Officio)

Standing Committees

Vocational Service Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Neville Highett - Director/Chair
John Nowland - Deputy
Bob Mills - Mentor
Sheila Evans
Greg McLeod
Rex Martin
Vince Michielin
Norm Wallace

International Service Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Greg Love - Director/Chair
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Darrol Foote - Mentor
Lou Barteletti
Geoff Howland
David Payne
Kevin Rogers
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Community Service Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Tom Tirrell - Director/Chair
Chandra Sluggett - Deputy
Gary Tonkin - Mentor
Robert Birnie
Ken Daly
Geoff Dunn
Jim Newall
Lucien Parent

New Generation Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Joan Reed - Chair
Lindsay England - Deputy
Wayne Ross - Mentor
Neville Highett
Paul Howard
Peter James
Bob Mullins
Helen Richter

Club Service Committee (Meets Third Tuesday)

Stephen Westgarth - Director/Chair
Sub-committee Representatives

Membership Committee (Meets First Tuesday)

Adrian Sobels - Director/Chair
Greg Love - Deputy/Mentor
David Middleton
Michael Tait
Ian Pearson

Thrift Shop Committee (Meets Second Saturday)

Geoff Hill - Chair
Josephine Blowes
Don Emmett
Ken Haines
Paul Howard

Kaylene Kranz Jim Newall
David Payne
Dean Swinden

Club Service Sub-committees

Almoner

Norm Wallace
Ken Daly
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Attendance

Lindsay England – Chair
Geoff Howland – Deputy
Rex Martin
Norm Wallace

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John Russell

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Natalie Bowen - Chair
David Middleton – Deputy
Bob Laws
Ian Pearson
Michael Tait

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3420
Date	20 July 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Committees
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	None
Apologies	Lucien Parent, Greg McLeod, Lou Barteletti, Don Emmett, Michael Tait
Make Ups	Helen Richter (RC of Brisbane CBD), Darrol Foote (District Committee)
Attendance	71%
Sick List	None
Returning Rotarians	Helen Richter
Departing Rotarians	None
Birthdays	None

From President Ron

Genese Mullins has sent the Club a letter of appreciation for the box of flowers she received at the Changeover Dinner.

Pauline Daly and Pat Limbert have written to the Club expressing their appreciation for the Club's acknowledgement of their birthdays.

Pres. Ron read the following statement from Rotary International in relation to recent press reports concerning abuse of a Rotary Youth Exchange participant.

Rotary International attaches great importance to protecting the well being of our Youth Exchange participants. Rotary International has put in a place a code of conduct for working with youth in all of its programs, especially the Youth Exchange program, to prevent abuse.

Clubs have established stringent selection processes to screen and interview host families. Clubs are also required to appoint a Rotary club member (who is not a member of the host family) as counsellor to each exchange student. The counsellor maintains regular contact with the student. If the student has problems, he or she is encouraged to report or communicate the problems to the counsellor or other Rotary officers in charge. More importantly, each exchange student is offered as many as three orientation sessions upon arrival by the local Rotary clubs. These orientation sessions include information about what to do when encountering problems.

Rotary clubs, which administer the program, take every report and complaint seriously. Anyone who comes forward with allegations of abuse is encouraged to report them immediately to law enforcement. Rotary cannot tolerate any form of abuse.

In Australia, Rotary International has established a hotline to aid the reporting of any problems encountered by participants in the Youth Exchange Program. The number is 02 9635 3537.

The Youth Exchange Program was formally established in 1972. As the program matures and expands, our procedures in safeguarding the interests of our young participants are also becoming more comprehensive. For example, each year, Rotary offers formal training and education on how to operate Youth Exchange Programs to local Rotary clubs at the regional or international conferences.

The Youth Exchange Program is one of the thousands of Rotary programs initiated by local Rotary clubs to promote peace and international understanding among people from different cultures. Started shortly after the World War II, many Rotary clubs in the US and Europe raised money on their own to send young people to live in another Rotary country so they could experience other cultures. Upon arrival in a foreign country, these young people would be under the care of their hosts, who are volunteer Rotary club members. Today, the program offers the opportunity for thousands of young people to serve as cultural ambassadors and promote international understanding.

On the Spot

Joan Reed reported that Pres. Ron and she represented the Club at a RYLA presentation event last Sunday and expressed how very delightful it was to meet the participants in the program. Our Club sponsored three RYLA participants; Baisha (Shannon) Wang, Airlie Jenkinson and Sam Handley, and all three were worthy recipients.

Our Youth Exchange Student Netta-Riina Salila left to return to Finland last Friday. Joan reported that it was a very emotional time for Netta (she apparently has learned some colorful Australian expressions) as she packed her considerable amount of luggage. Qantas kindly ignored the fact that Netta's suitcase was significantly over her weight allowance.

Ken Haines reported that last Friday night Kaylene Kranz, Greg Love and he had attended the Telstra South Australian Small Business Awards presentation, and Kaylene won the award in the 5-20 employees category. Now she goes on to the National finals on 14 August. Congratulations and best wishes Kaylene.

Mark Brindal has written to the Club apologising for not being able to attend the Club's Changeover Dinner.

John Nowland, along with host parents John Henderson and Liz Pike, met our new inbound exchange student Isabella Alsen ["Lissa"] when she arrived at the airport on Friday morning, without luggage (it came Monday afternoon). John took her to Pulteney Grammar on Monday morning to organise her enrolment there. Her English is very good and she comes highly recommended by her school principal back in Helsinborg, Sweden. She will come to next week's meeting with her host parents.

Greg Love reminded members that next week's meeting is an Information Night for potential new members. Greg asked members to please arrive by 6.00 pm and make the most of the opportunity to make our guests welcome, to offer them a drink at the bar (bottles of wine for guests will be provided) and to be sure to sit with guests during dinner rather than in usual groups. Speakers on the night will include David Middleton, Kaylene Kranz and possibly DG Euan Miller.

Geoff Hill reported that the Thrift Shop is very short of bric-a-brac and asked all members to check their own cupboards and check with friends and neighbours to see if any unwanted bric-a-brac can be found and donated the Shop. The Thrift Shop is the Club's main fundraising source and bric-a-brac is one of the most popular in the range of goods sold by the Shop.

Lindsay England thanked all the people who have been involved in book sorting for the upcoming first Annual Book Sale; it appears that the "back has been broken" and Dean Swinden can at last see the floor of his shed.

Lindsay asked for volunteers to go on the roster to assist one of the Attendance Committee members each week to man the attendance desk at the door. All members are encouraged to be on the roster, new members especially. Lindsay also advised that it would be more practical for members wishing to notify him of apologies during business hours to call him on his mobile phone [which is always on] rather than his work number [which could be answered by any one of 30 people among 2,000] – see Rostered Rotarians, below.

Sergeant's Session

The Sergeant was Natalie Bowen. Norm Wallace won the Lucky Squares and Ron Schubert won the wine. Pres. Ron carried the can while Sergeant Natalie extracted fines from every Rotarian present for not being on a Committee they were not on. Darrol Foote successfully reverse fined Natalie for selling Lucky Squares when in fact only one square was lucky.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
27/07/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Information Night for Prospective Members
03/08/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly
10/08/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Adam Hilton
17/08/04	Unley Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30pm	Fellowship Evening – Partners Night

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
27/07/04	TBA	Joan Reed	Natalie Bowen	Geoff Dunn	Lindsay England	Lindsay England
03/08/04	Ron Schubert	Ken Haines	TBA	Sheila Evans		
10/08/04	TBA	Adrian Sobels	TBA	Darrol Foote		M: 0408 857 775
17/08/04	TBA	Greg Love	TBA	Ken Haines		H: 8381 3584

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
24/07/04	Greg McLeod & Bob Laws
31/07/04	Ken Haines & Sheila Evans
07/08/04	Tom Tirrell & Kathryn Howard
14/08/04	Helen Richter & Ken Haines

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 11am on Monday 23rd August at the home of Joan Calder at Apt. 35, 17 Tusmore Avenue, Leabrook.

Initiative of RIBI Rotarians Excites Future Scientists

More than 350 students from all over Britain made an educational trip to the world-famous Faraday Theatre of the Royal Institution on 24 June through Excitement of Science, a three-year-old project of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI).

Named after Michael Faraday, the 19th century British physicist and chemist credited with discoveries of the laws of electrolysis and electromagnetic induction, the theatre is part of a prestigious institution that has contributed toward the advancement of science for more than 200 years, including teaching science to non-scientists.

As its name suggests, the RIBI effort is aimed at showing 13-18 year-olds that science is fun and exciting enough to consider as a career. In February, a carefully selected group of students from 89 schools embarked on an adventure of research and discovery through the study of black holes.

"We select the most scientifically able we can find," says project coordinator Prof. William Mullarkey of the Rotary Club of Hindley, Manchester, England. "From the outset it was considered vital that all should be able to travel at no cost to themselves other than having to earn their places. That was done by intellect and enthusiasm not money; they simply have to demonstrate that they are amongst the most able candidates to join the next generation of scientists."

If Mullarkey had his way, more high school graduates would be choosing science-oriented careers over law or journalism, for example. He believes strongly that that choice would be attractive if scientists like him could share with gifted students "some magic moments in science."

Since February, this year's cohort of aspiring scientists has studied the properties of a class of black holes called quasars, using the world's largest fully robotic telescope, owned by the Astrophysics Research Institute at Liverpool John Moores University.

After several months of experiments and research based on the observations of scientists in Britain and the United States, the students gathered at the Faraday Theatre to try to answer some of the perplexing questions about quasars. They were joined by 94 teachers and 77 curious adults, including Rotarians.

The day started off with Dr. John Kilcoyne of the University of Sunderland, England, introducing attendees to the thrills of chemistry through a series of explosive but harmless concoctions. Dr. Andrew Newsam from Liverpool John Moores University was the lead scientist for this year's project. He made a one-hour presentation to the students, part of it devoted to a live observation of the universe through a robotic telescope in Hawaii dedicated to education.

The Royal Institution and the National Schools' Observatory (NSO) collaborated with RIBI to make this year's Excitement of Science a success.