

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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Meeting no. 3436 – Tuesday 9 November 2004

C E L E B R A T E R O T A R Y

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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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3436 – conducted by Chairman Greg Love
Date	9 November 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Address by Exchange Student (Partners Night)
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Issa Alsen, Jane Paternoster, Matthew Paternoster, Margaret Payne, Kathryn Howard
Apologies	Don Emmett, Kevin Rogers, Lou Barteletti, Darrol Foote, Mavis Martin, Ichiro Tanaka, Stephen Westgarth, Wayne Ross, Bob Laws and David Middleton
Make Ups	Darrol Foote, Jim Newall and Rex Martin
Attendance	70%
Sick List	Kevin Rogers and Don Emmett
Returning Rotarians	N/A
Departing Rotarians	N/A
Birthdays	No info.

From President Ron

1. The President and the Board have adopted a program of rotating Chairmen from within the Board to provide variety in the conduct of Club meetings. Tonight is Greg Love's opportunity to conduct the meeting. Table formats will also be varied from time to time.
2. The Club has been given notice to vacate the thrift shop premises. Negotiations will be entered into as to the time frame and the amount of compensation to be paid to the Club for the move. The thrift shop committee is in the meantime looking at various sites for relocation of the thrift shop and is hoping to find something suitable on the Unley Road precinct.
3. A letter of thanks has been received from Linda England for the card received on the occasion of her recent birthday.
4. Brochures are to be distributed during the meeting dealing with the Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund based in Ethiopia. See President Ron for further information.
5. The Christmas dinner will be held on 14 December 2004 at the Kooyonga Golf Club at May Terrace Lockleys (turn right off Sir Donald Bradman Drive, about 500m. west of the Airport entrance), at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Cost is \$40.00 per head. All welcome!

On the Spot

Norm Wallace reported that Kevin Rogers is progressing well and hopes to be home within a week or two. Don Emmett however is finding things challenging at the moment.

Geoff Hill is seeking additional support from members and partners to fill the weekly Thrift Shop roster due to resignations from increasingly elderly volunteers. See David Payne if you can help.

Peter James has tickets at \$20.00 each for anyone wishing a good night out with pleasant music and food at the Cotton Club at the Banque Wine Bar at 107 O'Connell Street North Adelaide on Thursday 25 November 2004 at 7pm. It is being designated a fundraiser for the Club so support this event by buying some tickets and attending. See Peter.

Sergeant's Session

Michael Tait conducted the Sergeant's Session and very ably extracted fines from the members present. The wine was won by Joan Reed and the Lucky Squares money was won by Ken Haines.

Guest Speaker

Peter James introduced our exchange student **Isabelle ("Issa") Alsen** to talk to us about herself and her home country.

Issa came to us last July from Helsingborg in Sweden. Her mother Marjatta is Finnish and a nurse and her father Anders is a real estate agent. She also has one brother Alexander who is 23 years of age and is a history and English teacher.

Issa has a strong interest in arts and design and has a desire to become an architect. She likes to play instruments, having a background in piano. She has sung in a choir, enjoys dancing and acting and drawing and photography. She enjoys designing and making clothing and has an interest in technical matters. She considers herself a very independent person and had lived in her own apartment prior to coming to Australia.

She has already noticed differences between Swedes and Australians in general attitudes, the foods that are eaten, the lifestyle and the importance placed on sport within the education system. Sport is completely absent from the Swedish education system and must be sought out privately.

Her home town of Helsingborg is in the south of Sweden, not far from Denmark. Sweden has a population of about 9 million (with a sizeable migrant component) which is largely based in the more temperate southern regions. The capital city of

Stockholm has a population of about 1.6 million and is sited on 14 islands. The country itself has 3,000 km. of coastline and over 10,000 lakes and large expanses of forests and mountain ranges which can be used for recreational purposes. In the northern regions of the country, the weather is more extreme, with long periods of daylight in the summer and long and bitter periods of cold and darkness in the winter months.

Schooling is compulsory until Year 9 and there is a direct financial benefit to students in going to school and continuing with their education. English is taught from Year 2.

The taxation levels are extremely high and the methods of taxation are novel by our standards but the social benefit to the population is free schooling, free medical care and free dental care. Housing quality is high and there is a minimum standard of living that all Swedes are guaranteed.

Sweden is a monarchy with a parliamentary system (non-compulsory voting) and is home to the Volvo motor vehicle and specialist glass manufacturers such as Orrefors. Sweden is also where ball bearings, the tetra pack and matches were invented.

The Swedes are very passionate about ice hockey and soccer and have a rich musical heritage.

Sweden has its own Christmas festivals and observances and recognises Christmas Eve, not Christmas day.

(Issa will speak to us again towards the end of her year on her Australian experiences and her plans for the future.)

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
16-11-04	U.C.S.C	6.00 for 6.30pm	Brian Ross – Mercy Ships
23-11-04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly
30-11-04	U.C.S.C	6.00 for 6.30pm	Peter Slattery - ROMAC
07-12-04	U.C.S.C	6.00 for 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance
16-11-04	Ron Schubert	John Peacham	Bob Laws	Anne Wehr	Lindsay England and Sheila Evans
23-11-04	Ron Schubert	Adrian Sobels	Bob Laws	Glenys Ferguson	Lindsay England and Joan Reed
30-11-04	Ron Schubert	Gary Tonkin	David Middleton	Issa Alsen	Rex Martin and Geoff Howland
07-12-04	Ron Schubert	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Apologies

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Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding its Christmas Lunch on Monday 22 November at the Arkaba Hotel at 12 noon. Please confirm your attendance to either Pauline Daly or Margaret Payne by Thursday 18 November.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
13-11-04	Michael Tait and John Peacham
20-11-04	Lindsay England (E); Sheila Evans (L)
27-11-04	Ken Haines and Kaylene Kranz
04-12-04	Mavis Martin (L); John Russell (E)

Announcement

A reminder that the Club's AGM is to be held at UCSC on 7 December 2004 at approx. 7.15pm. Formal notice to the membership has previously been given. Nominations for four Board vacancies are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary by 8pm on Tuesday 23 November 2004.

Chairman Greg's Quote for the Week

It's not the money that you earn that is important; it is the money that you keep.

Remember:

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