

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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Meeting 3474 – Tuesday 9th August 2005

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.	3474
Date	9th August 2005
Venue	U.C.S.C
Occasion	Guest Speaker Pauline Hobbs of "Family Matters Inc"/Club Service Committee Meeting
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Jen Casburn
Apologies	Ken Haines, Natalie Bowen, Bill Spencer, Paul Howard, Norm Wallace, Jill Reynolds, Chandra Sluggett and Michael Tait.
Make Ups	
Attendance	59%
Sick List	Gary Tonkin
Returning Rotarians	N/A
Departing Rotarians	N/A
Birthdays	
Anniversaries	David Payne 19 years in the Club.

From President Kaylene

Welcome to our guest Jen Casburn.

President Kaylene detailed the world organisation of Rotary International from the Clubs up to Club Groups and then to the Districts. That was an introduction to inform the Club that she meet with the Presidents of Group Six Club's of District 9520 last week. Our fellow Clubs are Hyde Park, Mitcham, Brown Hill Creek, Sterling, St. Marys, Glen Osmond and Eastwood. The Group Six Presidents discussed a number of joint issues and possible joint ventures. They will meet another 3 times this Rotary year.

Kaylene announced that we will conduct a Mental Health Week Forum with the Hyde Park Club next October.

Kaylene reminded members of the availability of Rotary International moneyboxes.

Spots

Stephen Westgarth introduced the Club to a fund raising sale of wines. Watervale Riesling from O'Leary Walker of Clare. \$100.00 a case. Stephen put a totally new twist into the reading of the tasting notes. 3 bottles to try was splashed around the tables. As only 20 dozen remain place your orders directly with Stephen, President Kay or Greg Love quickly. (KK and GL are holding the stock and want it out of the house before they drink it all).

Geoff Hill informed the meeting that the RSL wanted our goods out of their shed ASAP. Geoff called for vollies to meet at the Thrift Shop at 10.00am them to go do the job.

Bob Mullins detailed the La Tombola Italian restaurant Partner's Night for Tuesday the 23rd of August. 6.30 for 7.00pm. Choice of fish, chicken or ravioli, all with salad and Tony's famous tiramisu desert to follow. Cost \$32.00. Bob to seek numbers on the 16th.

Bob Laws informed the meeting that our banner would be placed above Unley Rd. at the northern end on Sunday morning between 7.00 and 8pm.

Greg Love of reminded members of Club Service Committee Meeting tonight.

Sergeants Session

Jerry (with a J) Casburn was Sergeant for this week for his first time up to bat. Some suggested he was OK but how could you when he took a record amount in fines? Peter James won the wine and the guest speaker the squares.

Guest Speakers – Pauline Hobbs

Pauline Hobbs of "Family Matters Inc. was introduced by the chairperson for the evening, Shelia Evans:

The Family Matters S.A. Committee was established at the request of DASSA (Drug & Alcohol Services South Australia) to develop a seminar day program to assist family members, in particular parents, dealing with problems of alcohol and other drug (AOD) issues in their families. In June 2004 the seminar/forum preceded Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week and was planned and implemented by parents and designed specifically to meet the felt needs of the client group, rather than be the work of 'professionals' in the field.

Among the outcomes was a request for the Family Matters Committee to continue its work, and to provide a forum in which to enhance the work of other organisations, such as Al-anon, Nar-anon, Al-ateen, Family Drug Support, Drug and Alcohol Services S.A., various church groups etc. No other such umbrella organisation exists in South Australia.

On this basis, Family Matters S.A. was established and, in December 2004, incorporated as a non-government, not-for-profit organisation, with its own ABN, tax exemption status, and Deductible Gift recipient (DGR) status.

In 2005, a similar Forum day was conducted and officially opened by the Hon. Lea Stevens, Minister for Health, with approximately 150 participants was addressed by a mix of professionals and involved individuals speaking of personal experiences. A broad range of support organisations brought materials for display and representatives to discuss their work.

As a direct outcome of the Forum Day, its work and inclusivity, and the need that had been demonstrated, the Department of Health, with the support of DASSA, has made a two-year establishment grant to Family Matters S.A. This will enable the setting up of premises and the provision of some level of staffing, so that a conduit is available for families in need to access the help they require, and so that follow-up, to check that needs have been met, is possible.

Membership: The Family Matters S.A. Committee aims to recruit membership from as diverse a set of supporting organisations as possible, while retaining the ability of members to operate as individuals, not as spokespersons for their organisations.

At present the General Committee comprises individuals who have had experience with specific family programs which includes Al-Anon, Nar-anon, AlAteen, Family Drug Support, further supported by Flinders University Medical Department, residential rehabilitation services, and is seeking representatives from Wesley Uniting Mission, Anglicare, and the Carers' Association, among others. The group may co-opt individuals with special expertise and experience as required, e.g. from indigenous groups or multi-cultural backgrounds.

Distinctive features of the organisation:

1. The committee is comprised of individuals with direct and personal experience of the issues and problems that face families in situations of potentially harmful AOD issues. It thus brings hands-on expertise to its work, but has access to a large and varied range of professional consultants.
2. The organisation has been established in order to provide a link among the many disparate groups working in the field. It is the only body that exists to provide this service in relation to families affected by AOD individuals. Because the organisation has access to varied resources, it is in a position to call on a wider range of specialist and community fields than any single support agency.
3. The organization plans to provide support and services in both metropolitan and rural areas with particular care for marginalized groups and isolated communities. There is neither any pre-determined clientele nor any restriction of access to its services.

Aim and Intended Outcomes:

- To increase the capacity of family members to maintain themselves and support each other in the face of the difficulties created by substance dependency within the family group.
- Enhancing access to factual material about the nature and effects of substance dependency that may also incorporate the expertise of the many separate organisations that the group encompasses.
- Providing information about and links to various specific sources of support available for different types of dependency problems and organisations who provide this.
- Promoting opportunities to meet with others in similar situations and learn from their experiences.
- Providing a physical meeting place for those in need e.g. a drop-in centre similar to that provided in some other states.
- Creating a web page providing information and directions for potential support organisations.
- Training and information sessions for professionals in fields relevant to problems of substance dependency.
- Raising their awareness of the impact on other family members and providing information on sources of support those family members might access.
- Raising of public awareness of the 'ripple' effects of harmful AOD use. Too often problems are seen as pertaining only to 'users', and the follow-on effects of AOD use on the family are not perceived or acknowledged. Greater realisation of these problems could be achieved by media attention and other forms of publicity. This would be of value both to members of families, and also in terms of community awareness of a significant social problem.
- Acting as an agent for advocacy where particular issues are concerned or groups disadvantaged. Several concerns have been brought to our attention, e.g. the issue of lack of available information to families on the whereabouts of sons and daughters who may be in programs of treatment. A similar issue for many families has been the lack of available resources for emergency help during weekend periods. Concerns such as this need a coordinated approach to relevant government bodies, which we would hope to provide.

Strategies: While some indication of strategies for achieving these outcomes has been given in the preceding section, the development and implementation of an expanded range of strategies is one of the organisation's main tasks.

Specific points: The Family Matters organisation promotes no specific program for dependency treatment. It is receptive to the wide variety of programs that are available, and recognises that different needs may be met by each of these. Its concern is not primarily the individual involved in harmful AOD use, but those others, including carers such as grandparents, who are affected by this harmful use.

The Family Matters S.A. organisation's focus is, as its name suggests, on the importance of strengthening families and providing them with the coping mechanisms needed to maintain their own psychological health, and thus be in a position to assist in treatment.

The Family Matters S.A. organisation is not limited by the nature, degree or type of AOD use: it encompasses problems created by harmful use of alcohol, drugs (prescription and non-prescribed), and any other harmful substance use, where families are affected.

The Family Matters S.A. organisation is an inclusive body, including representatives from many organisations, but owned by and speaking for no one of these specifically. It maintains neutrality on programs and concerns, except for those listed in this document. Family Matters Inc. contacts - Chairperson: Ms Pauline Hobbs: Telephone 8272 2328.

Diary Dates

August

Tue 23/8/05 Partners Night La Tombola Restaurant
61 Unley Road, Parkside SA

September – New Generations Month.

Tue 13/9/05 Membership Information Night

Tue 27/9/05 Partners Night (Venue TBA)

October – Vocational Service Month.

Tue 18/10/05 4.00pm KK & KH with DG Arthur

4.45/5.30pm Special Board Meeting with DG Arthur

6.30pm Guest Speaker DG Arthur, Mansen & Shirley

Tue 25/10/05 Partners Night (at or away from club TBA)

December- Peace Awareness Month.

Sun 11/12/05 Christmas Carols at the Rotunda

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
16-08-05	U.C.S.C	6pm for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker
23-08-05	La Tombola Restaurant 61 Unley Rd, Parkside	6.30pm for 7pm	Partners Night. \$32.00
30/08/05	U.C.S.C	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker / Board Meeting
06-09-05	U.C.S.C	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Three members Spots/Committees

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance
16-08-05	Kaylene Kranz	Martin Cooper	Bob Mullins	Helen Richter	Anne Wehr & Rex Martin
23-08-05	Kaylene Kranz	Greg Love	Peter James	Greg Love	Remo Elms & Sheila Evans
30-08-05	Kaylene Kranz	John Russell	Gerry Casburn	Glenys Ferguson	Norm Wallace & Pat McNiffe
06-09-05	Kaylene Kranz	Geoff Howland	Peter James	John Peacham	Glenys Ferguson & Lindsay England

Apologies

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Saturday Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Early Roster	Late Roster
20-08-05	Stephen Westgarth	Ken Haines
27-08-05	Chandra Sluggett	TBA
03-09-05	D Middleton	Ken Haines
10-09-05	Glenys Ferguson	Ron Schubert
17-09-05	Anne Wehr	Bob Laws
24-09-05	Lindsay England	Chandra Sluggett

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

SERVICE Above Self