

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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Meeting 3519 – Tuesday 11 July 2006

The Club meets every Tuesday
at the Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide
at 6.30pm, Fellowship at 6.00pm

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3519
Date	11 July 2006
Venue	Public Schools club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide
Occasion	Rotary Information and committee Meetings
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	None
Apologies	Noelene Axford, Darrol Foote, Kevin Rogers, Anne Wehr, Martin cooper, Greg Love, Natalie Bowen and Lucien Parent
Make Ups	Darrol Foote and Norm Wallace at the Thrift Shop; Greg Love at Eastwood Club.
Attendance	52%
Sick List	None
Returning Rotarians	None
Departing Rotarians	Norm Wallace, Bob Mills
Lucky Square Winner	Geoff Dunn
Wine Raffle Winners	John Russell and Bob Mills

Announcements from President Stephen

- Thank you to all the Rotarians and their partners who were able to attend the Change Over Dinner last week. I certainly had a great time and you all helped the butterflies in my stomach to at least fly in formation. I hope you all enjoyed the occasion too. I'd especially like to thank those Rotarians who phoned me to say how they had enjoyed the night.
- I've been pleased to learn from the directors that all our committees have had meetings to develop their plans and budgets for this Rotary Year, in line with the goals and ideas put forward by members during our recent Strategy Planning Project. No doubt those plans and budgets will come close to completion tonight. I look forward to these plans being presented to the club at our club Assembly on 25 July and to the committees' proposed budgets being presented to the Board later that same night.
- The City of Unley has invited the Rotary Club of Unley to send a representative to the citizenship to be held on Tuesday 25 July at 6pm at the Unley Civic Centre. Unfortunately the date of the ceremony clashes with our normal meeting night and a Club Assembly and a board meeting; however, Ron Schubert has agreed to represent the Club and to speak to the new citizens about the work of Rotary and the Unley Club.
- There will be a Rotary Foundation Seminar at Enterprise House, Greenhill Road, at 9.15am on Sunday 23 July. All Rotarians are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for both new and old members to gain greater knowledge of the Rotary Foundation, and I encourage all members of The Rotary Foundation Committee to attend and any other interested members of the club. If you need further details, please speak to Mavis Martin.
- Chandra Sluggett has brought to the attention of the Club an opportunity to access Volunteer Small Equipment Grants that are given out each year by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. This grant is designed to enable organizations like ours who rely on volunteers to purchase small items like heaters, urns, vacuum cleaners, rubber floor mats, etc up to a value of \$3,000 to assist volunteers in their work. The Thrift Shop Committee will need to begin preparation of a grant application straight away, as our application has to be submitted by Friday 21 July. Thank you Chandra for spotting this grant opportunity and encouraging us to make an application.
- It is with regret that I inform the Club that the board has accepted the resignations of Peter James and Sandra Purdie. I understand that pressure of work is behind Peter's resignation, and Sandra's is due to personal reasons rather than Rotary per se.
- The Rotary Club of Adelaide has written to us about a new project called "Storm the Stage", a national competition for budding young actors. This project is supported by clubs across Australia and the generous sponsorship of Mr Harushi Handa as well as the patronage of Hugh Jackman and Jill Perryman. They are looking to find the Best Drama Performer and the Best Musical Theatre Performer in Australia. And some substantial cash prizes and audition opportunities are offered. I'll pass this information onto Bob Laws and the vocational & Youth committee for follow-up.
- The Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay is holding a fundraising dinner on Saturday 2 September in support of their continuing "Adopt-A-Minefield" project. Last year a similar dinner raised \$3,500, which was used in the worldwide campaign raising awareness about landmine issues, and assistance to survivors. I'll pass this information on to John Peacham and the International Committee for follow-up.
- We have received a letter from Rtn Geoff Bailey of the Mitcham Club promoting the ARHRF Indigenous Health Scholarship Project. He has suggested that our club might benefit from hearing a talk from an indigenous medical student. As our club is currently supporting a student, perhaps our program team, together with the Vocational & Youth Committee could arrange for our sponsored student to give us an update report during the next few months.
- The National Heart foundation has written to the club thanking us for supporting Heart Week in 2006 and inviting us to apply for Heart Week promotional aids. I'm not exactly sure that we've decided to support that project yet, so I'll pass it on to Jerry Casburn and the Community Committee for follow-up.

Almoner's Report

Vince Michielin would like to attend club meetings but needs help with transport to and from club meetings, as he is not able to drive at night. It may be that he will not want to attend every week. We would like to set-up a roster of Rotarians who can help with transport for Vince.

Kevin Rogers has just returned from a holiday to Darwin and Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks. He is a bit too “bushed” to attend tonight’s meeting, but would like to come along next week if someone can provide transport to and from the meeting.

Spots

Joan Reed: A Bulletin Editor is still needed for the first six months of this Rotary year. Janet Singh has offered to take on the job from January 2007, but no one else has indicated a readiness to take on the job. Pres Stephen has prepared the Bulletin last week and will do so this week, but his workload is really making that an unviable option. I believe that the work of editing the bulletin can be shared around among members for say a month at a time. If any member feels they could take on this role for the good of the club, would they please see Greg McLeod as soon as possible?

Ron Schubert and Joan Reed represented the club at the Change Over Night and 50th Anniversary celebrations of our daughter club, the Rotary Club of Port Pirie. Ron reported that the Port Pirie club members are very keen for a return visit to the Rotary Club of Unley in May 2007, after they have completed their work on the D9500 Assembly.

John Peacham asked members to advise whether they had received copies of the July-September volunteers’ roster in the mail. It appears that no one has.

Jerry Casburn proposed a social night at an Indian restaurant in Glenelg on say the second Friday in August and asked for indications of Rotarians interested in attending. More information to follow.

Mavis Martin gave an extended spot on fundraising for The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

The Rotary Foundation can only fund programs through contributions to the Permanent Fund of both Rotarians and non-Rotarians.

Examples of income sources:

- Paul Harris Fellow Recognition: US\$1,000 per PHF.
- Bequests from deceased estates; these may be extremely substantial amounts. Not necessarily known to The Rotary Foundation until after the person’s death.
- Benefaction; these may be substantial or smaller amounts. The Rotary Foundation is made aware of this through being informed by the person making the bequest (a specific form is filled-in and sent to Rotary International). These people are named as “Benefactors” and are recognized by the distinctive blue and gold “wings” worn with their rotary International lapel badge. In 1998 there were more than 36,000 benefactors worldwide. According to the visibility of wings, the rotary Club of Unley has just one benefactor.

The benefactor method of giving to the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation via one’s will has two major merits:

- - No money is expended until after one’s death; and
- - The wearing of the benefactor “wings” is a way of promoting both this method of giving and the Rotary Programs that these monies enable.

President Stephen intends to increase members’ knowledge of The Rotary Foundation and to this end has established a Rotary foundation Committee. During this year the Committee will highlight some major aspects of The Rotary Foundation through “Rotary spots”, specific Rotary Foundation Committee events and “Rotary Foundation Month” in November.

The first “spot” served as an opportunity to share with members how they can contribute to the Permanent fund in an easy way. If you have not yet made a will, this may be an opportune time to consider doing so and making your TRF bequest. Alternatively, if you have already made a will, your TRF bequest can be made in a codicil. This is easily done through recognised legal channels, such as solicitors or the Public Attorney.

Appropriate forms to inform The Rotary Foundation of your bequest will be distributed over the next few weeks. It is the intent of the Rotary Foundation Committee to see lots of “wings” being worn with lapel pins!!!

Diary Dates

Sun. 23 July: Rotary Foundation District Seminar at Enterprise House Greenhill Road Unley. See President Stephen for details.
Fri 11 Aug: Social night out at an Indian restaurant in Glenelg.
12-13 Aug: At Myponga. Trees for Life planting weekend (plant, eat, drink, sleep, eat, plant) at the property of John Nowland.
Tue 22 Aug: Club visit of DG Bob Northcote and Margaret.

Next Week’s Guest Speaker – Til Meister: “The Law and Your Personal Estate”

Tuesday 18 July 2006

Mr Til Meister is a partner in the law firm of Meister Belperis Clark. Til is a well-known and experienced solicitor in Adelaide who specialises in estate planning, patents, trademarks and intellectual property.

Til currently is a university lecturer on the law relating to wills, succession duties and the bequeathing of estates.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
18/07/06	Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Til Meister – The Law and Your Personal Estate, Club Service Committee
25/07/06	Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Club Assembly, Board Meeting
01/08/06	Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Rotary Foundation, Committees
08/08/06	Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide	6.00pm for 6.30pm	TBA

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
11/07/06	Jerry Casburn	Greg McLeod	TBA	Noelene Axford	Glenys Ferguson, Noelene Axford
18/07/06	Greg McLeod	Anne Wehr	Darrol Foote	Alex Jonson	Norm Wallace, Stefan Borak
25/07/06	John Peacham	Ken Haines	Greg Love	Martin Cooper	Geoff Dunn, Gerry Casburn

Rotarians unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

Sergeants-At-Arms: John Russell on H: 8271 7178 or e-mail: barbjohn@chariot.net.au

Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Greg McLeod B: 8223 3999, H: 8271 8409, M: 0417 811 838 or e-mail: gmcleod@lam.com.au

Attendance Desk: Janet Singh (B) 8226 4131 (M) 0408 857 775 (H) 8381 3584 or e-mail: singh.janet@saugov.sa.gov.au

Apologies

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Saturday Thrift Shop Duty

Date	9:00am to 11:30am	11:30am to Close
15 July 2006	Ken Haines, Noelene Axford	Stephen Westgarth + ONE more needed
22 July 2006	Greg McLeod + ONE more needed	Sheila Evans, Ken Haines
29 July 2006	Chandra Sluggett + ONE more needed	Stefan Borak + ONE more needed
5 August 2006	Reno Elms + ONE more needed	Stephen Westgarth, Ken Haines
12 August 2006	Darrol Foote, Stefan Borak	TWO needed
19 august 2006	Lindsay England, Linda England	TWO needed

Thrift Shop Committee Meetings

The Thrift Shop Committee meets at 9.30am at the Thrift Shop on the first Saturday of each month. Additional meetings may be held as required at other times.

District 9520 Tsunami Aid to Aceh from the District Governor's June Newsletter

Helping Aceh Orphans is a Project for All Rotarians

Last year 25 clubs raised over \$32,000 for the District tsunami appeal and together with a donation of \$20,000 from the District Disaster fund, these funds have now been forwarded to through RAWCS to help construct a \$2m village in Aceh. The village, Gampong Anak, is for Aceh children and young people orphaned by the disaster.

It has been designed by architectural students from the university in Banda Aceh in the form of a Rotary wheel. The centrepiece is a community centre and place of worship and the surrounding buildings forming the spokes and cogs are for residential accommodation.

The district took sometime to decide on a worthwhile project. There was a clear preference from clubs to use the money in Aceh and the district waited for the unrest to settle and for an appropriate administrative and financial structure to be put in place to ensure the project went ahead and the money well spent. Ernst and Young in Indonesia is controlling the expenditure on the project and it is being managed by RAWCS in Australia.

Thank you again to those clubs and individuals who helped with the fund-raising for such a vital and worthwhile project.

The 'Plus' in PolioPlus By Herbert A. Pigman *The Rotarian*

Two billion children immunized. Five million spared disability. More than a million deaths averted. Rotary's flagship program is adding up to big gains in the battle against infectious diseases.

After an earthquake devastated northern Pakistan in October, polio eradication staff in the area immediately directed their efforts toward rescuing survivors and providing emergency care. In February, when health officials confirmed three cases of a deadly strain of avian influenza in poultry in Nigeria, the World Health Organization (WHO) responded with offers to help disseminate information and collect and transport diagnostic specimens. Such rapid responses wouldn't have been possible without the polio eradication infrastructure that the "plus" in PolioPlus has helped build.

Before launching an ambitious program in 1985 to protect all the world's children against the crippling disease of polio, Rotary's leadership deliberated at length over the initiative's name. "Polio" was chosen to signal Rotary's quest for a polio-free world, and "plus" was added to express Rotary's conviction that a focused attack on polio would also spur a dramatic increase in immunizations against the five other childhood vaccine-preventable diseases targeted by WHO's Expanded Programme on Immunization: measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus.

At the outset, some global health leaders questioned whether these dual program objectives could be achieved. They feared that any program focusing on a single disease would siphon public health resources from childhood diseases whose mortality and morbidity burden far outweighed that of polio. There was little evidence that disease-specific campaigns could leave sustainable public health infrastructures in their wake. These concerns, along with Rotary's total lack of experience in large-scale health programs, contributed to PolioPlus' cautious and lukewarm reception from many public health leaders.

Undaunted, Rotary poured volunteer effort and financial support into improving refrigeration facilities, transportation, communication, and social awareness of the value of immunization. Gradually, the salutary effects of Rotary's dual strategy began to emerge: By the late 1980s, immunization rates for diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough had increased dramatically.

Within two decades, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative achieved a 99 percent reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide. In the areas of disease control, social mobilization, political advocacy, vaccine delivery strategy, surveillance, and funding, the "plus" in PolioPlus is paying off.

The need to protect the polio vaccine's potency in countries with minimal or no refrigeration capacity prompted the development of cold storage systems that are now used to preserve many other vaccines. An estimated one-third of sub-Saharan Africa's current cold chain capacity was implemented to support the polio program. Rotarians around the world supplied cold chain equipment through the PolioPlus Partners program, and Rotarians in polio-endemic countries now help monitor and maintain the systems.

"These cold chains are now being used to store vaccines needed to fight other infectious diseases, such as measles, tetanus, and diphtheria," says Marie-Irène Richmond-Ahoua, chair of the Côte-d'Ivoire PolioPlus Committee.

Surveillance A surveillance network comprising thousands of health clinics and outposts was developed to detect and report acute floppy paralysis, the sudden onset of paralysis that is the chief clinical indicator of polio. Today, this global reporting network, supported by 147 laboratories, serves as an early warning system to combat measles, neonatal tetanus, cholera, Ebola, avian flu, and other diseases.

"The measles mortality rate worldwide has been cut by more than 50 percent in the last six years," says Dr. Bruce Aylward, global coordinator of WHO's Global Polio Eradication Initiative. "That's half a million deaths a year averted because the measles [immunization] and surveillance network was able to take advantage of the polio eradication infrastructure."

Other tools developed for polio eradication surveillance are also being applied elsewhere. For example, health care workers used genetic sequencing methods developed to identify and locate the source of polioviruses to control the recent SARS outbreak in Asia.

The tugboat effect At the village level, PolioPlus has had a valuable "tugboat" effect on parents by leading them to seek medical attention for their children. Many of these parents had never visited a health care provider until they learned that a few drops of oral polio vaccine could protect their children from the dreaded disease. Along with the polio vaccine, children receive vaccines against other diseases, as well as life-saving vitamin A supplements, malaria bed nets, and information about nutrition and oral rehydration for the whole family.

Strategic planning Soon after the 1988 World Health Assembly resolution to eradicate polio, Rotary funded a core group of global and regional WHO leaders to provide technical leadership, an effort that resulted in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, now spearheaded by WHO, Rotary, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Today, this partnership serves as a model of public-private sector cooperation, one that is being replicated for initiatives to control AIDS, malaria, measles, and tuberculosis.

To accelerate polio immunization progress, the initiative's planners turned to National Immunization Days as the only practical means of eradicating the disease. This strategy opened the door to massive participation by Rotarian volunteers, who also got involved in social mobilization, transport and communication, and political advocacy. Since 1985, Rotarians have invested millions of volunteer hours in PolioPlus.

Financial support By the time polio is eradicated, Rotarians will have contributed US\$650 million to the effort through PolioPlus. Along the way, they have created an advocacy partnership that has raised more than \$1.7 billion in polio-specific grants from donor nations. As awareness of the cost-effectiveness of immunization began to climb, other funding sources emerged: the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the World Bank. When Rotary and the United Nations Foundation teamed up in 2000 to seek private-sector funds, they raised more than \$100 million.

Lasting impact The "plus" in PolioPlus will continue its work long after polio is finally eradicated. With their hands-on involvement at all levels of the polio immunization program, Rotarians are building community trust in government-sponsored immunization programs. As a result, more countries are responding to public demands for national budgets to include funding for vaccines.

"The legacy of PolioPlus will go well beyond the eradication of one of the most devastating diseases known to mankind," Aylward says. "It will also leave behind stronger health systems in some of the poorest countries in the world, enabling them to tackle other important health threats, particularly in the area of immunizations and communicable disease."

Herbert A. Pigman is a past general secretary of Rotary International and a member of the International PolioPlus Committee.

E-mail Addresses for the Rotary Club of Unley

The generic e-mail addresses for the Rotary Club of Unley are set out below with the names of the relevant Club officers for the 2006-2007 Rotary year.

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Club Website

Members are reminded that a wealth of local, national and international Rotary information is available to them by visiting the club's website at <http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au>. A list of members and roster details can also be found.

Quote for the Week

"Enthusiasm is the best protection in any situation. Wholeheartedness is contagious. Give yourself, if you wish to get others."
-- David Seabury

**Remember our Rotary
theme for the year**

LEAD THE WAY
