

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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Meeting 3525 – Tuesday 22 August 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.	3525
Date	22 August 2006
Venue	Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide
Chairperson	President Stephen
Guest Speaker	Official Visit by district Governor Bob Northcote
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	DG Bob Northcote, Margaret Northcote, AG Judy McAdam (Eastwood), Pauline Daly, George Sinclair (Adelaide Parks)
Apologies	David Middleton, Bob Mills, Kevin Rogers, Bob Mullins
Make Ups	
Attendance	74%
Sick List	No Report
Returning Rotarians	Greg Love, Mavis Martin, Geoff Dunn, Darrol Foote
Departing Rotarians	No Report

Announcements from President Stephen

- 1 Pres Stephen welcomed District Governor Bob Northcote and Margaret Northcote to the meeting, which was the District Governor's Official Visit to the Club for this Rotary Year.
- 2 Jo Blowes has asked for some additional help from Rotarians on the early shift on Saturday mornings, to assist with sorting and pricing of goods, so Rotarians are asked to see if they can make themselves available to fill these additional roster slots.
- 3 The tickets have arrived for those Rotarians who have accepted the invitation from His Honour Michael Keenan, Mayor of Unley, to be his guests at the Sturt vs Eagles football game on 9th or 10th September. Those Rotarians should please see Pres Stephen to collect their tickets and car park passes.
- 4 Pres Stephen acknowledged the hard work of all the Rotarians who attended the tree planting weekend at John Nowland's property at Myponga last weekend. It was an excellent weekend of service and fellowship.

Spots

Margaret Northcote: It has become a bit of a tradition that the spouse of the District Governor has a project of his or her own, and Margaret's project this year "won't cost us anything" is a "Four Way Test Speech Competition" for students from our local schools in year 10 going into year 11 next year. The plan is to conduct the final of the competition at next year's District Conference. Each club in the district is to "coopt" the support of year 10 English teachers to recruit students to enter the competition and prepare and present five-minute speeches on any topic but including all aspects of the Four Way Test. The aim of the project is to increase awareness of Rotary in the community and to teach ethics in schools, and to do so without religious connotations. Margaret gave copies of information on the project to Bob Laws and the Vocational & Youth Committee; she also asked to be kept informed of the Club's success with the project.

Kaylene Kranz reminded members who have not yet paid their dues to do so tonight or next week, lest the fickle finger of fate appear on their reminder invoices.

Mavis Martin reminded members of her earlier request for suggestions of potential members of Group Study Exchange team members for the coming exchanges to The Netherlands and Sweden. As nominations for team members (who must be no older than 40) close on 30th September, would members please advise Mavis as soon as possible? This is an excellent Rotary Foundation project and an excellent opportunity for people in our community to further develop their vocational and professional skills and knowledge.

Bob Laws thanked Martin and Angie Cooper, Lindsay and Linda England, Ron Schubert, Joan Reed, Stephen and Susan Westgarth, Sheila Evans and Glenyss Steedman [and thanks of course to Bob Laws himself – Ed] for their work planting over 350 trees on John Nowland's property. It was hard work due to the stony ground and steep hills. The group also did a fine job of helping to get rid of the wine glut; Bob has never seen such diligence. He described John's property 'Tanamera' as one of the most beautiful he has seen. Bob also invited members to participate in the next phase of the ongoing tree planting project, 'tube stuffing' in November-December [10 boxes of tubes need to be filled]. Several members offered to grow plants.

Bob made special mention of OSSAA, the Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia, and two children who had been brought from East Timor for successful surgery in Adelaide. He described how sending surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses to South East Asia is far more cost effective than bringing patients to Adelaide (i.e. 50 operations there vs 2 or 3 here).

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant John Russell found "100 things to do before you die" to be an efficient though arbitrary way to fine Rotarians. However, skydiving, bungee jumping or dining at a cordon bleu restaurant in Paris were considered to be a bit too unlikely for the targeted Rotarians.

Lucien Parent, won the **wine raffle** for a second week in a row, and Ron Schubert won the **lucky square** prize.

Change of Meeting Night from Tue 5th Sep to Thu 7th Sep!!!

Group 6 Inter-City Meeting at Belair Country Club

Where: Upper Sturt Road, Belair; **When:** 6.00 for 6.30pm; **Cost:** \$20 per head approx.

The guest speaker will be Peter Andrews, a farmer and horse breeder from the Upper Hunter Valley. Since appearing on the ABC's 'Australian Story' in July last year, his views on working with water, soil, nutrients, salinity, biodiversity, vegetation and livestock have caught the imagination of a nation. In a national poll, it was easily voted the most popular 'Story' ever. Peter is now involved in establishing a number of trial and demonstration sites across Australia and Governments of all persuasions, Catchment Management Authorities and Landcare Groups are playing key parts in this movement.

Guest Speaker – DG Bob Northcote

Pres Stephen introduced our District Governor, Bob Northcote, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Campbelltown. DG Bob began by commenting on RI President Bill Boyd and described his excellent qualities as someone who will "lead the way" for all Rotarians this year. RI Pres Bill is a very humble person who has a great heart and concern for humanity, and a firm belief in the power of Rotary to change the world for the better. He is a great believer in service that focuses on the practical rather than what tugs at the emotions. We must identify real needs and work productively and cooperatively; every project must be a partnership with those we wish to help.

Bill Boyd's main themes this year are Water Management, Literacy, Health and Hunger, and the Family of Rotary. These themes are important because they are not going to go away. Six thousand people die each day because of polluted drinking water, the equivalent of more than 40 jumbo jet crashes a day. Poor people, particularly in Africa travel many kilometres a day just to fetch brackish water to drink.

DG Bob stressed that without literacy children have no hope for the future; they need an education, so whatever we can do to help improve the education of children is vitally important.

Health and overcoming hunger are equally as important as water management and literacy, and the family of Rotary is also vitally important. Increasing the number of people involved in Rotary can only boost the effectiveness of the work of Rotary. We should be involving our spouses, partners, children, relatives and friends in what we in Rotary do. We should also identify all those alumni of Rotary programs: GSE team members, Long Term Youth Exchange students and RYLarians, for example, and get them involved in Rotary projects and possibly become Rotarians.

DG Bob described how in our district we are planning to increase knowledge and awareness of our own charity, The Rotary Foundation (TRF). He went on to describe how matching grants available from TRF can dramatically raise the value of funds raised by clubs to be applied to international projects. He then encouraged our club to take full advantage of TRF funding for our own projects and to participate in a joint application for a matching grant by the Group 6 clubs this year.

DG Bob complimented the club on our establishment of a Rotary Foundation Committee to help raise awareness and knowledge of TRF in our club, and to raise additional funds to be contributed to projects using TRF Matching Grants and District Matching Grants from the District Designated Fund (50% of money donated to TRF from D9520 three years ago). This year our district will be sending two GSE teams away to The Netherlands and Sweden by using TRF funds, and the District will be making a District Simplified Grant of \$1,000 available for projects proposed and completed in this Rotary year.

The Shelter Box project was promoted with illustrations of the effectiveness of the program and statistics on the number of people helped by shelter boxes in recent years. Examples were the tsunami victims, earthquake victims in Kashmir and Aceh, and hurricane Katrina victims in New Orleans.

The vitally important need to recruit new, active Rotarians was stressed, particularly the need to replace recent membership losses.

He also complimented the club on its approach to strategic planning for the current and ensuing three years, and congratulated the club members who are participating in District committees, including Greg Love (Membership), Neville Highett (Vocational), Chandra Sluggett (Indigenous Health Scholarship Program), Geoff Hill (Short Term Youth Exchange) and Ron Schubert (MedicAlert).

DG Bob concluded by encouraging all Unley members to attend the upcoming District Conference in the Barossa Valley next year.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
29/08/06	PSC	6.00pm for 6.30pm	A Prominent Sporting Identity, Board Meeting
07/09/06	Belair Country Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Group 6 Inter City meeting: Andrew Fraser – "Working with water, soil, nutrients, salinity, biodiversity, vegetation and livestock"
12/09/06	PSC	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Rotary info "Polio Plus" (Darrol Foote), Committee Meetings
19/09/06	PSC	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Mark Withers (Unley CEO) "Future Directions", Club Service Committee Meeting
26/09/06	PSC	6.00pm for 6.30pm	RYLA and RYWELL speakers, Board Meeting

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
29/08/06	Darrol Foote	Anne Wehr	John Russell	Glenys Ferguson	Geoff Dunn, Janet Singh
07/09/06	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jim Newall, Lucien Parent
12/09/06	David Middleton	Norm Wallace	Natalie Bowen	Ken Haines	David Payne, Joan Reed
19/09/06	David Payne	Chandra Sluggett	Darrol Foote	Geoff Hill	John Russell, Ron Schubert

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

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Attendance Desk: Janet Singh (w) 8226 4131, (m) 0421 052 893 or e-mail: singh.janet@saugov.sa.gov.au

Members are urged to diarise when they are required to serve and then they will be unlikely to overlook their rostered service duty.

For those members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board, the relevant paraphernalia can be found in the small room off the entrance hall at East Terrace, immediately to the west of the doorway leading into the bar area. Venue Set-up materials can be found in a large plastic box and immediately in the vicinity of that box (eg. the flag and the Rotary wheel). The box is marked with the Club's name. President Stephen currently has care and custody of the amplifier and microphone. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the holding room.

Apologies

To: **Sheila Evans** **OR** **Janet Singh**
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Saturday Thrift Shop Duty

Date	9:00am to 11:30am	11:30am to Close
26 August 2006	Chandra Sluggett, Kevin Rogers & Stefan Borak	Stefan Borak & Mavis Martin
2 September 2006	Mark Zada, Kevin Rogers, Ron Schubert & Joan Reed	Stephen Westgarth & Mavis Martin
9 September 2006	David Payne, Kevin Rogers & Mavis Martin	Ken Haines + ONE Rotarian needed
16 September 2006	David Middleton, Kevin Rogers + ONE Rotarian needed	Mavis Martin & Kaylene Kranz
23 September 2006	Stefan Borak, Kevin Rogers + ONE Rotarian needed	Ken Haines + ONE Rotarian needed
30 September 2006	Kevin Rogers, John Russell + ONE Rotarian needed	Kaylene Kranz & Greg Love
7 October 2006	Kevin Rogers, Ken Haines & Kaylene Kranz	Stephen Westgarth + ONE Rotarian needed
14 October 2006	Kevin Rogers, Darrol Foote + ONE Rotarian needed	Ken Haines + ONE Rotarian needed
21 October 2006	Kevin Rogers, Ken Haines + ONE Rotarian needed	David Middleton + ONE Rotarian needed

Club Website

Members are again 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. Please contact Stephen Westgarth with any comments about the website or if difficulty is experienced in accessing it. Updates to information on the website will be made progressively by Webmaster Stephen as time permits. Those members preparing and maintaining rosters are requested to provide soft copy information to Stephen for posting on the website for the benefit and information of all members.

Thought for the Week

"To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that." *Mother Teresa, Missionary*

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

LEAD THE WAY