

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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Meeting 3548 – Tuesday 13th February 2007

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.	3548
Date	13 th February 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Janet Singh
Guest Speaker	John Peacham – “Our Project in Thailand”
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Apologies	Mark Zada, Anne Zada, David Payne, Neville Highett, Bob Mullins, Anne Wehr, Reno Elms, Chandra Sluggett, Norm Wallace, John Russell and Mavis Martin
Make Ups	Anne Wehr, Norm Wallace at the Thrift Shop on 2/2/07
Attendance	47%
Sick List	Bob Mullins and David Payne
Returning Rotarians	Nil
Departing Rotarians	Nil
Birthdays	David Payne (14/2), Ron Schubert (15/2), Lucien Parent (16/2)
Induction Anniversaries	Kevin Rogers (14/2 – Second Time), Tom Tirrell (14/2)
Anniversaries	Nil
Family News	Nil

Announcements from President Stephen

1. We have had a communication from Assistant Governor Judy McAdam which relates to the Group 6 Matching Grant Programme, Project Amigo in Mexico. The project is proceeding well and all has been completed for the grant from this end. A copy of the application is available for anyone interested in seeing it. The aim of the project is to fund 20 hearing aids at a cost of US\$350 each and 18 custom made wheelchairs at US\$362 each. The entire project cost is US\$13, 525 all up and between Group 6, the district designated fund and the matching grant the project costs will be met.
2. Notice has been received from the Eastwood club in relation to an intercity meeting. Further information will be given when the date is firmed up and we have determined the impact on our own clubs program.
3. Application forms for the District conference have been sent to those requesting them. Further details of accommodation will be given as it surfaces. A number of clubs are now releasing rooms.

Spots

Sheila Evans and Jerry Casburn One of our current Community Projects is with the Mobilong and Murray Bridge Rotary Clubs. Murray Bridge is our daughter club. The objectives of the project were summarised and are as follows:

The objects for which OUR WELLBEING PLACE is established are to:

- Provide a community resource that is non-partisan and promotes its objects without distinction as to health status, race, culture, age, sexuality, language, gender, national origin or religion;
- Promote community and social and emotional well-being through a place open to individuals and organisations who support the Associations objectives.
- Provide a focus for resilience, recovery, self-development, social inclusion, capacity building and education.
- Ensure access to the Place and its resources for a diverse range of people impacted by social emotional and wellbeing health issues.
- Work respectfully with Aboriginal organisations and peoples to develop culturally appropriate services and programs addressing social and emotional well-being.

Murray Bridge is an area with low incomes, poverty and a diverse ethnic group.

Our part in the project is twofold. First, to work with the other two Rotary clubs to decorate part of the centre on a joint working bee, the work involves painting the walls with flat paint, no gloss painting, nor ceilings. The second is to fund the installation of a patio with a large Rotary Wheel as a central mosaic for part of the outside area.

We need volunteers to join a working bee on **Sunday March 4th at Murray Bridge (“Our Wellbeing Place”, 108, Swanport Road, Murray Bridge).**

It will be a great opportunity for service and a chance for some club and inter club fellowship. Lunch and a BBQ to follow will be provide, BYO grog, start time will be somewhere between 9 and 10am.

John Peacham is seeking support for the Thrift Shop on Tuesday 20th February in the afternoon.

Greg Love reminded the club of three things:

- FAMILY of ROTARY – UNLEY: I am pleased to inform you of our Fellowship Picnic to be held at the Orphanage Grounds, Goodwood Rd. Goodwood. Sunday the 25th of March. 11.00am to 4.00pm. While the fine details are yet too sorted I can tell you that we have a tennis court (or is that 2?) a BBQ, nice lawns and amenities. Fun, fun and fellowship is on the agenda, Anne W and Glenys will be designing all the type of events you would accept at a country picnic so get ready for that!

If you have any super ideas to make this day very enjoyable please catch up with Lindsay.

The emphasis for the day will be to invite along the full family of Rotary of Unley. That is members, member's partners and children or grand children, friends of the Club, ex exchange students, Thrift Shop Volliers and their partners and families. More details next week.

- ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are worth their weight in gold both to the holder and to the Club as a fund raiser: The Entertainment Book is your guide for the best restaurants, hotel accommodation, attractions, sports and leisure activities... all with 25% to 50% discount or 2 for 1 offers. I report that we have placed our order for books and we have been informed that their will be available end of March. In the mean time early purchasers will receive a set of 9 coupons that can be used in advance of the book delivery as a bonus.

The books are priced at \$60 each. The coupons will be valid till June 1st, 2008.

- Speak to any member of the Fund Raising and Fellowship Committee and push money into their hands: Lindsay, Anne W, Anne Z, Mark, Norm, Glenys, Ken or Greg. As with the Xmas Cakes and Pudding's, we are looking for members to carry publicity posters in their place of work or business.
- Greg also reminded the club that he is trying to get a table together for the Rotary Club of Playford quiz night on 17th March and to advise him if you are interested.

Sergeant's Session

David Middleton, the man on the spot at the wrong time, was the substitute sergeant for the evening. David's usual witty analysis of happenings both within and outside of the club left most dollar less.

The **wine raffle** was won by **Jerry Casburn**, Winning number for the **lucky squares** was won by **Greg Love**.

Diary Dates

Tue 20 Feb:	Farewell to Jo Blows – normal Rotary meeting
Sun 4 Mar	Working Bee at "Our Wellbeing Place" 108 Swanport Road, Murray Bridge.
Sat 17 Mar:	St. Patrick's Day Quiz Night – Rotary Club of Playford. 7pm-11pm Unley Road Hall, Forrestall Road, Elizabeth Downs. Cost \$10, BYO Food and Drinks. Special Prize for best dressed leprechaun. Greg Love organising a table.
Sun 25 Mar:	Club Fellowship Picnic – Orphanage Grounds, Goodwood Rd. Goodwood, 11.00am to 4.00pm.
Tues 10 Apr:	Club Anniversary Celebration
Tues 22 May:	Vocational Visit – Australian Weather Bureau
Tues 6 Nov:	Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel

Guest Speakers

John Peacham gave the club an update and insight into our joint project with the Rotary Club of Chiangmai to establish a day care centre and facilities for Thailand's northern hill tribes. Outlining some of Thailand's history John highlighted that they were a peace loving people who have a history and culture that dates back at least as far as other known civilisations. There are seven broad hill tribes in Thailand, with various clans creating further sub divisions. Each hill tribe has its own customs and beliefs. The Karen, one of these tribes, are gentle warm people, their customs are deep, complex and strictly adhered to. Karen hill tribe villages are in highland and difficult terrain making it difficult to benefit from government services. The children lack education opportunities and are often left for long periods as their parents go to work.

The project's objectives are to allow hill tribe children to acquire the necessary skills and education, to teach the parents the value of education and to instruct parents in child care and development, including AIDS, sanitation, hygiene, nutrition and the rights of children. The plan is to build a day care centre equipped with self-learning materials. Costing US\$30,000 the project will provide the furniture, basic sanitary equipment and the furniture and technology to allow remote access to learning facilities.

CLUB UPDATES

(A new section designed to provide an update each week from one of the Avenues of Service)

Community Service – Jerry Casburn

The Community Service Committee began its year with a charter to continue to support traditional club programmes such as the "Carols at the Rotunda", to develop a local Unley based project that might span a number of years in its development and implementation, and to support a developing programme in the Murray Bridge area concerned with mental health.

The Carols were a roaring success this year with some new ideas to promote the event through a schools colouring competition, an initiative of **Sheila Evans** and **Jennifer Casburn**. With difficulty in pinning down a children's act for the show at our normal time we were forced to put the Funkees on earlier and fill in time with roving entertainment. **Martin Cooper** provided his delicious wraps and we supplemented the food offering with yoghurts and mince pies. The financial outcome was a small profit of around \$500 against a budget of \$2,225. Savings were made on some of the expenses, particularly helped by donations of printing and copying from both **David Middleton** and **Natalie Bowen**. Overall it left the club better off by nearly \$3,000. We still have to complete the final wrap-up but a club questionnaire suggested approval of the event with some recommended changes to expand the food offering and increase some security and safety aspects.

The Murray Bridge project has taken off and I will not repeat the current status as you had that in the spots.

The key priority for the team is to develop and have approved policies to recruit and support volunteers for the Thrift Shop. **Sheila Evans** and **Janet Singh** are leading this initiative. The project will commence with establishing ways to encourage and recruit

volunteers as a matter of urgency, followed by support for training and administration, including key areas of Occupational Health and Safety.

The toughie has been the local Unley project. We started by seeking City of Unley Council support in finding a project. This led to exploration of working with the community gardens to improve facilities for use of the gardens by residents of Julia Farr. This was rejected on the basis that it did not create sufficient widespread community use, in that, the gardens are primarily used by a small group of keen gardeners and the premises are locked when unattended. Various other programmes were considered until **President Stephen** suggested we look at providing a "Men's Shed" for use by local retirees to potter. Current status is some discussion with the local Veterans home and a look at the facility offered by the Baptist Church in Edwardstown. We are continuing to explore this option.

Overall I would like to thank the committee, **David Middleton, Janet Singh, Martin Cooper, Joan Reed, Sheila Evans** and all our partners for their support and for the great meals and fellowship enjoyed in our offsite meetings.

Joke for the Week

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the woman's face was severely burned. The doctor told the husband that they couldn't graft any skin from her body because she was too skinny. So the husband offered to donate some of his own skin.

However, the only skin on his body that the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from his buttocks. The husband and wife agreed that they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and they requested that the doctor also honor their secret. After all, this was a very delicate matter.

After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the woman's new beauty. She looked more beautiful than she ever had before! All her friends and relatives just went on and on about her youthful beauty!

One day, she was alone with her husband, and she was overcome with emotion at his sacrifice. She said, "Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I possibly repay you?"

"My darling," he replied, "I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek."

Quote of the Week

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." - Derek Bruce

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
20/2/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Steven Trigg – "The Future Directions of the Adelaide Football Club"
27/2/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	"Our Overseas Specialist and Surgical Association (OSSA) Project Update" - International Committee
6/3/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Rotary Information and Committees night
13/3/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue "How can Rotary Help Further Indigenous Health and Education Outcomes"

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
20/2/07	Greg McLeod	Neville Highett	Natalie Bowen	Anne Zada	Bob Laws & John Peacham
27/2/07	TBA	Ken Haines	Ken Haines	Mark Zada	Mark Zada & Geoff Howland
6/3/07	Anne Zada	Glenys Ferguson	John Russell	Stefan Borak	Geoff Dunn & David Middleton

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

Sergeant-At-Arms: John Russell on (h) 8271 7178 or e-mail: barbjohn@chariot.net.au

Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Greg McLeod (w) 8223 3999, (m) 0417 811 838 or e-mail: gmcLeod@lam.com.au

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 cupboard behind the Ladies toilets at East Terrace. John Russell and Greg McLeod have keys to the cupboard. 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 cupboard.

Apologies

To: **Sheila Evans** OR **Janet Singh**
(m) 0432 047 711 (w) 8226 4131

Saturday Thrift Shop Duty

Date	9:00am to 11:30am	11:30am to Close
17 Feb 2007	Kevin Rogers, John Russell + ONE needed	David Middleton + ONE needed
24 Feb 2007	Kevin Rogers, Stefan Borak + ONE needed	Kaylene Kranz & Stefan Borak
3 Mar 2007	Kevin Rogers, John Russell	Reno Elms & Ken Haines
10 Mar 2007	Kevin Rogers + TWO needed	Kaylene Kranz & Greg Love

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.

**Remember our Rotary
theme for the year**

LEAD THE WAY