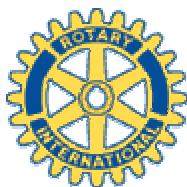


Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3552 – Tuesday 13th March 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.	3552
Date	13 th March 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Greg Love
Guest Speaker	Club Assembly
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Apologies	Geoff Dunn, Sheila Evans, Geoff Howland
Make Ups	Sheila Evans, Geoff Howland (Murray Bridge Working Bee)
Attendance	72%
Sick List	Norm Wallace
Returning Rotarians	Nil
Departing Rotarians	David Middleton, Mavis Martin
Birthdays	Reno Elms (16/2), Anne Wehr (17/3)
Induction Anniversaries	John Russell (13/3)
Anniversaries	Nil
Family News	Nil

Announcements from President Stephen

1. The Rotary Club of Mobilong has sent us a copy of their latest Bulletin that features an article and a number of photographs of the painting project at "Our Well-being Place" in Murray Bridge. This is largely a different set of photos to those in the excellent colour spread that Jerry Casburn included in our own bulletin last week, so I commend it to you. Jerry will have a copy of the Mobilong Bulletin for anyone who is interested in looking through it.
2. The Rotary Club of Glen Osmond has sent us a sample of their Rotary Yearly Planners for 2007-2008, which can now be ordered at \$2.50 ea. The Rotary Yearly Planners is a project that the Glen Osmond club has been conducting for many years now and it has been an important fundraiser for them. I have asked Greg Love to delegate an Unley Rotarian from outside of the Fundraising Committee to look after the taking of orders for planners.



At the Group 6 Presidents meeting held last Thursday we were informed by Marshall Hanna, President of the Rotary Club of Glen Osmond, that his club has been unable to find a Rotarian to take on the job of President for the next Rotary year. As the club is now down to 13 members and the average age of the members is around 70, it looks like the club will unfortunately need to hand in their charter before the end of this Rotary year. So in view of this, I would encourage all Unley Rotarians to favorably consider supporting what may be the Glen Osmond club's last fundraising effort.

3. We have received a letter from OSSAA thanking us for our donation of \$5,000 to support the association's work in East Timor and East Indonesia. The letter also invites Unley Rotarians to seek additional information about OSSAA Secretary Alex Jonson.
4. Another matter dealt with at the Group 6 Presidents Meeting was the finalising of the Group's application for the Group matching grant project, an initiative of District Governor Bob Northcote. I'm pleased to inform Unley members that the project looks like being fully subscribed with the Group 6 clubs' contribution being at least A\$5,700. This will be matched 50% by The Rotary Foundation and by a further A\$3,000 from our District Designated Fund, giving a total of A\$11,550. Our club's contribution will be A\$1,000 from the President's Discretionary Fund.

Spots



Lindsay England reminded the club of four things:

- To polish one's bowls ready for next week's grudge match against Mitcham.
- The picnic on March 25th, see the diary dates.
- To return sold books for the bumper Easter raffle.
- That the Entertainment books had been ordered and were expected imminently

Reno Elms spoke about the campaign to stop Human Trafficking, he asked all Rotarians to sign a brick to help him achieve a goal of one thousand bricks. He was at 850+ and needed our help.

Mavis Martin explained the bequest to Rotary Foundation and sought club support to follow her example by making such a bequest. **Natalie Bowen** gave further support to the example by explaining how in the funeral business works and promotes a planning process for all aspects of what happens after death, including such bequests, copies were available to members of Rotary.

Natalie Bowen was seeking a volunteer to work with the Thrift shop to take up to 5 electrical items each week to Iveson's for testing that they are suitable for sale.

John Peacham sought volunteers for various shifts in the Thrift shop.

Sergeant's Session

Our sergeant for the evening, the very able **Natalie Bowen**, sought to fine all those assembled and pretty much got there. Among those fined was our very own **David Middleton** accused of being on time, at last week's meeting, and what's more he even looks like he was working, doesn't he, or is it a few zzzzzzz's he is having. Captions for this photo to the Bulletin editor, these will be published next week. No need to worry about revenge, David is away.

Bob Mullins won the **wine raffle** and **Greg Love** won the **lucky squares**.



Club Assembly

This week's meeting was our first assembly for 2007. Board members gave their reports, which were duly proposed, seconded and accepted. **Alex Jonson** has achieved the lifetime award of serial seconder with more votes than any other club member. Reports follow.

Club Service – Greg McLeod

This Committee has met on two occasions since the last Club Assembly, with a further meeting to take place tonight following this meeting.

The Committee reiterates its view expressed in the Report to the October 2006 Club Assembly that it would like to see matters of interest flowing from Board meetings communicated to the Club either through a Secretary's Report or a report in the following week's Bulletin. This is important for good and effective communication within the Club on matters of importance to all members.

The inventory of Club property has been completed and such property is now stored either in the cupboard at the Public Schools Club or in the secure area at the rear of the Thrift Shop premises.

The Committee considers that, with the retirement of Janet Pearce as the Club's birthday greetings officer, birthdays and anniversaries should be communicated through the medium of the Bulletin for the benefit of the greater Rotary Club community. Those members or partners who do not wish their birthdays or anniversaries acknowledged should let the Bulletin editor know in writing so that he can be aware not to publish such information.

Members with responsibilities for forthcoming events and for preparing all manner of rosters for the better conducting of this Club's affairs are asked to keep the rosters updated as much as possible and to provide the Bulletin editor with roster details preferably for four to six weeks in advance so that all members can have timely notice of roster responsibilities and forthcoming Club activities. Jerry Casburn has revamped the Bulletin and added colour in name and form and he can be greatly assisted in his task if he does not have to chase members for necessary information or give incorrect or incomplete information or no information at all.

The Committee's representative on the Thrift Shop Committee is Bob Mullins and he is watching over this Committee's obligations to the Thrift Shop Committee, in particular the continuing implementation of the fire safety audit report and recommendations.

Most other aspects of Club business which come within this Committee's brief are in hand and are reviewed monthly.

A review is still within contemplation of the existing Manual of Committee Responsibilities prepared in the previous decade with a view to assisting incoming Chairpersons of committees and sub-committees to better understand the obligations and responsibilities attaching to those offices within the Club. Consideration is also being given to the commencement of a risk safety audit of various aspects of the Club's activities but this may well be for another time.

The review of the Club's By-laws is approaching finality, commensurate with the availability of that sub-committee's members to address remaining matters.

The Committee will welcome any constructive criticism or helpful suggestions from Club members on any aspect of the functioning of the Club and will consider such criticism, ideas or suggestions at the following meeting provided that they are submitted in writing to the Chairperson or a Committee member.

Community Service – Jerry Casburn

Introduction

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 which 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.

Carols at the Rotunda

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 wraps and we supplemented the food offering with yoghourts and mince pies.

The financial outcome was a small profit of around \$482 against a budget of \$2,225 to spend. 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. One issue, profits from drinks and food should have been around \$857 but were only \$457. Having researched the problem we cannot account for the difference and can only recommend stronger stock and takings controls at the next event.

A project planning aid has been constructed by Martin Cooper and identifies the timeframes at which various booking need to be made. A lessons learnt review has also been conducted with a number of recommendations to further improve the event, which will be passed on to the next Community Service committee.

Bookings have been made for the 2007 carols on December 16th. The Ticklish Allsorts will replace the Funkees as the kid's entertainment due to the cost and ability to confirm a booking.

Murray Bridge “Our Wellbeing Place”

The Murray Bridge project of our current Community Projects is with the Mobilong and Murray Bridge Rotary Clubs. Murray Bridge is our daughter club. 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, probably in tiles.

Fourteen volunteers supported a working bee on Sunday March 4th at Murray Bridge and it was a roaring success, gloss painting was finished in the week following, this met the deadline to have the unit available for use in April.

Major Project “The Men’s Shed”

The Edwardstown Men’s Shed facility has been visited by Martin and Jerry. The facility is not fully utilised due to a lack of supervisors/tutors and insufficient room to have more than 6 people using the facility at one time. It was recommended that the Rotary Club of Unley put money towards expanding the facility and through a working bee increase the available area for the activity. Any donated funds should secure places for Unley citizens at no cost, current users pay \$6 per visit. A commitment of an annual contribution might secure availability over a longer timeframe. Following discussion there were concerns that if the facility was under utilised it may not be a project worth pursuing and that we should gauge interest of local residents in such a facility. A survey of the Unley War Vets home is to be constructed, the survey may be held over given other priorities.

Thrift Shop

After discussion at committee meetings it was agreed that there were a number of initial objectives:

- Specification of job content of key thrift shop roles.
- Recruitment from local clubs, existing volunteers and press advertising.
- Change of focus from Rotary Thrift shop to “Community Thrift Shop” supported by Rotary.
- Move to a more up market position.

The committee agreed to the following actions:

- Sheila to be nominated as the CS committee representative.
- Sanctioned a \$1000 recruiting budget to be requested by Sheila.
- Job Specifications to be designed.
- Recruiting campaign, criteria and selection to be established.

At this stage an advertisement will go into the Eastern Courier on March 21st at a discounted rate. There is also a suggestion that the rosters be taken over by Sheila.

Overall I would like to thank a truly terrific 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.

International Service – John Peacham

Major Project (Long Term)

Goals

- Create an on-going relationship through another Rotary club to provide long-term assistance to a community in that area.
- Encourage visits by Unley Rotarians to the community

INITIATIVE	STATUS	NEXT ACTION
Obtain agreement from Unley Rotary members to support a longer term International relationship	Complete	
Create an on-going relationship through another Rotary club to provide long term assistance to a community in that area.	Relationship with the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai has been established	Strengthen and formalise relationship
Encourage visits by Unley Rotarians to the community	Ongoing. John Peacham & Mavis Martin have visited	Encourage more members to visit
Develop a set of objectives/projects to be funded and supported	Mae Sapok Daycare project selected based on objectives. Funds approved	Remit funds to Rotary Club of Thailand by 16/3/07
Plan for a hands on voluntary involvement in a project involving selected international partner club	Project not yet identified. Expect to be developed as part of relationship with Rotary club of Chiang Mai	On-going
Investigate options for matching grants	Part of the Sapok Daycare project qualifies for matching grant	Complete paperwork forwarded from The Rotary club of Chiang Mai by 16/3/07

Short Term Project

Goals

- To support the shelter box program but at have the ability to positively react to a crisis
- To support Donations in kind in providing support to Philippines

INITIATIVE	STATUS	NEXT ACTION
Hold 2 working bees at DIK location	On hold due to changes in management of DIK location	Awaiting response from DIK on allocated weekend
Develop criteria for short term crisis relief	Passed deadline set for crisis relief funding. Allocated funding to be transferred to shelter box	Review budget
Encourage District to support DIK	Changes in structure and management of DIK appear to have resolved this.	
Allocation funds to shelter box if emergency response not required by March 2007	Refer above.	Review budget
Distributed funds to DIK	On hold	Review budget

Rotary Foundation – Mavis Martin

Promotion of the Benefactor Program ***

This is a program for each Rotarian to consider by leaving a bequest to The Rotary Foundation.

When making their will, or by adding a codicil to an existing will. Benefactors are recognized by TRF and receive a certificate and the distinctive blue and gold 'angel wings' to wear with other Rotary badges. Visit the RI website for more details.

Promotion of the Centurion Program ***

This is a program for each Rotarian to consider by the annual giving of 100:00 AUD. In due course these donations will mount to \$1000:00 +AUD and will entitle the donor to receive Paul Harris Fellowship recognition. To date we have acquired five new Centurions. Their first donations will be recognized at a later date by TRF and they will receive a certificate and lapel pin.

NB THE ROTARY FOUNDATION uses all donations for its numerous projects, eg Polio Plus, Group Study Exchange, Student Exchange, individual humanitarian grants, etc. Visit the RI website for more details.

The Rotary Foundation Dinner held 14 November 06.

This was a most successful and enjoyable night of fun, entertainment, an auction, raffles, eating and drinking, listening to committed humanitarian speakers.

In the pipeline:

Paul Harris Night 12 June 07

This event will embrace music/entertainment, partner's night, recognition of this year's Paul Harris Fellows, and a speaker who is a valued Rotarian. Venue: Public Schools Club and cost \$25:00 per head. Proceeds to fund raising of our TRF committee.

Continue to promote both the Benefactor and Centurion Programs.

Financial status:

Aim for 06/7 \$5000:00	Amount raised:	\$
	Centurion program	500:00
	Foundation Dinner and auction/raffles	2670:00
	Total raised to date	3170:00

Amount to raise to achieve aim = \$1,830:00. Our intent is to achieve this with more Centurions and the Paul Harris Night.

Fellowship & Fund Raising – Greg Love

Will be published next week.

Diary Dates

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

Club Updates

No updates this week as all avenues were covered in the Club Assembly.

Joke for the Week

Three Little Pigs went out to dinner one night. The waiter came and took their drink order.
"I would like a Sprite," said the first little piggy.
"I would like a Coke," said the second little piggy.
"I want beer, lots and lots of beer," said the third little piggy.
The Pigs got their drinks, and the waiter took their orders for dinner.
"I want a nice big steak," said the first piggy.
"I would like the salad plate," said the second piggy.
"I want beer, lots and lots of beer," said the third little piggy.
The meals were brought, and a while later the waiter came to the table and asked if the piggies would like any dessert.
"I want a banana split," said the first piggy.
"I want a cheesecake," said the second piggy.
"I want beer, lots and lots of beer," exclaimed the third little piggy.
"Pardon me for asking," said the waiter to the third little piggy,
But why have you only ordered beer all evening?"

You're gonna LOVE me for this.....

The third piggy said –
"Well, somebody has to go 'Wee, wee, wee, all the way home!

Quote of the Week

Skill is successfully walking a tightrope over Niagara Falls. Intelligence is not trying. – Anonymous

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
20/03/07	Sturt Bowling Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Annual Unley / Mitcham Bowls Derby - Host Unley Club
27/03/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Unley Club hosting daughter Prospect Club. Speaker Matthew Elliott – "The joy, the agony, and lighter moments of playing for the Australian Eleven." – Partners Night
03/04/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Committees / Rotary Information
10/04/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	David David – "The Miracle of the Human Hand" – Partner Night

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
20/03/07	Not Applicable	Lindsay England	No Sergeant	Geoff Dunn	David Payne & Mavis Martin
27/03/07	Geoff Howland	Reno Elms	Natalie Bowen	Jerry Casburn	John Russell & Joan Reed
03/04/07	Natalie Bowen	Martin Cooper	Ken Haines	Reno Elms	Janet Singh & Ron Schubert
10/04/07	Ken Haines	Jerry Casburn	John Russell	Lindsay England	Norm Wallace & Chandra Sluggett

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. 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 Mar 2007	Kevin Rogers, John Russell & Ken Haines	David Middleton & Ken Haines
24 Mar 2007	Kevin Rogers, Kaylene Kranz (from 11am) & Anne Wehr	Kaylene Kranz & Greg Love
31 Mar 2007	Kevin Rogers, Stefan Borak & Mavis Martin	Stefan Borak & Ken Haines
7 April 2007	Kevin Rogers, Reno Elms + ONE needed	Mavis Martin & Reno Elms

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

