

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3554 – Tuesday 27th 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.	3554
Date	27 th March 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Geoff Howland
Guest Speaker	Unley Club hosts daughter, Prospect Club; Speaker Mathew Elliott – “The joy, the agony, and lighter moments of playing for the Australian Eleven.”
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Mathew Elliott, Genese Mullins, Susan Westgarth
Apologies	Mavis Martin, David Middleton, Norm Wallace, Martin Cooper
Make Ups	Mavis Martin (31/3), Martin Cooper (SA Great Mentors)
Attendance	63%
Birthdays	Bob Mullins (28/3), Kevin Rogers (1/4)
Induction Anniversaries	David Middleton (27/3), Bob Laws (31/3)

Announcements from President Stephen

1. Just prior to our last Board meeting Past President Kaylene Kranz requested leave of absence from the club until the end of this Rotary year. The Board approved that request and I am informed that our Secretary Sheila has written to Kaylene advising her accordingly.
2. I also have to report to you that Stefan Borak has submitted his resignation from the Club and therefore as Secretary for the next Rotary year. This matter will be discussed at tonight's Board meeting when Janet Singh will be appointed to fill the vacant Secretary's position for the 2007-08 Rotary year. Stefan cited pressure of business commitments, a rapidly increasing requirement for him to travel interstate, and the likelihood that he and Sharon will need to move to Melbourne in the near future.
3. **St Jude's Book Launch:** Gemma Sisia will launch her book on St Jude's at Walford School on Tuesday May 1 at 6.30 pm for 7 pm. PDG Euan Miller has only 75 tickets available for Rotarians and friends in 9520 who want to attend the event (except for the Group 6 clubs, which can purchase tickets through the RC of Hyde Park). Tickets are \$10 each, which includes refreshments of boutique award winning wines and nibbles provided by the RC of Hyde Park. The books will be on sale on the night and Gemma is prepared to sign these for us. The publishers have agreed that 50% of the sale price of books sold on the night will go directly to the school.

For tickets please forward cheques to PDG Euan Miller at 26 Purnana Ave, St Georges SA 5064 and he will forward tickets by return mail. Seating is strictly limited and we have a long mailing list of friends of St Jude's who wish to be invited from Rotary districts 9500 and 9520, schools and volunteers who have donated money and/or worked at the school. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
4. **Harmony Day:** Last Wednesday evening Secretary Sheila Evans and I, both resplendent in orange, represented the Club at the City of Unley's Harmony Day event at the Goodwood Library. After eats and drinks the Mayor Richard Thorne opened the event and was followed by Baha'i dancing, a recital on a Persian dulcimer, the Unley Greek Pensioners doing Zorba's dances in circles, repeatedly, and two Tibetan musicians playing a variety of Tibetan stringed instruments and singing several Tibetan songs in Tibetan. The standout performers were the dulcimer player and the Tibetans. Everyone who attended was very harmonious, but we're not quite sure what the event actually achieved, except perhaps to prove that Baha'i dancing is obscure and that Greek dancing doesn't necessarily improve with age.
5. I understand that everyone had an excellent time at the Club's picnic at The Orphanage last Sunday afternoon. I am personally very disappointed at having had to miss the event. Greg Love and the Fellowship Committee are to be congratulated for conceiving and organising the picnic and for making sure that so many friends of the Rotary Club of Unley were invited to attend.

Spots

Jerry Casburn advised the club of a Community Service BBQ and pool party at the home of Kevin Rogers on Saturday April 14th at 3pm, see the diary dates. It is hoped that our painting buddies from Mobilong will be able to join us.

Greg Love advised the club that the Entertainment books will be available next week. Greg also asked for all raffle tickets to be returned for next week's draw.

Sheila Evans sought additional support for Thrift Shop duties. Needs volunteers for Saturdays over the coming month plus support for midweek openings. Contact Sheila if you can help.

Stop Press – Police Officer of the Year

Bob Mills advised the editor that this year we have 32 nominations for Police Officer of the year.

Fellowship Picnic – Sunday 25th March 2007 – Greg Love

The first fellowship picnic was held last Sunday on the Orphanage Grounds Mitchell Street Goodwood. The following folks attended: Jerry and Jen Casburn plus two grand children, Lindsay and Linda England, Sheila Evans, Glenys Ferguson, Ken Haines, Alex Jonson, Kaylene Kranz, Bob Laws and Glenyss, Greg Love, daughter Kerryn and grandson, Greg McLeod, Joan Reed, Kevin Rogers, Janet and Rowan Singh, Norm and Muriel Wallace, Anne Wehr, Mark Zada, Anne Zada and daughter Kelly and two grand children.

We received a number of apologies from Thrift Shop Volunteers, Honorary members and partners of deceased members thanking us for the written invitation and hoping to be able to join us next time.

It was a very laid back affair with people enjoying each other's company, the beautiful surroundings and the great autumn day. Near the end of the day the tennis court and bocce pitch moved into action. It was noticed that little time was spend discussion the previous Tuesday's night Bowls against the Mitcham Club, but Rowan Singh, Ken Haines, Lindsay England and Anne Wehr are looking to take them on at tennis! Mark Zada proved to be a BBQ star; most were in awe at his ritualistic approach to the whole deal. Bring on next time Guys.

Sergeant's Session

With two clubs at our meeting this week it was doubly painful. **Natalie** and **Martin** extracted maximum pleasure and pain from the session; they had the pleasure, we had the pain. However, in a genuine effort to demonstrate she is a natural blonde, Natalie didn't get the blonde joke!!!!

John Russell won the **wine raffle** and **Bob Mullins** won the **lucky square**.

FOR THE REMOVAL OF DOUBT - Editor's Note: From the Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary:

Fellow: Person in a group etc., comrade; equal or peer; member of a learned society (Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians); of the same group etc. (Old English from Old Norse)

Diary Dates

Sat 14 Apr: Community Service BBQ & Pool Party, with the Rotary Club of Mobilong. 34 Jervois Street, Hawthorn. 3pm. All Welcome
Tues 17 Apr: Club Anniversary Celebration
Thurs 3-6 May District Conference - Tanunda
Sun 20 May: District Assembly (For All Club Officers 2007/2008)
Tues 22 May: Vocational Visit – Australian Weather Bureau
Tues 6 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel

Guest Speaker

President Stephen, our Chairman for the night, introduced **Matthew Elliott**. Matthew is a first class cricketer playing for South Australia. The former Australian opener, Matthew will soon join Yorkshire for the 2007 season. Matthew is halfway through his final coaching qualifications in Australia and sees this as the ideal progression from playing. With over 16,000 first class runs to his name, including 50 centuries, Matthew is one of Australia's most experienced player/coaches.

Matthew explained the joys and agonies of test cricket by suggesting it is about making the most of the opportunity. Win or lose he was there to enjoy the experience. Brought up in Lancaster, Matthew's father was a keen cricketer and they spent hours training in their own cricket net. He started his career playing for Collingwood, cricket not AFL, and we'll forgive his poor judgement in supporting the AFL team also. He went on to play for Victoria with his first game against South Australia. He recalled trips away with both the State & Australian teams, recounting the experiences in new cities and the excitement he got.

He played for Australia, playing at Lords and said it was one of his most memorable experiences. He also talked of his international experiences in playing in the West Indies, he expected the high life and was shocked to see the difference in culture forced to stay in the hotel as the streets weren't safe to venture on.

In a final question session he replied that the best coach he had worked with was David Hook and also that the sledging that went on at matches was an art form.

Club Updates – Community Service – Jerry Casburn

Carols at the Rotunda

Following agreement at the last Board meeting the 2007 Carols at the Rotunda have been booked for Sunday 16th December 2007. We have also elected to try a new group of children's entertainers, Ticklish Allsorts instead of the Funkees. All of the key performers have also been booked.

In relation to concluding the 2006 carols, final accounts have been presented and we made a modest profit of \$483. Schools are being written to, thanking them for participation in the Colouring competition and advising them of the profitable outcome which will be returned to the community through Rotary.

Murray Bridge "Our Wellbeing Place"

The working bee was successful and the centre will open in April, Unley Rotary will be invited to attend the opening.

Work is progressing on the patio, which will be funded by the club. The intent is to have a Rotary Wheel mosaic in the centre made from tiles. The club, along with Mobilong will promote the activity through a display at the district conference and is seeking to sell one paver to each club in 9520 for \$200. Proceeds will pay for shade covering and outdoor furniture.

Community Service will host a BBQ and pool party on Saturday April 14th at the home of Kevin Rogers.

The Men's Shed

After much discussion within the committee it was agreed that we would promote use of the Edwardstown shed but only following a survey with local homes and groups dealing with the local seniors to see what use will be made of the facility.

The committee hopes to host a meeting at the shed, with BBQ, to encourage members to support club participation.

Thrift Shop

After discussion 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.

Sheila was nominated as our representative and \$1,000 has been granted by the Board for recruiting advertising.

A job specification and charter were reviewed at the community service meeting and agreed with minor modifications. This is now being circulated for wider club and volunteer's comment.

An advert was placed in the Eastern Courier this week and to date Sheila has had three contacts. A session at the shop was organised last Saturday to allow the potential volunteers to see the premises and to be interviewed.

Quote of the Week

I saw a notice that said "Drink Canada Dry" and I've just started. *Brendan Behan*

Joke for the Week

A bloke starts his new job at the zoo and is given three tasks.

The first is to clear the exotic fish pool of weeds. He starts on this when suddenly a huge fish leaps out and bites him. He is not going to let a fish have a go so he beats the offending fish to death with a spade. Realising that his boss is not going to be best pleased, he tries to find a way to hide the dead fish. He hits on the brilliant idea of giving the fish to the lions as lions will eat anything. So he throws the fish into the lion's cage. He then moves on to his second job, which is to clear out the monkey house. He goes in and a couple of chimps start throwing coconuts at him. Un-amused he swipes at the chimps with his spade, killing them instantly. He's really worried now, so what does he do? He feeds the chimps to the lions, because lions eat anything. Anyway, he moves on to his last job, which is to collect honey from South American bees. He starts on this and quickly gets attacked by the bees. Alarmed, he grabs his spade and smashes the bees as hard as he can, squashing them to death. By this point he is not too worried about the death of bees as he knows what to do by now. He throws them into the lion's cage, because lions eat anything.

Later that day a new lion arrives at the zoo. It wanders up to another lion and says, "What's the food like in here?" The other lion says:

"Absolutely brilliant, today we had fish, chimps and mushy bees".

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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
17/04/07	TBA	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Our 72 nd Birthday Party – Speaker Sir Eric Neale Partner Night
24/04/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Club Assembly and David Middleton "Never Pay Tax Again"

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
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
17/04/07	Stephen Westgarth	Geoff Dunn	Natalie Bowen	Sheila Evans	Mark Zada & Anne Wehr
24/04/07	Greg Love	Natalie Bowen	Ken Haines	Glenys Ferguson	Geoff Dunn & Anne Zada

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**
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Saturday Thrift Shop Duty

Date	9:00am to 11:30am	11:30am to Close
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
14 April 2007	Kevin Rogers, Lindsay & Linda England	Ken Haines + ONE needed
21 April 2007	Kevin Rogers, Greg McLeod & Stephen Westgarth	Sheila Evans & Mavis Martin

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

LEAD THE WAY