

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3557 – Tuesday 17th April 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.	3557
Date	17 th April 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Jerry Casburn
Guest Speaker	Amanda Blair – “Balancing My Media Life With Family Life”
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Amanda Blair, Barbara Bowen, Des Bowen (Campbelltown), Geoff Bailey (Mitcham), Bev Fairweather Adelaide), Linda Peacham, Rohan Singh, Richard Taylor, Angie Cooper, Barbara Russell, Rose Howland, Linda England, Margaret Payne, Genese Mullins, Muriel Wallace, Susan Westgarth, Nelson Avery, Clarita Nono, Jennifer Casburn, Dr. Helen Sage, Carrie-Anne McKenzie, Christine Parent, David Pisoni
Apologies	Robert & Evelyn Birnie, Ken Daly, Peter Ochota, Ray Emmett, Richard Thorne, Kate Ellis, Greg Love, Bob Laws
Make Ups	Nil
Attendance	66%
Sick List	Nil
Returning Rotarians	Lucien Parent, Greg McLeod, David Middleton, Stephen Westgarth, Mavis Martin
Induction Anniversaries	Geoff Howland (17/4), Vince Michielin (19/4)
Anniversaries	Norm Wallace (17/4), Geoff Howland (21/4)

Announcements from President Stephen

1. I would like to record my thanks to Present Elect Greg Love for standing in as Acting President for the last two weeks while I was away on holiday and while Vice President Greg McLeod was recuperating from surgery. From my reading of the Bulletins for the last two meetings, everything has run smoothly and according to plan, and that bodes very well for a stellar year next Rotary year. Unfortunately Greg is some distance out of town on business today and can't be with us, but he has asked me to give his "happy birthday" greeting to the Club.
2. The Community Service Committee is to be congratulated for the very enjoyable pool party held yesterday afternoon at Kevin Rogers' home. Some members of the Rotary Club of Mobilong, who had participated in the painting project at the "Our Well-being Place" in Murray Bridge last month, also joined us. A few intrepid souls braved the pool, which Angie cooper described as "not too cold, compared to the English Channel"; I took her word for it. Apparently the Bowen Family Funerals vehicle parked outside Kevin's house caused a bit of consternation for Kevin's neighbours who were saddened by the demise of such a "nice man" as Kevin, but I'm told they were assured that any rumors of Kevin's demise were quite exaggerated. In fact Natalie Bowen was simply delivering the barbeque, tables, chairs, crockery and cutlery kindly provided by her firm for the occasion.
3. A reminder of the 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. Unley members can purchase tickets through the RC of Hyde Park at \$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.
4. The book launch unfortunately clashes with our club's normal meeting night, but there will be another opportunity for Unley members to hear Gemma Sisia speak about the St Jude's School the next morning at a joint breakfast meeting of the Hyde Park and Eastwood Clubs on Wednesday 2nd May at 7.00am in Concordia College's main dining room; the cost is \$20 per head. Any members needing a make-up might like to take advantage of this opportunity.
5. The Hyde Park club has asked for an indication of numbers wishing to attend either event.
6. Our next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th April and I'd appreciate it if Board members could email copies of their reports to our Club Secretary Sheila Evans by the end of this week so that the reports can be distributed to all board members in advance of the meeting.
7. In a similar vein, the next Club Assembly is scheduled for 8th May and I remind committee chairmen to please email soft copies of their Assembly reports to Secretary Sheila Evans, Club Historian Bob Mills and myself before the Assembly. Again, we will be looking for short, sharp and shiny presentations to ensure we have sufficient time available for any matters that members wish to raise for discussion at the Assembly.
8. DG Bob Northcote has informed me that Richard Cuttle, the current President of the RC of Onkaparinga, has been formally confirmed as this District's candidate for the position of District Governor 2009-10. He will be elected to that position at the appropriate Rotary International Convention upon completion of his required training. On behalf of all members of the Rotary Club of Unley I extend congratulations and best wishes to President Richard and Karina on this nomination and ask that our bulletin editor please add Dick to the list of our weekly bulletin email recipients.
9. I have been asked by Hanna Law from the Rotary Club of Yankalilla to remind you about their Wine Auction and Dinner on Saturday 28 April at 6:30 for 7:00pm at the Links Lady Bay Dunes Restaurant; the cost is \$27.50 a head.

This is the Yankalilla Club's main fundraiser for the year and I'm told they have wonderful selection of wines on offer, including a bottle of Penfold's Grange (Certified), and wines from all the wine regions of South Australia. Chef Craig Fletcher is going to provide a wonderful three-course dinner, followed by tea, coffee and a cheese platter (to go with the wines!).

The Yankalilla Club would be most grateful for our support and have suggested that our members could use this dinner as a 'make-up'. If any of our wine and food loving members would like to attend and perhaps even put together a table, please book by phoning Wendelina on 0428 832 175, or by email to hlaw@chariot.net.au. Tickets for this event are available by pre-purchase only.

Spots

Carrie-Anne McKenzie our newest indigenous medical student introduced herself to the club. Having started as a nurse in Darwin, first veterinary, then human, she wants to reach her full potential. She expects to finish her degree by the time she is 35 and then will need a further 4 years as an intern before fully qualifying. Carrie-Anne thanked the club and Dr. Helen Sage for their support.

John Russell announced the OSSA (OverSeas Surgical Association) film night at the Chelsea Theatre on Sunday 27th May. The film is Pirates of the Caribbean at World's End. Tickets are \$15.

Martin Cooper initiated a search for a name for Olive Oil that the club plans to sell as a fundraiser in coming months.

Our Birthday Bash

What a night. Particular thanks go to **Ron Schubert** and **Bob Mullins** for organising the event and to **Ken Haines** for providing the cake which, for **President Stephen**, was made better by the absence of 72 candles for him to blow out. Well-done folks.

The 72nd birthday bash was a great evening attended by Bev Fairweather the President of our Mother club, Adelaide, and the state parliament member David Pisoni. We had a bevy of great speakers

Stephen opened proceedings by recalling some of the programmes for this current year including the project in Thailand, the Shelter boxes for the Tsunami appeals well as support for many local efforts.

David Pisoni then gave the toast to the Rotary Club of Unley mentioning the fact that we were the third club in South Australia and the second in Adelaide. In those days the meals cost 1 shilling and sixpence (1/6) and often consisted of sausage and mash.

Stephen then responded to the toast, giving thanks for David's kind words.

This part of the meeting concluded with Geoff Dunn leading a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday.

Sergeant's Session

In a late run **Sergeant Natalie Bowen**, sent many of the club home with lighter pockets

The **wine raffle** was won by **Sheila Evans** and the **lucky squares** were won by **Chandra Sluggett**

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The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the Delores Restaurant, Adelaide, on Monday 23rd April at 12 noon.

Details from Margaret Payne

Diary Dates

Tues 1 May Meeting to be held at the Men's Shed, Cnr Rothesay Ave and Dorene St, ST MARYS SA 5042

Thurs 3-6 May District Conference - Tanunda

Sun 20 May: Club Assembly (For All Club Officers 2007/2008)

Tues 22 May: Vocational Visit – Australian Weather Bureau

Sun 27 May: Pirate of the Caribbean 3 at Worlds End, Chelsea Theatre.

Tues 6 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel

Guest Speaker

Introduced by Chairman **Jerry Casburn**, **Amanda Blair** was our speaker for the evening. Amanda has been a broadcaster in Adelaide for 9 years. Her show won the Mo Award for best live show in Australia in May 2003. She was sacked in June 2003!!

She claimed this sacking was the best thing that happened to her as her life has improved 400% since she stopped doing breakfast radio.

She is now the mother of two children, the featured columnist for the Sunday Mail, a talk-back host on FIVEAA, has raised more than \$1 million for charity and last year came second in class 73 spreads, two varieties, at the Adelaide Show with her lemon butter.

Amanda regaled us with her life story. Leaving school as soon as she could, she went on to a variety of jobs, more nearly thirty in a few years. She found her niche in radio broadcasting. Amanda earned a reputation as a straight talker who would not compromise her values. This led to many fights with station management but Amanda held her position.

Now happily married to a Doctor her priority is her family and she makes sure she balances home commitments with commercial life.

Disclosing that she was born to be a radio host she certainly demonstrated an ability to be able to ad lib and was one of the most entertaining speakers the club has seen.

Amanda is also a strong friend of Rotary with a grandfather who, at Christmas, took her round the streets of Melbourne as a child to provide Christmas cheer to underprivileged children. We did suggest we could give him a job as Santa out our Carols at the Rotunda.

Community Service Barbeque

With the weather smiling, the Rotary clubs of Unley and Mobilong enjoyed a BBQ and pool party at the home of **Kevin Rogers**. A splendid repast of Chicken, Steak, Sausages, assorted salads, bread and dessert of Banoffee Pie.

Only two braved the pool, **Angie Cooper** and the great white whale, your editor **Jerry Casburn**. Thanks to Kevin for hosting and the cooks and providers of the food, **Joan Reed, Ron Schubert, Natalie Bowen, Jerry Casburn, Martin and Angie Cooper**. With additional thanks to Natalie for making Bowen Family Funerals' tables and chairs available for the afternoon.

Club Updates – Fundraising and Fellowship – Greg Love

The Rotary Club of Unley seeks funds for three major areas - Membership Funds, The Rotary Foundation and Club Project Funds.

Membership Funds: Are accumulated from admission fees to member's functions, membership dues and meal charges paid by members and guests, fines and birthday donations paid by members, and the profit from the weekly wine raffle and the like. These funds are used to cover the costs of Club administration, meals for members and guests, and equipment required for Club activities and any other cost approved by the Board of Directors.

Rotary International Foundation invests and redistributes funds raised by the Club or by direct donations for members to be paid into Rotary International Foundation for RI worldwide projects.

Club Project Funds are accumulated from the net proceeds of all special fund raising activities of the Club or any Committee of the Club, interest earned on Club funds and donations to the Club.

The largest proportion of these funds is the net proceeds from the Thrift Shop. The balance of the funds comes from special fundraising activities.

In principle the total of the Club Project Funds raised in any given Rotary year are spent in the following year. Hence all Club Project Funds accumulated in 2006 -2007 will be expended in 2007 -2008. The incoming Board will allocate budgets for the major committees; Community Service, International Service and Vocational Service and Youth.

While there is still about 10 weeks to run to the end of this Rotary year the net Thrift Shop total looks to be about \$22,000 to \$25,000. The balance of the funds coming from special fund raising activities will be about \$5,000.

A great concern for the Club is that the Thrift Shop net total is being reduced from two directions; gross sales are down since we moved location and overheads (rent, insurance, power etc) has increased.

Special fund raising activities has included the Emerging Artists Program, weekly raffles including the Easter Egg Basket Raffle, Christmas cakes and puddings and Entertainment books sale:

During 2006-2007 fellowship was a part of fundraising hence the line between the two seemed to be a little burred at times.

Fellowship has included in recent weeks the Bowling Challenge night and the Fellowship picnic. The committee is hopeful of finishing the year with a movie night.

Joke for the Week

Two old guys are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The first old guy says to the second guy,

"Sorry about that I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The second old guy says, "That's OK, It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The first old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her. What does she look like?"

The second old guy says: "Well, she is 27 yrs old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, long legs, big bust, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?"

To which the first old guy says, "Doesn't matter, --- let's look for yours."

Quote of the Week

"Never argue with idiots. The just drag you down to their level and then beat you with their experience.." *Anonymous*

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
24/4/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Club Assembly and David Middleton "Never Pay Tax Again"
1/5/07	Men's Shed Edwardstown	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Community Service Project. A chance to see the Men's Shed and what it does. BBQ to follow.
8/5/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Club Assembly
15/5/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Policeman of the Year Awards

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
24/4/07	Greg Love	Natalie Bowen	Ken Haines	Glenys Ferguson	Geoff Dunn & Anne Zada
1/5/07	Lindsay England	Anne Zada	John Russell	Ken Haines	Greg McLeod & Jerry Casburn
8/5/07	Martin Cooper	Mark Zada	Natalie Bowen	Geoff Howland	Bob Laws & Bob Mills
15/5/07		Anne Wehr	Ken Haines	Alex Jonson	John Peacham & Martin Cooper

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
21/04/07	Kevin Rogers, Lindsay & Linda England	Sheila Evans & Mavis Martin
28/04/07	Kevin Rogers + TWO needed	Ken Haines + ONE NEEDED
05/05/07	Kevin Rogers, John Russell & Reno Elms	Kaylene Kranz & Mavis Martin
12/05/07	Kevin Rogers, Stephen Westgarth + ONE needed	Ron Schubert & Joan Reed

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**

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