

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3561 – Tuesday 15th May 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.	3561
Date	15 th May 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Bob Mills
Guest Speaker	Police Officer of the Year Awards
Club Guests	Commissioner Mal Hyde & Mrs. Marcia Hyde, DG Bob Northcote & Mrs. Margaret Northcote, Mayor Richard Thorne, Superintendent Michael Cornish and Mrs. Susan Cornish, Superintendent Ferdi Pit & Mrs Jo Pit, Chief Inspector Kym Zander, Senior Constable Athalie Edman & Mr Joseph Snook, Mr Graham Brett (2006 Police Officer of the Year).
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Susan Westgarth, Pat Limbert, Pauline Daly, Margaret Payne, Maria Mills, Jenny Casburn, Linda England, Rose Howland, Christine Parent, Genese Mullins, Angie Cooper, Nadia Dunn, Anne Newall, Gordon & Erica Smith
Apologies	Greg Love, Mavis Martin, Neville Highett, Bob Laws, Norm Wallace, Anne Zada, Natalie Bowen, Reno Elms, Ray Emmett.
Make Ups	Mavis Martin (Thrift Shop), Greg Love (District Conference)
Attendance	69%
Sick List	Nil

Announcements from President Stephen

1. The National Youth Science Forum has written to the club to formally advise us that Penelope Nugent has been selected by the NYSF to represent Australia at the forthcoming National Youth Science Week in Pretoria, South Africa in July this year.
2. Thebarton Senior College has written to thank the club for our support of Moisema Fofana at the RYLA Seminar held at the Nunyara Conference Centre in April.
3. RYLA has sent us a Certificate of Achievement Certificate for Moisema Fofana following his participation in the recent RYLA Seminar. We look forward to Moisema coming to a meeting of the club to tell us about his RYLA experience and to receive his certificate.
4. The DG's Newsletter for May 2007 is now available on the District website.
5. Lindsay Davis, from the D9520 Internet Committee has emailed me to congratulate our Rotary Club on our website. The District Award for "Best Club Website" was created to raise the profile of Rotary websites and recognise clubs that were doing excellent work in this area. The judges for the award decided that this Rotary year the Edwardstown, Mitcham, Murray Bridge and Unley websites are doing that and more with an excellent combination of current and relevant information, good design and ease of use. Lindsay invited our club to display a "Best" badge on our website, and the badge is now displayed in the bottom left-hand corner of the Home page. I would like to thank all those members who take care of our various rosters for helping to keep our website up to date. And I'd specially like to thank Bob Mills for preparing all the new material about the SA Police Officer of the Year Award that is now displayed prominently on the website.
6. I wish to acknowledge tonight the excellent work of the many people associated with the Police Officer of the Year Project this year. Within our club, I congratulate the Vocational Service Committee, and Bob Mills in particular, for the smooth and effective organisation of the project this year. And from SAPOL, I wish to express our club's appreciation and thanks for the support provided by Bill Rojas, and the Police Band for their outstanding, crowd-gathering performance in Rundle Mall today. Without their efforts a worthy recipient such as this year's winner would not have been recognised so effectively for her contribution to our community and to the vocation of policing in South Australia.

Spots

Jerry Casburn asked the club for support for the Red Shield appeal, members have a choice of collecting methods either through the traditional door knock, accompanying school children who do the door knock, or, a desk knock in their place of work. A list was circulated but members can contact Jerry or **Reno Elms** by telephone or email if they can help.

Martin Cooper and Jerry Casburn advised the club that we have an opportunity over the Queen's birthday weekend, in 2008, to run a fireworks and entertainment evening at the Adelaide Showground (Showground Free of Charge). Given that initial financial layout will be fairly costly, we will be seeking sponsorship. Martin asked club members to think about who they know, in which organisations, who may be influential in gaining sponsorship and to advise both he and Jerry. The information will be used to build a database.

Jim Newall (Bulletin Editor's prerogative) reminded the club of the vocational meeting has been arranged at the Bureau of Meteorology, 25 College Rd Kent Town, on Tuesday the 22nd May 2007. Our host will be Simon Timcke and his presentation will commence at 6.00pm and last for approx 1.5 hours. Places will be limited to 40 and will be offered to members and then guests. At the completion of our visit it is suggested we adjourn to the Tap Inn, cnr College Rd & Rundle St Kent Town for a meal.

John Russell (Bulletin Editor's prerogative) reminded the club that the **OSSAA** (Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia Inc.) film night at the Chelsea Theatre on Sunday 27th May. The film is Pirates of the Caribbean at World's End. Tickets are \$15. Raffle tickets were also available for sale.

Sergeant's Session

There was no sergeant's session or draw this week.

Diary Dates

May/June	Red Shield Appeal – Volunteers needed
Sun 20 May:	District 9520 Assembly (For All Club Officers 2007/2008) – Loxton High School, Bookpurnong Road, Loxton. Commencing at 9.30am.
Tues 22 May:	Vocational Visit – Australian Weather Bureau. 6pm at Bureau of Meteorology, 25 College Rd Kent Town.
Sun 27 May:	Pirates of the Caribbean 3 at Worlds End, Chelsea Theatre.
Wed 6 June	Visit to Parliament House
Tues 3 July	Changeover Dinner (6.30pm for 7pm), Edinburgh Hotel.
Tues 6 Nov:	Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel

Police Officer of the Year Award

President Stephen started the evening by introducing our District Governor **Bob Northcote**; Bob gave guests a flavour of the background of Rotary and its origins being vocational. He also commended the club on its achievements with the Police Officer of the year and its 29-year history. The following extract from an email was received from Bob today:

“Congratulations on a wonderful event last night. Your club should be very proud of the long commitment you have had to the most important Vocational Service Award, and the manner in which you conduct it. Margaret and I were delighted to be there last night to share the evening with you.”

President Stephen then introduced **Graham Brett**, our 2006 recipient of the award. Graham, now retired, told the club and guests how proud he had been to receive the award and how it was a great finish to his career. Graham has been visiting WA and said that he was many times introduced as the Police Officer of the Year. At the end of his year he wanted to congratulate the next recipient and wish them well.

The formal part of this year's Police Officer of the Year Award was introduced by of Chairman for the evening, **Bob Mills**; I have copied Bob's address below:

“THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Just a few words and often richly deserved, but so rarely said.

Everyday in all sorts of ways officers of the South Australia Police are involved in outstanding acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage and devotion that goes way beyond the expected.

Too often, any adverse comment on Police operations receives widespread publicity but little is ever written or said regarding the tremendous contribution made to our community by members of the South Australia Police.

The Police Officer of the Year Award is the Rotary Club of Unley's way of highlighting on behalf of the wider community the services provided by the South Australia Police.

The recipient of the Police Officer of the Year 2006 award is stationed at the Elizabeth Police Station and has been nominated by six organisations in the Playford Council area for her outstanding performance in the role of Suburban Police Officer for the suburb of Davoren Park. This type of Police work is a recent innovation and involves a dedicated officer managing and co-ordinating a community police response and presence within a defined area

She has established significant community contacts, is committed to a high standard of service delivery and is highly regarded by these people.

Through her demonstrated abilities of excellent communication skills, good awareness of criminal activity and community contacts she has achieved a crime reduction within the suburb of 11% - an excellent result in an area considered one of the toughest 'beats' in the State.

Guests and Rotarians I have much pleasure in announcing that the recipient of the Police Officer of the Year award for the year 2006 is **Senior Constable Athalie Edman**”

Athalie then had her opportunity to speak about receiving the award. She told us that she had started her career in 2000, graduating from the Fort Largs Police Academy. She recalled the first days on general duties patrols in Elizabeth in her sharply pressed blue trousers. (Ken Daly had the cheek to ask if they were pressed by her Mother – **Editor's Note:** Pauline Daly when later quizzed said he could hardly talk as he wouldn't recognise an iron let alone know how to use it – next week's Sergeant please note). Athalie spoke of her good mentors and her experiences in Davoren Park. She was thrilled to receive the award and thanked her colleagues, those who nominated her and the Rotary Club of Unley for the award. Athalie is only the third female police officer to receive the award, but Chairman Bob did say that the ladies were catching up as female officers won two out of the last three awards.

President Stephen then invited **Commissioner Mal Hyde** to accept the perpetual trophy; Mal Hyde then addressed the club. He began by suggesting that if one were to believe the media we should all bunker down in light of increasing crime. His advice, don't, recent year's have shown a reducing crime rate as police get into the community and work with organisations like Neighbourhood Watch to reduce the rate. He spoke of Davoren Park being one of three experiments in community police co-operation and that in all instances crime rates had dropped significantly with Davoren Park showing an 11% reduction in the crime rate. Mal also spoke about the areas of ingrained crime, mentioning the gang of 49 and that in some cases such as this, trying to change the culture had proved impossible and in this case these elements simply had to be kept away from society. Neighbourhood Watch was about reducing the crime rate, not a soft option. Mal commended Athalie for her work and for winning the award and said that receiving awards such as this where the nominators were from the community had the highest rating.

Chairman Bob concluded the evening by again congratulating Athalie and saying that this year the choice was far harder with 30 nominations from the community. He also thanked Nick and the staff of the Public Schools Club and his fellow Vocational Committee members, the “Two Dads” duo for the entertaining music and a big thankyou to Bill Rojas, Special Events Officer from the Corporate Communication Branch at SAPOL for his cooperation and assistance with the organisation of the project

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
22/5/07	Kent Town	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Vocational Visit to the Weather Bureau – Host Mr. Timke
29/5/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	"The Power of the Mind over Stuttering" - Wendy O'Hagen
6/6/07	Parliament House	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Visit to Parliament House NB: This is a Wednesday, there is no meeting on Tuesday
12/6/07	TBA	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition Dinner

Apologies

To: **Sheila Evans** OR **Janet Singh**
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Quote of the Week

"Eagles may soar, but weasels aren't sucked into jet engines." *John Benfield*

Rotary Information

More on the anthem, **David Payne** has provided the words, which are printed below.

Eternal God we look to thee	Grant us the ready heart that heeds	God of all nations hear our prayer
That true and steadfast we may be	And swiftly serves another's needs	For all thy people everywhere
Grant us thy strength to make us strong	Through kindly deed and loving thought	And grant that we through Rotary ways
To serve the right and shun the wrong	So may our help be freely wrought	May lead the world to better days
Help us to keep a noble aim	That in our lives thy truth be known	When hatred, strife and war shall cease
And through our work our faith proclaim.	Man lives not for himself alone.	And all the world shall know thy peace.

"Our Well Being Place"

On Friday May 11th, **Sheila Evans, Kevin Rogers, Martin and Angie Cooper and Jerry Casburn** represented the club at the opening of "Our Well Being Place" in Murray Bridge. The event was attended by many of the local residents and dignitaries as well as our counterparts in crime from the Mobilong Rotary Club. Both clubs were mentioned in the programme for the event.

Sheila, particularly, was mentioned as a driving force in establishing the centre and raising the funds for its completion.

The festivities had programme of didgeridoo playing from the local high school, dancing from Liberian dancers and a rendition from the local choir.

The event and its attendees demonstrated the need for the centre and for it to be multi-cultural. We had a great time enjoying the hospitality of the centre.

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
22/5/07		Norm Wallace	John Russell	Greg Love	Not Required
29/5/07	Martin Cooper	Chandra Sluggett	Natalie Bowen	Rex Martin	Mavis Martin & Reno Elms
5/6/07		Janet Singh	Ken Haines	Greg McLeod	Greg Love & Sheila Evans
12/6/07	Mavis Martin	Ron Schubert	John Russell	David Middleton	Kaylene Kranz & Glenys Ferguson

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

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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.

Joke for the Week

Stevie Wonder and Tiger Woods are in a bar. Woods turns to Wonder and says, "How's the singing career going?"

Stevie Wonder replies, "Not too bad. How's the golf?" Woods replies, "Not too bad, I've had some problems with my swing, but I think I've got that right now".

Stevie says, "I always find that when my swing goes wrong, I need to stop playing for a while and not think about it. Then, the next time I play, it seems to be all right." Tiger says, "You play golf?"

Wonder says, "Oh, yes, I've been playing for years". Woods says, "But you're blind. How can you play golf if you can't see?"

Wonder replies, "I get my caddy to stand in the middle of the fairway and call to me. I listen for the sound of his voice and play the ball towards him. Then, when I get to where the ball lands, the caddy moves to the green or farther down the fairway and again I play the ball towards his voice."

"But, how do you putt?" asks Woods. "Well", says Stevie, "I get my caddy to lean down in front of the hole and call to me with his head on the ground and I just play the ball towards his voice."

Woods asks, "What's your handicap?" Stevie says, "Well, I'm a scratch golfer."

Woods, incredulous, says to Stevie, "We've got to play a round sometime." Wonder replies, "Well, people don't take me seriously, so I only play for money, and never play for less than \$10,000 a hole".

Woods thinks about it and says, "OK, I'm game for that, when would you like to play?" Stevie says, "Pick a night".

Thrift Shop Duty Roster (N.B. Updated this week)

May-07			
DATE	FULL DAY	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
WED 16		G & N Dunn /	Jenny Noske
THUR 17		P Richards / M Schaefer	J Calder / F Nettelbeck
FRI 18		P Bohnsack / K Daly	J Arthur /B Mullins
SAT 19		K Rogers, G McLeod,G Ferguson	A Weir S Evans K Haines, K Kranz,
MON 21	J Job/C Marcos	J Job/C Marcos	J Job/C Marcos
TUES 22		H Lithgow/B Russel	G Howland/J Russel
WED 23	J Job / C Marcos	Jenny Noske	
THUR 24		A Jonson / H Weston	J Calder / N Highett
FRI 25		D & M Payne	E & R Birnie
SAT 26		K Rogers,	S Westgarth, M Martin
MON 28			
TUES 28		S Tirrell / L Hanna	H Lithgow /
WED 30		P Goodgame	
THUR 31		B Russell / P Hollway	J Calder / F Nettelbeck

June-07			
DATE	FULL DAY	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
FRI 1		P Bohnsack / J Ring	J Arthur / B Mills
SAT		K Rogers R Singh 1 needed	M Martin, R Singh
MON 4			
TUES 5	A & J Newall		
WED 6		Jenny & David Noske	D & M Payne
THUR 7		P Richards / ???	J Calder / F Nettelbeck
FRI 8		M Wallace/	
SAT 9		K Rogers, R Singh, S Westgarth	R Schubert & J Reed
MON 11	CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY		
TUES 12		S Tirrell / L Hanna	E Birnie / R Martin
WED 13		Jenny & David Noske	
THUR 14		J Leedham & Friend	J Calder / F Nettelbeck
FRI 15		P Bohnsack / J Ring	J Arthur /B Mullins
SAT 16		K Rogers, R Singh, K Haines 10.30	M Martin & K Haines
MON 18	J Job/C Marcos		
TUES 19			
WED 20		G & N Dunn /Jenny Noske	
THUR 21		P Richards / M Schaefer	J Calder / F Nettelbeck
FRI 22		D & M Payne	E & R Birnie
SAT 23		K Rogers R Singh 1 needed	S Westgarth + 1 needed
MON 25	J Moore / D Menkins		
TUES 26		H Lithgow/B Russel	G Howland/J Russel
WED 27	J Job / C Marcos		
THUR 28		A Jonson / H Weston	J Calder / N Highett
FRI 29			
SAT 30		K Rogers R Singh + 1 needed	K Haines + 1 needed

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

LEAD THE WAY