

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3562 – Tuesday 22nd 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.	3562
Date	22 nd May 2007
Venue	Meteorological Office, Kent Town.
Chairperson	Jim Newall
Guest Speaker	Simon Temke - Vocational Visit to the Meteorological Office
Club Guests	Nil
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Rohan Singh, Jennifer Casburn, Angie Cooper, Richard Taylor
Apologies	Neville Highett, Bob Laws, Norm Wallace, Chandra Sluggett, Natalie Bowen, Geoff Dunn, Reno Elms, Bob Mullins
Make Ups	Chandra Sluggett (RAPD Meeting)
Attendance	39%
Sick List	Nil
Returning Rotarians	Nil
Departing Rotarians	Nil
Birthdays	John Russell (23/5)

Announcements from President Stephen

As this was an outside meeting there were no Presidents announcements.

Spots

Ron Schubert gave the details of the forthcoming visit to Parliament House. Meeting time at Parliament is 6pm and our host for the evening will be the member for Unley, David Pisoni. A three course meal will be provided at a cost per person of \$25. The meal costs will have to be paid in advance, therefore, any members, or guests, advising that they will be coming to the event and who do not turn up will be asked to pay for the meal.

Ron has also arranged a coach to the event for those who would like to travel this way, the cost is \$5 per head and the coach will be at the Unley Shopping Centre at 5.30 pm and will depart at 5.45 pm sharp.

Diary Dates

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

Wed 6 June Visit to Parliament House - **Partner's Night**

Tues 12 June Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition Dinner – Peter Rostron “The Rotary Foundation and its Focus”, Cost \$25 per head
Partner's Night

Tues 3 July Changeover Dinner (6.30pm for 7pm), Edinburgh Hotel. - **Partner's Night**

Tues 6 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel

Ladies Auxiliary

Please note and pass on to partners, if appropriate. There is a meeting of the ladies auxiliary at the home of Pauline Daly at Unit 50, 3 Cashel Street, Pasadena SA 5042, on Monday May 28th at 11am.

Sergeant's Session

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

Guest Speaker – Simon Temke

Our meeting this week was a visit to the Meteorological Office in Kent Town, organised by the Vocational Committee. Our chairman for the evening was **Jim Newall** who introduced our host for the evening **Simon Temke**. Simon is a meteorologist and has worked in the Adelaide office for the last five years with the five preceding years in Melbourne. This must have been a challenge with the weather in Melbourne changing every fifteen minutes.

Our visit was broken into two parts; first a presentation on the workings of the office and second a tour of the premises to see the centre in action. Simon explained that the Meteorological Office became a national organisation in 1908, after federation, as part of the Meteorological act. Their charter was to set up and collect observations and to produce forecasts. The South Australia regional centre houses 92 staff with 23 meteorologists. Their functions cover a severe weather section, hydrology, climate & consultancy, National tidal centre (designed as part of the early warning system put in place after the Tsunami), observations, engineering and computing. The national budget is \$230 million, roughly \$10 per annum, per person.

Simon went on to explain weather systems and how the data is used to forecast the weather. **President Stephen** answered all of Simon's questions with unswerving accuracy, confirming a long held belief that he is smarter than he looks.

Their website is the most popular of the government websites and is about third or fourth nationally for all web hits. Charts are still produced manually with satellite images used extensively. Radar also plays an important part and the centre uses global models on

which it bases its predictions for up to 10 days ahead. Contrary to popular belief they maintain a high degree of accuracy. Their measure is +/- 5 degrees, outside of this it is classified as a major error and the number of these has dropped from more than 20 per year to five in 2005.

At the end of the visit, Jim thanked Simon for his presentation and the tour. Some of the group then adjourned to the Tap Inn, a local hostelry, for something to eat and drink.

District 9520 – District Assembly

No photographs to prove it, however, President Stephen, David Middleton, Sheila Evans and Jerry Casburn attended the District Assembly held at Loxton High School. The assembly was held for Peter Ochota, District Governor for the 2007/08 year. Various sessions were held to provide incoming Board members education on how to handle their role. Hopefully we will all be well equipped for the coming year.

Details were also given on the District Conference to be held in October of this year; more on that later.

Best Club Website Award 2007

Rotary District 9520 makes an annual “**Best Club Website**” Award with the intention of raising the profile of Rotary websites and recognising clubs that were doing excellent work in this area.

In 2006/07, the **Rotary Clubs of Edwardstown, Mitcham, Murray Bridge and Unley** websites became finalists through a multi-step review and judging process – with very little separating each at the end.

These clubs are each congratulated for having an excellent combination of current and relevant information, good design and ease of use (and much more).

Quote of the Week

The creed of the Inland Revenue is simple: "If we can bring one little smile to one little face today, then somebody's slipped up somewhere." *David Frost*

Joke for the Week

Many aspects of human sexuality are very puzzling. Take celibacy. This can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by environmental factors.

While attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend, Robert and Mary listened to the instructor declare "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He addressed the men. "Can you each name and describe your wife's favourite flower?"

Robert leaned over, touched Mary's arm gently and whispered, "Self-raising, isn't it?"

Thus began Robert's life of celibacy.

And a second joke:

Lawyers should never ask a southern grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer.

In a trial, a southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly elderly woman, to the stand. He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a young boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you never will amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned! Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defence attorney?"

She again replied, "Why, yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him."

The defence attorney almost died.

The judge asked both councillors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair."

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
29/05/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	"Wendy's Journey to Freedom" - Wendy O'Hagan
Wednesday 06/06/07	Parliament House	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Visit to Parliament House NB: This is a Wednesday, there is no meeting on Tuesday – PARTNER'S NIGHT
12/06/07	Public School's club	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition Dinner – Peter Rostron "The Rotary Foundation and its Focus" – PARTNER'S NIGHT
19/06/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Food Genetic Engineering - Rohan Singh

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
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
19/6/07	TBA	John Russell	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mills	Janet Singh & Greg McLeod

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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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

Thrift Shop Duty Roster

May-07

DATE	FULL DAY	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
WED 23	J Job / C Marcos	Jenny Noske + ONE needed	TWO needed
THUR 24		A Jonson / H Weston	J Calder / N Highett
FRI 25		D & M Payne	E & R Birnie
SAT 26		K Rogers + 2 needed	S Westgarth, M Martin
MON 28		TWO needed	TWO needed
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 2		K Rogers, R Singh + 1 needed	M Martin / R Singh
MON 4		TWO needed	TWO needed
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 + ONE needed	TWO needed
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		TWO needed	TWO needed
WED 20		G & N Dunn / Jenny Noske	TWO needed
THUR 21		P Richards / M Schaefer	J Calder / F Nettelbeck
FRI 22		D & M Payne	E & R Birnie
SAT 23		K Rogers, R Singh + ONE needed	S Westgarth + ONE needed
MON 25	J Moore / D Menkins		
TUES 26		H Lithgow / B Russell	G Howland / J Russell
WED 27	J Job / C Marcos		
THUR 28		A Jonson / H Weston	J Calder / N Highett
FRI 29		TWO needed	TWO needed
SAT 30		K Rogers, R Singh + ONE needed	K Haines + ONE needed