

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
CHARTERED 17TH APRIL 1935

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3563 – Tuesday 29th May 2007

The Club meets every Tuesday
at the Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide
at 6.30pm. Fellowship at 6.00pm

PRESIDENT

Stephen Westgarth: 8278 6300 *or* 0419 279 928

SECRETARY

Sheila Evans: 8266 7435

PO Box 18, Unley SA 5061
unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au
<http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au>

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3563
Date	29 th May 2007
Venue	Public School's Club
Chairperson	Martin Cooper
Guest Speaker	"Wendy's Journey to Freedom"- Wendy O'Hagan
Club Guests	Wendy O'Hagan
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Colin Sherman (RC of Norwood – Travel Services)
Apologies	Neville Highett, Bob Laws, Norm Wallace, Greg Love, Chandra Sluggett
Make Ups	Nil
Attendance	64%
Sick List	Rex Martin, Greg Love, Joan Reed
Returning Rotarians	Nil
Departing Rotarians	Nil
Birthdays	Anne Zada (4/6)
Induction Anniversaries	Nil
Anniversaries	Nil
Family News	Nil

Announcements from President Stephen

1. Our world traveler Bob Laws has sent us postcards from France, one with a picture of a nuclear power station and a prediction of things maybe to come, and another with a street scene from Auvillar. Bob says the French are a lot friendlier than the English would have us believe.
 2. David Pisoni MP, MLA for Unley, has sent us a letter advising us of an event on 11 June (the Queen's birthday public holiday) to celebrate the commitment and contribution of South Australia's volunteers to building our community. This year the celebration will take place at the Adelaide Festival Centre and feature a special performance of the Adelaide Cabaret Festival program. The event will run from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. David has invitations available and he would like to see as many volunteer organisations from Unley represented as possible. So please let me know if you would like to represent the club at that event.
 3. The Rotary Club of Somerton Park has invited us all to attend the District Governor's Change Over Luncheon to be held in the Tapestry Pavilion, Allan Scott Park Function Centre, Morphettville Race Course on Sunday 1 July 2007 at 12.00pm for 12.30pm. The cost is \$35.00 per head. RSVP is by 20 June, so please see me for further details if you would like to attend.
 4. I am very pleased to inform members that David Middleton has put his hand up to be our President for the Rotary year 2007-08 and I invite all members to endorse his nomination for the role before the Board formally considers his appointment. I am sure that a strong indication of support from members will encourage David to allow his nomination to go forward.
- I am also pleased to inform members that Ken Haines will continue as Treasurer-elect assisting David Payne and will be our Treasurer for the Rotary year 2007-08.

Spots

Joan Reed gave the almoner's report, **Rex Martin** has not been well over the past seven weeks and is undergoing an array of tests to find the cause, the club wished Rex well and a speedy return to health and Rotary. **Greg Love** has been suffering from influenza and on the good news side, **Ron Schubert** has finished chemotherapy and is awaiting the all clear, great news Ron.

Ron Schubert reminded the club of 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, this includes some wine and beer. 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, in the Unley Road car park at 5.30 pm and will leave promptly shortly after.

Jerry Casburn on behalf of the community service team advised the club that this year the arrangements for the **Red Shield Appeal** would be as in prior years and the club would match any donation made to the Appeal.

Mavis Martin asked members to search their library shelves for two books she has lent out, "ABC of Rotary" and one she couldn't remember the title of about the rotary Foundation; she believes it has a blue cover.

Sheila Evans made three contributions to the evening spots:

- Sheila along with Chandra Sluggett and Dr Sage attended the Aboriginal Health Scholarship Awards on Monday evening where our own student Carrie Ann McKenzie was presented with a certificate.
- On Sunday 17th June at 11am, there will be a Thrift Shop morning tea at the Unley Citizen's Centre for all the supporters of the shop. Helpers are needed from 9am; contact Sheila.
- As many will know the Rotary District Conference will be held in October of this year at the Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion. Registrations are being taken, with some 80 registrations already. Registration is only \$110 for earlybirds (before July 30th). So come and take up the theme for 2007/08 and share Rotary.

Diary Dates

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
Fri 12 th to Sun 14 th Oct	District 9520 Conference, Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion

Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition Dinner

Remember it is on at the Public Schools Club on Tuesday 12th June, partners and guests welcome. This is a great night to introduce someone to Rotary, cost \$25 per head. Hear Peter Rostron speaking on “The Rotary Foundation and its Focus”. If you are already a Paul Harris Fellow don't forget to wear the medal, not just the lapel badge.

Sergeant's Session

Our sergeant for the evening, John Russell, was introduced as the zit sergeant because he gathers the most. In a moment of fuddling his worms John also promised, “I'll show you yours, if you show me mine”. Doesn't he know where it is?

The **wine raffle** was won by **Sheila Evans** and the **lucky squares** were won by **Ken Haines**.

Guest Speaker – Wendy O'Hagan

Chairman for the evening, **Martin Cooper**, introduced our speaker for the evening **Wendy O'Hagan**. Martin's introduction was brief given a request by Wendy to keep it so. He simply announced her as having performed 4 funerals and 150 weddings.

What followed was an amazing example of a complete transformation. Wendy has spent most of her life as a chronic stutterer and she demonstrated how extreme this was in a two minute video recorded at the start of her amazing journey. The video presented a lady who could say hardly a word without stuttering. It was hard to believe that this same lady was the one giving our talk for the evening. Wendy went on to say that she had a very happy married life following her first job in Port Pirie where she met Tom who at that time was in the forces. During their married life Tom was Wendy's voice but sadly he died in September of 1998.

Having lost her voice through Tom, she was then made aware of a programme being offered for the princely sum of \$2000 to help cure the stutter, the four day Dave McGuire programme. Encouraged by friends and family, Wendy attended the programme, of which the video was the first part. Centering on breathing technique adopted from classical singers, learning to say fewer words per breath taken and using assertive speech techniques, Wendy overcame her affliction. On the third afternoon, standing on a bench, she was giving a public speech in Rundle Mall at the site of the pigs.

Life took on new capabilities, words like cappuccino, never dared before were now part of a new vocabulary and at last she could say her grand daughter's name Sherilee.

Statistically, stuttering affects some 1% of the population, mostly male. There are both overt and covert stutterers, the latter avoiding difficult words, e.g., substituting the word spud for potato. Nobody knows why you stutter. The Dave McGuire programme has had dramatic results with an 85% success rate.

For more information visit the website <http://www.mcguireprogram.com>. There is also an Australian website <http://www.beyondstuttering.com.au>.

Wendy is now a marriage celebrant, hence the 150 weddings. She finished with a letter from a student of the programme who explained the dramatic impact it had been on his life.

Martin Cooper thanked Wendy for her speech and her courage and the club thanked Wendy in the usual way.

Quote of the Week

“I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is prepared for the ordeal of meeting me is another matter”. *Winston Churchill*

Joke for the Week (Just for Sheila)

An Irishman applied for a job on a construction site, but the foreman wouldn't hire him until he passed a simple maths test. Here is your first question, the foreman said. "Without using numbers, represent the number 9." "Without numbers?" The Irishman says, "Dat is easy," and proceeded to draw three trees.

"What's this?" the boss asked. "Ave you got no brain? Tree and tree and tree make nine," said the Irishman. "Fair enough," said the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99." The Irishman stared into space for a while, then picked up the picture that he has just drawn and made a smudge on each tree. "Ere you go."

The boss scratched his head and said, "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?" "Each of da trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree, and dirty tree, and dirty tree. Dat is 99."

The boss was getting worried that he's going to actually have to hire this Irishman, so he said, "All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100." The Irishman stared into space some more, then he picked up the picture again and made a little mark at the base of each tree and says, "Ere you go. One hundred."

The boss looked at the attempt. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!" The Irishman leaned forward and pointed to the marks at the base of each tree and said, "A little dog came along and crapped by each tree. So now you got dirty tree and a turd, dirty tree and a turd, and dirty tree and a turd, which makes one hundred."

"So, when do I start?"

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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 – PARTNER'S NIGHT
12/6/07	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
19/6/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Food Genetic Engineering - Rohan Singh
26/6/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Professor Lowieja Donoghue: "A Fireside Chat"

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
6/6/07		Janet Singh	N/A	Greg McLeod	N/A
12/6/07	Mavis Martin	Ron Schubert	Ken Haines	David Middleton	Anne Wehr & Glenys Ferguson
19/6/07	TBA	John Russell	John Russell	Bob Mills	Janet Singh & Greg McLeod
26/6/07	TBA	Joan Reed	Ken Haines	Bob Mullins	Jerry Casburn & 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**
(m) 0432 047 711 (w) 8226 4131

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

Saturday Thrift Shop Duty

May-07			
DATE	FULL DAY	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
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 + 2 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