

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3564 – Wednesday 6th June 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.	3564
Date	6 th June 2007
Venue	State Parliament Building
Chairperson	President Stephen Westgarth
Guest Speaker	"Visit to Parliament House" – Our Host – David Pisoni – Member for Unley
Club Guests	Pauline Daly, Nadia Dunn, Jennifer Casburn, Angie Cooper, Linda England, Rose Howland, Richard Taylor, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Linda Peacham
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Colin Schirmer (RC of Norwood – Travel Services)
Apologies	Natalie Bowen, Kaylene Kranz, Bob Laws, Greg Love, Bob Mills, Jim Newall, Lucien Parent, Chandra Sluggett, Norm Wallace
Make Ups	Bob Mills (Thrift Shop)
Attendance	67%
Sick List	Rex Martin
Returning Rotarians	Nil
Departing Rotarians	Nil
Birthdays	Mark Zada (7/6)
Induction Anniversaries	Geoff Hill (7/6)
Anniversaries	Nil
Family News	Nil

Announcements from President Stephen

President Stephen advised the club that following last week's announcements concerning resignations from the 2007/08 Board that he was pleased to announce the following:

- That David Middleton was unanimously elected by both the Board and the Club to the position of President Elect for the remainder of the Rotary year and President in 2007/08.
- That Neville Highett will take the position of Vice President in 2007/08 and President Elect in 2008/09.
- That Ken Haines would take the role of Treasurer and is currently in the process of taking over from David Payne.

Spots

Mavis Martin reminded members that the Paul Harris Fellowship Dinner was on next Tuesday 12th June at the Public School's Club. 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.

The evening is 6.30pm for 7pm, after 5pm dress. There will also be entertainment and lucky door prizes.

This is the last Rotary Foundation fundraiser for the 06/07 year.

If you have not already indicated your intention to attend the night, please RSVP to either Mavis or Ron Schubert.

Diary Dates

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	District 9520 Conference, Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion.

Sergeant's Session

This being an off site visit there was no Sergeant's Session. There was also no **wine raffle** or **lucky squares**.

Visit to State Parliament – Host: David Pisoni MP (Member for Unley)

Our host for the evening, **David Pisoni**, was introduced by **President Stephen**. Our dinner was held in the State Parliament and David gave the club an insight into his background and responsibilities in the Shadow Cabinet. David holds a wide portfolio as Shadow Minister for Business, the Portfolio for Volunteers, Consumer Affairs, Youth and Multicultural Affairs. Recent issues which have crossed David's desk have concerned rights for those living in caravan parks and honesty in Real Estate advertising (an oxymoron do I hear said?).

Following our meal we were given a tour of Parliament with David as our tour guide. David has an impressive knowledge of the history of government in South Australia, its Premiers and of the history of the building itself.

The building was erected in two stages, surprisingly 50 years apart, with the Lower House built first and the Upper house as an art deco addition. The lower house was opened in 1889. The stone used and the main structure was painstakingly matched to ensure

that the end result was a single structure. David regaled us with stories of the past Premiers and of his own affections for people like Playford who by developing the Housing Trust, kept down the cost of labour, attracting manufacturing businesses away from the Eastern States and into South Australia. It seems the POMS, namely Martin Cooper and myself, have ancestors responsible for his downfall when he wouldn't allow the pubs to stay open and serve meals after 6pm.

Feeling a sense of power, members of the club were able to sit on the benches in the House of Assembly. David described the scene for those early days of Parliament (in the British House of Commons) where members would wear swords into the chamber and the bloodline on each side was designed to keep opposing factions apart. The mace wielded by the Speaker was used to quell riotous souls. Moving to the Legislative Council, the Upper House, we were confined to the gallery. Here, the President was only able to wield a Black Rod as those elected here were considered gentlemen and not prone to fighting. The lower house has 47 members elected every four years, the upper house 22 members, each elected for eight years and with 50% seeking election every four years.

The tour was interesting and our host very welcoming. President Stephen thanked David for his time and energy serving the community. The evening concluded with David facing his own Question Time from the club members.

Quote of the Week

"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair." *George Burns*

Joke for the Week

John Howard and Kevin Rudd somehow ended up at the same barbershop.

As they sat there, each being worked on by a different barber, not a word was spoken. The barbers were both afraid to start a conversation, for fear it would turn to politics.

As the barbers finished their shaves, the one who had Kevin in his chair reached for the aftershave. Rudd was quick to stop him jokingly saying, "No thanks, my wife will smell that and think I've been in a brothel."

The second barber turned to John Howard and said, "How about you Mr. Howard?"

John replied, "Go ahead, Jeanette doesn't know what the inside of a brothel smells like."

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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
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 & Geoff Howland
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**
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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.

Saturday Thrift Shop Duty

June-07			
DATE	FULL DAY	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
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