

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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Meeting 3567 – Tuesday 26th 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.	3567
Date	26 th June 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Ron Schubert
Guest Speaker	"A Fireside Chat" - Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue
Club Guests	Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Valerie Byde, Daniel Browne, Jenn Casburn, Barbara Russell, Darrol Foote, Marlene Foote, Dr. Mick Sage, Dr. Helen Sage, Michael McCarthy, Gillian Lewis-Coles, Geoff Bailey (Mitcham), Colin Schirmer (RC of Norwood – Travel Services)
Apologies	Geoff Howland, Glenys Ferguson, Natalie Bowen, Neville Highett, Norm Wallace, Greg Love
Make Ups	Nil
Attendance	67%
Sick List	Rex Martin
Birthdays	Joan Reed (27/6)
Induction Anniversaries	Ken Daly (29/6)
Anniversaries	David & Sue Middleton (30/6), Martin Cooper (2/7)

Announcements from President Stephen

1. The District 9520 Group 6 matching grant funds were sent to The Rotary Foundation this week. Contributions were made by all eight clubs in Group 6 with our club contributing \$1,000 of the total of \$5,450, which will be matched 50% by The Rotary Foundation. This contribution from the clubs was matched by \$3000 from the District Designated Fund which is in turn matched dollar for dollar by The Rotary Foundation, giving an overall total in excess of A\$11,500. I'm sure that the people in Mexico receiving the wheelchairs and hearing aids will greatly appreciate our assistance.
2. President Stephen temporarily suspended the Ordinary Meeting of the club and opened a Supplementary Annual General Meeting to conduct the election Anne Wehr as Club Secretary. Anne was nominated by David Middleton, seconded by Alex Jonson and duly elected without dissent. Congratulations Anne.
3. We have received a certificate of appreciation from The Wheelchair foundation thanking the club and saying that, "Because Your Most Generous Gift, Hope, Mobility and Freedom Were Given to a Person in Samoa". The certificate is accompanied by a photo of the recipient of one of the wheelchairs donated by our club more than a year ago as part of the campaign promoted by Past District Governor Arthur Manser.

Paul Harris Fellow – Darrol Foote

Tonight was another great night and an opportunity to celebrate the award of a Paul Harris Fellowship to **Darrol Foote**. **President Stephen** was unable to present this PHF, at the PHF dinner, due to Darrol and Marlene's absence from Adelaide. Tonight gave an opportunity to invite Darrol and Marlene, given their close relationship with Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue's great niece Olivia O'Donoghue, our first indigenous medical student, and to make the award.

President Stephen's citation is repeated below:

"Darrol Rex Foote, you were selected to receive this recognition because the Rotary Club of Unley believes that your life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation. We thank you for demonstrating in your life and vocation a commitment to helping persons in need here and around the world.

"Darrol served as Chairman of:

- The International Committee in 1991-92;
- The Public Relations Committee 1992-93 and again in 2002-05
- The Thrift Shop Committee in 1999-2000.

He served as Club Secretary in 1993-94 and 1994-95, the club's 60th year and as the club's Auditor from 1995 thru to 1999. Darrol served with distinction as our club's President in 2000-01. Darrol has also served on the District Indigenous Health Scholarship Committee for several years before he resigned from the club in 2006 so he could spend more time away from Adelaide travelling and visiting his expanding family. All in all a great record of Rotary service over 17 years of helping make a positive difference to the lives of people in need.

"Darrol, it gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, these three emblems of a Paul Harris Fellow: the certificate, a lapel pin and medallion. The certificate states that you have been named a Paul Harris Fellow, "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between peoples of the world." We urge you to wear the Paul Harris Fellow pin to all Rotary events, as a symbol of your appreciation for and support of the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

"Please accept congratulations and sincere appreciation for your commitment to our common goals of world understanding and peace. Ladies and gentlemen, please congratulate and recognise our new Paul Harris Fellow, Darrol Foote."

In responding, Darrol spoke of his love of Rotary and the enjoyment the 17 years of service gave him. The decision to resign was hard and one generated by Marlene and Darrol's desire to travel and stay in touch with their family. He felt this was the right decision given that he would have had low attendance had he remained and would not be able to contribute as he wanted to. We all wish Darrol and

Marlene well and congratulate him on the PHF award. Hopefully one day he will return to a more permanent life in Adelaide and consider rejoining the club.

A Vote of Thanks for a Job Well Done

Tonight's meeting was the last for the current Rotary year for our club, with the changeover next week at the Edinburgh Hotel. **Past President Ron Schubert** took the opportunity to express the club's thanks to **President Stephen Westgarth** for a great job in a very difficult year. Facing more challenges than most Presidents have had to face, President Stephen has weathered them all, leaving the club with stronger foundations and more able to meet the future.

"Thank you for a job well done!!"

The club fully endorsed Ron's words with rapturous acclamation.

Spots

Bob Laws advised the club that the working bees designed to ensure regular maintenance of the Thrift shop will take place on the first Sunday of every month, commencing this Sunday (July 1st). The programme will include general cleaning activities. A number of Rotarians volunteered for work on Sunday.

Diary Dates

Tues 3 July Changeover Dinner (6.30pm for 7pm), Edinburgh Hotel. – Cost \$38 - **Partner's Night**
Tues 6 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel
Fri 12th to District 9520 Conference, Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion

Election of Secretary

President Stephen suspended the meeting to convene a Supplementary Annual General Meeting to handle the election of the Secretary for the 2007/08 Rotary year. **Anne Wehr** was proposed as Secretary for the 2007/08 by David Middleton and seconded by Alex Jonson. The club voted unanimously in support of the proposal. Good luck Anne

Sergeant's Session

Our Sergeant for the evening **Ken Haines** dealt pain to those assembled, lightening the load of those attending and swelling the club coffers. Winner of the **lucky squares** was **Ken Daly** and the **wine** was **President Stephen**.

Our Speaker - "A Fireside Chat" – Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue

Our chairman for the evening **Ron Schubert** introduced **Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue** to the club. Ron opened by commenting that professor Lowitja needed little introduction, as she was such a well-known personality in the state. When first approached Professor O'Donoghue was reluctant to speak but Ron being Ron, he persisted, suggesting she talk about her relationship with great niece Olivia. This done, Professor Lowitja agreed to a "Fireside Chat".

The chat started with an update on Olivia who loves her work, went to Alice Springs and worked with many local communities. She is currently at the Darwin Hospital. The club was thanked for its support and reminded of how hard Olivia had worked given a difficult background with her father a Vietnam veteran who had suffered greatly from the affects of this experience.

Professor O'Donoghue then went on to talk about her own life and experiences. She used a book produced for school children about her life as a guide to the discussion. The book keeps her busy as from her own words "Every child in South Australia must do this as a project as they all want interviews, photographs, etc."

Born in 1932 at Rose Hill station, which became the largest native title in the state, her father was station manager and her mother was a house girl at the station. She never knew her father, he left her mother after having six children and came to Adelaide marrying here. Professor O'Donoghue met her mother in 1967 after many years, in Coober Pedy where Lowitja was nursing at the time. Brought up in children's homes, at the age of sixteen she was forced into domestic service. She eventually went into nursing, after eight years of study, made difficult by the attitude of many of the senior staff in the medical profession. She trained at Victor Harbour and then came to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. The norm was two years training prior to going to RAH. In Lowitja's case prejudice stopped her being accepted at RAH and only after much lobbying and pressure she got through, only to have to start in a trainee position. After many years nursing at the RAH, she went to India and then back into aboriginal communities.

She then served in Aboriginal Affairs becoming the Head of Aboriginal Affairs in 1972, retiring in 1996. Her time in Canberra was dangerous, she was subject to special protective action and had many threats made on her life. Since then she has held part time positions on Boards and patron of many societies and groups. Many awards have been made to Professor Lowitja, including the AO and CBE. She turned down the role of Governor General. She has been the subject of "This is Your Life". The photograph shows Professor Lowitja proudly displaying the AO.

President Stephen thanked Professor O'Donoghue for her time and a very entertaining fireside chat, spotlighting a very triumphant life.

Quote of the Week

"Behind every successful man stands a surprised mother-in-law." *Hubert Humphrey*

Joke for the Week

A little girl and her mother were out and about. Out of the blue, the girl asked her mother, "Mommy, how old are you?"

The mother responded, "Honey, women don't talk about their age. You'll learn this as you get older."

The girl then asked, "Mommy, how much do you weigh?"

Her mother responded again, "That's another thing women don't talk about. You'll learn this, too, as you grow up."

The girl, still wanting to know about her mother, then fired off another question, "Mommy, why did you and Daddy get a divorce?"

The mother, a little annoyed by the questions, responded, "Honey, that is a subject that hurts me very much, and I don't want to talk about it now."

The little girl, frustrated, sulked until she was dropped off at a friend's house to play. She consulted with her girlfriend about her and her mother's conversation. The girlfriend said, "All you have to do is sneak a look at your mother's driver's license. It's just a like a report card from school. It tells you everything." Later, the little girl and her mother were out and about again.

The little girl started off with, "Mommy, Mommy, I know how old you are. I know how old you are. You're 32 years old."

The mother was very shocked. She asked, "Sweetheart, how do you know that?"

The little girl shrugged and said, "I just know. And I know how much you weigh. You weigh 130 pounds."

"Where did you learn that?"

The little girl said, "I just know. And I know why you and Daddy got a divorce. You got an 'F' in sex."

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
3/7/07	Edinburgh Hotel	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Changeover Meeting
10/7/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	"Highs and lows of conducting the Jacob's Creek Golf Tournament – Adrian Edgar
17/7/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	"Counting Australia's Fingers" – Graeme Smith
24/7/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	"Sailability SA Integrates Disabled Persons to Sail" – Graham Brett

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
3/7/07	John Peacham	NA	Jim Newall	Chandra Sluggett & Lindsay England
10/7/07	David Payne	TBA	Lucien Parent	Glenys Ferguson & John Russell
17/7/07	Lucien Parent	TBA	David Payne	Geoff Howland & Mavis Martin
24/7/07	Jim Newall	TBA	John Peacham	Bob Mullins & Mavis Martin

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

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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.

Thrift Shop Roster

JULY 2007

DATE	10.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.	1.00 P.M. – 3.30 P.M.	PRICING ETC
Mon 2	B. & J. Russell	R. & G. Laws	
Tues 3	A. & J. Newall	A. & J. Newall	
Wed 4	M. & D. Payne	M. & D. Payne	
Thurs 5	P. Richards/K. Daly	P. Goodgame	
Fri 6	P. Bohnsack/S. Shard	J. Arthur/B. Mills	
Sat 7	Ken Haines + 2 Needed	Bob Laws + 1 Needed	P. Goodgame, M. Phillips
Mon 9	P. Goodgame/M. Phillips	J. Highett /Laws	
Tues 10	L. Hanna/S. Tirrell	E. Birnie/R. Martin	
Wed 11	G. Hill		
Thurs 12	J. Leedham/J. Slee	J. Calder/F. Nettelbeck	
Fri 13	G. Hill/L. Hanna	L. Hanna	
Sat 14	Ron Schubert, Joan Reed	Ken Haines + 1 Needed	P. Goodgame, M. Phillips
Mon 16	J. Job/C. Marcos	J. Job/C. Marcos	
Tues 17	H. Lithgow/ J. Russell	E. & R. Birnie	
Wed 18	N. & G. Dunn	A. Wehr/G. Ferguson	
Thurs 19	P. Richards/H. Weston	J. Calder/ F. Nettelbeck	
Fri 20	P. Bohnsack/S. Shard	J. Arthur/B. Mullins	
Sat 21	Kevin Rogers, John Russell, Stephen Westgarth	Ken Haines, Mavis Martin	P. Goodgame, M. Phillips
Mon 23	P. Goodgame		
Tues 24	H. Lithgow/B. Russell	R. & G. Howland	
Wed 25	J. Job/C. Marcos	J. Job/C. Marcos	
Thurs 26	A. Jonson/K. Daly	J. Calder/J. Highett	
Fri 27	M. & D. Payne	E. & R. Birnie	
Sat 28	Kevin Rogers + 2 Needed	Ken Haines, Rohan Singh	P. Goodgame, M. Phillips
Mon 30	M. Phillips	J. Highett TBC	
Tues 31	L. Hanna/S. Tirrell	P. Hollway/B. Russell	

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

LEAD THE WAY