

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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The Club meets every Tuesday
at the Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide
at 6.30pm. Fellowship at 6.00pm

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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Meeting 3568 – Tuesday 3rd July 2007

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3568
Date	3 rd July 2007
Venue	Edinburgh Hotel
Chairperson	Natalie Bowen
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	DG Peter Ochota, Meredith Ochota, Suzanne Middleton, Paul Howard, Catherine Howard, Susan Westgarth, Rohan Singh, Jill Highett, Glenys Steadman, Genese Mullins, Maria Mills, Barbara Russell, Jenn Casburn, Valerie Byde, Daniel Browne, Angie Cooper, Jill Hill, Nadia Dunn, Richard Taylor Colin Schirmer Norwood RC, Bill Winslow from St Peter's RC., Rose Howland, Linda Peacham, Pauline Daly, Valda Edwards, Linda England, Geoff Bailey Mitcham RC, Lynne Tomkins (RC Brownhill Creek), and the entire Middleton Family
Apologies	Eunice Pascoe, Pat Limbert, Fiona Nettelbeck, Shirley Emmett, Wayne Richards (RC of Murrumbidgee), Trevor Werfel (RC of Port Pirie), Colin Brown (RC of St Marys), Hon David Pisoni MP, Mayor Richard Thorne, Ray and Faye Emmett, Reno Elms, Kevin Rogers.
Make Ups	Nil
Attendance	86%
Sick List	Rex Martin still unwell

President's Announcements

President Stephen presented his report to members and guests present and welcomed President Elect David. Mavis Martin introduced Bill Winslow from the RC of St Peters who presented club members who have become Centurions with the Rotary Foundation: Mavis Martin, Janet Singh, Ken Daly, Jerry Casburn, Kaylene Kranz and Greg Love. *(From the editor: A full copy of the President's report has been emailed out to members but if any one wants a copy please contact me.)*

President David Middleton's Induction

For almost seventeen years I've been a member of the Rotary Club of Unley and other than a three-year period as Treasurer and one year as the chair of the Vocational Committee I have successfully avoided high office of any kind. I suspect this is something of a record that required significant effort. I had expected to maintain this happy circumstance for at least another ten years. But it wasn't to be! Greg Love's resignation from the position of President Elect created a need and I decided to offer my service to come down from the peanut gallery and play for the year. Over the last 17 years I have developed a very strong affection for the Rotary Club of Unley.

My decision to offer myself for this role was not taken lightly, and while Sue has certainly been very supportive, we are both a little nervous about the level of responsibility involved.

Now, as I take possession of this very handsome mantle of office, I admit to some level of trepidation and a reasonably high level of nervous energy stimulated by concern that I will be unable to fulfil this role as well as the many who have gone before. Such is the strength of the club, that many of those who have gone before remain members and it's against the high standard they have set, that my efforts this year will eventually be judged. Stephen has set a standard that will be difficult to meet, let alone surpass. His year was marked by several challenges that he dealt with as well as any of us could have. He was apparently calm under pressure and skilfully steered the club to the end of what has been a very successful year. Stephen, you have our congratulations for a job very well done. You have fulfilled your role with dignity. You have finished your year leaving the club in good spirits and looking forward to another year of service. This year the theme of Rotary is "Rotary Shares". Our International President Wilf Wilkinson invites us to share our time, our talents, our expertise, our money and our energy in tackling the projects we undertake. He reminds us that Rotary shares kindness, time and resources to create a better world, with compassion, enthusiasm and commitment.

Noble words indeed – we'd better get on with it! On many occasions I've been called upon to represent the club in extolling the benefits of membership to potential members. On these occasions I have invariably mentioned the pride I feel in the achievements of the club. I often privately marvel at the significant outcomes each year that result from our combined effort. There will always be champions who put in the extra yards. But the results are enhanced by everyone doing their bit when called upon to contribute. I know the club can rely

on its members to achieve much in the next twelve months. But there's another challenge that must be addressed. It's the ability of the club to continue its good work in the future. The club needs members and it needs financial security so we can continue to share in the long term. Both of these will be easier to achieve if we share news of our accomplishments with the community. In order to recognise the importance of the future as well as the present, Rotary recommends a change in the way we organise ourselves. The leadership plan suggested elevates the functions of Membership and Public Relations, previously included in Club Service, to Board level. To make the Board manageable it rolls all of the service activities into one directorate. I believe this is a very constructive balance between what we do today and what we are able to do tomorrow. It provides important focus on the future to drive the Board's deliberations, while the operating committees ensure a successful present. Even though plans for the coming year were well advanced by Greg, I decided, with input from others, to adopt the revised leadership structure for the coming year. John Peacham and Reno Elms were elected to the Board and I gave them both an option to adopt one of the new Board roles rather than continue in their roles as chairs of service committees. They have chosen to remain with their service committees, and I'm very pleased they have.

With these changes in mind, I would like to introduce the Board for 2007/08.

Stephen Westgarth will be on the Board as Immediate Past President and also with responsibility for the Rotary Foundation. Over the past year the Rotary Foundation has been given more emphasis in our club and I know you will continue this good work. Sheila Evans has taken on the newly created Board role of Public Relations. In this position she has an ex officio role in all the clubs committees to encourage the greatest possible exposure for our club in the community. Her job is to ensure that committees keep public relations opportunities in mind in everything they do. Mavis Martin is the Board representative for the service project teams and is also the chair for Vocational and Youth. John Peacham will chair the International Committee and Reno Elms the Community Committee. Mavis, you and your other chairs have the responsibility of organising the club to share our talents and funds with local, national and international communities. The committees have a challenging programme of projects to deliver and the club looks forward to participating. We are in the process of inviting Martin Cooper to join the Board and take on the role of Membership. Last Tuesday, the club's membership stood at 39, today it stands at 36 and this number will possibly soon reduce to 35. In the next year the role of the membership group is of extreme importance and we charge Martin and his team with the challenge of finding us six new members before we meet again to appoint a new president.

And that new president will be Jerry Casburn. It's traditional in this club for the President Elect to also have responsibility for Fund Raising and a lot of energy will be expended in this area this year. Jerry has plans to broaden our fund raising base by attempting significant fund raising events. His team will co-ordinate our activities in this area.

At the same time we need to come to terms with the challenges of our traditional funds base, the Thrift Shop. Jerry has a large team of committed members, headed by Bob Laws, who will devote their talents to considering and implementing plans for the future of the shop. Neville Highett has accepted the role of Vice President for this Rotary year. The tradition in this club is that the Vice President also chairs the Club Service committee – now to be called the Club Administration committee. Neville's vocation may keep him away from us in New Guinea for portions of the year and Greg McLeod has offered to chair Club Administration and stand in for Neville at Board level when required.

Finally, I would like to introduce the executive branch of the club. Ken Haines and Anne Wehr will fulfil the roles of Treasurer and Secretary in the coming year. These are difficult jobs that are often overlooked but never under rated. Ken and Anne, the club thanks you for taking them on. We have in hand the resignations of Kaylene Kranz and Greg Love from the Rotary Club of Unley. They have joined the Rotary Club of Kent Town. As you all know Greg was to have been the president of this club this year and Kaylene was the president before Stephen in 2005/2006. Both Kaylene and Greg worked hard for the club in various roles, most notably in the area of membership. I intend writing to them to thank them for their service to the club in the past and to wish them well in their service to Rotary with their new club.

In closing, I thank the club for the confidence you have shown and the support you have provided in the lead up to tonight. I hope to retain your confidence and support as we journey through this Rotary year together.

We've been called upon to live up to our theme – Rotary shares, and in order to do so it will be critical that we share our Rotary. Not only through publicity and by introducing new members, it's important that we share our Rotary with each other. The last twelve months have been marred by internal difficulties and divisions I'm sure we all believe that its time to move on. Each of us has something important to contribute to the community and to each other. We do what we can and one person will always do something differently to how it may have been done by someone else. We could spend our energy being critical of others and what they may not have done when we should spend our time being grateful for the talents they offer and for what they do. If there is one wish I have for the next year, it's that we enjoy each other a little more. We can start by accepting each other's flaws and styles even if they sometimes rankle. We can cement the future by demonstrating the compassion and commitment required to make the world a better place in making our club a better place. My aim will be to run the meetings quickly and efficiently so they take around an hour. There will be no special committee weeks as the meetings should finish in time for committees if that's when they want to get together.

I'm hoping members will take the opportunity for fellowship before heading home. We like each other a lot now and we achieve a lot together. Just think how much more we could achieve if we liked each other even more. In twelve months time I will pass this handsome mantle of office on to Jerry. I fully expect that my performance in this role will prove to be lacking, especially by my own analysis. But one thing I am committed to above all others is that we enjoy sharing our rotary as we go about ensuring that our Rotary shares with others.

Diary Dates

Tues 6 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel

7 to 10 Aug: District 9520 Conference, Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion

**Remember our Rotary
theme for the year**

ROTARY SHARES

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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
31/7/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	TBA

Apologies to: Glenys Ferguson on 8379 8821 OR Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
10/07/07	David Payne	TBA	Lucien Parent	Glenys Ferguson & Janet Singh
17/07/07	Lucien Parent	TBA	David Payne	Geoff Howland & David Payne
24/07/07	Jim Newall	TBA	John Peacham	Greg McLeod & Lindsay England
31/07/07	TBA	TBA	TBA	Bob Laws & John Peacham

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

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Attendance Desk: Glenys Ferguson (H) 8379 8821

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 in the vestibule of the rear conference room at East Terrace. Greg McLeod has keys to the cupboard. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the cupboard.

Joke of the Week

A blind guy on a bar stool shouts to the bartender, "Wanna hear a blonde joke?"

In a hushed voice, the guy next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, you should know something."

Our bartender is blonde, the bouncer is blonde, I'm a 6' tall and a 200 lb black belt, and the guy sitting next to me is 6'2", weighs 225, and he's a rugby player. The fella to your right is 6'5" pushing 300 and he's a wrestler. Each one of us is blonde. Think about it, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?"

The blind guy says, "Nah, not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

Thrift Shop Roster

JULY 2007

DATE	10.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.	1.00 P.M. – 3.30 P.M.	PRICING ETC
Thu 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	
Tue 10	L. Hanna / S. Tirrell	E. Birnie / R. Martin	
Wed 11	G. Hill		
Thu 12	J. Leedham / J. Slee	J. Calder / F. Nettelbeck	
Fri 13	G. Hill / L. Hanna	L. Hanna + 1 Needed	
Sat 14	R. Schubert, J. Reed	Ken Haines + 1 Needed	P. Goodgame, M. Phillips
Mon 16	J. Job / C. Marcos	J. Job/C. Marcos	
Tue 17	H. Lithgow / J. Russell	E. & R. Birnie	
Wed 18	N. & G. Dunn	A. Wehr/G. Ferguson	
Thu 19	P. Richards / H. Weston	J. Calder/ F. Nettelbeck	
Fri 20	P. Bohnsack/S. Shard	J. Arthur/B. Mullins	
Sat 21	K. Rogers, J. Russell, S. Westgarth	K. Haines, M. Martin	P. Goodgame, M. Phillips
Mon 23	P. Goodgame		
Tue 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	K. Rogers + 2 Needed	K. Haines, R. Singh	P. Goodgame, M. Phillips
Mon 30	M. Phillips	J. Highett TBC	
Tues 31	L. Hanna / S. Tirrell	P. Hollway / B. Russell	