

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
CHARTERED 17TH APRIL 1935

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 3582 – Tuesday 9th October 2007

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3582
Date	2 nd October 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Bob Mullins
Guests Speaker	Kevin Roger
Guests and Visiting Rotarians	Sue Freeman, Gloria Lamming
Apologies	Chandra Sluggett, Lindsay England, Bob Laws, Bob Mills, Reno Elms
Make Ups	Lindsay England Thrift Shop 6-10-07
Attendance	72%
Sick List	Nil
Birthdays	Vince Michielin
Induction Anniversaries	Stephen Westgarth 10 th Oct

President's Announcements

1. Looking forward to the conference this weekend.
2. Has received responses following the email last week will have a Board meeting following tonight's meeting to go through them.

Spots

Ron Schubert: Next weeks meeting is to be held at Waite Institute with a visit to Plant Genomics Centre. 6.15pm for 6.30. Dinner afterwards at the Cremorne 207 Unley Road in the Restaurant section. Most main courses around \$20 per head. **Turn into Waite Road off Cross Road to Hartley Round about turn left for 300 metres; Genomic Centre on left, parking under the building.**

Jerry Casburn reminded members of the Trivia night scheduled for the 19th October at the Public Schools Club. Members are asked to organise a table and he is hoping for 100/ 150 people. The emphasis is on fellowship, not fundraising. The cost is \$10 per head. Advise Ron Schubert on numbers.

Martin Cooper (Membership Committee): Each member of the club has been asked to nominate a suitable potential member on the form handed out. The Membership Committee will then contact that recommended nominee with the view to inviting them to become a Rotarian. It has been decided by the membership committee to go down this option first before doing a letterbox drop.

Sheila Evans: It is important that the Thrift Shop has more forward planning for the various shifts. A roster has been past around for members to fill in the weekend slots.

Welcome to our New Member Barry Freeman

Barry Freeman was introduced to the club by John Russell. His classification is NeuroKinetics Skeletal Therapist. The club welcomes Barry and his wife Sue. Barry has been assigned to the International Committee.

Diary Dates

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| Wed 10 th Oct | Wine and Cheese tasting David Pisoni's office 372 Unley Road \$15 per head. |
| Fri 12 th Oct | District 9520 Conference: Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion. |
| Fri 19 th Oct | Trivia Night at the Public Schools Club More details later. |
| Tue 11 th Dec | Christmas Dinner at Kooyonga Golf Club. |

Our Guest Speaker: Kevin Rogers – The Funny Side of the Law

Chairperson Bob Mullins introduced Kevin who was a solicitor and a magistrate in the South Australian Law courts. Kevin led the session with funny anecdotes and stories about life in the courtroom.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
16/10/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Tour of Plant Genomics Centre - Amanda Hudswell
23/10/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Reports from our club's supported students RYLA and NYSF
30/10/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	TBA

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up	Chairperson	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
16/10/07	Not Required	TBA	Greg McLeod	Ron Schubert	Anne Wehr & Mark Zada
23/10/07	John Peacham	TBA	Greg McLeod	Chandra Sluggett	Anne Zada & Joan Reed
30/10/07	Ken Haines	TBA	Greg McLeod	Glenys Ferguson	Alex Jonson and Anne Wehr

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

Sergeant-At-Arms: Greg McLeod: (W) 8223 3999; (M) 0417 811 838; e-mail: gmcleod@lam.com.au

Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Greg McLeod: (W) 8223 3999; (M) 0417 811 838; e-mail: gmcleod@lam.com.au

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 and Glenys Ferguson have keys to the cupboard. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the cupboard.

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

Ladies Auxiliary: **Date:** 22nd Oct; **Location:** Home of Shirley Emmett 11am

Thrift Shop Roster:	Date	Early Shift	Late Shift
	12-10-07	Kevin Rogers, Anne Wehr, Glenys Ferguson	Joan Reed, Ron Schubert, Ken Haines

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know. Old Age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometimes despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonize over those things for long. I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avant-garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60&70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They, too, will get old. I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning grey, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've ever earned the right to be wrong. So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it).

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

ROTARY SHARES