

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2007 – 2008

The Club meets every Tuesday
at The Old Orphanage Function Centre
181 Goodwood Road
Millswood (enter of Mitchell St)
at 6.30pm. Fellowship at 6.00pm



PRESIDENT

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Meeting 3587 – Tuesday 13th November 07

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3587
Date	13 th November 07
Venue	The Orphanage, Millswood
Chairperson	Stephen Westgarth
Guests Speaker	David McLeod: "The David Hicks Case"
Guests and Visiting Rotarians	Rohan Singh, David McLeod
Apologies	Natalie Bowen, Anne Zada, Mark Zada, Jerry Casburn
Make Ups	Sheila Evans
Attendance	73%
Sick List	None noted
Birthdays	Chandra Sluggett 15 th Nov
Induction Anniversaries	Lucien Parent 14 th Nov

President's Announcements

1. Thankyou to Rotarians who came out to DIK around last Saturday. It was a good day with much achieved, made even better by an excellent lunch provided by Rose Howland and her mates. The club will be sending at least one large container of educational supplies of various types to the Philippines this year.
2. You will hear about this and other interesting things at the club assembly in two week's time. Committee chairs are asked to prepare short and punchy presentations so that we can all find out where the club is up to in achieving this year's programme. This will be a great evening and you really must be here. I missed one earlier this year and ended up being President. If you don't want that to happen to you, make sure you're here.
3. At the Club Assembly we will also be discussing updating our Constitution and Bylaws. My proposal is that we adopt the standard bylaws but this would require some minor adjustments to our current arrangements. Next week I will provide a short paper about the differences for consideration ahead of the Assembly. Please be assured that this will NOT be the formal acceptance of the new Constitution and Bylaws.

Spots

John Peacham: Thanked members for the good turnout to the Donations in Kind project last Saturday to help with the loading of containers of books, desks, chairs etc to the Philippines. John particularly thanked Rose and Geoff Howland and the Philippine Community Ladies for catering.

Guest Speaker - David McLeod

David McLeod, the Brother of Greg, was introduced by Past President Stephen Westgarth. David explained how USA are occupying part of Cuba. In 1898 a war was fought between the Spanish, the then occupiers of Cuba, and the USA. When the war suddenly ended, part of the peace settlement was a leaseback arrangement of 45 square miles by the Spaniards to the USA.

David went on to explain his great difficulty in the initial stages of his appointment to understand the politics of David Hick's case.

1. Established he was not a prisoner but an unprivileged belligerent (a US invention)
2. Understanding the USA court marshal system
3. Three charges were laid by USA government – conspiracy, attempted murder or aiding the enemy
4. Civil actions in USA in the local courts were laid on behalf of David Hicks
5. David McLeod had to determine what did the USA and Australian Governments agree upon on war torture conventions
6. David McLeod had to understand and deal with “Fair go For David Hicks” pressure group's campaign in Australia
7. What did the press at large want to know about Hicks?
8. A huge workload of 25 hours a day.
9. How were David McLeod and his firm were to be paid; David's firm Lempriere Abbot McLeod wrote of approx \$300,000 in costs.
10. Convincing Prime Minister Howard, Foreign Minister Downer and Attorney General Ruddock that they must give David Hicks a fair go. The Australian government did not support Hicks as they should have under the Geneva Convention and order a fair trial.

Well-known international QC's including Geoffrey Robertson were engaged and donated their time to give David Hicks a fair trial.

Thank you David for giving us your better insight into the situation than was reported through our media.

Sergeant's Session: Bob Mullins was our Sergeant for the night. The Wine Raffle was won by President David and the Lucky Square by Joan Reed.

Diary Dates:

Sat 1 st Dec	Prof Annette Mygrecka Woolshed West Beach; Info Dick Wilson Stirling RC
Tues 11 th Dec	Christmas Dinner at Kooyonga Golf Club
Sun 16 th Dec	Carols at the Rotunda

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
20/11/07	The Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Colin James – “Mike Rann's Law and Order”
27/11/07	The Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Club Assembly
04/12/07	The Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	“International Airlines Aircrew Pilot Training” Tony Harding
11/12/07	The Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Christmas Dinner Kooyonga Golf Club

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up	Chairperson	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
20/11/07	Geoff Dunn	Ron Schubert	Greg McLeod	Sheila Evans	Chandra Sluggett and Mavis Martin
27/11/07	Anne Wehr	Pres David	Greg McLeod	Barry Freeman	Geoff Dunn and Bob Mills
04/12/07	John Russell	Mark Zada	Greg McLeod	Colin Schirmer	Reno Elms and Anne Zada
11/12/07	Barry Freeman	Pres David	Greg McLeod	Lindsay England	Bob Mullins 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

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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, see Greg McLeod or Glenys Ferguson for the storage location of equipment. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storage location.

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

Ladies Auxiliary

Date: Christmas Function 12 noon on Mon 26 Nov. **Location:** Café Delore's, John Martins Plaza (arcade off Charles Street)

Contact: Pauline or Margaret

Next Week's Menu: **Main:** Steak Dianne; **Dessert:** Tiramisu

<u>Thrift Shop Roster:</u>	Date	Early Shift	Late Shift
	03/11/07	Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Mavis Martin & Ken Haines

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

ROTARY SHARES