

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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Meeting 3588 – Tuesday 20 November 2007

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

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3588
Date	20 th November 07
Venue	The Orphanage, Millswood
Chairperson	Ron Schubert
Guests Speaker	Colin James – “Mike Rann’s Law and Order”
Guests and Visiting Rotarians	Heather Frankin from Port Augusta, a friend of Anne Wehr
Apologies	Natalie Bowen, Lindsay England, Anne Zada, Mavis Martin, Sheila Evans
Attendance	74%
Birthdays	Bob Laws
Anniversaries	John Russell 17 th Nov, Bob Mullins 18 th Nov,
Returning Rotarians	Colin Schirmer (Turkey), Jerry Casburn (NT), Reno Elms (Tasmania)

President’s Announcements

1. I am sorry to bear the unfortunate news that Barry Freeman has had a change in his work arrangements and is unable to continue attending on a Tuesday night. He has therefore tendered his resignation from the club. This places greater importance on us finding new members and I ask everyone to give this some serious thought so we can hit the ground running after Christmas.
2. The Board meeting was due to be held next Thursday but I will be away. After advising the Board we have agreed to delay the meeting for one week. It will now be on the 6th of December.
3. Next week is a Club Assembly and it would be good if we can have an excellent attendance. Would committee chairs please be prepared to give a short presentation about their committee’s progress?
4. At the Club Assembly we will also be discussing updating our Constitution and Bylaws. Bob Laws has analysed the changes we would need to make to our normal processes if we adopted the standard Bylaws. I have printed a number of copies and they will be distributed tonight.

Spots

Bob Mullins: The Clubs Christmas Dinner will be held at the Kooyonga Golf Club on 11th of December at 7 for 7.30pm; the cost is \$46 per head for a three-course meal. This is a partners night and all are welcome. Dress code is jacket and ties for men and No Denim. See the menu later in the bulletin. **MENU HAS BEEN DISTIBUTED BY EMAIL; see Bob Mullins with any questions.**

John Peacham: The Day Care Centre in Thailand has been completed and the official opening is on the 11th and 12th of January. Our club has received an invitation to attend.

Reno Elms: The Christmas Carols are on the 16th of December and the committee has been working very closely with Glenn Roger from the Army Band and we hope it will be another successful event. This year we want all members to be active and have organized various teams to assist. If any members partners wish to help on the night please notify Reno.

Sergeants Session

Greg McLeod did another magnificent job fining members for various misdemeanours. Ron Schubert won the wine was won and Ken Haines won the Lucky Square.

Our Guest Speaker: Colin James

Chairperson Ron Schubert introduced Colin James who is the Legal Affairs Editor for the Advertiser. He has been a newspaper journalist for more than 20 years and has covered a range of assignments, including the Port Arthur Massacre, Thredbo, Snowtown and the Bali Bombings. In 1994 he was awarded the Walkely Award for his coverage of the Hindmarsh Island Bridge Saga. He is the only South Australian journalist to twice be named Justice Reporter of the Year. Colin has received two special citations from the Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide for the promotion of truth, integrity and fairness in South Australia's media. Colin is particularly interested in politics, social justice and the criminal justice system.

Colin is responsible for assigning cases to the various reporters. He apologised for being late this evening but he was finishing a story for the Advertiser, which appeared in Wednesday's paper. He spoke of the story regarding SA's prison system and highlighted that they are presently full and that there are over 250 prisoners extra per day than what the system can accommodate. Therefore the city watch house is currently being used as a remand centre and there the conditions are terrible; no natural light or outside exercise area. There are not enough courtrooms or judges to hear the cases, causing a backlog. Our court system is overstretched and under resourced. Our prisons currently can accommodate 1400 but with 1650 needing to be imprisoned bunks are now being used in some institutions. Colin also spoke on the Biekie situation and raised the issue that there has been movement away from this state of some of the higher profile leaders of the gangs. They have also moved away from prostitution and have gone into money laundering. Colin congratulated the Rann government on the stance they have taken with this group in general.

Another great guest speaker; thank you to the Program Committee for a job well done.

Diary Dates

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

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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
19/12/07	TBA	TB A	Inter Club Christmas Breakfast

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up	Chairperson	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
27/11/07	Anne Wehr	Pres David	Greg McLeod	Glenys Ferguson	Geoff Dunn and Bob Mills
44/12/07	John Russell	Mark Zada	Greg McLeod	Colin Schirmer	Reno Elms and Anne Zada
11/12/07	Bob Mullins	Pres David	Greg McLeod	Lindsay England	Bob Mullins and Anne Wehr
19/12/07	N/A	NA	Greg McLeod	John Russell	Geoff Howland and Jerry Casburn

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: 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

Christmas Function: Cafe Delore's - John Martin's Plaza (arcade off Charles St) on Monday 26th November at 12 noon.
Contact Pauline or Margaret

JOKE OF THE WEEK

An Alabama preacher said to his congregation, "Someone in this congregation has spread a rumour that I belong to the Ku Klux Klan. This is a horrible lie and one that a Christian community cannot tolerate. I am embarrassed and do not intend to accept this. Now, I want the party who did this to stand and ask forgiveness from God and this Christian Family."

No one moved. The preacher continued, "Do you have the nerve to face me and admit this is a falsehood? Remember, you will be forgiven and in your heart you will feel glory. Now stand and confess your transgression."

Again all was quiet. Then slowly, a drop-dead gorgeous blonde with a body that would stop traffic rose from the third pew. Her head was bowed and her voice quivered as she spoke, "Reverend there has been a terrible misunderstanding. I never said you were a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I simply told a couple of my friends that you were a wizard under the sheets." The preacher fell to his knees, his wife fainted, and the congregation roared.

Next Week's Menu

Not Available

Thrift Shop Roster

	EARLY SHIFT	LATE SHIFT
24-11-07	John Russell and Kevin Rogers	David Middleton and Ken Haines

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

ROTARY SHARES
