

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3621 – 22 July 2008

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at The Old Orphanage Function Centre
Corner Goodwood Road & Mitchell Street, Millswood
at 6.30pm. Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3621
Date	22 July 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	John Pfitzner – “How to Make a Violin”
Chairperson	Bob Mullins
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Neesha Nandaseena, Genese Mullins, Jenn Casburn, Andy Hill, Daniel Bruns
Apologies	Alex Jonson, Joan Reed, Ron Schubert, Neville Highett, Reno elms, Sheila Evans, Anne Wehr
Make-ups	Joan Reed (Thrift Shop 19/07/08), Ron Schubert (Thrift Shop 19/07/08)
Sick List	Ron Schubert, Sheila Evans
Attendance	76%

President Jerry's Announcements

1. Last chance to join us for the production of “Huckleberry Finn” at the Odeon Theatre, Queen Street, Norwood on Friday 1st August; please advise President Jerry if you would like to attend. Tickets will be \$20 per head. We will also organise dinner in a local hostelry, at 6pm, for those who are interested.
2. Don't forget the District 9520 conference in Mt Gambier from October 17th to 19th, 2008. Thus far we have Jenn and myself, Ron Schubert and Joan Reed, Martin and Angie Cooper, Anne Wehr, Janet and Rohan Singh, Colin and Sandy Schirmer, Alex Jonson, Glenys Ferguson and Ken Haines attending. Accommodation is booked at the Quality Inn and I feel sure we can get more rooms if I let them know early. I encourage everyone to attend it is a great experience and an opportunity for good fellowship with the other clubs in our district. I have registration forms or you can get them from the District website, the web address is: <http://www.rotary9520conference.org.au/2008/>.
3. Board members are reminded that there is a Board meeting at 20 Frederick Street, Glengowrie at 6.30pm on Thursday 31st July 2008. Please let Anne Wehr or myself have any agenda items. Partners are welcome to join us for some fun (I am not allowed to say Fellowship any more) after the meeting.
4. Pres. Jerry presented Past President with a “100% Attendance” plaque attached to his dinner plaque. Well done, David!

Spots

David Middleton reported that last weekend he and Pres. Jerry attended a joint District 9500/9520, three-hour presentation on The Rotary Foundation. He informed members that 8 of the 200 Centurions in D9520 are in the Rotary Club of Unley and that our club is performing “above its weight”. David encouraged all members to become Centurions and to regard The Rotary Foundation as a personal charity of choice. David also mentioned to members how successful (or not) he had been in staying awake throughout the entire presentation.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Laws got just about the lot of us again, so Mavis Martin had to carry a heavy can. Port and Crows supporters were treated particularly harshly following the latest Showdown. Kevin Rogers won the wine and Bob Mullins won the lucky square.

Rotarian Martin Cooper – Membership Matters

In his capacity of Membership Director, Martin Cooper reported on the Rotary Membership Conference that he recently attended in Canberra. RI President Dong Kurn Lee (he prefers to be called DK) was a keynote speaker at the conference, on four occasions in fact. Martin summarised the points made by RI President DK:

- *Integrity and honesty are not negotiable; everything else is!*
- I challenge every district to increase their membership by 10% and 2 new clubs!
- It is best when new members are introduced by existing members!
- They don't need to be like-minded friends but people with their own perspectives.
- If we have people that are all like-minded we have stagnation.
- We need diversity to build Rotary.
- Mature Rotarians can impart wisdom gained from experience.
- Young Rotarians can instil youthful energy with insight.
- Rotary is non-secular; in fact it is multi secular!
- More than 50% of the world's population is female; less than 25% of Rotarians are female, we need to address this imbalance!
- We also need to be aware of our ethnicity make up!
- Not surrounded by members only with whom we are comfortable but those from a cross section of the community.
- We must embrace a secular and racial mix to survive.



RI President Dong Kurn Lee

Guest Speaker – John Pfitzner: “How to Make a Violin”



Chairman for the night, Bob Mullins, introduced John Pfitzner. The second eldest of nine children, John hails from Lamerloo; the family moved to Adelaide when John was ten. He won a singing scholarship to Pulteney Grammar School and became Head Chorister at St Peter's Cathedral. He later sang in the State Opera for nine years. John was apprenticed as a cabinetmaker at 15, started his business at 23 and has worked continuously in the furniture manufacturing industry for 52 years. He founded Pfitzner Furniture in 1974 and is still active in his business. John played Amateur League football and is a Past President of Mount Barker football Club. He has been a member of Apex, the Field Master of Adelaide Hunt Club, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Mount Barker where he served for 20 years, and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He has held the posts of Rotaract Representative, served on the District's ACRE Committee and held many positions in his club.

At the age of 21 John married Vivienne and now has two sons, a daughter and four granddaughters and four grandsons.

During his talk John described how he came to be involved in the art of violin making and how it has become a passion, even though he doesn't play. He had brought along a range of violin parts, raw materials, tools and completed violin and cello to illustrate the points he made. Particularly interesting was his story about how Antonio Stradivari went about making his famous “Stradivarius” violins, violas, cellos and basses, the patience required, the skill in selecting the right timbers to use and how he used the local cathedral as a quiet place in which to tune violin sounding boards.

John described the work involved in making each part of a violin, assembling them into a complete instrument and then tuning the instrument to produce the “perfect” sound. The violin and cello he brought along were made from acacia wood from the Flinders Ranges, which makes those instruments very special indeed. Australian violin virtuoso Jane Peters has played and commented very favourably on the violin John brought along to show us.

Chairman Bob thanked John for presenting a most interesting talk and for taking a number of good questions from members.

Jerry's Jottings

What a great meeting Wednesday was as usual we enjoyed a great calibre of speaker in **John Pfitzner**; **Bob Mullins** and **Ron Schubert** do a great job in sourcing quality speakers.

We also had two guests **Andy Hill** and **Daniel Bruns** who are potential members. **Neesha Nandaseena** also joined us for the second to last time as a guest and will become a member of the club next week. Membership is our single most important issue; with only 33 active members we need new blood. **Martin Cooper** gave an overview of Don Kurn Lee's speech at the Canberra conference on membership and perhaps we do need to change the way we work to make the club more attractive to potential members. Please let me know if there are ways we need to adapt to make the club more welcoming.

Sometime over coming weeks we will seek member's support in a survey looking for levels of satisfaction with what we do and how we operate, your support is essential. As **Past President David**, our new 100%er, has said on many occasions, why wouldn't you want to join the Rotary Club of Unley?

Our target is for everyone to introduce a new person to the club, from this we want to realise net increased membership of at least three, ideally five. It will add strength, vitality and new vision to our arsenal

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



Diary Dates

1 Aug Huckleberry Finn
16 – 19 Oct District Conference in Mt Gambier

Ladies Auxiliary

Next meeting at 11am on 28 July at the home of Shirley Emmett
20 Anglesey Avenue, St Georges
Ph: 8379 6227

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
29/07/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Patrick Anderson: "State of Our State"
05/08/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Danny Zaloumis: "Catching the Crims" (TBC)
12/08/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Jan Ward: "The Royal Flying Doctor"
19/08/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	DG Peter Shipp : District Governor's Official Visit - Partners Night
26/08/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Mike Dennis: "Consulate Experience in the Pacific"

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

Jokes of the Week

Slow Golfers Ahead

Joe decided to take his boss Phil to play nine holes during their lunch break. While both men are playing excellently, they were often held up by two women in front of them moving at a very slow pace. Joe offered to talk to the women and see if they could speed it up a bit. He got about half of the way there, stopped and jogged back.

His boss asked what the problem was. "Well one of those women is my wife and the other my mistress," complained Joe. Phil just shook his head at Joe and started toward the women determined to finish his round of golf. Preparing to ask the ladies to speed up their game, he too stopped short and turned around.

Joe asked, "What's wrong?"

"It's a small, small world Joe, and you're fired."

Resume Bloopers

These are taken from real resumes and cover letters and were printed in Fortune Magazine:

1. I demand a salary commiserate with my extensive experience.
2. I have lurnt Word Perfect 6.0 computer and spreadsheet programs.
3. Received a plague for Salesperson of the Year.
4. Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave.
5. Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions.
6. Its best for employers that I not work with people.
7. Lets meet, so you can ooh and aah over my experience.
8. You will want me to be Head Honcho in no time.
9. Am a perfectionist and rarely if if ever forget details.
10. I was working for my mom until she decided to move.
11. Failed bar exam with relatively high grades.
12. Marital status: single. Unmarried. Unengaged. Uninvolved. No Commitments.
13. I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse.
14. I am loyal to my employer at all costs... Please feel free to respond to my resume on my office voice mail.
15. I have become completely paranoid, trusting completely no one and absolutely nothing.
16. My goal is to be a meteorologist. But since I possess no training in meterology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage.
17. I procrastinate, especially when the task is unpleasant.
18. As indicted, I have over five years of analyzing investments.
19. Personal interests: donating blood. Fourteen gallons so far.
20. Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain store.
21. Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as job-hopping. I have never quit a job.
22. Marital status: often. Children: various.
23. Reason for leaving last job: They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 a.m. every morning. Could not work under those conditions.
24. The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers.
25. Finished eighth in my class of ten.
26. References: None. I've left a path of destruction behind me.

For refreshment at the Olympics.



Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
29/07/08	Anne Zada	Bob Laws	Geoff Hill and Geoff Howland
05/08/08	Stephen Westgarth	Bob Laws	Alex Jonson and Bob Laws
12/08/08	Anne Wehr	Bob Laws	Mavis Martin and Greg McLeod
19/08/08	Norm Wallace	Bob Laws	David Middleton and Bob Mills

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 servery area of the Function Centre. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the top of the cupboard.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: July-August 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
4	26/07/08	Colin Schirmer & Chandra Sluggett	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
1	02/08/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	09/08/08	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Ken Haines & Roan Singh
3	16/08/08	Glenys Ferguson & Chandra Sluggett	Joan Reed & Ron Schubert
4	23/08/08	Colin Schirmer & Chandra Sluggett	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	30/08/08	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines

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**Remember our Rotary
theme for the year**

