

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3622 – 29 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.	3622
Date	29 July 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	Patrick Anderson: "SA Great"
Chairperson	Stephen Baker
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Neesha Nandasena, Mihiri Sumanasekara
Apologies	Anne Zada, John Peacham, Ken Haines, Kevin Rogers, Mavis Martin, Reno Elms
Make-ups	None
Sick List	Sheila Evans
Attendance	66%
Anniversaries	Colin Schirmer's induction
Departing Rotarians	For one week only: Stephen Baker, Anne & Mark Zada, Joan Reed, Ron Schubert, Natalie Bowen

President Jerry's Announcements

1. 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/>.
2. 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.
3. For those attending Huckleberry Finn on Friday the Norwood Hotel has been booked for dinner pre show, at 6pm, the address is 97-113 The Parade Norwood, SA 5067 and the Entertainment book can be used to get a discount.
4. Some members of the club may remember Doug Symons a past member of Unley Rotary. Doug's death was advised in the Adelaide Advertiser recently. Doug was a senior police officer and, it is believed, was a prime mover in establishing the Police Officer of the Year Award.

Spots

Martin Cooper read out the text of an email received from Andy Hill, an invited guest at last week's meeting (and prospective member). Andy thanked the members for their hospitality and said how much he enjoyed the meeting.

Diary Dates

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

Induction – Neesha Nandaseena

President Jerry inducted Neesha Nandasena into membership of the Rotary Club of Unley. Neesha had been a consistent visitor to the club for many weeks prior to being invited to become a member. It was Anne Wehr who introduced Neesha to the club and she presented Neesha with her Rotary pin. Neesha will have the classification of Translation Services and will serve on the International Committee this year; Chairperson Chandra Sluggett welcomed Neesha onto the Committee. We were also delighted to meet Neesha's daughter Mihiri who came along to help celebrate her mother becoming an Unley Rotarian.

Neesha was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Her father is now a retired Parliamentarian, having served in that role for 12 years. Her mother was a journalist prior to her marriage and then stayed home to take care of her family of four boys and two girls. Neesha's mother passed away suddenly some years ago.

Neesha (full name: Maligaspe Koralage Neesha Saroja Nandasena; ask her about Sri Lankan pedigrees) did her schooling at Musaecis College (a private school) up to year 12. She then entered Sri Lanka Law College, graduated as an Attorney-at-Law and was then qualified as a Practising Lawyer, Notary, Company Secretary and Translator.

Neesha has always wanted to see more of the world and in 2003 when Mihiri was ten years old, Neesha applied for a student visa to Australia and was accepted. She spent 12 months in Perth studying Advanced English, at her own expense.

Having enjoyed her previous stay in Australia Neesha decided to apply to migrate here, was again accepted and here she is with us now, joining the Rotary Club of Unley.

Neesha's ambition is to return to Law and to achieve this she is currently seeking employment in the Legal Services area. In the meantime she is doing translating work and finding casual employment where she is able.



Neesha Nandasena & President Jerry

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Laws found all sorts of nefarious misdemeanours to fine members for. The Zadas were fined for sitting close together as usual, then the fine was withdrawn and Mark was fined instead for the Zadas not sitting together because Anne wasn't at the meeting at all. Most notable was Neesha's first fine as a new member of the Rotary Club of Unley. Sheila Evans won the wine and Anne Wehr won the lucky square.



Guest Speaker – Patrick Anderson: “SA Great”

Stephen Baker introduced Patrick Anderson who spoke to us on the topic of “SA Great”. Patrick was born in South Australia and trained in journalism. He has worked in Chile, worked for Global Education bring international students to Australia, began his professional career with the ABC as a researcher and had a period of “R&R” working in Queensland. He subsequently joined SA Great as a Communications Specialist in the Marketing Department where he manages the media and five websites.

About SA Great:

- Is a not-for-profit membership-based organisation, dedicated to inspiring South Australians to be proud of their state, pursue their aspirations and share their achievements thereby influencing the future prosperity of the state.
- Was founded and is strongly supported by the media in South Australia.
- Works in partnership with many stakeholders including businesses, government agencies, community groups and individuals.
- Is an independent Incorporated Association and remains apolitical.
- Has been in business for 29 years
- Believes that South Australia is a great place to live, work and play.
- Believes in the power of positive thinking and communication.
- Believes everyone can learn from and be inspired by the success of others.
- Runs **media campaigns** and activities to increase awareness of our state's successes, e.g.:
 - >> State Media Campaign
 - >> Buy SA campaign (“**Buy south Australian – It's better for you**”)
- Conducts **award programs** (80 events per year) including:
 - >> The South Australian of the Year
 - >> Regional Awards (very popular, covers eight regions of SA)
- Connects with South Australians living interstate and overseas, keeping them informed of activity in the State through the **YourSA** program.
- Offers a **members program** that showcase initiatives and provides a forum to network and share ideas:
 - >> Industry Briefings
 - >> Beyond the Boardroom
 - >> Meet the Media
 - >> Around our State programs and others
- Runs **local pride** activities such as Speakers in Schools.



Why SA Great does it:

- To encourage a more positive perception of South Australia both within and outside the State.
- SA Great facilitates programs and initiatives to promote South Australian successes.
- Our program showcases South Australian excellence, industry and enterprise and regular events provide the forum to network with business leaders, to share ideas and business success.
- By facilitating information between industry and business and sharing the news of our achievements, knowledge and opportunities are increased as we work together to build a confident and prospectus future for South Australia.

Patrick stressed the importance of changing inside and outside perceptions of South Australia as a backwater where nothing happens, because this is far from the reality. He described how SA Great is trying attract expatriate South Australians back to the State because of the shortage of skilled workers. He has also enjoyed the opportunities to meet celebrity South Australians, such as Mark Bickley.

Thanks, Patrick for your informative talk.

Jerry's Jottings

A couple of weeks ago **PP David Middleton** updated the club on the activities at the recent Rotary Foundation Seminar. I know that we have all heard a lot about the Rotary Foundation, it's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. There are many elements to the Foundation and it supports a plethora of programmes. If you want to learn more there is a very informative website run by RI: <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

David also mentioned in his briefing the Centurion programme, this, in a very painless way, allows a \$100 contribution for Rotarians who have signed up to go to the Foundation each year. Currently we have eight members who contribute to the programme and one other member signed up that night. It is simple, each time you pay your half yearly dues there is an opportunity to add \$50 as a contribution, the monies are tax deductible and build over time to the equivalent of US\$1000 when the member can acquire a Paul Harris Fellowship for themselves or someone they care to nominate.

It would be great if we could become a Centurion club and acknowledged as such by contributing \$100 per annum for every member of the club. So if you can, think about becoming a Centurion member when paying your next set of dues.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



Jokes of the Week

Children's Answers to Science Exam Questions

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g. abdomen)?

A: The body is consisted into three parts -- the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does 'varicose' mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean Section'.

A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word 'benign' mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Hats off to the Irish

Mick and Paddy were walking home from the pub.

Mick says to Paddy, 'I can't be bothered to walk all that way.'

'I know,' says Paddy, 'but we've no money for a cab and we've missed the last bus home.'

'We could steal a bus from the depot,' Mick suggests.

They arrive at the bus depot and Mick tells Paddy to go in and get a bus while he keeps a lookout.

After shuffling around for ages, Mick shouts, 'Paddy, what are you doing? Have you not found one yet?'

Paddy shouts back, 'I can't find a No. 91!'

'Oh blimey, ye thick sod, take the No. 14 and we'll walk from the roundabout'.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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.

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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
26/08/08	Chandra Sluggett	Bob Laws	Bob Mullins and Jim Newall

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

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Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.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 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
1	02/08/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	09/08/08	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Ken Haines & David Middleton
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
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