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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.	3624
Date	12 August 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	Ross Curtis: "The Royal Flying Doctor"
Chairperson	John Peacham
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Andy Hill, Jenn Casburn
Apologies	David Payne, Geoff Howland, Natalie Bowen, Stephen Westgarth
Make-ups	David Payne (Thrift Shop)
Sick List	Sheila Evans
Attendance	62%
Anniversaries	Birthday: John Peacham 14/8; Inductions: Kevin Rogers 14/8, Geoff Howland 17/8
Departing Rotarians	Lindsay England

President Jerry's Announcements

1. The Partner's Night Christmas Dinner has been booked for December 16th, 2008 and will be held at the Mount Osmond Golf Club, 60 Mount Osmond Road, Mount Osmond. The meal will be from the carvery and a copy of the menu will be posted in the Bulletin closer to the time. Please book this in your diary now.
2. Next week is the visit by our District Governor, Peter Shipp, and it would be great to have a good turnout. We will also induct Andy Hill into the club. Remember that this is a **PARTNERS NIGHT**.
3. A gentle reminder to those on Attendance or Plaque Board/Set Up duties, it would be appreciated if you could get to the club before 6pm.

Spots

Martin Cooper: A joint district Membership Seminar will be held on 24 August 2008 at Pulteney Grammar School from 9.00am to noon. It is open to all Rotarians to attend. Martin will email a copy of the Seminar promo flyer to members tomorrow, so keep an eye on your In Box.

Lindsay England asked members working on the Attendance Desk to ensure that the numbers of diners and attendees balance with the money taken to simplify the job of the Treasurer when the caterers have to be paid at the end of the night. As he will be going away tomorrow he asked for members' indulgence while Ken Haines converts our accounts to a new software system on our new computer. Lindsay also asked that all committees use the cheque requisition forms when requesting cheques and that the requisitions be signed and state which committee and project the cheque is to be charged to in addition to the payee and amount details. He reminded the committees that it is their responsibility to monitor their expenditure against budget.

Joan Reed warned members about a recent internet scam where you may receive an email telling you about air travel you have unknowingly booked at a cost of around \$500. **DO NOT OPEN** any attachments on such emails as doing so will cause a virus to be downloaded that will severely damage your computer system. Better still, delete such emails from your In Box immediately.

Joan reported reason to celebrate as Ron Schubert has had a clear report from recent blood tests.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Laws brought great humour to his Sergeant's session, despite a doubtful Scottish accent. Someone won the wine and someone else won the lucky square.

Rotary Information - Alex Jonson: "RAWCS"

Alex provided members with a brief talk on Rotary Australia World Community Service Limited, (RAWCS) is a World Community Service Activity administered by Rotarians in Australia and available to all Rotary Clubs in Australia.

As an independent national organisation of Rotarian businesses and professional leaders, RAWCS is a provider of humanitarian services that helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

RAWCS, being a Multi-District Activity which is approved by Rotary International, it coordinates the activities of Project Volunteers like Fourth Avenue in Motion (FAIM) and Save Water Save Lives (SWSV) Volunteers, Project Funding, Donations in Kind (DIK), Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), PTA (Pacific Training Aid) and AAS (Adopt-A-School).

Our club has contributed to AAS in the past and actively participated in the DIK program for many years. DIK collects usable goods that are in shortage in poorer communities overseas and packs and transports those goods, usually in container loads, to rotary clubs in recipient countries; those rotary clubs oversee the distribution of donated goods to the intended beneficiaries. DIK goods range from books to hospital and medical equipment, computers and school equipment.

Alex distributed printed copies of RAWCS to members.

Guest Speaker - Ross Curtis: "The Royal Flying Doctor"

Chairman John Peacham introduced our guest speaker Ross Curtis who spoke about the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia.



The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) began in 1928 and this year celebrates its 80th birthday. The RFDS was founded by Rev John Flynn, working with the Presbyterian Church and the Australian Inland Mission. Much has changed since then; the service is busier than ever and more demands are made on the RFDS's services than ever before. These days over the course of a year the RFDS assists more than 250,000 patients nationally and in the process their planes will fly about 20 million kilometres. The RFDS operates a fleet of 51 fixed-wing aircraft working from 22 bases around the country. This makes the RFDS Australia's second largest airline. The aircraft are flown by 150 pilots.

Ross gave an example of a three-day period in South Australia when the RFDS flew 62 missions, almost one per hour over the 72 hours. Eleven of those missions were Code 1 emergency evacuations bringing people to Adelaide for emergency treatment, 37 urgent Code 2 missions and six non-urgent Code 3 flights to repatriate patients to their homes.

The scope of the service has changed to involve more primary, or preventative, health care by conducting Clinic Flights to fly a GP out to remote locations on a rostered basis to enable people to see a doctor when they otherwise would not be able to. About 50 such clinics are conducted each day around the country. On 80% of the RFDS's flights the patient care is provided solely by nurses which substantially outnumber the doctors in the Service.

The RFDS conducts radio and telephone consultations and continues to operate the Medical Chest service to provide a range of medications locally for people who live far from a chemist shop. People are able to self-administer medication with instructions from the RFDS.

People who live in cities can also be users of the RFDS. For example, should they need medical care while travelling or need specialist treatment that is not available in their home city, it is often the RFDS that flies them to where care can be provided, cares for them on the way and then brings them home. The Flying Doctor also transports organ transplant recipients to the hospital where the transplant operation can be performed.

The RFDS relies on public support to supplement government funding and grants which cover operating costs. But public donations are needed to fund capital costs; that is, to buy the equipment the RFDS needs to do its work, principally aircraft. The cost of each replacement or additional aircraft is in excess of \$6 million.

Ross explained that any financial support that the Rotary Club of Unley could provide would go straight into the next aircraft that the RFDS needs to acquire.

One of the great benefits that the RFDS brings to hundreds of thousands of Australians is the simple comfort of knowing that the Service is there should it ever be needed.



District Conference 16-19 October

Guest Speakers: DG Peter Shipp has secured the following people to be some of the Guest Speakers for the Conference: Justice Ted Mulligan, Lt. Governor Hieu Van Le and Mr. Dean Brown.

Registrations: Early Bird registrations have now closed and confirmation of these will be mailed to Clubs, in bulk, first week in August. Normal registration is open until 07/09/08. After that date the late registration fee will be applied. The next batch of confirmation letters will be sent to Club Presidents, in bulk, after close of normal registration on 07/09.

Conference Dinner and Welcome Reception: These are both INCLUDED in full registration charge. They are only optional extras FOR NONREGISTRANTS who wish to attend. (Charges are as shown on the registration form.)

Jerry's Jottings

This week Martin Cooper and I attended the Citizenship ceremony in Unley Town Hall and I had the privilege of speaking on behalf of the service clubs in Unley to those becoming new citizens. Councillor Joan Reed was also there but on formal duties. More than twenty people were granted citizenship and they were from very diverse backgrounds and cultures. There was even a Kiwi.

It was a reminder how lucky we are to live in this country with all its tolerances and freedoms. It was also time to make sure we didn't miss an opportunity to let people know that we seek new members and Martin made sure that every gift bag presented contained one of our leaflets promoting the club.

Well what a week, the Olympics have been great and for a nation of only 20 million we don't do badly do we? As I write we have 19 medals including 5 gold a stunning effort.

My thanks to Alex for his update on RAWCS, I hope you are finding these segments interesting and a way to learn a little more about Rotary and what it does. If you have a suggestion for a topic I would welcome the input.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



The Rotary Foundation Results for 2007-2008 by DG Peter Shipp

District 9520 Rotarians and clubs took up the challenge set by the record giving in the previous Rotary year, and achieved another outstanding result which will help support the continuance of those many needy programs of OUR Foundation. We enjoyed the company and friendship of the members of the visiting GSE team from Kent, UK and also welcomed two Ambassadorial Scholars Kyle Fraser (USA) and Yasuyo Shimomura (Japan) who will be with us during the term of their University studies. Both have already proved to be great ambassadors for their countries.

In November 2007, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation made a direct gift to the Rotary Foundation of US\$100 million towards the eradication of polio campaign. This is the first time the Gates Foundation has donated direct to a Foundation rather than via a government type organization. The Gates Foundation has given Rotary the challenge of matching this figure by raising a similar amount of money over a three-year period commencing in 2008-09. You will be hearing more about this challenge during the current Rotary year.

One of the real disappointments during the year was the rejection of payment to the district of monies associated with our DSG (District Simplified Grants) Program. This was entirely due to the fact that a number of final reports associated with outstanding grant programs had not been completed and sent to The Foundation. Considerable time and effort was made by the chair of the sub-committee, PDG Euan Miller and his committee, but to no avail. Every effort is being made to ensure we avoid a repeat of this unsatisfactory result in 2008-09.

The good news! Over the past three years the Annual Program Fund per capita giving was US\$92.61, which suggests the goal of US\$100 per capita is achievable by 30th June 2009.

A report just to hand from TRF listing the district's overall results, indicates that congratulations are in order to the following clubs who achieved top three status in Annual Giving: 1) RC Edwardstown, 2) RC Blackwood and 3) RC Magill Sunrise.

A sincere thank you to ALL clubs and Rotarians who continued their support of TRF during 2007-08.

DG's Monthly Newsletters

If you'd like to get more Rotary information like the two articles above, you can go to the District Governor's Newsletters page in the District 9520 website at <http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/9520/Newsletter/newsletter.html>.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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"
02/09/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	David Bacchus: "SA Water Police Experiences"
09/09/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Gerry McGinlay: "Coins and Collectibles"

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

Diary Dates

16 – 19 Oct District Conference in Mt Gambier
9 Dec Christmas dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
19/08/08	Norm Wallace	Bob Laws	David Middleton & Bob Mills
26/08/08	Chandra Sluggett	Bob Laws	Bob Mullins & Jim Newall
02/09/08	Janet Singh	Bob Laws	Neesha Nandasena & David Payne
09/09/08	Ron Schubert	Bob Laws	Neesha Nandaseena & David Payne

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
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
1	06/09/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/09/08	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Ken Haines & David Middleton

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Jokes of the Week

Life Support

A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

Answering the Call

Several men are in the changing room of a golf club. A mobile phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands free speaker-function and began to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello."

WOMAN: "Darling, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes."

WOMAN: "I'm at the shopping centre and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2008 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$170,000."

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing ... The house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer of 900,000. They will probably take it. If not, we can go the extra 50 thousand. It really is a pretty good price."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you so much!!"

MAN: "Bye! I love you, too." The man hangs up. The other men in the changing room are staring at him in astonishment, mouths agape..... He smiles and asks: "Anyone know who this phone belongs to?"



**Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
Make Dreams Real**