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Meeting 3625 – 19 August 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.	3625
Date	19 August 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	District Governor Peter Shipp
Chairperson	President Jerry
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	DG Peter Shipp, Judy Shipp, AG Group 6 Roy Armstrong (RC Marion), Andy Hill, Emma Hill, Jennifer Casburn, Pauline Daly, Genese Mullins
Returning Rotarians	Jim Newall, Stephen Baker
Apologies	Anne Wehr, Anne Zada, John Peacham, Martin Cooper, Ron Schubert, Sheila Evans
Make-ups	Ron Schubert (Thrift Shop)
Attendance	53%
Anniversaries	Inductions: John Peacham (24/8), Anne Wehr (24/8)
Departing Rotarians	None

President Jerry's Announcements

1. President Jerry informed members that meeting no. 3650 is to be our 100% attendance target meeting. He has promised to shout the bar if the 100% target is achieved. He claimed to have some Grunge Hermitage at home to share.
2. On Monday I had pleasure in attending the Indigenous Students Scholarship Awards at the Convention Centre, this is a great programme and one Rotary can be very proud of its association with. At the awards, Dr Helen Sage was made a Companion of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, which after Mavis's Rotary Information last month, will be better known to most of you. The Companion award is the highest that ARHRF can bestow. Dr Sage, you will know was drawn into the programme through the work of this club and Bob Laws in his year of looking after Vocation. There will be more on the Scholarship Awards in this week's Jottings.
3. In the past the club had the practise of nominating a President's Special Project. This has previously resulted in some major work, an example being the building of the Rotunda in Bob Mill's year. This year I would like to re-introduce this programme and taking us back to Bob's year I am proposing a hands on project of repainting the Rotunda. Discussion has already started with Council for them to provide the materials and we provide the labour. Bob Mullins has agreed to project manage this undertaking along with Andy Hill.
3. The **Districts 9500 and 9520 Annual RAWCS Recognition Dinner** will be held on Saturday 30 August 2008 at 7pm at the Mt Barker Golf Club, Hills road, Mt Barker. This year our daughter club, the Rotary Club of Mt Barker, is hosting the dinner. The guest speaker will be the Hon Alexander Downer (pictured at right). Presentations will be made to Clubs that made a significant contribution to RAWCS in 2007-08 and to Project Volunteers who participated in RAWCS projects overseas.

RSVP PDG Euan Miller, 26 Purnama Ave, St Georges SA 5064, or 08 8379 8515 or 0401 124 387. Cost: \$30; drinks purchased from the bar; cheques to be made out to RAWCS Central Region.
4. Some weeks ago I mentioned that we would like to run a survey, within the club, to determine our future direction and to endeavour to improve the benefits of membership to all Rotarians. Janet Singh has kindly volunteered to handle this on our behalf and she will be distributing the questionnaire next week either personally, if you are at the meeting, or by email. We need your feedback and I would be grateful if the survey could be completed and returned within two weeks.

One Spot

Alex Jonson followed up from his talk on RAWCS last week by asking that Rotarians who wished to contribute to RAWCS to please contact him. He also commended to the Board the idea of encouraging all club members to make a \$10 donation.

Induction – Andy Hill

Bob Mullins introduced Andrew Hill to the Club. Andrew was born in the UK but grew up in Adelaide. After leaving school he worked as a trainee telecommunications technician with the PMG. He went to England when he was 18 where he married and stayed for 28 years. During that time he obtained an Honours Degree in Communications and Computer Engineering. On leaving British Telecom he formed his own company and developed his own products, initially for the telecoms sector and then for the computer manufacturing industry in Europe. This led to the formation of a company in the USA based in Boston where he operated for five years until 1995 when he had the opportunity to return to London to be involved in property refurbishment.

In 2000 Andy relocated back to Adelaide. He has four children of which twins, a boy and a girl, returned to Australia with him; they are now 24 years old and have recently obtained their degrees.

President Jerry inducted Andy into membership of the Rotary Club of Unley. He will have the Classification of Building Services and will serve on the Membership Committee and the President's Special Project. Bob Mullins will be his "Buddy".

International Service Report – Chandra Sluggett

Chandra Sluggett presented an outline of the International Service Committee's plans for the 2008-09 year.

Our aim for 2008/2009: Through our projects and activities, we will help to change circumstances and create new opportunities for individuals and groups so they can dream, to **Make Dreams Real**.

Projects & Activities	Objectives
1. Mae Sapok Day-care Centre, Chaing Mai, Thailand: 1.1 This is a Matching Grant (MG) project funded by The Rotary Foundation (TRF), Rotary Club of Chiang Mai (Thailand) and Rotary Club of Panchiao, Taiwan and the Rotary Club of Unley. 1.2 The RC of Unley has supported this project and established relationship with the RC of Chiang Mai for two years. This project assists would Thai hill-tribe people, (parents and children) to access education and employment needs within the Thai mainstream. 1.3 The RC of Chiang Mai is seeking ongoing support its new project to build and renovate a primary school.	– Establish sister-club relationship with RC of Chiang Mai, Thailand and RC of Unley. – Provide ongoing support to meet educational needs of the community to improve access to mainstream Thai community. – Establish links between the Thai community in SA and RC of Unley.
2. Future Focus: Girl Child Education and Vocational Training Centre project with Rotary Club of Dharmavaram Mid Town, India. 2.1 This is a Matching Grant (MG) project funded in 2007/08, by The Rotary Foundation (TRF), Rotary Club of Unley and Rotary Club of Dharmavaram Mid Town, India. Suresh Sunku from the Dharmavaram Mid Town Rotary Club visited the RC of Unley in March 2008 and provided the RCU with an update on the project. 2.2 2008 Update: The women attending the vocational training centre sewing the uniforms for the girls rather than purchasing them; therefore, an income earning opportunity created in the community. 2.3 RC of Dharmavaram Mid Town is seeking on-going support with number of its health and education projects in remote villages. These include, bore wells for water, immunization, education packs (girls and boys).	– Promote this project within our schools to establish ongoing financial support for these students to remain at school and at the same time create awareness about Rotary to future Rotarians. – Maintain links with Indian Community established in 2007/08. – Provide ongoing support with education & health projects to improve quality of life of people in remote villages.
3. OSSAA (Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia)	Support OSSAA to achieve its goals and aims thereby improving quality of life of individuals through specific medical intervention.
4. Aboriginal Literacy Project: This will be a new Matching grant – we will be seeking funding from The Rotary Foundation (TRF), overseas Rotary Clubs and possible partnership with other Rotary Clubs (ideally within our District). RI in 2008/09 has included literacy as an area of need. Illiteracy is a barrier for both Aboriginal children & adults. It prevents children from succeeding at schools. Some parents are unable to help their children with schoolwork because they are illiterate. Needs identified to improve literacy among adults and help achieve better educational outcomes for children are: – Establish one-to-one support at schools eg mentoring – Deliver literacy program for adults – Educational material in homes	– Pilot a literacy project in the Riverland in conjunction with the Education Department and the Aboriginal Community in the region. – Establish links with Aboriginal community and leaders in the education sector. – Network with other organisations e.g. World Without Books for educational material and Celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day on 3 September 2008.

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5. Land Mines and Bombs: Landmines and bombs in pre-war torn countries lie in fields and villages and on roads and paths in countries including Vietnam, Afghanistan and Cambodia. It costs \$3 - \$1,000 to remove a landmine. Australian Network Inc for International Campaign to Ban Landmines seeks support with two projects: – The 'Lost Sock Appeal' - wheel chairs for survivors in Cambodia – Capacity building for survivors focusing on literacy and education about landmines in Nepal.	– Educate ourselves and raise awareness on impact of un-detonated land mines. – Help survivors to rebuild their lives.
6. Boys Orphanage – Bali, Indonesia Reno Elms (club member) and his family raise funds and provide support to boys' orphanage in Bali. The boys have range of needs, including sports items, education material and household items, e.g. washing machines. RC of Unley funded 100 small footballs and these boys have ongoing needs. Plan a hands-on voluntary activity to raise funds for a specific item required by the Orphanage.	– Improve health and education needs of the boys in the orphanage. – Establish a network with our local organisations and the Unley community.
7. International Night – Cabaret* Organise a cabaret fundraiser with other Rotary clubs to raise funds for our projects, e.g. Polio Plus, specific OSSAA project, Shelter Box, Cleft Palate-Bangladesh, etc. at no or minimal cost to our Club. *Subject to other club activities and social functions.	– Connect with local Unley community to promote Rotary & our club projects. – Help increase membership and have Fun!
8. PR – Promote Rotary Activities – Contribution Support RC of Unley with promoting Rotary and club activities.	Rotate the Rotary wheel and help increase membership.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Laws took the opportunity fined our newest DG and our newest member. Other members were fined for various trivial or embarrassing offences. David Payne won the wine and AG Roy Armstrong won the lucky square.

Guest Speaker – DG Peter Shipp

Pres. Jerry introduced District Governor Peter Shipp. Peter migrated to Adelaide from Hull, Yorkshire, England in 1951 and went to sea in 1957, studied for his Marine qualifications and became a Ship's Master (Unlimited) at age 32, and has qualifications in Management. Peter worked as Harbourmaster/Pilot in South Australia and in various professional, managerial and executive positions responsible for the Marine operations in Port Adelaide, the Marine Safety Standards in State waters, and as Senior Examiner of Marine Qualifications. In 1995 he was the Executive Manager Port Operations responsible for all operational issues in the State's ten major Ports, retiring in November 2001.

Peter joined the Rotary Club of Ceduna in 1977, the Rotary Club of Port Pirie in 1978 and then joined the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay in 1981. He was President in 1987-88, and an Assistant Governor 2004-07. Peter has been involved on District committees, is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sapphire Pin recipient. He and Judy have been hosts to LTYE students, and Ambassadorial Scholars.

DG Peter began by adding his welcome to our newest Rotary members: Andy Hill and Neesha Nandasena. He reported RI President Dong Kun Lee's (DK) strong interest in increasing the worldwide membership of Rotary, as he expressed at the recent Membership Conference in Canberra (see The Unley Rotarian 22/7/08). DK has strong track record in growing membership of Rotary clubs and Districts and so speaks from commitment and experience. In terms of membership, Rotary is at a crossroads; membership has been largely static for the last 3½ years, our District has lost a net 475 members and we have lost seven clubs across 22 Districts and, unless membership again grows strongly and consistently, it will surely decline from now on.

We need to look at how we recruit and whom we recruit. If we don't recruit younger Rotarians then we don't have much of a future. Peter was pleased to see the efforts within the RC Unley to plan to grow and that the Club's many plans seem to come to fruition, which makes Unley a dynamic club and one that attracts interest from potential new members. However older experienced Rotarians still have a role and responsibility to mentor new Rotarians and give them the tools and knowledge of Rotary to take Rotary into the future. It is our responsibility now to lead a vibrant and dynamic club for them to take into the future. Peter believes that the Unley club is doing all of these things. And he noted the fun and fellowship enjoyed by Unley Rotarians.

In the remainder of his address DG Peter reiterated RI President Dong Kurn Lee's theme for this Rotary year: Make Dreams Real. He repeated DK's concern for the 30,000 children who die each day, unable to make their dreams real, and urged all Rotarians to contribute their energies to programmes designed to reduce child mortality. Such programmes include provision of water, health, hunger and literacy and, of course, PolioPlus.

Our District's involvement in this effort involves a three-year commitment to the Timor Lesté project, initially to provide fresh water to 16 villages in our near northern neighbour. This is a \$50,000 project with half of the funds coming from clubs in D9520 and the other half



from an anonymous donor in the US. This will reduce the infant mortality rate in two villages within six months of clean water facilities being up and running; imagine what will happen when the remaining 14 villages are provided for. As a result of this project mothers will see their children live to fulfil their dreams.

When it comes to health and hunger it doesn't take a great deal of money in Africa, India or Afghanistan, or even here in Australia to provide nutritious food, but children are still missing out and so suffer from health problems associated with malnutrition. Literacy breaks the cycle of poverty; if a mother can read she knows better how to get things that are better for her children and she has greater chance of finding higher paying employment. Peter cited our Club's proposed literacy project for indigenous people here in Australia. Yet even in Australia two children per day die of preventable diseases, so there is still a lot of work to be done.

DG's Partner Audrey Shipp's Special Project

Audrey Shipp outlined her Special Project for the 2008-09 Rotary Year. She is asking the partners and friends of Rotarians in every club in District 9520 to raise \$200 toward the cost of a cleft palate operation for a child in Bangla Desh, i.e. for 57 children.

Jerry's Jottings

In our meeting this week I mentioned that I had the pleasure of attending the 2008 Aboriginal Scholarship Ceremony at the Adelaide Convention Centre. You will know of the programme through our involvement with the Indigenous Medical Student programme, which we support as a club through sponsorship of a student. This has also been expanded through the added support of Dr Helen Sage who became involved through work completed two years ago by **Bob Laws** and the Vocational Services team.

Starting at 4pm we were welcomed to the traditional lands for the Kaurana people with a number of dances and skilful playing of the didgeridoo. The meeting was attended by a number of dignitaries including **John Hill** the Minister for Health. Various presentations followed relating to the work of the fund. **Geoff Bailey**, a fellow Rotarian from the Mitcham Club, started the programme, which is now administered through Rotary by the ARHRF. Seven students graduated from the 2007 programme and were presented at the ceremony. Twenty-two students were awarded scholarships this year.

As mentioned in my announcements, a key part of the programme was the award of Companion to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund to **Dr Helen Sage**. I was hopeful that we might have a photograph but that will come in a later edition of the Bulletin.

Rotary received numerous mentions and it is great to see some of our fund raising efforts going to such a great cause. We certainly are "Making Dreams Real" for many people.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

New Polio Website

Rotary has launched a new "mini" Web site to give the general public an opportunity to help end polio by contributing to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

View the three-page site at www.rotary.org/endpolio. The new site will be marketed throughout North America starting this month. All funds raised will go directly to The Rotary Foundation in support of polio eradication, helping Rotary fulfill its pledge to match the \$100 million challenge grant received from the Gates Foundation in November 2007.



Rotarians should continue to contribute through the Member Access Portal at www.rotary.org, but are encouraged to help spread the word about the new Web site within their communities.

100th Rotary International Convention in 2009



The 2009 RI Convention will be held in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June. Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!

RI President Dong Kurn Lee: This year marks the 100th time that Rotarians will gather to celebrate the service and fellowship that Rotary has come to represent, so this convention will truly be a special one.

You will hear inspiring plenary speakers, multicultural entertainment, informative breakout sessions, and Rotary Foundation updates. The Victorian-themed House of Friendship offers something for everyone. Learn about successful club and district projects. Connect with your fellow Rotarians who share your professional and recreational interests at Global Networking booths. Relax at an English pub, sample local cuisine, shop at booths offering local products, and take in entertainment you won't see anywhere else.

In addition, your hosts have planned a variety of events that capture the excitement of Birmingham's shopping and nightlife and the charm of West Midlands cities such as Coventry and Stratford-upon-Avon.

For all of you Bound for Birmingham, it's an easy trip by plane, train, or automobile, and the venue and downtown hotels are close to the train station and airport. Located in the heart of England, Birmingham is the ideal launch point for pre and post-convention travel to London, the British Isles, and many European cities.

Ed: For more information about the Convention you can download the Convention Registration Booklet from the RI website at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c09_registration_booklet_en.pdf.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
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 McGinly: "Coins and Collectibles"
16/09/08	The Old Orphanage	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker

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
26/08/08	Chandra Sluggett	Bob Laws	Bob Mullins & Jim Newall
02/09/08	John Russell	Natalie Bowen	Neesha Nandasena & David Payne
09/09/08	Ron Schubert	Natalie Bowen	John Peacham & Joan Reed
16/09/08	Janet Singh	Natalie Bowen	John Russell & Ron Schubert

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.

Midweek Thrift Shop Roster

The midweek Thrift Shop Roster for September 2008 is now available on the Club website in the Members Area.

We URGENTLY need volunteers for 3rd Wednesday mornings and 4th Wednesday mornings.

Also, we need volunteers to fill-in on particular dates in September: Wed 2nd PM

Wed 10th AM and PM

Wed 17th PM

Wed 24th AM

If you can help, please contact Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: August-September 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
4	23/08/08	Colin Schirmer, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	30/08/08	Reno Elms, Bob Mullins & Kevin Rogers	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines
1	06/09/08	Lindsay England, Rohan Singh & Kevin Rogers	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/09/08	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	20/09/08	Glenys Ferguson, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Joan Reed & Ron Schubert

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Jokes of the Week

Finish What You Start

My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far today, I have finished two bags of chips and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.

You are a chicken

A man runs to the doctor and says, "Doctor, you've got to help me. My wife thinks she's a chicken!"

The doctor asks, "How long has she had this condition?"

"Two years," says the man.

"Then why did it take you so long to come and see me?" asked the shrink.

The man shrugs his shoulders and replies, "We needed the eggs."



Julie Andrews Turning 69

To commemorate her birthday, actress/vocalist, Julie Andrews, made a special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was, 'My Favorite Things' from the legendary movie, 'Sound Of Music'. Here are the lyrics she used. If you sing it, it's especially hysterical!!!

Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favorite things.

When the pipes leak, when the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favorite things.

Back pain, confused brain and no need for sinnin',
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favorite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
It's then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real