

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3628 – 9 September 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.	3628
Date	9 September 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	Gerry McGinley: "Coins and Collectibles"
Chairperson	Alex Jonson
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Mayor of Unley & Hon Member Richard Thorne, Hon Member Ken Daly, Janet Plumb, Rick Lepore
Apologies	Sheila Evans, Bob Mullins, Mavis Martin
Sick List	Sheila Evans has had good news
Attendance	65%
Anniversaries	Induction: Martin Cooper 7/9

President Jerry's Announcements

1. Hopefully everyone received a copy of the survey, if not please let me know I have some spare copies. Please get the completed form to Janet by the 14th.
2. Thanks again for those who volunteered to work on the stand at the Royal Show, if you are going to the show please call in on the stand which is in the Goyder Pavilion in the North West corner at stand number F124.
3. Don't forget the two challenges this year, 100% attendance on meeting number 3650 and once the club has provided one referral for membership I will stand the drinks for the evening in the week following.
4. Mavis Boucher, one of the original Thrift shop volunteers, has passed away.

Spots



Mayor Richard Thorne keeping a close eye on proceedings and on the coins and collectibles.

His Worship the Mayor of Unley and Hon Member Richard Thorne gave members a brief update on current local government issues in Unley and then took some questions from the floor. Richard reported that things are generally going well for the City of Unley, the budget is in good shape, rate rises have been kept within CPI, and the Mayor and senior Council staff are managing things okay despite the CEO being on holidays in Tuscany for five weeks. He commented on the difficulty the Council is having with the development constraints being proposed for Unley by the State Government and the adverse impact those constraints could have on the character of the Unley area, particularly near Unley Road; the Council is continuing to negotiate vigorously with the government.

Kevin Rogers asked members if they knew of anyone who could type some correspondence for him. There is a bit of a backlog that needs to be cleared and after that the volume of correspondence will be somewhat less. Kevin would want to pay for the time spent by a typist. Several possible typists were suggested but anyone who would be interested in helping Kevin should please contact him.

Ron Schubert reminded members that this month is Youth Month in the Rotary calendar and that next week our two current Indigenous Health Scholarship recipients will be our guest speakers.

Ron also gave an update on the visit to the ABC studios at Collinswood on Tuesday 23 September. Unfortunately there is a limit of 20 people who can go on any one tour and so, given that we are likely to have more than 30 people wishing to attend, Ron has been able to arrange for a second tour on the morning of Friday 25 September from 10.30am to 12.15pm. The ABC charges \$7 per head for the tour. Next week Ron or Bob will inform us of the venue for dinner preceding the Tuesday night tour and will seek firm numbers of people wishing to attend either the Tuesday night or Friday morning tours. And of course those going on the Friday morning tour, which will count as a make-up, can join in for dinner on Tuesday night.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Natalie Bowen struck again and got the lot, hitting several targets more than once, then told a blonde joke. David Middleton won the wine and Alex Jonson won the lucky square. Ron Schubert was cross-fined for some heinous domestic misdemeanour for which he was unrepentant.

Member Report - Geoff Hill: Rotary Youth Exchange Programs

PP Geoff Hill presented an outline of the Rotary Youth Exchange programs: Short Term Youth Exchange (STYE) and Long Term Youth Exchange (LTYE). Geoff has been a member of the District 9520 STYE Committee for a number of years.

The **Short Term Youth Exchange** (STYE) program is conducted between Australia and New Zealand. Most Districts in Australia and New Zealand participate in this program. Year 9 students are selected to go on exchange during their Year 10, which leaves their Years 11 and 12 clear. Exchanges are for one term only and an Australian student will go to New Zealand and stay with the family of a New Zealand student who will then come to Australia and stay with the Australian student's family for the next term. Students must attend school during their exchanges, which is a bit easier on Australian students as curricula here are slightly ahead of NZ curricula.

Most STYE participants from Australia have been from country areas and most have been non-private school students. In New Zealand, on the other hand, it is about 50-50 between country and metro and 50-50 between private and non-private school students.

The cost of a STYE is about \$5-6,000 including airfares, school requisites and other out of pocket expenses incurred by the student while away. Even short term youth exchanges can be beneficially life-shaping experiences.

Under the **Long Term Youth Exchange** (LTYE) program a student goes on exchange for a year. Students generally go on LTYE after completing Year 12. The exchange is arranged through Rotary and the students are hosted by Rotary clubs in both the sending and receiving countries. The receiving club is expected to find host families for the student to stay with, arrange a school(s) for the student to attend and provide a counsellor to be the student's mentor throughout the exchange. It is expected that students will stay with between four and six families while they are away.

There are more students from private schools applying for LTYE, but the overall number of students applying for exchanges is falling, possibly due to the increasing number of opportunities provided by schools for students to travel. The likely cost of sending a student on a Rotary LTYE should be around \$15-20,000.

Our District 9520 is the only district in Australia where separate committees run STYE and LTYE, but this is likely to change next year.



PP Geoff Hill briefing the members on Rotary Youth Exchange programs.

Guest Speakers - Gerry McGinley: Coins and Collectibles

Chairman for the evening Alex Jonson introduced our guest speaker Gerry (with a "G") McGinley who spoke, with a bit of "show and tell", on the topic of "Coins and Collectibles and the Hidden Treasures in the House". Gerry runs a collectibles business at 219 Unley Road, Malvern called "At the Toss of a Coin"; he has been there for the past six years after previously being located in Grote Street in the City. He is married with one child and one on the way.

To illustrate his talk Gerry brought along an old shoebox containing \$250,000 worth of exhibits (and, yes, he went home with all of them). Gerry described how he came to be involved in collecting and collectibles, beginning with a stamp collection and then moving into trading in collectibles.

Gerry began by showing us an old Easy Oats packet and described the cards that were once included in each packet. He even described how he and his brother would flush the oats down the loo so they could hasten the need for their mother to purchase another packet with another card. Gerry described the various sets of Easy Oats cards, with some caricatures and others being photographs of champion sportsmen of yore, mostly footballers.

His talk covered a wide range of collectible cards, of which he displayed some valuable examples, and included their provenance and how they came to become part of complete sets. Not surprisingly, the football card depicting the great Ted Whitten is among the most valuable. He described how cigarette cards were created as stiffeners for soft cigarette packaging.

Gerry explained that the provenance of an item is essential to it being a valuable collectible; he gave as an example the "baggy green" Australian test cricket cap that he brought along that had once belonged to an SA son, David Hookes.

The value of coins depends very much on their rarity and on whether they are mint coins that have never been circulated. Gerry displayed a collection of mint Australian halfpennies; unfortunately it does not include a mint condition 1923 halfpenny, which would be very valuable indeed.

He outlined how he goes about sourcing collectibles for his shop, including attending collectors' fairs, advertising and word of mouth. At times, out of the blue, he will be approached by the owner of a rare collectible item or set with an interest in selling. Or he will seek out someone who just may have a collectible item somewhere in their possession, such as a sportsman whose photo appears on a cigarette card. Apparently some subjects were paid a couple of guineas for sitting for a photo while others were paid with some sets of cards; the recipients of cards who still have them may now own collectibles worth many thousands of dollars, rather more than £2-2-0.

Gerry went on to give some good advice about collecting: do it for the joy of collecting and not for the money. Finally, he answered several questions from the floor. Yet another arresting talk.



Pres Jerry with guest speaker Gerry McGinley.
Yes, our Jerry is standing up.

Jerry's Jottings



Well how many of you went home after Tuesday's meeting and fossicked for that cigarette card you knew you had? **Gerry McGinley** gave a great talk and I am sure had a few of us regretting the things we had thrown away. Still, hopefully, a body like our own Thrift Shop benefited from our foolishness. Thanks also to **Geoff Hill** for his insight into the Rotary Youth Programmes.

This week I sent out a paper entitled "Membership on the Move", kindly provided by **Martin Cooper**. The paper makes an interesting read and particularly the section on page 3 "Is Your Club Right?" In a somewhat biased fashion I would have to say that we shape up reasonably well against the criteria set. However, you may not share that opinion. Are you proud to invite friends and potential members to our meetings? The survey gives you a big chance for a say and I hope everyone will take the time to complete the questions asked and send the result to **Janet Singh**. An early response will enable us to plan changes to make the club better.

Finally don't forget our next social event. **John Peacham** spoke at the meeting and has subsequently sent out an email. We are holding a BBQ on Sunday 21st September at our home at 20 Frederick Street, Glengowrie; at least it is for the next few weeks. All are welcome, as well as kids and grandkids, etc. Let's have some **fun!!!** No need to worry about what to bring, its just the grog and maybe some tables and chairs, all else is being provided at a cost of \$10 per head, \$5 for the kids under 12. Be there or be square.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
16/09/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Natalie Moore & Lauren Sperring: Indigenous Health Scholarship Students	Janet Singh	Natalie Bowen	John Russell & Ron Schubert
23/09/08	ABC Studios, Collingswood	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to the ABC Studios + Dinner Nearby	NA	NA	Janet Singh & Chandra Sluggett
30/09/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker	John Peacham	Natalie Bowen	Anne Wehr & Stephen Westgarth
07/10/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker	David Payne	Greg McLeod	Anne & Mark Zada

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.

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

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: September - October 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
2	13/09/08	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	20/09/08	Glenys Ferguson, Anne Wehr & Kevin Rogers	Joan Reed & Ron Schubert
4	27/09/08	Colin Schirmer, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	NA	Reno Elms, Bob Mullins & Kevin Rogers	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines
1	04/10/08	Lindsay England, Rohan Singh & Kevin Rogers	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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Our Next RI Presidents

2009-10: John Kenny, Grangemouth, Scotland, RI President-elect.



John is a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge, and a notary. He is active in the Scout Movement and earned the Scouting Medal of Merit for helping to form new scout groups in Eastern Europe.

Kenny was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. An elder of the Church of

Scotland, he has served as session clerk and presbytery elder. He is a past president of both the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chambers of Commerce. He is also past general legal counsel of Jaycees International.

A Rotarian since 1970, John has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has served RI as director, executive committee chair, Rotary Foundation trustee, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative, and committee member and chair.

He has been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Councils on Legislation. John is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Bequest Society member, and has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He has been married to June since 1965.

2010-11: Ray Klinginsmith, Kirksville, Missouri, USA, RI President-nominee.



Ray earned degrees in business and law at the University of Missouri and completed graduate studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar.

He was general counsel and professor of business at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville (now

Truman State University) from 1973 until his retirement in 1995, and also held the post of dean of administration for five years.

Klinginsmith, who now operates a law office, served as an elected county commissioner from 2001 to 2004. He has been a director of the Macon Atlanta State Bank since 1971 and president of the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens since 1982. He and his wife, Judie, have two children and three grandchildren.

A Rotarian since 1961, Klinginsmith has served Rotary as district governor and as chair of the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi and the 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee.

He was a member of the RI Board of Directors for 1985-87 and chaired its executive committee in 1986-87. Klinginsmith joined The Rotary Foundation Trustees in 2002, serving as vice chair in 2005-06, and was a member of the Future Vision Committee from 2005 to 2008.

Jokes for the Week

Beating the Competition

The shopkeeper was dismayed when a new business much like his own opened up next door and erected a huge sign which read... **BEST DEALS.**

He was horrified when another competitor opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading... **LOWEST PRICES.**

The shopkeeper was panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop-it read... **MAIN ENTRANCE.**

In-store Story

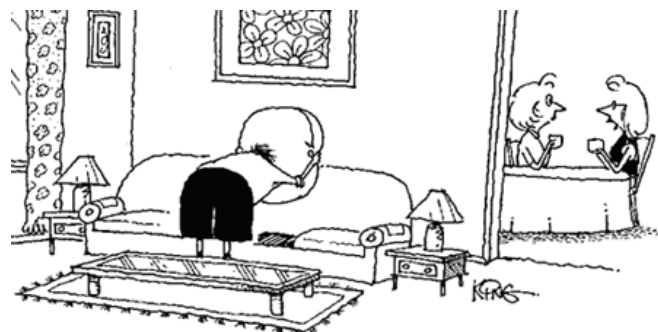
A man observed a woman in the grocery store with a three-year-old girl in her basket. As they passed the cookie section, the little girl asked for cookies and her mother told her, "No." The little girl immediately began to whine and fuss, and the mother said quietly, "Now Monica, we just have half of the aisles left to go through - don't be upset. It won't be long now."

Soon, they came to the candy aisle and the little girl began to shout for candy. When told she couldn't have any, she began to cry. The mother said, "There, there, Monica, don't cry - only two more aisles to go and then we'll be checking out."

When they got to the checkout stand, the little girl immediately began to clamor for gum and burst into a terrible tantrum upon discovering there'd be no gum purchased. The mother said serenely, "Monica, we'll be through this check out stand in 5 minutes and then you can go home and have a nice nap."

The man followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her. "I couldn't help noticing how patient you were with little Monica," he began.

The mother replied, "I'm Monica - my little girl's name is Tammy."



The doctor said he needed more activity. So I hide his T.V. remote three times a week.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real