

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3629 – 16 September 2008

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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.	3629
Date	16 September 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speakers	Lauren Sperring and Natalie Moore
Chairperson	Joan Reed
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Janet Plumb
Returning Rotarians	Bob Mullins
Apologies	Sheila Evans, Stephen Baker
Attendance	70%
Anniversaries	Birthday: Stephen Westgarth (19/9); Induction: Norm Wallace (16/9), Glenys Ferguson (21/9)

President Jerry's Announcements

1. I would like to start by asking if everyone got copies of the survey to Janet??? If you haven't it is really important that we get feedback, please complete it, it takes five minutes and return it to Janet.
2. Appropriately, given tonight's speakers, we have received a letter from Doctor Helen Sage, the contents of which are as follows:

Dear Jerry,

I am writing to thank Unley Rotary for my recent recognition as a Companion of the ARHRF, as I feel the recommendation must have come from your club.

I was very surprised and somewhat embarrassed when the announcement was made at the recent Presentation of Awards Ceremony, as I do not believe my contribution deserved such recognition.

I am full of admiration for the support the Rotary club gives to health research, and I think the scheme for sponsoring and mentoring indigenous health students is important. None of us are comfortable with the poor state of indigenous health in this rich country, and I feel the Rotary has the right idea by getting more indigenous people into the health workforce.

I have been grateful that Unley Rotary has given me the opportunity to support the indigenous students in some small way.

Yours sincerely

Helen Sage

Spots

Bob Mullins updated members on the arrangements for the visit to the ABC next week (see below) and confirmed attendees. We must be at the ABC by 6.45pm at the absolute latest!! A sit-down dinner has been arranged at the Hampstead Hotel where we must be seated by 8.15pm at the latest.

The following week we will be meeting with the other Group 6 clubs at the Belair Park Country Club to hear from the Group Study Exchange team currently visiting our District from District 7710 in North Carolina, USA. The cost is \$23 per head; 6.00 for 6.15pm.

John Peacham reminded members about the Barbeque at the Casburns' on Sunday 21 September at 1.30pm. Food will be catered for at \$10 per head; drinks are BYO. See the Club Directory for the address. Please let John know ASAP if you're intending to attend.

John also reminded members about the Christmas Dinner at the Convention Centre. John has only four seats left at \$105 per head. This is a great night of food and entertainment, so please contact John soon if you'd like to attend.

Tours of the ABC Studios – A Partners Event

This evening promises to be most entertaining. We will be shown the TV studio while in progress and hopefully be introduced to Peter Goers on ABC Radio. Peter is, incidentally, a cousin to one of our Rotarians, so anything could happen.

Unfortunately the ABC can only cope with a party of 20 at any one time so the planned tour will need to be broken up into two tours:

1. 6.30pm for 6.45pm start on Tuesday 23rd September 2008; and
2. 10.15am for 10.30am start on Friday 26th September 2008.

The suggestion is that those who are employed/working go on the Tuesday night tour and those who are/don't go on the Friday morning tour. The Friday event will be regarded as a "make-up"

Location: ABC 85 North East Road, Collinswood.

Cost: \$7 per head goes to the ABC. **Please note** that once having committed to attend, you are liable to pay the \$7 fee whether you attend or not. This will be collected on the night.

Dinner on Tuesday: A table for 20 has been booked at the Hampstead Hotel for immediately following the visit to the ABC. As the kitchen closes at 8.30pm we need to be seated by 8:15pm. The Hampstead Hotel is located approx. 300 meters farther up North East Road past the ABC.

Coffee/Lunch on Friday: Nothing has been organized as yet. An option is to organize something on the day say at either the Hampstead or Buckingham Arms Hotel, or at the ABC Lunch Café.

Car Parking: There is ample off street parking in Rosetta Street at the ABC. Plenty of parking is available at the Hampstead Hotel.

Sergeant's Session

Natalie Bowen look-alike, Bob Laws, conducted the Sergeant's session. He began by saying how pleased he was to be standing-in while Natalie was working because that meant he wasn't one of her "clients"; Bob then proceeded to strip members of their hard-earned wealth. John Russell won the wine and Jerry Casburn won the lucky square. The wine prizes are a new selection chosen by Bob Laws.

Membership Report – Martin Cooper



Martin Cooper

Membership Director gave members a rev-up about membership, basing his presentation on "A" words. Once he had got members' Attention by literally getting them off their A**s, Martin discouraged Apathy and urged Active members to think of people who might be interested in Rotary and be good contributors to Rotary.

As it's the responsibility of All Rotarians to help build membership, Martin asked that All members propose names of Appropriate people to the membership Committee, who would then do the rest. He also encouraged members to invite potential members along to meetings so they could get a first-hand taste of Rotary.

Martin reported on comments made at the recent Membership Conference in Canberra regarding "Z Clubs" which focussed their recruiting on specific age groups, such as 25-40 year-olds. Members of these new Z clubs, like Adelaide Edge, acknowledge that in time they will become clubs of 45-60 year-olds. The concept of continually establishing "greenfields" clubs will inevitably have the effect of degrading existing clubs. The optimum approach for sustaining club vitality, effectiveness and longevity is to have a broad range of ages within a club. We also need to make a conscious effort to increase the female content of our club as well as lower our average age, which is currently in the upper 50s.

The issue of Attendance was also discussed at the Membership Conference; it was considered to be a sacred cow that should be killed-off. Indeed, consideration should be given to people's business and family commitments and, instead of emphasising attendance, we should value Rotarians' commitment when they can attend Rotary meetings and can participate in Rotary programs and projects. We should also develop opportunities for "friends of Rotary" to participate in programs and projects, such as the upcoming Family Fireworks fundraiser.

Guest Speakers: Lauren Sperring & Natalie Moore

Chairman for the evening Joan Reed introduced our guest speakers, indigenous Health Scholarship students Lauren Sperring and Natalie Moore. Joan mentioned that she had been a guest speaker at a recent Congress for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Seminar where she spoke on Tuberculosis in Indigenous Groups and referred in her introduction to the Indigenous Health Scholarship Program. Several people subsequently expressed interest in the Program and Joan is now in the process of providing them with information on how to apply in their States of residence.

Lauren Sperring is in her first year of Medicine at the University of Adelaide and is co-sponsored by Dr Helen Sage. Lauren's great grandmother was a member of the Wirangu people from around Streaky Bay.

Lauren began by thanking the club for sponsoring her and for inviting her to the club meeting and saying how important it is to her to have people supporting her through the difficult Medicine course. Lauren had always had an interest in science and had thought of being a vet. She had thought that her grades might prevent her getting into medicine and so leaned towards science and teaching, because she really wanted to work with people. During Year 12 Lauren began to get involved with her indigenous background. Following discussions with the Aboriginal Education Worker at her school Lauren opted to do her year 12 over two years. She feels that this, along with success in entrance exams and interviews, enabled her to get into medicine, to her great surprise and delight. Last year Lauren applied for and got into a one-week seminar on medicine for indigenous students, which was held in Sydney and sparked a strong interest in being involved in indigenous health. Lauren has also been supported by the Wilto Yerlo Centre for Australian



L to R: Natalie Moore, Lauren Sperring, Chandra Sluggett and Joan Reed

Indigenous Research and Studies Adelaide University. Normally a very quiet person, Lauren has found that being in medicine has improved her confidence a lot due to the many presentations she has had to give. Studying medicine took some getting used to; the course is unlike other courses in that everything is integrated into one big course instead of being taught in individual subjects. She has about 30 contact hours per week, plus up to 10 hours of tutorials through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tutoring Assistance Scheme, plus homework and study. She enjoyed her hospital visits and hearing people's stories and is looking forward to more opportunities for involvement and experience in indigenous health.

Natalie Moore is in her third year of her Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedics) degree course at Flinders University. Natalie's great grandmother on her father's side was a member of the small Nyikina tribe from the small town of Derby near Broome.

Natalie's paramedics course is three years full time followed by a 12-16 month internship. The comprises compulsory lectures, smaller group tutorials, scenario-based tutorials to help students develop their problem solving skills, a variety of "work experience" placements in emergency settings, cardio, and Communications Centre, etc. Her course is recognised internationally. In addition to the usual reasons like "saving lives" and "making a difference", what attracted Natalie to paramedics was the variety of work and situations she would encounter each day, the life-long learning experience and the challenges that would come her way.

Not all paramedical work is emergency based; much of it is setting people's minds at ease, helping elderly people who have had falls, referring people to appropriate services, and some unnecessary call-outs where an ambulance is not really required. Ambulance work is not all about driving fast with flashing lights and sirens and ignoring traffic lights and speed limits. But the job can be very stressful and the stress needs to be managed, especially when motorists start braking as soon as they see an ambulance in their rear vision mirror.

Natalie will complete her degree at the end of this year and she has been successful in obtaining a 15-month internship with SA Ambulance next year, starting in January. During her internship she will begin with non-emergency patient transport for 6-8 weeks, followed by a mix of emergency and patient transfer work, then full-on emergency work at which time she will be one of a two member crew with the full roles and responsibilities that entails. Natalie is considering doing her honours year during her internship, completing a Registered Nursing degree and subsequently doing a PhD researching use of drugs and other aspects of the pre-hospital setting, ultimately becoming an intensive care paramedic.

Chairman Joan presented Unley Rotary pens to Lauren and Natalie, for writing prescriptions etc. Many thanks to Chandra Sluggett for arranging for Lauren and Natalie to speak to the club; we look forward to their next update.

Jerry's Jottings



Tuesday's meeting generated controversy in relation to the handling of the membership report and its presentation to the club. While I do not agree that we need to admonish the club for a lack of activity, the key to increased future success is in building our numbers. We have an opportunity for some really exciting programmes this year that will demand many hours of support and set a path for the club to better serve the community and Rotary generally. To do this we need to continue to grow a strong and vibrant membership. Above all else we need unity in our purpose and thinking.

The members of the Rotary Club of Unley have demonstrated that they are prepared to put in the effort needed both in the past, currently and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the future.

We all know people, they do not have to be friends, who would be good members of Rotary, who would benefit from membership and who would give good support to the club and its programmes. Give us a name and a contact number; we'll do the rest.

I am sorry that the report left a bad feeling with some members; we do have a great club, with great meetings and as I said on Tuesday some great mates. I would like to put the controversy behind us and look forward to a bit of fun on Sunday at the BBQ, I hope everyone will try and make it.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
23/09/08	ABC Studios, Collinswood	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to the ABC Studios + Dinner at Hampstead Hotel	NA	NA	Janet Singh & Chandra Sluggett
26/09/08	ABC Studios, Collinswood	10am to 12.15pm	Second group visit to the ABC Studios	NA	NA	NA
30/09/08	Belair Park Country Club	6 for 6.15pm	Visiting GSE Team from D7710 North Carolina	John Peacham	NA	Anne Wehr & Stephen Westgarth
07/10/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker	David Payne	Greg McLeod	Anne & Mark Zada
14/10/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Nancy Baldock: "Tracing Your Family Tree"	Neesha Nandasena	Greg McLeod	Natalie Bowen & Lindsay England

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: September-October 2008

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

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Rotary News

What's in a ShelterBox?

The essentials: Dry shelter, warm bed, clean water and cooking supplies. Contents vary as needed.



The Water Future for S.A. From the D9520 District Governor's Newsletter – August 08

On Saturday, 28th June 2008, the Rotary Club of Kent Town conducted a Water Forum at the St Peters Concert Hall. Approximately 100 people attended to hear a cross section of experienced speakers discuss the extent of the problems associated with the Murray. It is evident that South Australia is increasing its average maximum and minimum temperatures whilst the average rainfalls continue to decline. As a result plans are being designed to waterproof Adelaide's water supply past 2025, and also to address the immediate

plight of the Murray, particularly below Blanchetown. Recent inflows to the Murray are 68% down on average. Details of the work being undertaken by SA Water, regarding the Government's proposed Desalination Plant, were also explained in detail.

A representative from the Salisbury Council outlined the world class Wetland and Aquifer Recharge projects that have been running for some 20 years. This helps capture a large volume of storm water run off from escaping to the sea; one has to wonder why other councils aren't replicating this success. The Chair, SA Murray Irrigators, explained how local landholders were paying outrageous prices for just enough water to keep their crops alive, only to find that next season it was all over. His use of a bag of oranges to illustrate the pittance that growers receive compared to the huge "cut" enjoyed by middlemen, earned him a standing ovation.

The final speaker, Senator Nick Xenophon, spoke of the decades of mismanagement by the majority of State Governments, and put the Federal Government on notice that he would be focusing on the plight of the Murray when he assumed his position from the 1st July 2008. Everybody left the meeting totally convinced that the problem of the Murray is far more serious than anyone fully appreciates. Rotary received good coverage as Channel 9, The Advertiser and The Sunday Mail had representatives present throughout the Forum.

Jokes for the Week

A Bit of Church Humour for You

Those Wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins.

- ▶ The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- ▶ The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- ▶ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ▶ The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- ▶ Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- ▶ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ▶ Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- ▶ The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: 'Break Forth Into Joy.'
- ▶ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- ▶ At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ▶ Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- ▶ Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00PM; prayer and medication to follow.
- ▶ The Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- ▶ Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- ▶ The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- ▶ Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- ▶ The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- ▶ This evening at 7PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- ▶ Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday at 10AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- ▶ Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7PM. Please use the back door.
- ▶ The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- ▶ Weight Watchers will meet at 7PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.
- ▶ The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

Thanks to Jerry Casburn for this contribution

Get to the Back of the Queue

It was the day of the big sale. Rumours of the sale (and some advertising in the local paper) were the main reason for the long queue that formed in front of the shop by 9:00am, the shop's opening time.

A small man pushed his way to the front of the queue, only to be pushed back, amid loud and colourful curses. On the man's second attempt, he was punched square in the jaw and knocked around a bit and then thrown to the end of the queue again.

As he got up the second time, he complained to the person at the end of the queue, "That does it! If they hit me one more time, I'm not opening the shop!"



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
Make Dreams Real