

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3632 – 7 October 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.	3632
Date	7 October 2008
Venue	The Old Orphanage
Guest Speaker	John Callaghan: "Trade Schools of the Future"
Chairperson	Stephen Baker
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Jennifer Casburn, Janet Plumb, Heather Kilsby
Apologies	Bob Mills, Mavis Martin
Makeups	Bob Mills (3/10 at Thrift Shop), Mavis Martin (30/9 UK), Geoff Hill (28/9 District Committee Meeting)
Returning Rotarians	Lindsay England, Stephen Baker, Shelia Evans
Attendance	83%
Birthdays & Anniversaries	Birthday: Mavis Martin (29/9); Inductions: Stephen Westgarth (10/10)

President Jerry's Announcements

1. To keep you up to date we have 9 returns for the survey being conducted on the way the club is run. This is pretty pathetic from a membership in excess of thirty active members and forty members in total. I will arrange to have the survey sent out again. If you haven't completed your input yet, **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** do so and return copies to **Janet Singh**. It only takes ten minutes.
2. A reminder that the Club's Christmas Dinner meeting will be on 16 December at Mount Osmond Golf Club.
3. Great Southern Rail is offering a Two-for-One deal that on The Ghan and Indian Pacific trains. Details of this deal will be published in the Bulletin (see below).
4. David Pisoni has invited members to a garden party with guest speaker Hon Julie Bishop MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Treasurer, with introduction by State Liberal Leader Martin Hamilton-Smith. See the Bulletin (below) for details.
5. We are invited to a Rotary Club of Marion fundraiser, which is a DriWash'nGuard Waterless Carwash Demonstration on Saturday, 29 November 2008 at 10am-2pm at Racquets SA, South Road, opposite Mitsubishi. Entry is by a gold coin donation towards purchasing Shelter Boxes. Refreshments/Lunch supplied. For bookings/enquiries ring Robyn Erskine on 8277 0643.

New Member Induction: Janet Plumb

Lindsay England formally introduced Janet Plumb to the Club. Janet is a sales manager with five grown up children. She came to Adelaide 18 months ago from Boston USA where she lived and worked as a sales manager for 25 years. Originally from Melbourne, Janet came to Adelaide because she has a son and daughter and grandchildren living here and she wanted to be close to them.

President Jerry inducted Janet into membership of the Rotary Club of Unley with the classification of Furniture Retailing. Janet was presented with her Rotary pin by Lindsay and her dinner plaque, membership certificate and Rotary information were presented to her by Pres Jerry. Janet will serve on the Community Service Committee for the remainder of this Rotary year and Lindsay England will be her "buddy" to help her find her way around Rotary.

Welcome Janet.



Janet Plumb with Lindsay England and Pres. Jerry Casburn

Spots

Bob Laws reported that the Thrift Shop needs bric-a-brac for sale and asked Rotarians to help by sourcing more donations of goods.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant for October, Greg McLeod, wasn't in a joking mood, i.e. he didn't tell a single joke, but some of the fines were funny while others were simply laughable. Jim Newall won the wine and Stephen Baker won the Lucky Square.

RCU Member Andrew Hill: About Myself

Andrew Hill was born in the UK. He reckons the English think he's Australian, Australians think he's English and Americans think he's South African; he wonders about the Americans. As a young boy of 10 he immigrated to Australia with his parents. He thought the country was wonderful but his '£10 Pom' parents didn't. After a short stay in Cabramatta the family came to Adelaide and he grew up in Elizabeth, a wonderful place to live, went to school there and thoroughly enjoyed it. Andrew went away for a few months and stayed away for 30 years. While in the UK he got married and had four children. At the end of 30 years he got divorced and returned to Australia.

Andrew's father encouraged him to get a trade and so he joined the PMG as an apprentice training to be a Telephone Exchange Technician. When he went back to the UK he worked for British Telecom, again in telephone exchanges. During that time he obtained an honours degree in communications and computer engineering. He worked for BT for 12 years finishing up as one of the designers of a computerised telephone exchange and network. After leaving BT he worked as a Sales Executive in the computer industry selling tape drive systems, which he enjoyed. After two years he formed his own company dealing in computer peripherals, notably Winchester disk drives (some of us actually knew what those were), which are now commonly known as hard disk drives.

Andrew then began funding the development of his own products, initially in the telecoms area, but then went into disk array controllers. This led to the formation of his company in the USA, based in Boston, a "good???" choice of office location because he spent most of his time in California and the Mid West. His UK company ceased trading in 1995 and he spent most of his time in the USA. After a short spell he renewed an acquaintance with an interior designer who worked in London and got involved in building renovation in central London. After three years he decided to return to Adelaide in 2000 bringing with him his two youngest children, twins Emma and Paul then aged 14. They finished their schooling here and recently obtained their degrees. Andrew and his children agree that Australia is still a wonderful place to bring up children and a wonderful place to live.

Andrew considered himself a deeply religious man. He was involved in the church for 30 years and once ran for office as a lay member on the General Synod for the Church of England representing the Oxford Diocese, but didn't get elected (his views on many issues, e.g. women being ordained into ministry, were rather ahead of their time). It often surprised him when people asked how he could be so religious and be a businessman; it seems many people see business people as being corrupt and thieving (and a lot of them are, of course). The two virtues that Andrew values most in religion and business are honesty and integrity.

Guest Speaker – John Callaghan: "Trade Schools of the Future"

At this the first meeting of Vocational Service Month in the Rotary calendar our Chairman for the evening, Stephen Baker, introduced our guest speaker John Callaghan. John, known in the trade as JJ, is both a qualified and licensed plumber and an accomplished country singer/songwriter. He was the former educational manager for the School of Plumbing Services at TAFE SA Regency Campus. With qualifications in education, administration, business management and human resources, he was at the plumbing school for 13 years, both in the classroom and on the job with apprentices. John set up successful pilot pre-vocational plumbing programs in Mount Gambier and Port Lincoln and has served on many plumbing industry reference groups on a state and national level. John is a School to Work Apprenticeship Broker for Inner South Adelaide Metro and spoke to us about the SA Government's Trade Schools for the Future program.

What are Trade Schools for the Future? Trade Schools for the Future enable students to gain practical skills for work while they are still at school. Ten lead schools have been created across South Australia and are designed to assist in delivering hands-on, practical training in areas where skilled people are needed. Students will be able to achieve their South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) while learning skills and working toward industry-accredited qualifications in areas that include:

- Manufacturing (e.g. machine operator, welder, metal fabricator);
- Electrotechnology (e.g. electrician, electrical systems maintenance technician, refrigeration and air-conditioning mechanic);
- Engineering (e.g. fitter and turner, plant mechanic, metal machinist);
- Automotive industry (e.g. auto mechanic, diesel mechanic, heavy mobile equipment mechanic);
- Mining resources (e.g. construction trades – carpenter, plumber, mine equipment operator, drilling operator); and
- Community services / health (e.g. child care worker, aged care worker, health technician).

Some areas of industry accreditation:



Automotive



Electrotechnology



Light Industry



Manufacturing

Each trade school will tap into TAFE and other vocational education and training organisations to provide nationally accredited and industry recognised courses.

How they Work: A student does an apprenticeship or training while still at school, spending the week days involved in a combination of school, work and skills training at a TAFE or other training provider. The aim of a school-based apprenticeship is to provide children with valuable, hands-on industry experience so they have a better chance of entering the workforce. 'School to Work' Apprenticeship Brokers, based at each Trade School for the Future lead school, help connect students with local industry and business. They work to increase the number of apprenticeships and skilled job opportunities available for all students. The Apprenticeship Brokers also make sure that contracts of training for young people are fair and reasonable for everyone involved. They work with employers and training providers to support students in completing apprenticeships after they leave school.

Work Skills & Qualifications: A student can study towards a Certificate II, III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma, undertaking their trade skills studies under a contract of training as an Australian School Based Apprenticeship. The contract of training sets out their conditions of employment while involved in the trade school program. It is expected that a student undertaking a school based apprenticeship will complete about 30 per cent of a Certificate III qualification over two years. The aim is to ensure all young people involved obtain skills, work and careers that have a real future, while industry and South Australia build a better skilled workforce.

Eligibility: All Secondary school students in State Government schools will be eligible to enrol into a Trade School for the Future. Students in non-government schools will also be able to access services by negotiation. Each Trade School for the Future connects a network of local schools with secondary enrolments. A Work Skills Centre for each of the 10 trade schools will be the administration hub for the network of schools, training providers and industry in a local area.

Chairman Stephen thanked John Callaghan for the insight into Trade Schools for the Future and presented him with a Rotary Club of Unley pen.



Chairman Stephen with John JJ Callaghan

Jerry's Jottings



It was great to have John Callaghan talking to the club this week about Trade Schools for the Future. I believe this is a good avenue for the club to become more involved in Vocational and Youth activities locally. Courtesy of David Pisoni I met with them in August and they were keen for us to become involved in a programme of mock interviews. I think we may also be able to extend this to some form of apprenticeship awards as suggested by **Mavis Martin** and the Vocational team from last year.

I see the value as an ability to build a relationship both with the local high schools and local businesses which may in turn lead to greater interest in Rotary and its activities. Once **Stephen Baker** gets his feet under the table as Vocational Director we'll discuss this.

Jenn and I along with 11 other Rotarians, partners and friends will be following the trail to Mount Gambier and the conference next week. I am looking forward to a few days' fun and fellowship. We will keep you posted on how we fare.

See you Tuesday and **DON'T FORGET THE SURVEY!!!!**

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
14/10/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Nancy Baldock: "Tracing Your Family Tree"	Neesha Nandasena	Greg McLeod	Natalie Bowen & Lindsay England
21/10/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	Jim Newall	Greg McLeod	Glenys Ferguson & Ken Haines
28/10/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Michelle Smith: "SA Police Officer of the Year - 2007"	Bob Mullins	Greg McLeod	Geoff Hill & Geoff Howland
Monday 03/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Melbourne Cup Calcutta Partners Night	Bob Mills	Bob Laws	Alex Jonson & Jim Newall

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

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.

Diary Dates

16 – 19 Oct District Conference in Mt Gambier
16 Dec Christmas Dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club
Wed 24 Dec Joint Breakfast Meeting at Sturt Club



The members of the Rotary Club of Unley extend sincere sympathies to Vic Grove (Rotary Club of Mitcham) and family on the recent passing of their beloved wife and mother, Jeanette.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: October–November 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
2	11/10/08	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	18/10/08	Glenys Ferguson & Anne Wehr	Joan Reed, Ron Schubert & Kevin Rogers
4	25/10/08	Colin Schirmer & Chandra Sluggett	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines
1	01/11/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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Rotary Youth Programmes in District 9520

Australian Business Week (ABW)

ABW exposes Year 12 students from across the state, to a range of stimulating experiences through an intensive, one-week immersion in the management of a simulated company. In teams of ten, students form a "company", appoint a CEO and must develop and launch a new product with a written plan, a promotional video, a trade display and a business pitch.

Health of the River Forum

The Health of the River Forum is a project of the Rotary Clubs in the Sunraysia area (D9520 Group 1) and celebrated its 10th anniversary in April 2008. The program is run annually in partnership with the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre at Lake Cullulleraine some 60 kms west of Mildura. It caters for year 9 and 10 students from Secondary Colleges within the District and runs for three days and three nights. Students are encouraged to seek sponsorship from Rotary Clubs close to their schools and, at the conclusion of the Camp, the sponsoring Club awards a certificate to the student at a club meeting, allowing the student to tell about the Forum. Cost per student is approximately \$180 including bus, accommodation and meals.

National Youth Science Forum (NYF)

The National Youth Science Forum is a two-week program organised by Rotary for students who have just completed year 11 and may be planning a career in science, engineering or technology. The NYSF is an aid to selecting a career path and familiarising the student with occupations related to their Science interests. The NYSF is held annually at the Canberra University in January. www.nysf.edu.au

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award is a weeklong leadership training seminar designed for selected adults aged between 18 and 25 years old. It is conducted by Rotary District 9520 and awardees live as guests with participating Rotarians for the course of the week. The week encourages students with leadership potential to excel in Public Speaking, Leadership skills and Communication skills.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is a weekend seminar designed for young people aged 15-17 years. At RYPEN the awardees are presented with a variety of experiences that will help them develop the interpersonal, social and leadership skills that are needed to make a success of life. It is also a fun weekend where awardees make a lot of new friends.

The Siemens Science Experience (TSSE)

The Siemens Science Experience is a National Programme which, in SA, is located at the three Universities. It gives year 10 students a chance to meet and listen to distinguished scientists and engineers, watch and perform interesting experiments and to join in discussions on career opportunities in Science. It is held over 3 days in January during the summer holidays and is supported by Rotary Clubs across the country. www.scienceexperience.com.au

Rotary Youth Exchange (STYE and LTYE)

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program involves 15-16 year old students who are selected to travel to another country and live with like-minded Rotarian "foster" parents, as their own children, for 3 months (short-term) or a year (long term). Both sponsoring and host clubs monitor the student's progress during their time away. Visit the Youth Exchange website: www.rotaryyouth9520.com.

Rotary Youth Wellbeing (RYWELL)

Creating an opportunity for disadvantaged youth. RYWELL organises a series of activities and camps for disadvantaged youth. The committee works in conjunction with Rylerians and a youth agency (i.e. FAYS) to plan a camp over weekends. This gives disadvantaged youth an opportunity to experience different reactions to their behaviour, receive positive reinforcement and be involved in positive conflict resolution.

Australian Student Mineral Venture (ASMV)

The Australian Student Mineral Venture scheme encompasses a regionally based series of "summer schools" held in January each year focused on giving an introduction to the minerals industry to senior secondary schools (years 10, 11, 12). Its structure is not dissimilar to the NYSF, although it is not a Rotary-sponsored project. The ventures have been run successfully since 1994. Details can be found at: www.asmv.org.

Jokes for the Week

Career Management 101

The Situation:

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing.

A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, 'Can I also sit like you and do nothing?'

The eagle answered: 'Sure, why not.'

So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

The Lesson:

To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Thanks to Ron Schubert for this contribution



Swimming with Crocodiles

Once there was a millionaire who collected live crocodiles. He kept them in the pool in the back of his mansion.

The millionaire also had a beautiful daughter who was single. One day he decided to throw a huge party, during which he announced: "My dear guests, I have a proposition to every man here. I will give \$1 million or my daughter to the man that can swim across this pool full of crocodiles and emerge unharmed!"

As soon as he finished his last word there was the sound of a large splash! There was one man in the pool swimming with all his might, the crowd cheered him on as he kept stroking. Finally, he made it to the other side unharmed.

The millionaire was impressed. He said, "My boy, that was incredible! Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well, I must keep my end of the bargain, which do you want my daughter or the \$1 million?"

The man replied, "Listen, I don't want your money, and I don't want your daughter! I just want the bloke who pushed me in that water!"

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DAVID PISONI MP

State Member for Unley

An invitation from Unley SEC to
a Garden Party

on

Friday 14 November

in the garden of

79 Northgate Street Unley Park

6.00pm-8.00pm

NON SMOKING EVENT

Guest Speaker

Hon Julie Bishop MP

Deputy Opposition Leader, Shadow Treasurer

Introduction by State Liberal Leader

Martin Hamilton-Smith MP

Cost \$95 per person

RSVP before Friday 7 November 2008

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Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real