

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3633 – 14 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.	3633
Date	14 October 2008
Venue	The Old Orphanage
Guest Speaker	Nancy Baldock: "Tracing Your Family Tree"
Chairperson	Jim Newall
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Jenn Casburn, Malentie Pandilovski
Apologies	Lindsay England, Mavis Martin, Bob Mills
Sick List	Everyone fit and well
Returning Rotarians	Norm Wallace

President Jerry's Announcements

1. The **Rotary Club of Unley** will be holding a Club **BBQ & Games Day** at The Orphanage Tennis Court on Sunday 9 November from noon to 4pm. Bring your own BBQ meat, drinks, chairs, tennis racquets, games (boche), etc. Families and partners welcome.
2. The **Rotary Club of Glen Osmond** is holding a **Quiz Night** on Saturday 8 November at "On Statenborough", Coopers Avenue, Leabrook. The cost is \$10 per person. Lots of prizes plus a Monster Sponsored "On Statenborough" Raffle. Proceeds will go towards PolioPlus. Bring your own snacks and nibbles. Drinks available at the bar (BYO also available at a nominal corkage fee). Parking is available in Statenborough Street and "On Statenborough" is between Tusmore Avenue and Glynburn Road. If we can make up a party of 8 people we should email Bryan Pointon on bryan_bj@bigpond.net.au or phone 0417 855 488 to reserve a table.
3. The Club had a **Special Project** in mind for this year to **Repaint the Rotunda**. However, Bob Mullins has been in contact with the Unley Council about this and due to occupational health and safety considerations the Council, having agreed that need to repaint the rotunda, has engaged a professional contractor to do the job. Hopefully the job will have been completed in time for the Carols.

Pres. Jerry is open to suggestions for a replacement Community Project that would give us what the rotunda project would have given, opportunities for fun, fellowship and doing something for the community.



Spots

1. **Joan Reed:** The Fundraising Committee is looking at doing a **Valentine's Day Ball** on 14 February next year as a joint International -Fundraising event, hopefully at the Unley Town Hall. The Tamarask Band has been booked for the event. Joan asked members to look into getting tables of 6-8 people together. So get your 'glad rags' out!
2. **Joan Reed** has received an invitation for a **Scandinavian Night** at the Scandinavian Hall in O.G. Road, Klemzig. Tables of 10 are available and Joan has reserved one table so far. Cost is \$25 per head. Roast duck or chicken with organic vegetables.

Sergeant's Session

At last Sergeant Greg McLeod stopped holding back with the jokes and gave us two; in between he fined the perpetrators of unlikely misdemeanours quite heavily. Rex Martin won the wine and Jennifer Casburn won the Lucky Square.

Community Service Report – Reno Elms

Rotarians will be excited to learn that this year's Carols at the Rotunda will be held on 14 December. Christmas is fast approaching with Christmas decorations already going up in Hutt Street and the CBD. Plans are well in hand for this year's event and Reno has been overwhelmed by the support received from members of the club with the staging and running of the Carols. As last year's event strategy worked so well, we will probably go with the same strategy this year. The Community Service Committee will contact everybody to see if they'd like to do the same job again and also get members' feedback on how roles might be improved.

Reno expressed his thanks to last year's Community Committee for making the 2007 event such a success and for all the groundwork they have done for this year's event. The Club banner has again been booked for display across Unley Road for 2-3 weeks this year to help with raising the Club's profile. We have a new bandmaster for the Army Band this year; his name is Dean Griffith and he has some great ideas for putting some additional flair into the evening.

Guest Speaker – Nancy Baldock: "Tracing Your Family Tree"

Chairman for the evening Jim Newall introduced our guest speaker Nancy Baldock to talk to us about "Tracing Your Family Tree". Nancy is the Librarian for the South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society, which began in 1973 and which she joined in 1974. She has been in charge of the library since 1976, was made a Fellow of the Society in 1980 and a Life Member in 2000. Nancy enjoys helping people solve their family history problems.

The South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society was formed by Dr. Reid and others to promote and encourage the pursuit of family history and allied subjects. Over the years the society's library has been located in a number of places, including as far distant as Tarlee, but is now situated at 201 Unley Road, Unley close to bus stop 5.

Over the years the Society has built up an extensive collection of records; many as a result of projects undertaken by Society volunteers. The Cemetery Index contains details transcribed from the headstones and burial registers of most of the cemeteries in South Australia. Society publications include:

- **Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-1885*** (a SA sesqui-centenary project in 1986);
- **South Australians 1836-1885*** (an Australian bi-centennial project in 1996); and
- **A Free Passage to Paradise** (lists applicants for a free passage to SA)

The Society's membership of over 2,800 makes it the largest family history society in South Australia. While the majority of member live in SA, many others are from other Australian states and territories and overseas.

Nancy outlined the role of the Society and how it can help people wishing to trace their family tree, often for important medical reasons or to find birth parents. Besides describing the process of going about recording one's family tree, she described the many sources of documents available to assist with tracing ancestry as well as the limitations of some sources; in these cases the help of an experienced genealogist can make a big difference.

Throughout her talk Nancy responded to a great many questions to Rotarians curious about different aspects of family information that could be obtained from historical documents and public records.

Chairman Jim thanked Nancy for her interesting talk and presented her with an Unley Rotary pen to use for documenting family trees.

Note: * CD versions of these publications are available for purchase.



Nancy Baldock

Jerry's Jottings



At the end of this week a contingent of Unley Rotarians and partners will be heading southeast to Mount Gambier for the District 9520 Conference. We are looking forward to a stimulating program of plenary sessions and speakers as well as the opportunity to meet Rotarians from the other 57 clubs in District 9520.

No doubt we'll make the most of the opportunity to take in the sights and attractions in and around Mount Gambier and perhaps try some limestone coast wines. Hopefully a report on the Conference can be given to members at next week's Club Assembly.

Next week we are fortunate to have one of our newer members, Stephen Baker, giving us a talk on the current financial crisis, which should be very interesting.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Diary Dates

Mon 3 Nov	Melbourne Cup Calcutta at The Old Orphanage
Sun 9 Nov	Games Day at Orphanage Tennis court: Noon to 4pm, BYOE
Tue 25 Nov	Quiz Night at The Old Orphanage
Tue 16 Dec	Christmas Dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club
Wed 24 Dec	Joint Breakfast Meeting with Hyde Park and Eastwood Clubs at the Sturt Club; 7 for 7.30am

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
21/10/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly & Stephen Baker: "The Current Financial Crisis"	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 & David Payne
11/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Such MP: "Food Labelling in Supermarkets"	David Middleton	Bob Laws	Mavis Martin & Greg McLeod

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.

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
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	1/11/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	8/11/08	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Ken Haines & David Middleton

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Rotary News

Group 6 Report

From the DG's October Newsletter

The presidents of clubs in Group 6 have set up a line of communication that ensures information and ideas for potential projects are regularly exchanged. AG Roy Armstrong and his team of presidents recently met and decided that each president should try and do a make-up at another club in their Group to observe and gather ideas that may assist the running of their own club.

The Group is also investigating the possibility of developing a joint project that relates to a local sporting area. Working together may result in this project becoming a reality. They are also looking at organizing a "Group Fellowship Day" that would bring together everyone who had been associated with (or still is) with one of the clubs in the Group. The function would encourage and promote the Four Avenues of Service. The Group is to be commended for their forward thinking ideas.

GSE Teams

From the DG's October Newsletter

The team for North Carolina arrived on Saturday 27th September. They will remain in our District until October 28th. An extensive program has been organized for them with host clubs Brownhill Creek, Onkaparinga, Mildura Deakin, Berri, Morialta, Victor Harbor and Glenelg. The team will also attend the District Conference in Mount Gambier where they will make a presentation. The blog site address for updates of GSE Team activities and thoughts of the GSE Team from North Carolina is <http://smithfieldrotary.org/blog/>.

The GSE Team from D9520 to visit North Carolina in April and May 2009 has been selected and is already eagerly preparing for its visit. Team members are: Rtn Margaret Northcote, RC of Campbelltown, Team Leader; Scott Endersby, married, a Real Estate Agent, sponsored by the RC of Edwardstown; Kelly Fyfe, mother of two children, a Project Officer working in Water Management, sponsored by the RC of Mildura Deakin; Tim Gilchrist, single, the Manager of Programs and events at the S.A. Museum, sponsored by the RC of Kent Town; Corey Pearson, married with one child, a Police Officer involved in Crime Scene Investigation, sponsored by the RC of Blackwood. Briefings have been held with the team who were selected from a strong field of applicants.



The GSE Team from North Carolina with a koala at Cleland Wildlife Park.

Jokes for the Week

Bill Gates in Heaven

When Bill Gates died, he went up to Heaven, where Saint Peter showed him to his new home; a beautiful 20-room house with grounds and a tennis court. Bill Gates was pleased, and spent many months enjoying the amenities of Heaven.

One day, he was enjoying one of Heaven's many fine parks, when he ran into a man dressed in a fine tailored suit.

"That is a nice suit, my friend," said Gates. "Where did you get it?"

"Actually," the man replied, "I was given a hundred of these when I got here. I've been treated really well. I got a mansion on a hill overlooking a beautiful valley, with a huge five-hundred acre estate, a golf course, and three Rolls Royces."

"Were you a Pope, or a doctor healing the sick?" asked Gates.

"No," said his new friend, "Actually, I was the captain of the Titanic."

Hearing this made Gates so angry that he immediately stormed off to find St. Peter.

Cornering Peter, he told him about the man he had just met, saying, "How could you give me a paltry new house, while you're showering new cars, a mansion, and fine suits on the Captain of the Titanic? I invented the Windows operating system! Why does he deserve better?!!!!!"

"True," Peter replied, "but the Titanic only crashed once."

The Joy of Gym.....

This is dedicated to everyone who ever attempted to get into a regular workout routine.

Dear Diary... For my fortieth birthday this year, my wife (the dear) purchased a week of personal training at the local health club for me. Although I am still in great shape since playing football 25 years ago, I decided it would be a good idea to go ahead and give it a try. I called the club and made my reservations with a personal trainer named Belinda, who identified herself as a 26-year-old aerobics instructor and model for athletic clothing and swimwear. My wife seemed pleased with my enthusiasm to get started! The club encouraged me to keep a diary to chart my progress.....

Monday: Started my day at 6:00am. Tough to get out of bed, but found it was well worth it when I arrived at the health club to find Belinda waiting for me. She is something of a Greek goddess - with blond hair, dancing eyes and a dazzling white smile. Woo Hoo!! Belinda gave me a tour and showed me the machines. She took my pulse after five minutes on the treadmill. She was alarmed that my pulse was so fast, but I attribute it to standing next to her in her Lycra aerobic outfit. I enjoyed watching the skilful way in which she conducted her aerobics class after my workout today. Very inspiring. Belinda was encouraging as I did my sit-ups, although my gut was already aching from holding it in the whole time she was around. This is going to be a FANTASTIC week!!

Tuesday: I drank five cups of coffee, but I finally made it out the door. Belinda made me lie on my back and push a heavy iron bar into the air - then she put weights on it! My legs were a little wobbly on the treadmill, but I made the full kilometre. Belinda's rewarding smile made it all worthwhile. I feel GREAT!! It's a whole new life for me.

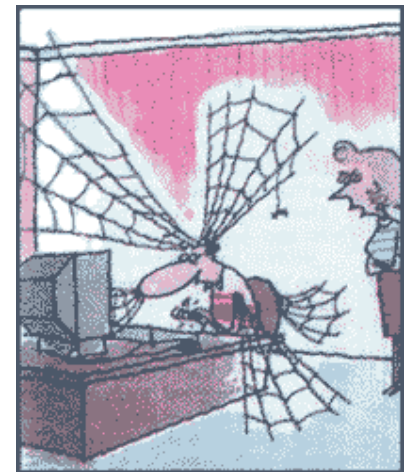
Wednesday: The only way I can brush my teeth is by lying on the toothbrush on the vanity unit and moving my mouth back and forth over it. I believe I have a hernia in both pectorals. Driving was OK as long as I didn't try to steer or stop. I parked in a disabled zone in the club parking lot. Belinda was impatient with me, insisting that my screams bothered other club members. Her voice is a little too perky for early in the morning and when she scolds, she gets this nasally whine that is VERY annoying. My chest hurt when I got on the treadmill, so Belinda put me on the stair monster. Why the hell would anyone invent a machine to simulate an activity rendered obsolete by elevators? Belinda told me it would help me get in shape and enjoy life. She said some other shit too.

Thursday: Belinda was waiting for me with her vampire-like teeth exposed as her thin, cruel lips were pulled back in a full snarl. I couldn't help being a half an hour late it took me that long to tie my shoes. Belinda took me to work out with dumbbells. When she was not looking, I ran and hid in the men's room. She sent Lars to find me, then, as punishment, put me on the rowing machine - which I sank.

Friday: I hate that bitch Belinda more than any human being has ever hated any other human being in the history of the world; stupid, skinny, anaemic little cheerleader. If there were a part of my body I could move without unbearable pain, I would beat her with it. Belinda wanted me to work on my triceps. I don't have triceps! And if you don't want dents in the floor, don't hand me the *&%(#&***!!@*@ barbells or anything that weighs more than a sandwich (which I am sure you learned in the sadist school you attended and graduated with honours). The treadmill flung me off and I landed on a health and nutrition teacher. Why couldn't it have been someone softer, like the drama coach or the choir director?

Saturday: Belinda left a message on my answering machine in her grating, shrilly voice wondering why I did not show up today. Just hearing her made me want to smash the machine with my planner. However, I lacked the strength to even use the TV remote and ended up catching eleven straight hours of the Weather Channel.

Sunday: I'm having the Church van pick me up for services today so I can go and thank GOD that this week is over. I will also pray that next year my wife (the bitch) will choose a gift for me that is fun - like a root canal or a vasectomy.



" I THINK YOU'VE BEEN
SPENDING ENTIRELY TOO
MUCH TIME ONLINE !"

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real