

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3640 – 2 December 2008

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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.	3640
Date	2 December 2008
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Brian Cartwright: "2008 Rotary-BEAM Literacy Project in the Philippines"
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bob Laws
Chairperson	Geoff Howland
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Genese Mullins, Pauline Daly, Ken Daly, Rose Howland, Brian Cartwright, Sally Cartwright, Jenn Casburn, Byrendra Bhandari of the Rotaract Club of Dillibazar, Nepal (via Parkside), Robert Blenkiron of the RC Barossa Valley (Dried Fruit Processing)
Apologies	Ron Schubert, Joan Reed
Sick List	Ron Schubert (please call Joan before visiting)
Attendance	75%

President Jerry's Announcements

1. As it is now December and the start of the festive season I would like to invite all Rotarians and partners to drinks with **Jenn and me** on Sunday 21 December any time from 3pm onwards. Roll up when you like and stay for as long as you like. We'll send a separate email with directions. We'll provide wine, beer and soft drinks plus some snacks, if you want anything harder you'll have to bring it.
2. I would like to thank **Bob Laws** for organising our participation in the film afternoon at the Chelsea Cinema last Sunday. For those who haven't seen it Baz Luhrman's "Australia" is a great film. The proceeds from the afternoon went to OSSA and providing a walker for a local disabled child.
3. Next week we will be back at the Orphanage for the last time, our 2009 meetings commence at Tiffins on the Park on Tuesday 6 January 2009.



Our move means we will need to change some current practises and for catering purposes we have been asked if we can provide an estimate of numbers. **You will be assumed to be attending unless you advise otherwise, therefore, can all members please tell Bob Mullins no later than midday on Monday of each week if you will either be an apology or be bringing a guest for the following day's meeting. Can you also let him know if you will need fish as an alternative dish?**

4. Please remember that our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 13 January. Nominations for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors must be with our Secretary **Anne Wehr** by 31 December.
5. Rotary Christmas Puddings and Cakes are now available. Once again, Janet Singh is handling their distribution and sale on the club's behalf, please contact Janet with your orders.
6. There will be a **Working Bee** after next week's meeting to pack lolly bags and assemble Carols programs.

Spots

Natalie Bowen passed on a message from Joan Reed asking that Rotarians please phone her before calling in to visit Ron.

Lindsay England advised that next week the marbles used for the Wine Raffle draws will be reallocated to only those members who have actually paid for Wine Raffle participation this half-year.

Bob Laws reminded **Thrift Shop Committee** members that there will be a meeting of the Committee at Bob's home this coming Saturday morning and that our regular Thrift Shop clean up and cull **Working Bee** will be this coming Sunday. All Rotarians who can assist on Sunday would be most welcome.

Reno Elms reminded members that the “Carols at the Rotunda” event is fast approaching on Sunday 14 December. He also pleaded guilty to being featured as the President of the Rotary Club of Unley with Jerry being Vice President in an article about the Carols in the latest edition of the Eastern Messenger Press; still the angels looked cute. He thanked all Rotarians and partners who have put up their hands to help with the many jobs that need to be done before and on the day. A Community Service committee meeting will be held at the Salvation Army Church in Marion Street on Wednesday 10 December.

Bob Mullins reported that our guest speaker for next week, Darren Lehman, has not been confirmed, so we may have an emergency stand-in should Darren not be available as scheduled.

Bob did a promo for a 22-day tour being organised by the “**Friends of Penang**”. The tour departs Australia on Saturday 24 October 2009 and includes: Return economy class airfares flying Singapore Airlines, 13 nights in Penang, 2 nights in Singapore, 5 night cruise on “Superstar Virgo”, port and handling taxes, breakfast daily, airport/hotel/airport transfers, all meals on the cruise, transfers to the cruise ship, an afternoon on Sentosa Island, entrance to “Images of Singapore” and “Underwater World”, and a full documentation kit including a detailed itinerary. The cruise itinerary is Singapore-Penang-Phuket-Singapore-Malacca-Port Klang-Singapore. Cost is from \$3,599pp twin share. Bob Mullins has more detailed information for anyone interested in going on the tour. Deposits must be paid by 31 December 2008.

John Peacham: There are two vacancies for anyone wishing to attend the very popular “**Santa’s Workshop**” dinner with a “Christmas in the Snow” theme at the Convention Centre on Saturday 13 December. This is a night of great entertainment and food. Tickets are \$105 per head. Please see John if you are interested in taking up this opportunity.

Stephen Westgarth has taken over the maintenance of the **Club Members Directory** so any changes to members’ contact details should be advised to him. Updated Directories will be distributed with the Bulletin as well as being published in the Members Area of the Club’s website.

Sergeant's Session

Senior Sergeant Bob Laws, fresh from furlough, for fun, feigned felicitousness and flippantly fined four-minus-one fraternal fellows for follicular faults. Rex Martin won the wine and Stephen Westgarth won the Lucky Square.

Guest Speaker

Brian Cartwright: “2008 Rotary-BEAM Literacy Project in the Philippines”

Chairman for the evening, Geoff Howland, introduced our guest speaker Brian Cartwright. Geoff met Brian at the Donations In Kind warehouse where Brian was using his refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic’s skills to check and repair refrigeration and air conditioning equipment intended for delivery to the Philippines and other countries. Brian’s wife Sally is originally from Kapitago on the island of Mindanao, hence his initial interest in supporting the DIK program.

Brian began by passing on the thanks of the people of Mindanao for the shipment of DIK educational goods for which the Rotary Club of Unley paid the transport costs. He showed a video made by Darcy Walsh featuring the Principal of one of the schools that received computers and other DIK goods in a container shipment financed by the Rotary Club of Unley. Also featured was the President of the local Rotary Club of East Davao that handled the customs clearance of the container and the distribution of the DIK goods in the Philippines.

Brian brought along details of which schools and how many students had been helped and a number of letters of thanks from the principals and clinics that received DIK goods. The goods were distributed by the Rotary Clubs of East Davao and Waling Waling to schools according to their literacy development needs (see table).

The letters expressing heartfelt thanks that Brian brought along were from schools in Kapatagan, including:

Ramon L. Zafra, Principal of **Kapatagan Elementary School**, expressing the thanks of the teaching staff, the School Governing Council and the Parents-Teachers Association;

Ceferina Y. Cabang of the **Kapatagan Barangay Health Centre** on behalf of the community, especially the mothers and children; and

Purificacion S. Sevilla, Principal of **Katagan National High School** on behalf of the faculty and staff, officials, parents and students.

Brian described the general social and economic condition of people on Mindanao and how many people have been driven to find safety in the larger towns, away from the countryside and the insurgent fighters. After outlining the literacy needs of the Mindanaoan people he referred to the huge amount of goods still stored in the DIK warehouse here in Adelaide and the urgent need to fund the transportation of container loads to the Philippines. He also reported that previous difficulties with clearing DIK containers from the wharves had now been overcome and should not present a problem in future.

Chairman Geoff Howland thanked Brian for his presentation and presented him with an Unley Rotary pen.



Geoff Howland with Sally and Brian Cartwright

Recipients of Books and Desks			Recipients of Books, Computers & Desks		
Schools	Locations	Students	Schools	Locations	Students
F. Bangoy NHS	Sasa	2,458	JP Rizal ES	Monteverde	657
Dr. S Dakudao HS	Panacan	1,276	J Cruz ES	Panacan	859
Emilio Ramos NHS	Anglionto	1,693	Sasa ES	Sasa	1,890
Cabantian NHS	Buhangin	670	Baguio ES	Baguio District	543
Recipients of Books			Recipients of on One Computer		
Schools	Locations	Students	Schools	Locations	Students
Sir ES	Bucana	2,458	Erico Nograles NHS	NA	1,534
Cabantian NHS	Binugo	1,276	Kapatagan ES	Kapatagan	800
			Kapatagan HS	Kapatagan	1,050

Jerry's Jottings

I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting at our new venue for 2009, Tiffins on the Park. My personal view is that the facilities are great and the food exceptional for the price we are paying, remember this includes the use of the facility itself.

I have spoken to Naomi who is our liaison at Tiffins with the concerns highlighted at our meeting on Tuesday. She has agreed to provide more vegetables with the meal, possibly at the expense of a smaller meat portion. They will, on advice, provide the fish alternative and we will change the table layout next time to having no top table and providing more space in the balance of the room. It will take a while to settle into the new environment and please let me have any comments concerning changes you might like to see.

On a different subject the Carols are less than two weeks away and Reno and the Community Services team will need all the help they can get. If you are not sure how you are helping, let Reno know. This has developed into a great Community event and an opportunity to showcase Rotary.

In the meantime I hope all your preparations for the festive season are going well and don't forget to put Sunday 21st December in you diary for drinks at the Casburns (see the announcements).

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



President Jerry with Rotaractor Byrendra Bhandari from Nepal (lately Parkside)

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
09/12/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Darren Lehman: "Life After Cricket" TBC	Alex Jonson	Bob Laws	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett
16/12/08	Mount Osmond Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Christmas Dinner Meeting Partners Event	Geoff Howland	Bob Laws	John Russell & Ron Schubert
Wed 24/12/08	Sturt Club Oxford Tce	7 for 7.30am	Joint Christmas Breakfast with Hyde Park & Eastwood	Geoff Hill	Bob Laws	Anne Wehr & Chandra Sluggett
06/01/09	Tiffins on the Park, Parkside	6 for 6.30pm	Steve Larkin: "The First Stolen Generation"	Mark Zada	Bob Laws	Glenys Ferguson & Ken Haines
13/01/09	Tiffins on the Park, Parkside	6 for 6.30pm	Tony Wright: "The Man From Snowy River"	Anne Zada	Bob Laws	Geoff Hill & Geoff Howland

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: December 2008 - January 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
1	06/12/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	14/12/08	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	21/12/08	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed, Ron Schubert
1	10/01/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	17/01/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	24/01/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed, Ron Schubert
4	31/01/09	Sheila Evans, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines

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Diary Dates

Sun 14 Dec	Carols at the Rotunda
Tue 16 Dec	Christmas Dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club
Sun 21 Dec	Christmas Drinks at the Casburns from 3pm
Wed 24 Dec	Joint Breakfast Meeting with Hyde Park and Eastwood Clubs at the Sturt Club; 7 for 7.30am

Rotary Christmas Cakes & Puddings Now on Sale

It's that time of the year again when we look at ways to reduce our Christmas dinner workload and for gifts to give loved ones. Perhaps a Rotary Christmas Cake or Pudding shall suffice! Cakes and puddings cost only \$15.50 each and our Club makes a small profit on all sales.

To place an order, contact Janet Singh 8462 1054 (business) or email to singh.janet@sharedservices.sa.gov.au. Also, the Christmas Cakes and puddings are on sale at the Thrift Shop.



If Cats Could Speak



Jokes of the Week

High flying

A high-flying Rotarian was scheduled to speak at a District conference so he asked one of his employees, Jenkins, to write him a punchy 20 minute speech.

When he returned from the conference, he was furious.

"Jenkins, what's the idea of writing me an hour-long speech?" he demanded. "Half the audience walked out before I finished."

Jenkins was baffled and replied: "I wrote you a 20 minute speech. I also gave you the two extra copies you asked for."

International Symbol of Marriage Approved

New York – AP. After 5 years of heated debate, the Commission of Human Rights approved the new International Symbol of Marriage:



Speeding

A policeman pulled a driver over for speeding and asked to see his driver's licence.

The driver mumbled that he had so many traffic convictions, his licence had been cancelled forever.

The policeman then asked who owned the car and got the answer that the driver had stolen it.

"But I saw the owner's card in the glove box when I put my gun in there," offered the driver.

Somewhat alarmed, the policeman said: "You have a gun in the car?"

"Yes," replied the driver. "I used it to shoot that woman before I put her body in the boot."

Hearing this, the policeman called for help and the vehicle was soon surrounded by back-up police.

A senior officer then approached the car and asked the driver for his licence. The driver provided a valid licence and also details that he owned the vehicle.

The senior officer asked the driver to open the glove box carefully so he could see the gun. There was no gun.

"Please open the boot," the police officer said. "I have been told by the policeman who stopped you that there is a body in the boot."

There was no body. The perplexed senior officer then said that the policeman who stopped the driver had told him that the car was stolen, the driver unlicensed and armed and there was a body in the boot.

"Yeah," responded the driver. "I suppose he also told you I was speeding."

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
Make Dreams Real