

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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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.	3641
Date	9 December 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	Michael Talbot: "Swimming in the Torrens"
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bob Laws
Chairperson	Bob Mullins
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Greg Rappo (Pres. RC of St Ives), Hon Member Ken Daly
Returning Rotarians	Rex Martin
Apologies	Mavis Martin, Stephen Baker, Glenys Ferguson, Colin Schirmer, Joan Reed, Ron Schubert
Sick List	Ron Schubert
Attendance	63%

President Jerry's Announcements

1. **Jenn and I** would like to invite all Rotarians and partners to drinks with on Sunday 21st 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. Please remember that we have our AGM scheduled for Tuesday 13th January. Nominations for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors must be with our Secretary **Anne Wehr** by 31st December.
3. Don't forget, our move to Tiffins on the Park will need us 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. 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.
5. Finally, we have our Christmas Party next week at the Mount Osmond Golf Club and in the past there has been the practise to **provide a Christmas gift to the needy**. We are again

supporting the Salvation Army and **Reno Elms** has asked for gifts of men's toiletries. The gifts should be unwrapped and brought to the party.

6. The Rotary Club of Port Pirie has issued the latest copies of the ANZO Clubs Directory; anyone wanting one should see me.
7. My thanks to Bob Mullins for the excellent job in restoring the Bulletin Trophy won by Joan Read on behalf of the club. The trophy now looks like an award worth winning.



Seasons Greetings

Dear President Jerry,

At this time of year as we all enjoy the festivities of the Christmas Season, I would like to express to you and your club members, and their families, the gratitude of those you have all helped during the Rotary year so far to "MAKE DREAMS REAL".

Judy and I would like to extend our personal thanks to you all for the warmth and generosity extended to us during our visit to your club. After many years in Rotary we are still surprised at the "deep well" of caring and giving provided by Rotarians and their families.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Peter and Judy Shipp

Spots

Bob Mullins, on behalf of Vocational Committee Chairman Stephen Baker, enquired whether any member or group of members would be interested in hosting an overseas exchange student from the northern hemisphere next year. Please have a think about it and let Stephen or Bob know if you would like to be involved in the Long Term Youth Exchange Program.

Bob also reminded members of **next week's Christmas Dinner meeting** at the Mt Osmond Golf Club at 7.00 for 7.30pm. The cost is \$40 per head which includes a drink on arrival and a buffet with pumpkin soup and a choice of four desserts. Other drinks are at bar prices. Bob circulated a sheet for Rotarians to record their intention to attend. Any Rotarians who haven't advised Bob that they will be attending PLEASE LET HIM KNOW ASAP so that catering numbers can be confirmed. Because of the Mt Osmond golf club's policy of charging for the number of confirmed attendees as a minimum, any Rotarians who say they will be going and don't will still be charged \$40 per head, otherwise the Club would have to stand the cost of your non-attendance.

Mark Zada distributed the job descriptions for the Rotarians who will be assisting at the Carols at the Rotunda.

Chandra Sluggett: The PolioPlus Challenge fruit cakes have been bought and paid for and should be delivered next week.

Bob Laws: The mid-week rosters of Thrift Shop volunteers for December thru March have now been distributed [and will be available in the Members Area of the Club's website shortly]. A suggestion has been made by mid-week volunteers that Rotarians on Saturday duty could vacuum the shop floor, sweep the store room floor, clean the toilet if necessary and ensure a sufficient supply of coffee, tea, sugar, milk and biscuits. Bob felt that this was a good suggestion and recommended that Rotarians act upon it.

Sergeant's Session

Senior Sergeant Bob Laws this week found fault with the Bulletin Editor's efforts at alliteration last week and f-f-f-f-fined him. Port Power supporters were pinged for causing the Club's financial loss this year and Crows supporters were hit for being sneaky, underhanded and for other kinds of rottenness. The supporters of the other 14 AFL clubs thought those fines were fair and reasonable. Norm Wallace won the wine and Martin Cooper won the Lucky Square.

Guest Speaker - Michael Talbot: "Swimming in the Torrens"



Michael Talbot spoke to the Club on "Swimming in the Torrens"

Chairman Bob Mullins introduced our guest speaker, Michael Talbot, for the second time this year; Michael previously presented a pictorial history of Adelaide drawing upon the photographic archive of the State Library. On this occasion the presentation focused on the River Torrens and its use as a recreational venue for the citizens of Adelaide. Michael Talbot is a member of the Marketing & Development Team at the State Library.

Using a PowerPoint presentation of photographs and drawings from the State Library's photographic collections, Michael described the Torrens in the early days of Adelaide settlement and how the appearance and use of the river had developed since then. The use of the river as a dump for industrial and domestic waste was prevalent and a source of water for domestic water and industrial applications continued until the middle of the 20th century. Gradually the landscape of the river changed as the banks were denuded of trees and subject to sand extraction.

A permanent stone weir was constructed across the river in 1881 to form an ornamental lake and some areas of the banks were landscaped. This enables the river to be used for water sports including boating, rowing regattas and swimming, including the annual 'Swim Through Adelaide'.

Several swimming areas and baths were developed or designated along the river which, with evolving bathing costume regulations, became places of recreation and enjoyment.

Chairman Bob Mullins thanked Michael for his illuminating and fascinating talk and presented him with his second Unley Rotary pen.

Farewell to "The Old Orphanage"

After just over a year of the Club meeting at The Old Orphanage the Club to move on since Tabor College is not renewing the catering lease for the Refectory in January 2009. Pres. Jerry thanked our caterers Margaret and Reg and their team for their support and service. Pres. Jerry presented Margaret with flowers and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Rotary Club of Unley. Remember, from 6th January 2009 the Club will meet at Tiffins on the Park, Parkside.

Jerry's Jottings

This weekend brings one of the major events in the Rotary Club of Unley's calendar, the Carols. Yet again this looks to be a spectacular event with participation from the Australian Girl's Choir, the Army Band, Ticklish Allsorts and much more. Everyone has been allocated a job and we are looking for support from the whole club for Reno and his team. See you there.

This is another chance for us to showcase Rotary in the Community and let them know what we do. **Martin Cooper** will be there with the Membership stand and we hope to give out a leaflet on Rotary with every programme we give away. Hopefully some people will be attracted to find out what we are about.

2009 looks like it will be an exciting year with a new venue and a club programme that is packed. **Bob Mullins** and **Ron Schubert** have another six months of outstanding speakers. We want to try to start a new community event, more on that later, and we have our favourite programme the Police Officer of the Year. So let's look forward to a fun packed time with lots of fellowship and fun.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



Pres. Jerry presented flowers and a Certificate of Appreciation to Margaret and her team at The Old Orphanage.

Carols Working Bee

After last night's formal meeting concluded our Rotarians formed into teams to pack 1,000 lolly bags and attach Rotary Club of Unley labels to 1,000 Rotary brochures to be handed out at the Carols at the Rotunda on Sunday 14 December. The lollies will be distributed to the children by Santa Claus who will make a special trip from the North Pole to Unley just for the occasion. The brochures will be handed out with the Carols programmes as part of the Club's recruitment initiatives.



◀ AT LEFT: David Middleton, John Russell, Janet Plumb, Ken Daly, Geoff Howland, Greg McLeod, Andy Hill, Mark Zada, Rohan Singh, Anne Zada, Sheila Evans and Stephen Westgarth (behind camera) filled and sealed 1,000 bags of lollies.



◀ AT LEFT: Alex Jonson, Chandra Sluggett, Janet Singh, Martin Cooper, Jerry Casburn, Bob Laws, Jim Newall and [out of frame] Heather Kilsby, Anne Wehr and Neesha Nandasena stuck 1,000 Rotary Club of Unley labels on Rotary brochures.

Diary Dates

Sun 14 Dec	Carols at the Rotunda
Tue 16 Dec	Christmas Dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club; 7 for 7.30pm
Sun 21 Dec	Christmas Drinks and Nibbles at the Casburns'; 3pm onwards
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
16/12/08	Mount Osmond Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Christmas Dinner Meeting Partners Event	Geoff Howland	Bob Laws	John Russell & Mark Zada
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
2	14/12/08	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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Board adopts Future Vision Plan

Rotary World – October 2008

At its June meeting, the RI Board adopted The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan and agreed to initiate a three-year pilot in July 2010. Under the plan, the Foundation will offer two kinds of grants:

- Rotary Foundation District Grants, which will provide districts access to up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund.
- Rotary Foundation Global Grants, which will support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

US\$1 million gift to fight polio eradication

By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary International News – 17 November 2008

A 92-year-old Taiwanese Rotarian with more than 40 years service to his club has been honored for his family's donation of more than \$1 million to further Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Shui-Sen Hsu, a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei Northwest, and his wife, Pei-Tsen, were recognized for their contribution, made by the Hsu Family Foundation, during the 2008 Rotary Institute for RI Zones 4B, 6B, and 7B in Taipei on 18 October.

RI President Dong Kurn Lee and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan B. Majiyagbe presented Hsu and his wife with a crystal piece in recognition of their contribution in support of Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge during the institute, held 17-19 October and attended by more than 1,100 Rotarians from 16 Rotary countries and geographical areas in Asia.

"Rotary is indeed fortunate to have the Hsu family among its strongest supporters," Lee said after the ceremony. "Mr. Hsu's long service to Rotary exemplifies 'Service Above Self'. Their generous contribution toward Rotary's ongoing efforts to eradicate polio is helping to *Make Dreams Real*."



Shui-Sen and Pei-Tsen Hsu.

Photo courtesy of 2008 Rotary Institute

Jokes of the Week

A Doctor Joke

A mechanic was removing the cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley Motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come to take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, repair any damage then put them back in. When I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make a pretty small salary and you get the really big bucks when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic.... "Try doing it with the engine running."

The Ring

An older, white-haired man walked into a jewellery store one Friday evening with a beautiful young woman at his side. He told the jeweller he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend.

The jeweller looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring.

The old man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweller went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000," the jeweller said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement.

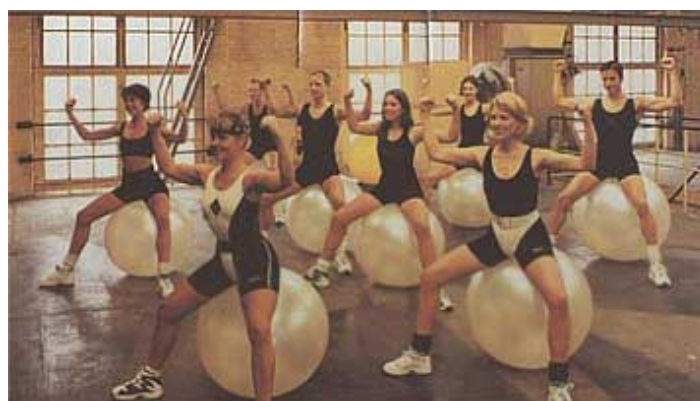
The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweller asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, "By cheque. I know you need to make sure my cheque is good, so I'll write it now, and you can call the bank on Monday to verify the funds and I'll pick the ring up on Monday afternoon."

Monday morning, the jeweller phoned the old man. "There's no money in that account."

"I know," said the old man, "but let me tell you about my weekend!"

Government Health Warning: Do Not Swallow Chewing Gum!



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
Make Dreams Real