

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3644 – 6 January 2009

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at "Tiffins on the Park",
176 Greenhill Road, Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3644
Date	6 January 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Steve Larkins
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bob Laws
Chairperson	Bob Mullins
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Steve Larkins (RC of Adelaide), Michael McLaren (RC of Blackwood), Jenn Casburn, Birendra Bhandari
Apologies	Sheila Evans, Janet Plumb
Birthdays & Anniversaries	60 th Wedding Anniversary: Ken Daly (11/1); Birthday: Natalie Bowen (11/1) Induction: Ken Haines (7/1)
Attendance	75%

Pres. Jerry's Announcements

1. Please remember that we have our AGM scheduled for Tuesday 13th January. Nominations for the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and two Directors have closed.
2. I am hoping to increase the social activity for the club in the second half of the year and we have organised a number of additional social events on Australia Day 26 January, 'Black Friday' 13 February, 15 March and 26 April.
[Details of these and other events are listed in this edition of the Bulletin under 'Diary Dates'. Ed.]
The planned Valentine's Day Ball will be postponed but we will add in a Trivia night, date to be advised.

Sergeant's Session

Senior Sergeant Bob Laws kicked-off the New Year with a comprehensive range of fines causing members to put their dollars in frequently, or was that infrequently? Stephen Westgarth won the wine and Anne Zada won the Lucky Square.

Thankyou to **Janet Singh** for suggesting that details of all the club's planned social events be published in the Bulletin and that a link also be provided to the Meeting Program page in the club's website containing the complete meeting program for this Rotary year. Have a look at the '**Diary Dates**' and '**Our Upcoming Meetings**' sections on page 3 of this edition. **Ed.**

Notice of Motion

Fellow Members,

Please be advised that at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday 13th January 2009 I intend to move the following:

"That Jerry Casburn be elected President of the Rotary Club of Unley for a second year, that is, for 2009-10".

The motion is seconded by Mavis Martin and is being proposed on behalf of the Board. The Board has already voted on this nomination and it was passed unanimously.

Background

Joan Reed is currently President Elect and was due to be President for the coming Rotary Year. As we all know this has been a difficult year for Joan and she would prefer to defer to allow her a full year of preparation for the role. The Board accepted this deferral.

In proposing this solution the Board is aware that the club has a long tradition of Presidents fulfilling the role for only one year. In the 74 year history of the club there has only been one previous occasion that I am aware of where a President served for a second term and I do not believe that this was in consecutive years. We therefore felt it was appropriate for the entire club to deal with this issue by way of a separate resolution to the election of the Board.

There may well be others in the club who could be called upon to fulfill this role, many of whom who have been President. If we are going to choose someone to be President of the club for a second year the club may well decide that an alternative candidate would be preferable. The Board believes this is unlikely to be the case.

Our primary concern was for continuity and having taken on the role on short notice I can attest to the difficulties involved in maintaining momentum with limited opportunity for familiarisation and preparation.

I invite you to spend little time being concerned for Jerry and Jen. When confronted by the situation it was Jen who suggested this to Jerry and he proposed the option as a possible solution. We should therefore accept that he has thought about it and is prepared to continue for a second year.

The issue that should be exercising the minds of members is whether we are happy to set this precedent. My personal belief is that this is a reasonable, if inelegant, solution and will be asking for your support.

David Middleton

6th January 2009

Guest Speaker – Steve Larkins: “Our Other Stolen Generation”

Chairman PP Bob Mullins introduced our guest speaker Steve Larkins to speak on the Australian involvement on the Western Front 1916-18 and ‘Our Other Stolen Generation’.

Rotarian Steve Larkins has been a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide since 1999. He is married to Gwenda and they have an adult son, David. Steve has been the CEO of the Construction Industry Training Board since 2003. Previously he was General Manager of Clements Recruitment Pty Ltd and State Manager of the Australian Institute of Company Directors from 1996 to 2000.

Steve is a Colonel in the Army Reserve. A graduate of the Officer Cadet School Portsea, he served in the regular Army from 1976-96 after which he transferred to the Reserve. Steve has had a lifelong interest in history. His particular interest in Australia's involvement in WW1 began with a visit to the Western Front battlefields and later Gallipoli, while serving on attachment with the British Army in 1987-88. Ten years later in 1998, he commanded an Army Reserve Guard of Honour sent to France as part of the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of the Great War. Earlier this year Steve was a battlefield guide and historian with the ‘Our Other Anzac Day 08’ tour group which escorted over 700 Australian pilgrims around the WW1 battlefields in northern France.



Australian soldiers on the battlefield at Fromelles, France.

Steve began his talk with a powerful slide and audio presentation of scenes from WW1 that showed the conditions, difficulties and locations experienced by the thousands of young Australians who fought and died on the Western Front in Flanders and France. He contended that the young men that Australia sent away to fight at Gallipoli and in France were our first ‘Stolen Generation’ and that, if the ANZAC tradition was born at Gallipoli, it was paid for on the Western Front. Steve presented some statistics to show the scale of what happened during WW1:

- Australia in 1914 had a population of less than 5 million people and was the only country that fought the entire war as an all-volunteer force; all other countries involved had conscription in one form or another.
- Over 350,000 men enlisted and of whom over 300,000 served overseas.
- Over 60,000 of them were killed outright.
- 150,000 were wounded, many of them more than once.
- 25% of the first men of the beach at Gallipoli survived the war.
- Of the men who returned home, 50% died before age 40 from illness, effects of injuries, mental illness or suicide.

Post traumatic stress syndrome was not recognised at the time and what these men went through must have contributed greatly to the early loss of so many of them. The social impact was that 60,000 breadwinners were taken away without any social security safety net to care for their families. So many of the young women who were engaged to soldiers who did not return, never married and never formed a family. A lot of these people should have been the leaders of Australia in the 1930s and subsequently.

Steve related the stories of many of the soldiers who fought in France and Flanders, in particular a number of South Australians. The Great War was the first ‘industrial war’ and ways to defend territory in that context had yet to be developed, hence the terrible loss of life on both sides to the conflict. So many Australian sons volunteered to serve in the war seeking adventure and perhaps an escape, but tragically so many did not return. This was truly another ‘Stolen Generation’.

Bob Mullins thanked Steve for his comprehensive and thought provoking talk and presented him with an Unley Rotary pen.



Chairman PP Bob Mullins presented an Unley Rotary pen to guest speaker Steve Larkins.

Jerry's Jottings



First I want to wish all of our members and their friends and family a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

You will all have received the Notice of Motion from David, reprinted in this Bulletin, concerning the club's leadership for the 2009/2010 year. This is a big decision and I would urge everyone to think about this prior to the meeting and come ready to discuss any concerns or suggestions. David Middleton will lead the discussion and I, along with Jenn if she attends, and any guests will absent ourselves for this part of the meeting. If you are bringing guests please warn them that this will occur.

On a lighter note, also reprinted in the Bulletin [Diary Dates] are my suggestions for some social activities for the coming half year. I will circulate an interest sheet for those activities next week to allow us to firm up on plans for the coming months, please consider if you will join us and if you are not going to be at next week's meeting let me know if you are interested in any or all. With the exception of the bowling for which there are fixed costs, the costs will not be great and on the bowling night you can opt to attend the bowling, the meal or both events. I look forward to more social activity in 2009 and an opportunity to involve family and friends in our great club.

Finally, I believe that this week's meal at Tiffins met expectations; I will try to arrange for audio equipment and ensure that we are served meals by 6.35pm. Please let me know if you have other suggestions.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

*** For the complete 2008-09 Meeting Program go to the club's website at: <http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au/MeetingProgram.htm>**

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
13/01/09	Tiffins on the Park, Parkside	6 for 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting; Tony Wight: "The Man From Snowy River"	Anne Zada	Bob Laws	Geoff Hill & Geoff Howland
20/01/09	Tiffins on the Park, Parkside	6 for 6.30pm	Stephen Haines: CEO of the City of Salisbury	Stephen Westgarth	Bob Laws	Alex Jonson & Heather Kilsby
27/01/09	Tiffins on the Park, Parkside	6 for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker: "OSSAA"	Anne Wehr	Bob Laws	Mavis Martin & Greg McLeod
03/02/09	Tiffins on the Park, Parkside	6 for 6.30pm	Kym Hulme: "National Motor Museum"	Norm Wallace	Bob Laws	David Middleton & Bob Mills

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.

Members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board should see Tiffins on the Park staff to gain access to the club's meeting paraphernalia. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
January	Monday	26/01/09	Australia Day BBQ at Joan Reed's from 4pm onwards; BYO everything	Myrtle Bank	Joan Reed
February	Friday	13/02/09	Ten Pin Bowling at 6pm followed by dinner Bowling: \$21.50 (two games, plus shoes) Meal: \$30 (2 courses - entrée and main)	Cross Road Bowl Hyde Park Tavern	Jerry Casburn
	Saturday	21/02/09	World Rotary Day Celebration (Foundation Day 23/2/1905)	Unley Shopping Centre	Martin Cooper
March	Friday night to Sunday afternoon	13/03/09 to 15/03/09	Rotary District 9520 Youth Program of Enrichment (formerly RYPEN). BBQ on Friday evening to be provided by RCU - all Members welcome	Woodside Scout Camp, Piccadilly	Stephen Baker
	Sunday	15/03/09	Beach Fish and Chip Party Fish and Chips: \$10. BYO Alcohol	Brighton Beach	Jerry Casburn
April	Sunday	26/04/09	Botanical Gardens Visit and BBQ Admission: Free, BBQ: \$10-\$15 BYO Alcohol	Adelaide Botanical Gardens	Jerry Casburn
June	Sunday	7/06/2009	Fireworks and Fun Day from 3pm to 8:30pm	Wayville Showgrounds	Andy Hill

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: January 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
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	TBA
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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Rotary News

Council on Legislation From the Rotary International Website

The Council on Legislation, Rotary's "parliament," meets every three years to deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council and Conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, and the RI Board. The Council itself also makes proposals.

The Council on Legislation is an important part of Rotary's governance process. While the Board of Directors sets policies for Rotary International, the Council is where Rotary clubs have their say in the governance of the association. Every three years, each district sends a representative to the Council, which reviews proposed legislation. Every club and district is entitled to submit legislation to the Council, and some of Rotary's most important work has resulted from Council action. Women were admitted into Rotary because of the action of the 1989 Council on Legislation, and PolioPlus was born as the result of the 1986 Council.

The Council comprises more than 500 representatives from every part of the Rotary world. Voting members include one elected representative of the clubs of each Rotary district. Some nonvoting members include the chair and vice chair of the Council, the RI president, members of the RI Board, and past RI presidents.

2010 Council

The next Council on Legislation is tentatively scheduled for 25-30 April 2010 in Chicago. Council representatives were selected during the 2007-08 Rotary year. Legislation from clubs and districts for the 2010 Council had to be received at RI headquarters by 31 December 2008.

New action group tackles growing diabetes problem

By Ryan Hyland; Rotary International News -- 30 December 2008

The RI Board of Directors has approved a new Rotarian Action Group to help fight the growing epidemic of diabetes.

According to the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), there are currently 246 million cases of the disease worldwide, with a projected 380 million cases by 2025. The greatest increases will likely occur in the developing world.

"It's clear there is an opportunity for Rotarians to help," says Larry Deeb, a physician and director of the Rotarians Creating Awareness of Diabetes Action Group. "Rotary has a unique way of engineering awareness, funds, and ground support to growing problems in the world. Our action group will bring visibility to the fight against diabetes."

The disease, characterized by a failure to regulate glucose, or blood sugar, can lead to serious health problems and even death. It occurs in two main forms: type 1, caused by a malfunction of the autoimmune system that compromises the ability of the pancreas to produce insulin, and type 2, often called adult onset, in which the body's ability to produce or use insulin is impaired.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that diabetes-related deaths will increase by more than 50 percent in the next 10 years without some kind of intervention.

With 44 members, the action group's initial service goals include addressing type 1 diabetes. The group has its roots in the efforts of Larry, a member of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee, Florida, USA, and fellow club member Wayne Edwards, president of the new action group, who since 1995 have collaborated on several Rotary Foundation Matching Grants aimed at raising money for diabetes education. In 2000, they donated funds to Life for a Child, an IDF program that helps children with diabetes in developing countries by providing existing health clinics with insulin and syringes, glucose monitoring machines, and transportation and clinical care for patients.

Larry and Wayne traveled to Bolivia in 2003 and established clinics in seven cities across the country as part of the first Rotary club-sponsored Life for a Child program. More than 100 children were given free insulin and testing supplies. Projects in Cameroun, Nepal, and Nigeria soon followed.

"The growing rate of diabetes will cripple countries with incredible costs," Larry says. "In developing countries, communities are simply unaware of the seriousness of diabetes. "This action group can be the catalyst for any projects Rotarians dream up."



Rotarian Larry Deeb, director of the Rotarians Creating Awareness of Diabetes Action Group, takes part in activities on World Diabetes Day 15 November. Photo courtesy of Deeb

Murray Bridge and Mobilong Clubs 'Sign Up' for Joint Project

From the Rotary District 9520 Website

The Rotary clubs of Murray Bridge and Mobilong have completed a joint project to erect a new programmable sign at Murray Bridge at the main intersection of Bridge Street and Swanport Road at the traffic lights.

- The Rotary Clubs of Murray Bridge and Mobilong shared the cost of the sign. (Approx \$17,000)
- Only not-for-profit organisations can advertise on the screen and no other commercial advertising is allowed on the sign itself.
- Cost to advertise is \$50 per week.
- No cost to Council or Rotary to promote an event.
- Up to six adverts can run on a particular sequence.
- Council is in charge of putting messages up on the screen.
- Council do the invoicing for charging out.
- Income is split three equal ways - Council, RC Murray Bridge and RC Mobilong.
- Public response is very pleasing.



Jokes of the Week

The Half-Wit

A man owned a small farm near Wellington. The Industrial Relations Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his farm hands and sent an inspector out to interview him.

'I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them,' demanded the inspector.

'Well,' replied the farmer, 'there's my farm hand who's been with me for three years. I pay him \$500 a week plus free room and board. There is a lady who cleans and cooks who's been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$400 per week plus free room and board. Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work. He makes about \$25 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of Scotch every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally.'

'That's the man I want to talk to...the half-wit,' says the inspector.

'That would be me then,' replied the farmer.

The Priest's Donkey

A priest entered his donkey in a race and it won. The priest was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in another race, and it won again. The local paper read: **PRIEST'S ASS OUT FRONT.**

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the priest not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day, the local paper headline read: **BISHOP SCRATCHES PRIEST'S ASS.**

This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the priest to get rid of the donkey. The priest decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: **NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.**

The bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for \$10.

The next day the paper read: **NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.**

This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read: **NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.**

The bishop was buried the next day.

Hello Copper

The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers. He dialed the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whispered, "Hello?"

Feeling put out at the inconvenience of having to talk to a youngster the boss asked, "Is your Daddy home?"

"Yes," whispered the small voice.

"May I talk with him?" the man asked.

To the surprise of the boss, the small voice whispered, "No."

Wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mummy there?"

"Yes", came the answer.

"May I talk with her?"

Again the small voice whispered, "No".

Knowing that it was not likely that a young child would be left home alone, the boss decided he would just leave a message with the person who should be there watching over the child.

"Is there anyone there besides you?" the boss asked the child.

"Yes" whispered the child, "a policeman."

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?"

"No, he's busy," whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?" asked the boss.

Talking to Daddy and Mummy and the fireman," came the whispered answer.

Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the ear piece on the phone the boss asked, "What is that noise?"

"A hello-copper," answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there?" asked the boss, now alarmed.

In an awed whispering voice the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper."

Alarmed, concerned and more than just a little frustrated, the boss asked, "Why are they there?"

Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle, "They're looking for me."



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real