

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3645 – 13 January 2009

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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.	3645
Date	13 January 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Annual General Meeting
Guest Speaker	Tony Wight
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bob Laws
Chairperson	Joan Reed
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	AG Roy Armstrong, Genese Mullins
Apologies	Anne Zada, Bob Mills, Colin Schirmer, Mark Zada, Natalie Bowen
Make-ups	None
Returning Rotarians	Ken Haines
Birthdays & Anniversaries	Birthday: Alex Jonson (15/1), Ken Daly & Lindsay England (17/1); Anniversary: Bob Mills (16/1)
Attendance	78%
Departing Rotarians	None

Pres. Jerry's Announcements

1. **Only 5 weeks to go to our 100% Attendance Meeting!**
2. This year, as you know, this club has been asked to host the RYLA programme being held from 13th to 15th March. I am pleased to advise that **Martin and Angie Cooper** have agreed to be host parents for the weekend and I thank them both for this commitment. The club also has to support a BBQ put on for the attendees and there will be a request for support when more is known
3. As I advised last week I am hoping to increase the social activity for the club in the second half of the year and we have several additional events organised [which are listed under Diary Dates in the Bulletin].
I would like to get an understanding of likely numbers, particularly for the bowling night. I am circulating the attached form can you please let me know if you think you will attend. Note, for the Ten Pin Bowling you can attend either bowling or meal or both. This is not a firm commitment I just need numbers.
4. **Bob Mullins** sought additional support to form a Programme Committee to oversee the programme of speakers and club events throughout the year. **Martin Cooper** has already volunteered his services and tonight both **Stephen Baker** and **Heather Kilsby** added their names to the list. Thanks to the team for their support.

Spots

Martin Cooper reported that the Club has again secured the use of the Unley Shopping Centre to do a pitch for **World Rotary Day** on Saturday 23 February. The format will be very similar to last year with static displays and handing out brochures and balloons. Members are invited to come along and help promote Rotary on the day for a half hour up to as long as you can spare; there will not be a Roster. Please see Martin if you need any more information.

Lindsay England asked Rotarians who still have not paid their subs for the last half-year to please do so by **next week!** The invoices for the current half-year's subs will be issued very soon. The fees for this and the last half-year are the same: Subs \$100, Wine Raffle \$36, Bulletin Postage \$15 and TRF Centurion contribution \$50.

Lindsay also reported that the 'Clubmate' system is now up to date and operational, largely due to the untold hours put in by Tom Tirrell to whom Lindsay expressed thanks on behalf of the Club. **Thanks Tom!**

Chandra Sluggett outlined the program for the **International Night** on Tuesday 17 February, which is a Partners and Family Night and also the 100% Attendance Meeting. Our guest speakers will be Hieu Van Le, who is SA's Lieutenant Governor and Chairman of the SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission, and Saiful Islam, President of the Bangladesh Association of SA. And a troupe of child dancers will perform dances from Bangladesh. The evening will focus on Bangladesh and on the RAWCS project 'Cleft Palate Bangladesh'. Chandra will need to know the number of members attending because members of the local Bangladesh community have expressed interest in attending, but priority needs to be given to accommodating Club members.

Bob Laws: The carpets in the Thrift Shop have been cleaned during the Christmas-New Year shut-down period and now look a treat. The carpet cleaning services were provided for free by Max Wright, **"The Carpet Doctor"** who can be contacted on 0409 692 003.

Sergeant's Session

Once again our Sergeant Bob Laws hit our Rotarians hard in the name of good works. Norm Wallace won the wine and Stephen Baker won the Lucky Square.

Guest Speaker: Tony Wight - "Australian Poetry Recital"

Chairperson for the evening, Joan Reed, introduced our guest speaker Tony Wight to present three Australian poems: 'Clancy of the Overflow', 'The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke: The Play' and 'The Man from Snowy River'. Tony began his presentation with some background information about each of the poems and their authors. He then presented the three poems followed by an encore.

Clancy of the Overflow by A.B. Banjo Paterson

The title of the poem comes from the address of a letter that the city-dweller Banjo Paterson sends, "The Overflow" being the name of the sheep station where Clancy was working when they met. The poem is based on a true story that was experienced by Paterson. He was working as a lawyer when someone asked him to send a letter to a man named Thomas Gerald Clancy, asking for a payment that was never received. Banjo sent the letter to "The Overflow" and soon received a reply that provided him with the inspiration for the poem, along with the meter.

*I had written him a letter which I had, for want of better
Knowledge, sent to where I met him down the Lachlan, years ago,
He was shearing when I knew him, so I sent the letter to him,
Just 'on spec', addressed as follows, 'Clancy, of The Overflow'.
And an answer came directed in a writing unexpected,
(And I think the same was written with a thumb-nail dipped in tar)
'Twas his shearing mate who wrote it, and verbatim I will quote it:
'Clancy's gone to Queensland droving, and we don't know where he are.'*



'Clancy of The Overflow'
by Australian painter Darcy Doyle

The Songs of a Sentimental Bloke: The Play by C.J. Dennis.

The 'sentimental bloke' is a Melbourne larrikin, who vows to abandon his life of gambling and drinking when he falls in love with Doreen, who works in a pickle factory. In the poems we also meet Ginger Mick, the Bloke's mate. The narrative poems describe various episodes and incidents in the group's lives and relationships. The poems are written in the vernacular of the street gangs and working class of the day, around 1916.

One story is based around the Bloke and Doreen going to a play, *Romeo and Juliet*, with Doreen identifying with the romance, while the Bloke admires the fight scenes more.



The Book Cover

*A tug named Tyball (cousin to the skirt)
Sprags 'em an' makes a start to sling off dirt.
Nex' minnit there's a reel ole ding-dong go –
'Arf round or so.
Mick Curio, 'e gets it in the neck,
"Ar rats!" 'e sez, an' passes in 'is check.
Quite natchril, Romeo gits wet as 'ell.
"It's me or you!" 'e 'owls, an' wiv a yell,
Plunks Tyball through the gizzard wiv 'is sword,
'Ow I ongcored!
"Put in the boot!" I sez. "Put in the boot!"
"Ush!" sez Doreen... "Shame!" sez some silly coot.*

The Man from Snowy River by A.B. Banjo Paterson

The poem tells the story of a valuable horse which escapes and the princely sum offered by its owner for its safe return. All the riders in the area gather to pursue the wild bush horses and cut the valuable horse from the mob. But the country defeats them all - except for 'The Man from Snowy River'. His personal courage and skill has turned him into a legend.

*There was movement at the station, for the
word had passed around
That the colt from Old Regret had got away,
And had joined the wild bush horses -- he was
worth a thousand pound,
So all the cracks had gathered to the fray.*

*All the tried and noted riders from the stations near
and far
Had mustered at the homestead overnight,
For the bushmen love hard riding where the wild bush
horses are,
And the stock-horse snuffs the battle with delight.*



From the Australian \$10 note

Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Roald Dahl

*This famous wicked little tale
Should never have been put on sale.
It is a mystery to me
Why loving parents cannot see
That this is actually a book
About a brazen little crook.
Had I the chance I wouldn't fail
To clap young Goldilocks in jail.*

*Myself, I think I'd rather send
Young Goldie to a sticky end.
Oh daddy!' cried the Baby Bear,
'My porridge gone! It isn't fair!'
'Then go upstairs,' the Big Bear said,
'Your porridge is upon the bed.
'But as it's inside mademoiselle,
'You'll have to eat her up as well.'*

Following his enthralling presentations and hugely funny encore of Roald Dahl's version of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', Tony answered questions from Rotarians including, "How many poems in your repertoire?" His answer to this question prompted Chairperson Joan Reed to ask Tony if he would be willing to come back yet again and present some more poetry to the Club; we're pleased to report that Tony said that he is willing. Joan thanked Tony on behalf of members and presented him with his second Unley Rotary pen.



Guest Speaker Tony Wight

Annual General Meeting

PP Stephen Westgarth opened tonight's deferred Annual General Meeting and chaired the first part of the meeting; Pres Jerry and guests withdrew from the meeting room. The motion on notice moved by David Middleton and seconded by Mavis Martin, "That Jerry Casburn be elected President of the Rotary Club of Unley for a second year, that is, for 2009/10," was put to the meeting [See last week's Bulletin for full details. Ed.]. David Middleton spoke to the motion and then several members made contributions to the discussion, including the suggestion that optional two-year terms for Presidents should be considered for the future. The motion was passed unanimously.

Pres Jerry then resumed the chair and informed members that as only one nomination had been received for each of the vacant positions on the Board for the Rotary year 2009-10 the following Rotarians were declared duly elected:

President Elect:	Joan Reed (Fundraising)
Vice President:	Mavis Martin (Club Service)
Secretary:	Anne Wehr
Treasurer:	Lindsay England
Director:	Greg McLeod (Service Committees)
Director:	Sheila Evans (Public Relations)

Pres Jerry will now continue as President, PP David Middleton will also continue as Immediate Past President (The Rotary Foundation) and Janet Singh will continue as a Director (Membership).

Pres Jerry then closed the Annual General Meeting.

Jerry's Jottings



First I want to thank all members of the club for allowing me the honour of serving as President for another year. I know that this would not normally be the desired direction. As I said on the night, my only comment would be that I am not expecting this to continue until I get it right. I am truly grateful for the support shown and will endeavour to live up to expectations. The Change Over meeting is going to be interesting.

We have a great Board to take us through next year and I am grateful for the support of **Joan Reed, Mavis Martin, Anne Wehr, Lindsay England, David Middleton, Janet Singh, Greg McLeod and Sheila Evans.**

I hope that we are gradually settling in at Tiffins and that everyone is happy with the new venue. We will play around with the run sheet until we get it right. I personally preferred the layout of the tables and the food has thus far been excellent and the staff is exceptionally supportive. It is great to have somewhere for a coffee or drink after the meeting and I notice that most members are taking the opportunity to use this.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

✱ The full 2008-09 Meeting Program can be seen on the club's website at: <http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au/MeetingProgram.htm>

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
20/01/09	Tiffins on the Park	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	6 for 6.30pm	David Sainsbury and Helen Roberts: "Surgery and Photography with OSSAA"	Anne Wehr	Bob Laws	Mavis Martin & Greg McLeod
03/02/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Kym Hulme: "National Motor Museum"	Norm Wallace	Bob Laws	David Middleton & Bob Mills
10/02/09	Saracen's Head Hotel, Carrington Street then on to SA Police HQ	6.00pm sharp	Dinner at the Saracen's Head Hotel followed by a visit to SA Police Headquarters; Partners Event.	NA	Bob Laws	Bob Mullins & Neesha Nandasena

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	Tuesday	17/02/09	International Night; Hieu Van Le , Chairman of the SA Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Commission; this is a Partners Event	Tiffins on the Park	Chandra Sluggett
	Saturday	21/02/09	World Rotary Day Celebration (Foundation Day 23/2/1905)	Unley Shopping Centre	Martin Cooper
	Friday	27/02/09	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
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-February 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
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
1	07/02/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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Rotary News

RI President's January Message

Dear fellow Rotarians,

January marks the beginning of the second half of the Rotary year. It's a time to look back on what we've accomplished so far, to assess our progress, and to renew our determination to achieve our goals in the months remaining. It's a time to discuss and evaluate the goals of our clubs as well as the goals we've set for ourselves as Rotarians. January is also Rotary Awareness Month, a time for us to consider how our Rotary values – and our own actions – influence public perceptions of Rotary. Our strategic plan outlines five core values that define and guide us as we chart a course into our second century of service.

Service is our first value, as it should be. Our focus on service is reflected in our primary motto, Service Above Self. Through our clubs and districts, we have the potential to create better, safer, and healthier communities, one project at a time.

Fellowship is the reason Rotary was founded over 100 years ago. The friendship, the camaraderie, and the wonderful sense of doing something good together is what keeps us all looking forward to our Rotary meetings week after week.

Diversity is an aspect of Rotary that becomes more important with every passing year. We have just welcomed to Rotary the Republic of Kiribati, which joins the more than 200 countries and geographical areas already on the Rotary map. I look forward with all Rotarians to a day when there is a Rotary club in every community in the world.

Integrity is fundamental to our organization's identity. Every Rotarian is a guardian of the reputation that generations of Rotarians have worked to build. When we maintain the highest ethical standards in all of our dealings, we strengthen the trust that allows us to serve more effectively.

But it will only happen if we show *leadership*, the fifth, and final, core value. Each of us must remember, with our every action, that we are Rotarians. When we are chosen to become Rotarians, and when we choose to accept that honor, we take it upon ourselves to become representatives of the entire organization. When we are known as Rotarians, then everything we do reflects upon us all. By living by our core values and committing to 'Service Above Self', we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee

President, Rotary International



RI President Dong Kurn Lee

Jokes of the Week

A Note for Dad

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made, and everything was picked up. Then, he saw an envelope propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed, 'Dad.' With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter, with trembling hands.

'Dear Dad,'

'It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you. I've been finding real passion with Stacy, and she is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her, because of all her piercings, tattoos, her tight motorcycle clothes, and because she is so much older than I am. But it's not only the passion, Dad, she's pregnant. Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a caravan in the forest, and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't, really hurt anyone; we'll be growing it for ourselves, and trading it with the other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS, so Stacy can get better. She sure deserves it!! Don't worry Dad, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit, so you can get to know your many grandchildren.'

Love, Your son, Joshua.

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on my desk. I love you! Call when it is safe for me to come home.

Preparing for Marriage

A six-year-old boy told his father he wanted to marry the little girl across the street. The father, being modern and well-schooled in handling children, hid his smile behind his hand.

"That's a serious step," he said. "Have you thought it out completely?"

"Yes," his young son answered. "We can spend one week in my room and the next in hers. It's right across the street, so I can run home if I get scared of the dark."

"How about transportation?" the father asked.

"I have my wagon, and we both have our tricycles," the little boy answered.

The boy had an answer to every question the father raised.

Finally, in exasperation, his dad asked, "What about babies? When you're married, you're liable to have babies, you know."

"We've thought about that, too," came the reply. "We're not going to have babies. Every time she lays an egg, I'm going to step on it!"

Tax Reform Explained

Young Dave in Deniliquin bought a horse from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day. The next day he drove up and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the horse died.'

Dave replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already.'

Dave said, 'Okay, then, just bring me the dead horse.'

The farmer asked, 'What're yer gonna do with him?'

Dave said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'You can't raffle off a dead horse!'

Dave said, 'Sure I can, watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'

A month later, the farmer met up with Dave and asked, 'What happened with that dead horse?'

Dave said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars each and made a profit of \$998.'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Dave said, 'Just the bloke who won. So I gave him his two dollars back.'

Dave grew up and now works for the Federal Government reforming our taxation laws.

INVITATION



The Rotary Club of Mount Barker

Chartered in April 1966

invites

The President and Members

of the

Rotary Club of Unley

*to a party to celebrate their 2000th meeting
to be held in the Wistow Hall*

Wellington Road, Wistow

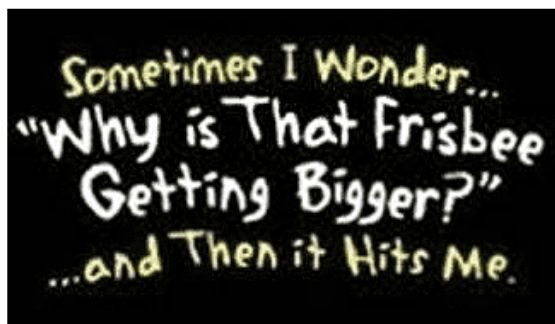
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Saturday 7 February 2009 at 8pm

RSVP to Roslyn Chardon by 30 January 2009

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Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real