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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.	3655
Date	24 March 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Lachlan McLaren
Chairperson	Geoff Hill
Guests	Jane McLaren, Jill Hill, Wendy Andrews
Apologies	
Returning Rotarians	Bob Mullins
Attendance	
Anniversaries	Induction: David Middleton 27/3 Birthday: Bob Mullins 28/3

President's Announcements

- In last week's Bulletin I said that I would be talking about the opportunity, if selected, for us to host a GSE team from Colorado in late September/early October. As stated it requires five host families to accommodate the team over a four day period. The club would be responsible for the team's activities over the four days which would include vocational visits for one day and the balance in club activities and sightseeing. **Chandra Sluggett** has agreed to help organise this but I need to know if we can find five host families.
- Entertainment Books:** Once again we will be selling copies of the Entertainment Book and we are expecting to receive our stock this week. We have received advance order forms which provide additional coupons for newly listed restaurants which may be used up until 30 June. **Joan Reed** will be looking after sales but in her absence I have copies of the advance order forms. The books are again selling at \$65.
- Social Calendar:** As outlined in my email to members I am revising the calendar to try a replay of the beach party on Sunday 19th April, a postponement of the Botanical Gardens BBQ until spring and a new evening at the TAFE training college for a meal at Martinhas restaurant. The evening will include a talk from one of the lecturers on the college's activities and a three course meal, excluding wine will be around \$30.
- We have received a letter of thanks from St John's Lutheran Church, Unley thanking the club for the donation given to **Pastor Richard Haar** at the last Christmas Breakfast Meeting. The church has forwarded the donation on to Lutheran Community Care to assist families in need.

Spots

Chandra Sluggett: DIK Clean-up; On Sunday 17 May there will be a Clean-up Day at the **Donations In Kind** warehouse from 10am until 4pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Please let Geoff Howland know if you can help.

There is an opportunity for Unley to show it is the most intelligent Rotary Club at an upcoming fundraiser, which will be in the form of a **DIK Quiz Night**. Please let Chandra know if you are interested in making up a table.

Lindsay England reminded members who haven't yet paid their **second half-year subs** that their subs are now overdue.

The forwarding of donations to **Operation Cleft** is getting much closer with problems with the Club's charitable Trust bank account operations just about sorted out. We have a new cheque book for the account but some new trustees need to be appointed.

Reno Elms: The Salvation Army **Red Shield Appeal** is coming up on 23-31 May and Reno will be delighted if any Unley Rotarians can again contribute some time to help collecting for the appeal in the Unley area. The Community Service Committee will again seek the Board's endorsement of the Club matching Unley Rotarians' donations to the Red Shield Appeal.

This coming Sunday 29 March is **Unley Neighbours' Day** and our Club will be contributing to the day by putting on a BBQ at Aldridge Court, one of the local Supported Residential Facilities (boarding houses) in Young Street, Parkside. We still need people to buy soft drinks, organise the BBQ, organise a Rotary sign, serve the residents and talk/connect with the residents. So if you can assist, please let Reno know ASAP.

Martin Cooper reported that the flyers for the **mailbox drop** throughout the City of Unley have just about all been handed to members to distribute and some leftover flyers have even been returned from drops already completed. Pres. Jerry was the first to complete his appointed round.

Martin also circulated a list for members to indicate their ability and willingness to provide single or double accommodation to home host participants in the Great Australian Bike Ride. Please let Martin know if you can.

Stephen Baker: The **Police Officer of the Year Dinner** will be held on Tuesday 12 May at the Glenelg Golf Club. We need to have over 50 people attend, so please think about bringing friends along to this premium event. The cost is \$40 per head.

An email will be distributed shortly inviting Rotarians to assist with a **mentoring program** out of Urrbrae High School. As a result of our involvement with "Trade Schools of the Future" we have now been asked to assist young people to prepare for the work force.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Greg McLeod possibly overcompensated for having last week off by comprehensively exacting fines a diverse range of misdemeanours and telling some very bad jokes. Lindsay England won the Lucky Square and Jim Newall won the wine.

Guest Speaker: Locky McLaren - "My Group Study Exchange Experience"

Chairman Geoff Hill introduced his friend Locky McLaren to speak on his experience as a member of a Group Study Exchange to Texas, USA. Locky is the Executive Director of Rural Solutions, a government-owned company that is part of Primary Industry and Resources SA. Rural Solutions provides advisory services to the government and private sectors. Locky recently retired as the Chairman of the Roseworthy Old Scholars Association and has taken on the role of the Editor of the Association's newsletter. He is married to Jane and between them they have five adult children and one grandchild.

Locky McLaren was chosen as a Group Study Exchange awardee in the early 1980s after an exhaustive selection process conducted by then District 952. At the time he was married with a young family that had to deal with the cot death of one child and the profound deafness of their other child, so accepting a GSE place was a major decision for him to take as it meant being overseas in the USA and away from his family for six weeks.

Locky said that the gruelling selection process imposed by Rotary was good preparation for later job applications and enabled him to be far better prepared for interviews with future employers.

His Group Study exchange was to a Rotary District in the southern part of Texas, centred on San Antonio. Texas, despite being rather smaller than South Australia to the chagrin of the Texans, is an area rich in history. In 1836, at the time of the settlement of South Australia, Texas was part of Mexico. An armed rebellion by Texans seeking independence included the famous siege of the Alamo in San Antonio (remember Davey Crockett and Daniel Boone?). It was some years later that Texas became part of the United States of America.

Texans are very proud of their history and Locky's six weeks there included exposure to many of the historical sites in southern Texas. Locky reported that a Group Study Exchange is an extremely busy time that includes visits to Rotary club's breakfast, lunch and dinner meetings to give presentations about Australia, South Australia and Adelaide.

It also involved staying with numerous Rotary families who wanted to hear everything there was to hear from the awardees. About one day a week was set aside for vocational visits to local people involved in the vocations and professions of the GSE awardees. Locky's particular interests in rural economics meant visiting university academics and industry experts in other US States and this was arranged by the Exchange organisers in Texas.



Chairman Geoff Hill presented an Unley Rotary pen to guest speaker Locky McLaren, with Jill Hill and Jane McLaren.

As far as possible Locky has kept in touch with his co-awardees, most of whom have made major career changes since the Exchange. Locky looks back on his GSE experience with gratitude and appreciation for a life-changing time both personally and professionally.

Donations In Kind [DIK]

Clean Up at the DIK Warehouse

Sunday 24 May 10am – 4pm

BBQ Lunch

Can you help? You can!

Contact: Geoff Howland on 8337 7434
or email to: howland@adam.com.au

Paul Harris Fellows Night

[A Rotary Foundation Committee Event]

Partners Event

Date: Tuesday 14 April at 6.45pm for 7pm
Guest Speaker: PDG Euan Miller PHF
Venue: Indochina Restaurant
(153 Unley Rd - corner Frederick St)
Cost: \$32.00 per person for a banquet style meal, with a welcome drink
Enquiries to: David Middleton

OSSAA Film Night

"STATE OF PLAY"

Sunday 31 May

5.30pm

Chelsea Cinema

275 Kensington Rd
Kensington

Tickets \$16 ea incl.
champagne supper

Buy your tickets from:

Stephen Baker,
Bob Laws,
Alex Jonson or
John Russell



Surinam project delivers clean water to 10,000

By Joseph Derr - Rotary International News -- 19 March 2009

The small South American nation of Suriname may only have three Rotary clubs, but Rotarians there have made a big impact with projects to improve access to clean water.

Illegal mining has caused mercury contamination in many rivers and streams in Suriname, affecting the lives of thousands.

Focusing on the indigenous communities of Kajapatie and Abenaston, the Rotary Club of Paramaribo worked with clubs in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States on a US\$73,000 project for a new safe-water system. These funds helped purchase holding tanks, filters, pumps, and other equipment, all powered by solar panels. The club received Matching Grant support from The Rotary Foundation and also partnered with the Georg Fischer Bicentenary Foundation, the Alcoa Foundation, and the Canada Fund for additional financial support.

Paramaribo club members have completed seven water projects in recent years, investing a total of \$350,000 to provide clean drinking water for an estimated 10,000 people. Other projects assisted different communities, including those of the Maroon

people, who are the descendants of 18th century runaway slaves.

"These projects have been so enormously successful because in the planning stages, the local populations were actively involved in all aspects of the clean water facilities. Nothing was carried out without the village elders' consent and knowledge," says Paramaribo club member Anton Brandon, one of the key organizers for the projects.

The clubs also emphasized community involvement to ensure the projects' sustainability. Villagers helped install underground water mains and were trained on system maintenance, Brandon says.



Surinamese village children on the receiving end of a clean water system powered by energy from solar panels installed by Rotarians.

Rotary Centres have potential to change the world

By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary International News -- 19 March 2009

The Rotary World Peace Fellowships program makes a difference.



Colin Spurway (left), of Scotland, a 2003-05 Rotary World Peace Fellow, visits a field to learn about crops during his work with Mercy Corps. Spurway, now a manager with BBC World Service Trust, recently spoke to regional Rotary Foundation coordinators urging them to give the Peace Fellowships program a higher profile.

Colin Spurway, a 2003-05 peace fellow, says the program equipped him to make the world a more peaceful, just, and sustainable place.

Speaking to regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs) during a training meeting in Chicago, Spurway thanked The Rotary Foundation for its support of the [Rotary Centres for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution](#), and he urged the RRFCs to promote them.

"Only Rotary has the combination of financial capacity, internationalism, patience, and worldview to invest in something as imaginative, hopeful, progressive -- but intangible -- as peace," he said.

Spurway, a native of Scotland, added that peace is not a goal that can simply be checked off a list. "Peace is a continuing process. It is slow, long-term work."

In introducing Spurway to the RRFCs, Duane Sterling, Rotary Centres Committee member and aide to the RI president-nominee, suggested that the peace studies program receives less publicity than it deserves.

"The Rotary Centres come in right behind polio in priority," said Sterling. "But we are not giving it the kind of attention we need to be giving it. The program has one of the greatest potentials to change the world for generations to come."

Spurway studied at the Rotary Centre at the University of Queensland and spent his fourth semester at the University of California, Berkeley.

"My experience of the fellowship was made particularly rich by the semester in Berkeley," Spurway told the RRFCs. "But I know that I speak for the overwhelming majority of alumni when I say that the fellowship has proven to be of great value after graduation."

After managing peace-building and development programs for international charities in South and Central Asia, Spurway now works for the [BBC World Service Trust](#) in London as a manager for international development projects in Bangladesh. He said the peace studies program contributes substantially to Rotary's image. It is also a feather in the cap of the participating universities.

Eddie Blender, Rotary Centres Major Gifts Initiative chair, said US\$40 million has been raised toward the goal of creating a [\\$95 million endowment fund by 2015](#) to sustain the program. Alluding to a famous speech that Robert F. Kennedy made at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in 1966, Blender called the approximately 400 graduates of the program "our ripples of hope. With them and with our peace centres, peace is possible."

Where is District 9520?

District 9520 covers parts of four Australian states – South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. It's about 1,300 kilometres long and 400 Kilometres wide. There about 1,600 Rotarians in 57 Clubs. The main population centre is Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia.

The District stretches from the south coast of South Australia, through the southern half of the metropolitan area of Adelaide, the Fleurieu Peninsula, the Lower Murray, the Riverland area of South Australia to the Sunraysia district of Victoria on to Wentworth and Broken Hill, in New South Wales, and into the south-west corner of Queensland.

Jerry's Jottings

First, my thanks to those who put their hands up to home host a GSE team member; I believe we now have sufficient to put in an application to host the Colorado team for four days of their visit. Nothing is guaranteed and we will have to await the outcome of the application which Chandra and I will now pursue.

Stephen Baker made us aware of more developments with Trade Schools of the Future and this looks like another great opportunity for community involvement. This sounds exciting and I hope we will all give Stephen our full support.

I would also like to thank all members for giving their support to the leaflet drop around Unley; based on the initial feedback we have a number of people interested enough to see what we do. Let's make them all welcome and converts to Rotary. Thanks **Martin** for organising this and Janet for fielding the phone calls.

The weekend also sees another opportunity for some visibility in the community with the Sausage Sizzle at Young Street, thanks to Reno and the Community Service committee for organising this. See you there.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
31/03/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Fiona Godfrey: "It's a Girls World" and Michaela Wauchope: "UN Youth Forum"	Martin Cooper	Greg McLeod	Anne Zada & Bob Mills
07/04/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	The Great Debate: "RC Unley vs RC Hyde Park"	Reno Elms	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mills & Bob Mullins
14/04/09	Indochina Restaurant	6.45 for 7pm	Paul Harris Fellows Night & RC Unley Birthday Celebration; Partners Event	Lindsay England	Natalie Bowen	Bob Mullins & Chandra Sluggett
21/04/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker: "The Curse of Land Mines"	Sheila Evans	Natalie Bowen	Chandra Sluggett & Colin Schirmer

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Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

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Attendance Desk: Martin Cooper on 0403 910 161 or e-mail unley.membership@rotaryclub.org.au.

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
April	Sunday	19/04/09	Beach Fish & Chip Party Fish and Chips: \$10. BYOG	Somerton Beach	Jerry Casburn
May	Friday	22/04/09	Dinner at Martinhas , \$30 ea + wine	Adelaide TAFE	Jerry Casburn
June	Sunday	07/06/09	Family Fun Day & Fireworks from 3pm to 8:30pm	Wayville Showgrounds	Andy Hill

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: March-April 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
4	28/03/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	04/04/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	11/04/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	18/04/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws

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The Back Page

Harvard Reading Test

This was developed as an age test by an R&D department at Harvard University. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over 50 years of age can't do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is fart cat.
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat.
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read aloud the third word in each line from the top down.

Life Was Good When.....

You may need to be over 40 to understand the following:

Mum used to cut chicken, slice eggs and spread mayonnaise on the same cutting board with the same knife and no disinfectant cleaner, but we didn't get food poisoning.

My Mum used to defrost minced meat on the kitchen sink AND I used to eat a bite raw sometimes, too. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in waxed paper, in a brown paper bag, not in icepack coolers, but I can't remember anybody getting e.coli.

Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the creek or the fast flowing river instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring). We could have all been drowned in such dangerous places.

The term mobile phone would have meant an extra phone plug in the house so you could actually move the phone and a pager was the school PA system.

We all played sport, and also did PE and risked permanent injury with a pair of Dunlop runners (only worn in the gym or the sports ground) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built-in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened, because they tell us how much safer we are now.

Failing sport was not an option...even for stupid kids! There were not many fat kids.

Speaking of school, we all marched in to class and sang the National Anthem and got free school milk for strong bones and teeth, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention. We must have had horribly damaged psyches.

We climbed trees and played 'king of the castle' on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites, and when we got hurt, Mum pulled out the bottle of Mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did) and then we got our hair ruffled and got told to get back out there! Now it's a trip to the emergency ward, followed by a 10-day dose of antibiotics, and then Mum calls the solicitor to sue the builder for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.

I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself.

I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations.

We didn't misbehave at our mate's house, because if we did, we got our bum smacked there, and then we got belted again when we got home. I recall the kid from next door coming over and doing his tricks on the front veranda, just before he fell off. Little did his Mum know that she could have owned our house. Instead, she picked him up and swatted him for being such a yobbo.

It was a neighbourhood run amok.

To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a "dysfunctional family". How could we possibly have known that we needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes? We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Valium! How did we ever survive?



Ring ring...Ring ring

"Hello?"

"Hi honey. This is Daddy. Is Mummy near the phone?"

"No Daddy. She's upstairs in the bedroom with Uncle Paul."

After a brief pause Daddy says, "But honey, you haven't got an Uncle Paul."

"Oh yes I do and he's upstairs in the room with Mummy, right now."

Brief Pause - "Uh, okay then, this is what I want you to do. Put the phone down on the table, run upstairs and knock on the bedroom door and shout to Mummy that Daddy's car has just pulled into the driveway."

"Okay Daddy, just a minute."

A few minutes later the little girl comes back to the phone.

"I did it Daddy."

"And what happened honey?" he asked.

"Well, Mummy got all scared, jumped out of bed with no clothes on and ran around screaming. Then she tripped over the rug, hit her head on the dresser and now she isn't moving at all!"

"Oh my God!!! What about your Uncle Paul?"

"He jumped out of the bed with no clothes on, too. He was all scared and he jumped out of the back window and into the swimming pool. But I guess he didn't know that you took out the water last week to clean it. He hit the bottom of the pool and I think he's dead."

Long Pause

Longer Pause

Then Daddy says, "Swimming pool? Is this 8264 6436? "

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real