

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3659 – 21 April 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.	3659
Date	21 April 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Bob Ellis
Chairperson	Colin Schirmer
Visiting Rotarians	Naomi Gleeson (RC Murray Bridge)
Guests	Wendy Andrews, Ken Daly
Returning Rotarians	Anne & Mark Zada
Make Ups	Reno Elms (Hyde Park 08/04/09)
Attendance	83%
Anniversaries	Birthday: Rex Martin (26/4) Wedding: Geoff & Rose Howland (21/4)

President's Announcements

1. Although many will know by now, it is with disappointment that I need to confirm that we will not be proceeding with the Fireworks. A shortage of time and concerns relating to the amount of work for the club, as expressed by the newly formed committee resulted in a vote not to proceed. We have advised those who need to know but I would like to place on record my thanks to **Andy Hill** for all his hard work in single-handedly pulling the programme and event together.
2. My thanks to those who joined us for the **Beach Party** on Sunday, the weather held well and we enjoyed some fellowship with Rotarians, family and friends. The next event is an 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. While covering the social events I am getting some feedback that some members think these are events which members should attend, they are not, they are simply arranged to allow those who want to involve family and friends in an event not involving the normal meeting formalities. It is a chance to sit and talk.
3. Again I mention that the District 9520 LTYE Committee is desperately seeking clubs to host one of four **long term youth exchange students**. To do this we need to have at least four willing host parents. Can you please advise me if you are interested in hosting for a three-month period?

The four female students are from Germany, Norway and two from Belgium and their ages are 16 to 17 years on arrival in July 2009.

4. Please remember that the 2009/10 Entertainment Books are available now and Joan Reed has copies for sale. They cost \$65 and the first three or four uses cover this cost.
5. For all Board members there will be a short Board meeting following today's meeting.

Spots

Heather Kilsby presented Pres. Jerry with a banner from the Rotary Club of Wellington Central, NZ, where she did a make up during her recent NZ holiday and was received most warmly and hospitably. Heather passed on greetings from Pres. Ken and reported that she greatly enjoyed her visit.

Bob Laws: The club has been offered the donation of a small garden shed and an upright piano (needs tuning) for the club to either donate-on or sell. Sheila offered to buy the shed and Colin agreed to transport it for her. After some discussion Pres. Jerry referred the piano to the Community Service Committee.

Reno Elms: The Community Service Committee will meet on Friday 1st May at 10am at the Salvation Army in Marion Street.

Our club is supporting the monthly **Unley Citizens Concert** on Sunday, 3rd May. We typically provide drivers to transport elderly folk to and from the concert and provide afternoon tea. Drivers will pickup people from their homes around 1pm and again from the concert around 3.45pm. Any Rotarians who can help with driving and/or afternoon tea please see Reno ASAP.

The **Red Shield Appeal** is from 23rd to 31st May and Reno would again like to hear from Rotarians who can help with doorknocking in the Unley area. Also, members are encouraged to arrange a 'desk-knock' in their workplaces. Any personal donations made to the Appeal by Unley Rotarians will be matched by the club.

Chandra Sluggett reminded members of the request for Rotarians to host members of an **incoming GSE team** for four days from Sunday 18 to Wednesday 24 October. Help is also needed with transport and opportunities for vocational visits to workplaces.

Stephen Baker: The **Police Officer of the Year** presentation is on 12th May in Rundle Mall at 12.30pm; Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Stephen urged all Rotarians to attend the **presentation dinner** at the Glenelg Golf Club and to bring along as many guests as possible. Our club is representing all of South Australia at this event and the prestige of the event is reinforced by the numbers of people who are willing to be part of the ceremonies and celebrations.

Stephen also reminded members about the **OSSAA film night** on 31 May (see advert below). There are still tickets available so please see Stephen, John Russell, Alex Jonson or Bob Laws.

Lindsay England: Our Treasurer finally resorted to reading out the 'Shame List' comprising those members who have not yet paid their subs for this half of the Rotary year. All recalcitrants were in attendance at the meeting and were 'encouraged' to get their affairs in order.

Sergeant's Session

Our stand-in Sergeant, Sheila Evans, in determined fashion set about fining just about everyone, even for just being there. David Middleton won the Lucky Square and David Payne won the wine.

Life's a Beach - "Fish & Chips on Somerton Beach"



Waiting patiently for the surf to come up



Umbrella marks the high water line and Unley's claim to the beach



Too cool for Janet, but not for Bridget.



Beach girls Chandra, Mavis & Sheila



Mark & Anne: Something on the nose?



Natalie on the rocks



Genese, Jerry & Bob caught some rays



Tom Roh (student from Korea) & Susan

EXCEPTIONAL WINE TASTING - 200 McLAREN VALE WINES

Sunday 26 April 2009 2:00-9:00pm Maxim's Wine Bar 194 The Parade, Norwood
(Upstairs opposite Norwood town Hall)

In conjunction with Winestate Magazine and the management of Maxim's Wine & Coffee Bar this is a wonderful opportunity to taste a selection of some 200 wines from the McLaren Vale region of South Australia

Jazz Music by Wally, Schmo & Co

- Admission \$15 per head
- Cocktail food platters available at \$10
- After 6:00pm admission \$10 per head
- Bottomless tea & coffee
- Full bar facilities

All funds raised will go to local community projects including "Street Swags" for the Homeless and International projects including School of St Jude's, Tanzania "eliminating Poverty Through Education"

Rotary Club of Hyde Park

Tickets: Sam 0407 828 455 or Margaret (0439) 845568 or at the door **Website:** rotaryhydeparkau.org

Guest Speaker: Bob Ellis - "The Curse of Land Mines"

Introduction: Chairman Colin Schirmer introduced our guest speaker Bob Ellis to talk on the subject of "The Curse of Land Mines". Bob is President of the Viet Nam Veterans Federation and a member of the State Minister for Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee. He joined the Army in 1963 and in 1965 he began a tour in Viet Nam with the Field Engineers. He then moved into administration and left the Army in 1993 with the rank of Major and joined the Reserves, finally retiring in 2000. Bob is married with four adult children and his main hobby has been motor bikes (he once owned 49) and he is a member of the Viet Nam Veterans Motorcycle Club. He is Head Trainer for the North Adelaide FC and an accomplished quilter.

Bob Ellis: Bob began and concluded his talk by outlining the activities of the Viet Nam Veterans Federation which represents veterans in dealings with the Department of Veterans Affairs and supports social and craft activities among its members and provides charitable support for people in need in Viet Nam.

Bob believes that mines in any shape or form are abominations, but it is only relatively recently that world organisations have begun to realise this and promote the abolition of land mines.

Anti-personnel mines are aimed at people and range from the size of a Vegemite jar (M14 mine) lid to a jam tin (M16 mine). Often made of plastic and containing only tiny metal parts, the small M14 mines are difficult to detect and often you only become aware they have been laid when someone steps on one.

Anti-personal mines are designed to maim rather than kill. Regardless of who you are, whether soldier, farmer, animal or service person of some kind, if your foot is blown off you are effectively removed from the conflict and maimed people require many people, often for years, to care for them compared to a

corpse. M16 "Bouncing Betty" or "Jumping Jack" mines are designed to kill the person who steps on them and to maim and injure anyone within a radius of up to a hundred metres. The M14 and M16 mines were designed in the USA which has a total stock of around 3 million mines and which, along with several other countries, is opposed to their abolition.

Mines are still made in a number of countries and are still in widespread use. The rules of war impose restrictions on the use of mines, but these are often ignored.

Metal detectors and attempts at electronic devices to locate, remove or explode mines are only partially effective. So finding and clearing "wild" mines and mine fields remains slow, dirty and dangerous work mostly carried out by volunteers probing the ground on hands and knees.

An effective, universally adopted treaty to abolish land mines permanently has yet to be achieved. Until there is such a treaty, and/or all mines are cleared, people in current and former conflict areas around the world will continue to die or be maimed in large numbers on a daily basis. Bob urged everyone to support organisations that are committed to the abolition and clearing of land mines. ●



Colin Schirmer & Bob Ellis

Rotary News

Great Australian Bike Ride Reportage

From the DG's April Newsletter

The ride departed from Melbourne on the 21 March 2009 and, after 17,875km travelling anticlockwise around Australia, will arrive back in Melbourne on 10 October 2009.

The aims of the GABR are:

- To promote mental health and well being to promote Rotary, the organization and its Clubs;
- To promote Australian Rotary Health, a pre-eminent body in the provision of funds for medical research "In Australia, by Australians, for Australians;" and
- To convey a health message about fitness and cycling.

Dick Wilson, ARH Regional Coordinator, is the stage manager for the SA section of the ride. The riders and crew will cross the WA border on Thursday 10 September, arrive in Adelaide on Thursday 24 September, and leave again on Sunday 27 September for Nuriootpa.

Prof. Michael Sawyer, an Honorary Member from the RC Mitcham and Chairman of the ARH Research Fund, will be riding from Adelaide to Melbourne.

Another rider Robin O'Donnell, a non-Rotarian, took part in the last D9520 Conference "Fund Ride" from Strathalbyn to Mt Gambier as part of the Lonsdale EFM team. He is looking for sponsorship so that he can join the GABR so if anyone wants to help out, please call Dick Wilson.

Watch this space – there are big plans afoot when the GABR is in Adelaide. Many Rotary Clubs en route are already involved in hosting and raising money for ARH.

By Victoria Macdonald
Border Morning Mail, Albury-Wodonga – 6 April 2009

Hopes of raising \$1 million for mental health research have helped propel a group of cyclists through the Border. Rotary's Great Australian Bike Ride began in Melbourne on March 21 and travelled from Rutherglen to Henty yesterday.

Ride director Geoff Kennedy said four cyclists would ride the almost 18,000km journey, which is expected to take 204 days, with others joining at various stages. Fourteen riders passed through the Border en route to Sydney.

The cyclists enjoyed their first rest day in two weeks at Rutherglen on Saturday. "...the Rotary club in Rutherglen took us on a couple of winery tours - we all certainly appreciated the day's break," he said.

The ride is expected to end in Melbourne on October 10.

Daily Advertiser, Wagga Wagga – 6 April 2009

Eight Rotary bike riders will leave Wagga today on a 17,800 kilometre tour around Australia to raise money for mental health research. The riders stopped in Wagga last night after visiting Henty and Lockhart, and will today travel to Junee and Cootamundra.

Starting in Melbourne, the Great Australian Bike Ride aims to raise awareness and money for mental health and ends on Mental Health Day in October.

More than 100 riders have, registered to take part, but only four will ride the entire distance, over 204 days, visiting every Rotary district in the country. ●



Great Australian Bike riders at Wodonga

Rotary Founder: Paul Harris

By Lauren Kalal and Stephanie Giordano
Rotary International News -- 14 April 2009

Born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868, Paul P. Harris was the second of six children of George N. and Cornelia Bryan Harris.

At age three, he moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents, Howard and Pamela Harris. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

While he was in school, both of Harris's grandparents died, and he spent the five years after graduation traveling around the country and working odd jobs. After arriving penniless in San Francisco in 1891, he worked as a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and then as a ranch hand, grape picker, actor, and cowboy. He was also a hotel night clerk in Jacksonville, Florida, and a traveling marble and granite salesman.

In 1896, he settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Along with Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey, he founded the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 and was elected its president in 1907.

Club membership grew rapidly. Many members were originally from small towns and found an opportunity for fellowship in the Chicago club. Harris was convinced that the club could be expanded into a service movement and strove to extend Rotary to other communities.

In 1910, he met Jean Thompson during an outing with the Prairie Club, a Chicago-based organization for wilderness enthusiasts. Harris and Thompson married three months later and settled on Chicago's South Side.

In the same year, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, and Harris was elected its first president. He held the office for two years and afterward became president emeritus, serving as the public face of the organisation and promoting membership extension and service around the world.

He wrote several books about Rotary and his life and travels, including *The Founder of Rotary* and *This Rotarian Age*.

In addition to his work with Rotary, Harris was involved in other civic organizations, including the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, City Club of Chicago, Chicago Bar Association, Prairie Club, and Easter Seals. He was also recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and honored by the governments of Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Peru.

Harris died on 27 January 1947, leaving a rich legacy of fellowship, professionalism, service, and friendship. His passing also sparked an outpouring of donations to The Rotary Foundation from all over the world, allowing the Foundation to greatly expand its programs and services. ●



Harris as a young lawyer in Chicago, 1896.



An anxious mother checks her child's health card while she waits with hundreds of others at the Saga feeding center. Niamey, Niger.

Donations In Kind [DIK]

Clean Up Day at the DIK Warehouse

West Avenue, Edinburgh, opposite main gate to air base
Look for the Rotary sign

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

OSSAA Film Night “STATE OF PLAY”

Sunday 31 May

5.30pm at the

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



Please join us for a R.A.W. Desert Experience

INVITATION: President Elect Sandy Sumsion and the members of the Rotary Club of Roxby District invite you to our Change Over and 1st Birthday Celebration Weekend Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June 2009.

Saturday 13th June

Welcome: Andamooka; 12.30pm Picnic lunch at historic cottages and visit to an Opal mine.

Change Over: Desert location near Roxby Downs, 6.30pm, camp oven cooked meal, beautiful stars & country hospitality.

Sunday 14th June

1st Birthday Luncheon: Woomera, 12.30pm, lunch and farewell.

We anticipate approx cost of \$120 per person for meals. Additional costs – drinks, local transport (if needed) and accommodation. Please note - further details can be sent to all interested clubs / members.

Expressions of interest to:

PE Sandy Sumsion on 0400 366 619 or

Email to sandy@rhsa.com.au by Friday 15th May.

We look forward to your company!!

Roxby Andamooka Woomera

Jerry's Jottings

Well, I am sitting in the shop with finger poised over the keyboard and looking for something intelligent to record, not much is coming. Outside it is raining for the first time in a long time and while it doesn't do much for trade in Glenelg the air smells fresh and everything gets cleaner, except my car.

Last Sunday afternoon about 22 Rotarians, partners, family members, friends and dogs gathered on Somerton Beach from 3pm onwards to enjoy some fellowship and feast on excellent fish and chips. Some of our Aussies found the seaside environment too cool for comfort while the visiting Brits found the conditions pleasantly warm. Others paddled in the calm waters, strolled up and down the sand watching the ebbing tide or playing ball with U2, Arnie and Gino, who also checked-out any passing dogs. Talk was plentiful and a good time was had by all.

Congratulations are due to **Martin Cooper** for the progress made this year with so many new members; the flyer is working with enquiries about the club and new donations to the Thrift Shop which was also advertised on the flyer.

Next week is our first club assembly for the New Year and we will have reports from each of the Avenues of Service. We will try to keep them brief but importantly if you have anything to say about the club, now is your chance. See you next week.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
28/04/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	Glenys Ferguson	Natalie Bowen	Colin Schirmer & David Middleton
05/05/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Ray Pincombe, CEO City of Unley	Andrew Hill	Bob Laws	David Middleton & David Payne
12/05/09	Glenelg Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm	Police Officer of the Year Presentation Dinner; Partners Event	Geoff Howland	Bob Laws	David Payne & Geoff Hill
19/05/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Interclub Meeting with RC Prospect Simon Ridgeway: "The Submarine/Air Warfare Destroyer Corporation"	Alex Jonson	Bob Laws	Geoff Hill & Geoff Howland

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

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Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

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	26/04/09	Wine Tasting 2-9pm \$15 ea See Advert for tickets:	Maxim's Wine Bar	RC Hyde Park
May	Tuesday	12/05/09	Police Officer of the Year 7.00 for 7.30pm \$40ea	Glenelg Golf Club	Stephen Baker
	Friday	22/05/09	Dinner at Martinhas \$30 ea + drinks	Adelaide TAFE	Jerry Casburn
	Sunday	24/05/09	Donations In Kind Clean Up Day	DIK Warehouse	Geoff Howland
	Sunday	31/05/09	OSSAA Film Night "State of Play" 5.30pm \$16ea	Chelsea Cinema	Stephen Baker

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	25/04/09	CLOSED FOR ANZAC DAY	
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	09/05/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	16/05/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	23/05/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws

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The Back Page

Two nuns in Transylvania

Two nuns, Sister Marilyn and Sister Marie, are travelling through Europe in their car. They get to Transylvania and are stopped at a traffic light.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, a tiny little Dracula jumps onto the bonnet of the car and hisses through the windscreen.

"Quick, quick!" shouts Sister Marilyn. "What shall we do?"

"Turn the windscreen wipers on. That will get rid of the abomination," says Sister Marie.

Sister Marilyn switches them on, knocking Dracula about, but he clings on and continues hissing at the nuns.

"What shall I do now?" she shouts.

"Switch on the windscreen washer. I filled it up with holy water at the Vatican," says Sister Marie.

Sister Marilyn turns on the windscreen washer. Dracula screams as the water burns his skin, but he clings on and continues hissing at the nuns.

"Now what?" shouts Sister Marilyn.

"Show him your cross," says Sister Marie.

"Now you're talking," says Sister Marilyn. She opens the window and shouts, "Get the bloody hell off the car!"



Golf Club Sign

Here is an actual sign posted at a golf club in Scottsdale, Arizona:

1. Back straight, knees bent, feet shoulder width apart.
 2. Form a loose grip.
 3. Keep your head down!
 4. Avoid a quick back swing.
 5. Stay out of the water.
 6. Try not to hit anyone.
 7. If you are taking too long, let others go ahead of you.
 8. Don't stand directly in front of others.
 9. Quiet please...while others are preparing.
 10. Don't take extra strokes.
- Well done. Now, flush the urinal, go outside, and tee off.

Extra Sauce

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he paid her a large sum of money if she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. If she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18.

She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discrete, he told her to simply mail him a postcard, and write 'Spaghetti' on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin.

One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. 'Honey,' she said, 'you received a very strange post card today.'

'Oh, just give it to me and I'll explain it later,' he said. The wife obeyed and watched as her husband read the card, turned white, and fainted.

On the card was written: 'Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti; three with meatballs, two without. Send extra sauce!'



Heavenly Computing

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away. They moused. They faxed. They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments. They downloaded. They did spreadsheets! They wrote reports. They created labels and cards. They created charts and graphs. They did some genealogy reports. They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell. Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured and, of course, the power went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the Underworld. Jesus just sighed.

Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers.

Satan started searching frantically, screaming: "It's gone! It's all GONE! "I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan saw this and became irate.

"Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?"

God just shrugged and said, "Jesus saves."

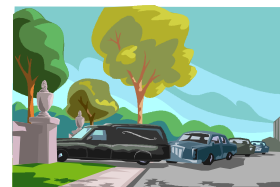


Man and Hearse

A man was leaving a cafe with his morning coffee when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery.

A long black hearse was followed by a second long black hearse about 50 feet behind the first.

Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a pit bull terrier on a leash. Behind him was a queue of 200 men walking in single file.



The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog.

"I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this with so many of you walking in single file. Whose funeral is it?"

The man replied, "Well, that first hearse is for my wife."

"What happened to her?"

The man replied, "My dog attacked and killed her."

He inquired further, "Well, who is in the second hearse?"

The man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her."

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two men.

"Can I borrow the dog?"

"Join the queue."

Memories

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
Make Dreams Real