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Meeting 3665 – 2 June 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.	3665
Date	2 June 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Pastor Richard Haar
Chairperson	Andy Hill
Sergeant	Bob Laws
Returning Rotarians	Ken Haines, Bob Laws, Mavis Martin
Guests	Ken Daly
Apologies	Anne Wehr, Anne Zada, Heather Kilsby, Janet Singh, John Russell, Kevin Rogers, Mark Zada, Neesha Nandasena, Neville Highett, Stephen Baker
Make Ups	Anne Wehr, Janet Singh
Attendance	73%
Anniversaries	Birthdays: Anne Zada 4/6, Mark Zada 7/6 Induction: Geoff Hill 7/6

President's Announcements

1. A correction to the information in the Bulletin, the date for our **Change Over** has been moved to July 7th, this was to accommodate a request by Roy Armstrong – Group 6 Assistant Governor to attend and he is away in early June.
2. As you will have seen in the Bulletin we will be hosting the **GSE team** from November 2nd to 7th. The time they are with us is made up of one vocational day, one rest day where they can choose what they do and a Group 6 meeting. Our thoughts currently are to host the Group 6 dinner meeting at Parliament House with David Pisoni or Stephen Baker hosting and a guided tour beforehand. Also being considered is a visit to the Governor's residence and a possible meeting with the governor. We would welcome any ideas for activities. Please let Chandra or Natalie have your thoughts.
3. Just to keep the club up to date we have offers from both Concordia and Annesley for Leena our **Youth Exchange Student**. Given that Leena is Lutheran we will be taking up the offer from Concordia. Thanks to **Joan Reed** for organising this.



President Jerry

4. Pres Jerry called a brief Board meeting tonight to address the proposed District budget.
5. On the **social scene**, I am looking to organise events for both June and July. In June I have made a tentative booking with the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club for a Cheap Eats session. They have a private room and food is good quality and cheap. For July, **Bob Mullins** suggested a night at the greyhound races. I have been advised that the Thursday is the better night and they have a key event on July 9th. Cost for an "all you can eat" Smorgasbord, entrance and race card is \$27. Pres Jerry asked for a show of hands as to the level of interest in each event.

Spots

Chandra Sluggett has certificates and receipts for all those who donated cash to **Operation Cleft** and certificates for those who donated goods for the auction. The certificates will be handed out at the meeting on 23 June when Dr Saiful Islam will be our guest speaker, unless you need your certificate earlier.

Joan Reed: Last year's **Entertainment Books** expired yesterday (1/6/09) so anyone wanting to use Entertainment Book vouchers from now on will need to purchase a new book at \$65 each. See Joan to purchase your new Entertainment Book.

The **Rotary Club of Port Pirie** has sent an invitation to their Change Over Night on 4 July 2009. Contact Joan for details.

Reno Elms thanked everyone who supported the Salvation Army's 2009 **Red Shield Appeal**, especially our doorknock collectors John Russell, Stephen Baker and Stephen Westgarth, those who took containers to their workplaces for desk-knock collecting and those who made a direct donation to the Appeal. Reno asked anyone yet to return workplace collection containers to please return them to him ASAP. Over 300 volunteers were involved in the Red Shield Appeal in the Unley area.

Reno informed members of a fundraising event that his son is organising to raise \$20,000 to purchase a minibus for the **Denpasar Boys' Home** to transport the boys to school. On 20 June there will be **Quiz Night** in the Hall at Concordia College. The aim is to raise \$3,000 on the night. Reno is looking for 10 Rotarians and guests to attend the event and also for donations of gifts and prizes.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Laws returned to duty having lost none of his flair for fining but resorting to 'punful' jokes. Norm Wallace won the Lucky Square and Geoff Howland won the wine.

Guest Speaker - Pastor Richard Haar: "Dining with Cannibals"

Introduction: Richard Haar was born in New Zealand and grew up in the provincial city of Palmerston North. He migrated to Australia in 1977 to take up studies at the Lutheran Seminary in North Adelaide where he studied for seven years. On graduation he went to Papua as a missionary in 1984, initially to Menyamya in the mountains of Morabi Province and then to the city of Lae on the coast. In 1985 Richard married his wife Julie (in Australia) during his assignment in Papua. They returned to Australia in late 1988 and Richard became a parish pastor in Traralgon in the Latrobe Valley in Victoria. In 1994 Richard returned to Adelaide for two years of post-graduate studies to gain his Master of Theology Degree. In 1997 he was appointed to pastor St John's Lutheran Church in Unley. Richard and Julie have two children, both students.

Richard Haar began his story of his experiences in Papua New Guinea by saying confidently that he was the only person in the room who had eaten a meal with a cannibal.

When he was posted to PNG Richard was first sent to Menyamya which is located on the edge of the highlands and is the last settlement before the Irian Jaya border. The town has a huge airstrip where the RAAF regularly landed Caribou transport aircraft in readiness for the Indonesians coming across the border.

When he arrived, Richard found the traditional culture of Menyamya was still intact with the people still wearing grass skirts, living in their traditional houses and speaking their local language. This was in contrast to the experience in Lae with its urban crime problems.

The people of Menyamya went from the Stone Age to the Modern Age in one generation, which causes one to think of the magnitude of the changes involved. The Papua New Guineans had not yet invented the wheel, perhaps because it was simply too mountainous for wheeled vehicles to have been of any use.

The first time the people of Menyamya saw a wheel was under the nose of an aeroplane, and they thought the plane was a large bird that was hungry and needed feeding with sweet potatoes. They assumed the plane had given birth to the white people who alighted from the plane and so called it Mama, which planes have been called ever since.

Working alongside indigenous Christian clergy, Richard came across children who had never seen a white person before and were afraid at first. It was a real privilege to be accepted by the local people. He did all of his work in Pidgin English which was translated into the local languages.

Richard regarded as a personal 'badge of honour' the trust the people had in him in that he was one of the few white people they would talk to about them having being cannibals; they were embarrassed and ashamed that they used to eat people.

When Richard was there, anyone over the age of say 30 had eaten human flesh. It was an eerie feeling getting to know and forming relationships with people who had eaten human beings. Cannibalism had long been an intrinsic part of their culture and had much to do with local territorial conflicts between neighbouring tribes. Some groups believed that eating part of a rival's body transferred the rival's strength to them.

Victims of cannibalism were often territorial trespassers who had been killed or victims of payback killings, a long-standing practice in the highlands. A further reason for cannibalism may have been the lack of protein in the staple diet of sweet potatoes, with the bodies of rivals providing an alternate source of protein to slaughtering pigs.

Pigs were very valuable as they formed the major part of the price paid for a bride. However, during question time Richard noted that women were at the bottom of the pecking order, with wives held to be below sons, daughters and pigs.



Chairman Andy Hill thanked guest speaker
Pastor Richard Haar

Jerry's Jottings

On Saturday June 13th, the Board elected for 2009/10 will meet to establish a vision for the club for the next three years and a more detailed set of objectives for 2009/10.

We need your help. I would be grateful if you would consider and then email, to me, a response to each or any of the following:

- What is your vision of what the club should be like in three years? Consider:
 - Membership, number and mix (age, gender, ethnicity)
 - Degree of formality, in meetings, etc.
 - Mix of projects to social, etc
 - Anything else you can think of.
- What are the three things you would like us to stop doing?
- What are the three things you think we need more of?
- What are our Strengths and Weaknesses (this should be an internal view of the club)?
- What are our Opportunities and Threats (this is external to the club)?
- How can we sell our club and attract more members, particularly younger members?
- Next year is our 75th year of service, how do we mark it? A special project? How do we celebrate it?
- Any ideas you have for the future.

Additionally, to enable us to plan the committee structure can you please consider your order of preference for which committees you serve on? Please list your top four in priority order between:

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| • Fund Raising | • Community | • Vocational | • Public Relations |
| • Club Service | • International | • Membership | |

Over the next few days Janet Singh will convert the above into a questionnaire for you to complete. In the meantime, please think about your contribution.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Rotary News

Pakistan moves to end polio in the face of conflict

By Dan Nixon - Rotary International News -- 27 May 2009

Pakistan's effort to eradicate polio is moving ahead, despite the displacement of up to one million people by the military conflict in the country's North-West Frontier Province.

Among the positive developments reported by the World Health Organisation:

- As of 19 May, nine immunization teams had vaccinated almost 17,900 children under age five on the three main transit routes out of the conflict zone.
- More than 87,000 displaced people are living in 26 camps in the province. Mobile teams have gone tent to tent to immunize 6,890 children and are deployed at registration points to vaccinate newcomers.
- Almost 870,000 people -- about 90 percent of the total displaced population -- have registered as living with relatives or friends. Immunization teams are being trained to cover communities hosting displaced families to ensure that the children are vaccinated against polio and receive vitamin A supplements during National Immunization Days (NIDs) 28-30 May. Sub-national Immunization Days are scheduled for 22-24 June.

WHO officials say it is vital to reach children of displaced families, because access to these children has been hampered by the poor security situation in the province.



Rotarians and friends turn out for Karachi's walk against polio.

To promote the upcoming NIDs, aimed at reaching 33 million children nationally, Rotarians and social workers joined a walk against polio in Karachi on 21 May.

District Youth Committees Merge

By Peter Shipp - District Governor's May 2009 Newsletter

During the middle of April I attended a meeting with the Youth Exchange Committee(s) in order to ensure that a smooth transition was taking place in amalgamating Short Term Youth Exchange and Long Term Youth Exchange. This amalgamation is necessary as the number of students being handled is not as great as in the past.

This merging of both committees has seen a reduction in overall committee members and partners and should lead to a more

marketable operation by presenting the two alternatives to Clubs and students. The Committee will be known as "The Youth

Exchange Committee" and will be Chaired, as from 1st of July, by Bruce Partington, Rotary Club of Strathalbyn. I must express my thanks and thoughts to the present Chairs, Garry Fischer (Murray Bridge) and Graeme Dodsworth (Glen Osmond) for their cooperation in putting these committees together.

Rotary Travel Fellowships

District Governor's May 2009 Newsletter

Rotary Australia World Community Service has endorsed a Fund to help Surgeons from the S.W. Pacific Rim to attend International Surgical Week in Adelaide 6-10 September 2009.

All applicants from the region who are planning to attend ISW 2009 are encouraged to apply for a Fellowship. Successful applicants may receive up to AUS\$4000 to help with fares, registration and other costs. Budget accommodation or Home Hosting by local Rotarians may also be available.

In the allocation of Fellowships preference will be given to surgeons working in isolation, surgeons who have already been

involved in Rotary projects in their region or surgeons who can obtain support from a Rotary Club in their area.

Registrants intending to apply for a Rotary Travel Fellowship should indicate their intention on the ISW 2009 Registration

Form and include a short statement supporting their suitability to receive assistance in this way.

Further information can be obtained from Dr. C.R.T. Hughes, Medical Director SAPMEA; email : isw2009@sapmea.asn.au

Bushfire Recovery Program

By Peter Shipp - District Governor's June 2009 Newsletter

Information received from District 9790 - basically the worst affected of all the Districts - indicates that although work is going on, some of the support centres are being closed down or consolidated in one area.



The Rotary Clubs in the Mildura area are placing their efforts into the Kilmore, Kinglake and Marysville region. The Rotary Club of Irymple is shipping out fence posts on a regular basis.

In so far as the remainder of this District is concerned, I have been in touch with the District Governor of D9780 and by agreement we will 'adopt' the Horsham area. A 'wish list' will be provided by the Rotary Clubs of Horsham area and monies from our Disaster Fund will be allocated to items on this list. So far we

have paid for materials to build native bird nesting boxes which will be delivered to the Victorian Parks and Wildlife and also paid for fuel for the delivery of hay into District 9780.

The issue of individual donations and the Tax deductibility through the District Trust Fund is in the hands of the Australian Taxation Office. Hopefully we will finalise approvals and documentation by mid-June. Those individuals who would like to donate, I would request that you hold on a little longer until the fund is finalized. According to District 9790 (Kinglake area) survivors are only just beginning to understand their losses. As a result, we can expect more detailed advice on their needs to be forthcoming on a regular basis.

In regard to distribution from our Disaster Fund, agreement has been arranged that our efforts will be continued in the same vein for the rest of the year by our DG 2009/2010, Dick Cuttle.

I would like to thank all the Clubs' Members for their great effort in raising in excess of \$120,000. Well done to all!

Rotary Peace Fellowships

District Governor's May 2009 Newsletter

The Rotary Foundation makes a significant contribution in the promotion of a world where our children and grand children could live without any fear of conflicts.

Each year, Rotary Foundation recruits, selects and supports up to 60 outstanding young professionals to pursue a two-year master's degree course with core studies in mediation, peace and conflict resolution at six Rotary-partner university centres in different countries. These scholars are schooled in areas such as:

- Root causes of conflict,
- Conflict resolution, and
- Developing governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partnerships to create peace.

This program is for those individuals who have chosen a career in international relations, peace and conflict resolution and who already have three years' experience in these areas. Once

selected by the Rotary International, they will also need to obtain admission in the one of the partner universities.

Rotary seeks those individuals who are prepared to dedicate their careers to peace and conflict resolution and who have real potential to positively impact our world. There is also a short-term three-month certificate program held in Bangkok, Thailand, at Chulalongkorn University (held July-September and January-April). This program is focused on providing professionals with the conflict resolution tools they need to foster peace and peaceful conflict resolutions in their fields.

Applications for Rotary World Peace Fellows will need to be lodged early in the year for it to reach the Rotary Foundation by 1 July of that year.

For further information contact Satish Gupta on 8381 4782 or 0415 817 226. Email: satish.G@three.com.au.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
09/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Simon Cadzow: "Living Longer in the 21 st Century"	David Middleton	Bob Laws	Greg McLeod & Heather Kilsby
16/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Don Thorpe: "Building a Ketch for the Maritime Museum"	Greg McLeod	Bob Mullins	Heather Kilsby & Janet Plumb
23/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Saiful Islam & Mahbub Rahman: "Bengali Information Night"	Bob Mills	Bob Mullins	Janet Plumb & Janet Singh
30/06/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Robert Bentley: "The Great Australian Bike Ride"	Bob Mullins	Bob Laws	Janet Singh & Jim Newall
07/07/09	Kooyonga Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Change Over Night	Neesha Nandasena	Bob Laws	Jim Newall & Joan Reed

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486; e-mail: unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au.

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

Sergeant-At-Arms: Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

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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
June	Saturday	20/06/09	Bali Bus Quiz Night 7 for 7.30pm	The Sauviter, Concordia College	Reno Elms
	Monday	22/06/09	Ladies Auxiliary at 11.00am	4/35 Bevington Road, Glenunga	Margaret Payne
	Tuesday	07/07/09	Change Over Night at 7.00pm TBC	Kooyonga Golf Club	Jerry Casburn

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
1	06/06/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/06/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	20/06/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	27/06/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed

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Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary is on Monday 22 May at 11am at the home of Margaret Payne, 4/35 Bevington Road, Glenunga.

The Back Page

Priceless Observations

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'

~ Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

~ George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

~ Victor Borge

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

~ Socrates

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

~ Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

~ Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

~ Zsa Zsa Gabor

Chimps Have More Fun

A blonde lady was about an hour from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down.

The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"

"Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. The problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back which have to be taken to San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde.

So he carried the chimps to the blonde's car and strapped them into their seat belts and off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified to see the blonde walking down the street with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd.

With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde.

"What the heck are you doing here?" he demanded. "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo."

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde, "but we had money left over, so now we're going to Sea World."

Final Drinks at the Last Chance Saloon

The swing doors burst open and in strides the Sheriff, as the whole bar falls quiet.

"I's lookin' fer the Paper Cowboy," the Sheriff announces loudly.

"Wass he look like, Sheriff?" asks the bartender.

"Waaaal, he's got him a big ol' paper hat, wears paper shirts, paper pants, paper boots. He's got him a paper gun that fires paper bullets and he rides him a big ol' paper hoss."

"Waaaal, Sheriff," the bartender replies, "I caint say that we rightly seen him in these here parts, but we'll sure as hell keep an eye out fer him. Saaaay, what do you want him fer, anyway?"

"Rustlin'."

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

~ Mark Twain

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.

~ Alex Levine

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.

~ Rodney Dangerfield

Money can't buy you happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

~ Spike Milligan

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP.

~ Joe Namath

I never drink water because of the disgusting things fish do in it.

~ W. C. Fields

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

~ Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

~ Phyllis Diller

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

~ Billy Crystal

Inspecting the Troops



Are we old yet?

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Thanks to Jerry Casburn for this contribution

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real