

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3672 – 21 July 2009

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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.	3672
Date	21 July 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Birendra Bhandari
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Guests	Leena Kasurinen, Ken Daly
Visiting Rotarians	Peter O'Neill (RC Adelaide)
Apologies	Anne Wehr, Geoff Howland, Kevin Rogers, Neesha Nandasena, Reno Elms
Returning Rotarians	None
Make Ups	Anne Wehr
Sick List	Geoff Howland
Attendance	73%
Departing Rotarians	None

President's Announcements

Firstly, I'm delighted to introduce our exchange student Leena Kasurinen who arrived on Sunday. Her arrival was delayed several hours due to a luggage mix up in Sydney. It is great to see her here with us, complete with kookaburra.

Secondly, I remind members that I have copies of the District Directory and the Club Committees Structure for any members who would like one. Sad to say, the District Directory is about 50% accurate and the Unley entries are no exception. Apparently this problem is being addressed. Also, in the Committees Structure I have managed to call Greg McLeod Geoff by mistake.



Leena Kasurinen presented Pres Jerry with a banner from her sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Siilinjärvi, Finland.

Spots

Joan Reed spoke on behalf of a jet-lagged Leena. During Leena's extended stop-over in Sydney she was taken on a short tour of the city. Already she has organised her banking arrangements and acquired her Concordia school uniform and lace-up school shoes – this will be the first time Leena has ever worn a school uniform. Leena will start at Concordia on Wednesday, along with four other exchange students.



Leena Kasurinen and her welcoming committee at Adelaide Airport

Bob Laws reminded members of the Thrift Shop Volunteers Morning Tea at 11am on Sunday, 2nd August at the Unley Civic Centre. Bob circulated a list seeking an indication of attendees; please let Bob know that you'll be attending if you haven't already done so.

NOTICE

Preserve Planet Earth Committee Climate Change Forum

Sunday 6 September 2009, 10:00am to 3:30pm
Elder Hall University of Adelaide

Issues for Speakers to Include in Presentations

The Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise has been provided with a list of 36 Issues that the Planning Group considers the speakers and panel need to include in their presentations at the Forum. An invitation has been extended to all members to suggest extra issues.

Your Suggestions

Please send your suggestions to Ian Carman, the Convenor of the Planning Group, by Thursday 6 August 2009; either email to climate.carman@optusnet.com.au or post to Ian Carman, RC of Magill Sunrise, PO Box 504 Magill SA 5072

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant David continued with principled fining, i.e. no-one was pinged for barracking for any particular football team or for arriving late. David Middleton won the Lucky Square and Lindsay England won the Wine.

Guest Speaker – Birendra Bhandari: "My RYLA Experience"

Introduction: Chairman Stephen Baker introduced Birendra Bhandari to speak on his experiences at this year's RYLA Seminar. Birendra comes from the north west province of Nepal and is living here in Adelaide while he studies International Studies - majoring in International Relations - at Flinders University. His parents and an older sister are back in Nepal. Before coming to Australia, Birendra was a member of Rotaract. He was sponsored to attend RYLA by the Rotary Club of Unley.

Birendra Bhandari gave us a comprehensive report on his week at the 2009 RYLA Seminar, complete with photos of the various happenings.

Saturday: Following its formal opening by District 9520 District Governor Peter Shipp, president of Brownhill Creek, Richard Heathcote, and district chair Wendy Gaborit on Monday morning, RYLA 2009 commenced with Lieutenant Governor Hieu Van Le's inspiring life story. He made the point that life is rarely predictable, offering many unexpected and challenging opportunities. His struggle from a Vietnamese refugee, a navigator to the governor of South Australia was, I think, very inspiring to many RYLArians. The skits by different groups in the evening, was wonderful, whereby everyone got an opportunity to show their acting skills.

Sunday: On Sunday morning, Michael Hourigan took course members through a cycle of stories- some horrible, some motivating; from Rwanda to Iraq. The sweatshop stories and the child labour stories made us realise that were directly or indirectly responsible. Helen Liebelt, Jackie Stewart and Anna Peshanoff taught us the right ways of spending money and gave a concept on Community Banks. That evening, we were introduced to Bush Dancing (Old Gum Tree-0) by Chris McCrea and team. It was awesome.

Monday: The Monday morning introduced all the participants to a planned series of physical activities and self-defence techniques. That very cold evening took us to orienteering to Belair National Park. With torches in hands and darkness around, it was an unforgettable experience. With loads of exercise the whole day long, everyone was eager to bed. The following morning many of us were fined for late rising.

Tuesday: David Griggs taught RYLArians some of the best advice they'll ever get on public speaking and involved us in interesting activities. His oratory skills were in a true sense highly practical and useful.. In the evening, all the directors in their amazing outfits took us to rounds of adventures. We walked down the ramp clad with the best newspaper designs made in half-an hour. Hilarious!

Wednesday: After breakfast, Phil Hoffman, brainwashed us on leadership values, and then Bob Kearney's lessons on team building were fascinating. Bob spoke about the significant difficulties of leadership in the 2009 Victoria Bushfire — probably the greatest test of management that he had ever faced. The pinnacle of creativity was the Wednesday evening. We were told to make anything we wished n connect that to our story. The set was marvelous. The lights were switched off, the only source of

light was the candles in the middle; the beds lay around. We were there with our pillows and blankets. No cameras! Absolute silence! Many came with heart-wrenching stories ... the stories of their lives in the refugee camps, how they narrowly escaped bombings, member of the family missing, neglected by the family, stories of hunger, the diseases they are fighting with and many more.

Thursday: On Thursday morning, Liz Williamson spoke on Conflict resolution. Wendy Gaborit introduced us to different Social Cultural issues, the aborigines, their situation, lifestyles, and their territories in Australia.

After the lunch, we prepared a skit for the much awaited Graduation Dinner at the Belair Country Club. All were dressed in their best outfit. The sponsors, the directors, the secretaries, the DG, the presidents were all there along with the participants. All the RYLArians were recognized with a certificate of participation. Lots of photos and of course lots of drinks. The skit was there at the end. A night ... so special.

Friday: It was the last day of our seminar. Many of us were sad to leave behind such a beautiful family we made. Funds were raised for a charity. Unwillingly, we started packing up and cleaning the site at 10 am. The directors guided us to life after RYLA. We had the last lunch together at 12:30 and the official closure was announced at 1:30. Lots of hugs and photos. We exchanged our mailing addresses and phone numbers. A long, strenuous and very full week concluded!

Besides the morning bagpipes' MUST wakeup calls, the yoga classes, the fineing sessions, the Q/As at the dinner, the warm fuzzies and the lollies... everything was wonderful.

Support: The RYLA 2009 participants and staff were very well accommodated and fed by the staff and facilities of the Nunyara Conference Centre, Belair for the week. As well, RYLA would not have run at all without the constant expert assistance of Jan and Jeff Hollands (Camp Mum and Dad), and John Rundle (Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek).

And finally... None of the activities during RYLA 2009 really need to be prefaced by the word 'Leadership' for their point to be evident. Leadership is a multifaceted skill, found in the oddest places but readily accessible to the perceptive and enquiring mind. ●



Vocational & Youth Services Committee Chairman Stephen Baker thanked Birendra Bhandari for his presentation.

Jerry's Jottings

Just briefly, as I'm in Dubbo for the rest of this week, this week's meeting had two highlights: The safe arrival of our exchange student Leena Kasurinen and the report from our RYLA nominee Birendra Bhandari. Both are fine examples of Rotary's work in the International and Youth areas.

I look forward to all members of our club making Leena welcome and helping her learn as much as she can about Australia, its people and culture. Please liaise with Joan Reed if you would like to arrange activities for Leena.

Birendra has been a fine ambassador for the club to RYLA as exemplified by his detailed and thoughtful report. He certainly seems to have had a great time on the RYLA seminar and to have got great value from it. I hope we can find an equally suitable candidate for next year's RYLA.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



Rotary News

Message from District Governor Dick Cuttle

By Dan Nixon - Rotary International News -- 14 July 2009

Welcome to 2009-10, where you hold the "Future of Rotary in Your Hands". RI President John Kenny is asking each of us to share the responsibility for the current and future success of Rotary, through active club participation, effective service programs and projects, through a modest increase in membership, and through continuing support for our Rotary Foundation and our PolioPlus program. None of the targets John has set are beyond us, and I am confident that we can build on the recent successful years we have enjoyed.

I would like to formally congratulate Bruce Richardson and Kathy following Bruce's appointment as DGE for 2011-12. Bruce has extensive knowledge of many District Committees through his role as District Secretary for DG Arthur Manser and his work on the GSE committee. This will be the second DG in recent years from the Rotary Club of Berri, one of our smaller clubs.

The District Assembly at Waikerie was attended by well over 250 Rotarians. I thank District Trainer Ian Oliver for developing and managing the day's program, and the Rotary Club of Waikerie for their work in organising the day. Feedback has been generally positive, particularly about the hands-on approach in the secretaries' sessions. During the afternoon I was able to sit in with a number of other sessions and was very impressed with the presentations and discussion generated. Again, thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day.

The presentation by Rotarian Lynn Arnold (CE, Anglicare) was very topical, and highlighted the role that effective PR has in all organisations, including voluntary groups like our own. There is a PR seminar planned with 9500 on July 19th, and will be a good opportunity to develop some strategies to help improve your club's ability to attract new members. This will also generate community support for your service programs.

Preparation for the two outgoing GSE teams for this year is continuing. The team for Colorado is working with team leader Michael Cook from RC Berri. At this stage the selection process for the team leader for Brazil is proceeding, to be completed late July.

Past team leader to Brazil Peter Poulton is helping the team. Both teams are working together very well, and like our just returned team from North Carolina, I am confident that they will represent our district with distinction, and learn a lot about their respective host countries. On a not so positive note, the Foundation has indicated that the centrally funded GSE program will change from an annual two way exchange to a two way over two Rotary years. I think we should try to maintain an annual program, and have asked PDG Peter Sandercock from the Foundation, how it may be achieved.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
28/07/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	David Pisoni MP: "The State of State Education"	John Peacham	David Middleton	Lindsay England & Stephen Baker
04/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Matt Grant: "Unley Traders"	Janet Plumb	David Middleton	Stephen Baker & Mark Zada
11/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	Joan Reed	David Middleton	Mark Zada & Martin Cooper
18/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Annie Hastwell: "Mud, Magic and Vino Tinto"	John Russell	David Middleton	Martin Cooper & Norm Wallace

Apologies To: Andy Hill by e-mail to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on 8271 5028.

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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
August	Sunday	02/08/09	Thrift Shop Volunteers Morning Tea 11.00am	Unley Civic Centre	Bob Laws

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: July-August 2009

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
4	25/07/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	01/08/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	08/08/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	15/08/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws

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The Back Page

Life really boils down to two questions...

Should I get a dog...?



OR...

Should I have children?



Little Johnny

Little Johnny attended a horse auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down the horse's legs and rump, and chest. After a few minutes, Johnny asked, "Dad, why are you doing that?"

His father replied, "Because, when I'm buying horses, I have to make sure that they are healthy and in good shape before I buy."

Johnny, looking worried, said, "Dad, I think the UPS guy wants to buy Mum."

Are we old yet?

A man was telling his neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars but it's state-of-the-art; it's perfect."

"Really," answered the neighbour. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

From letters of complaint from travelling Britons:

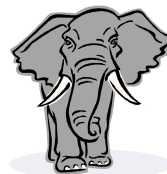
"I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."

"It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time - this should be banned."

"On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food at all."

"We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."

A tourist at a top African game lodge overlooking a waterhole, who spotted a visibly aroused elephant, complained that the sight of this rampant beast ruined his honeymoon by making him feel "inadequate".



A woman threatened to call police after claiming that she'd been locked in by staff, when in fact, she had mistaken the "do not disturb" sign on the back of the door as a warning to remain in the room.

"The beach was too sandy."

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as yellow but it was white."

A guest at a Novotel in Australia complained his soup was too thick and strong. He was inadvertently slurping the gravy at the time.

"Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women."

"We bought 'Ray-Ban' sunglasses for five Euros (£3.50) from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."



"No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled."

"It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England; it only took the Americans three hours to get home."

"I compared the size of our one-bedroom apartment to our friends' three-bedroom apartment and ours was significantly smaller."

"The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the accommodation'. We're trainee hairdressers - will we be OK staying here?"

"There are too many Spanish people. The receptionist speaks Spanish. The food is Spanish. Too many foreigners."

"We had to queue outside with no air conditioning."

"It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

"I was bitten by a mosquito - no-one said they could bite."



"My fiancé and I booked a twin-bedded room but we were placed in a double-bedded room. We now hold you responsible for the fact that I find myself pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
IS IN YOUR HANDS**