

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3679 – 8 September 2009

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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.	3679
Date	8 th September 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	John Halbert: "AFL – Where To?"
Sergeant	Greg McLeod
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Guests	Leena Kasurinen, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Apologies	Andy Hill, Chandra Sluggett, Janet Singh, Natalie Bowen, Sheila Evans
Returning Rotarians	Anne Wehr
Make Ups	Martin Cooper, Chandra Sluggett
Sick List	Nil
Anniversaries	Birthday: Nil Induction: Nil Wedding: Nil
Attendance	67%
Departing Rotarians	Nil

President's Announcements

1. I am again reminding members of the invitation from the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai, hopefully, everyone has had a chance to read it. I am trying to find out if there is any level of interest in attending the event on October 17th.
2. A reminder that time to book to attend the District Conference is rapidly running out, please let Janet Singh know if you would like to attend.

Spots

Joan Reed: Mentioned the orientation day for Leena at Nunyara and meeting up with a former exchange student Netta-Riina, who wished to be remembered to the Club. She declared that Facebook is the way to go – great for picking up friends.

Stephen Westgarth, in keeping with tradition, presented President Jerry with the [Past President's] CD containing the club bulletins for 2008/9.

Bob Laws: Emphasised the need for more bric-a-brac for the Thrift Shop and canvassed the dropping-off of the Membership and Thrift Shop pamphlet to houses for sale.

Reno Elms: Announced he was to have a Committee meeting after the main meeting; declared that his hair removal had triggered \$3000 of donations (definitely a better look) and that his sons had already raised \$15,400 towards the \$20,000 bus for the boys home in Bali. He also thanked club members and the club (with its matching grants) for their continued support of the Red Shield Appeal.

Lindsay England: Reminded members that some subs were now overdue – naming and shaming could well be the unwelcome outcome.



Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen Reporting: 'Week Seven'

Leena reported that her soccer skills had lifted a notch with the scoring of a goal...and her team keeps winning; she is making new friends and has an expanding social network; she enjoyed the recent exchange student conference; two visits to the show – loves the alpacas!

Leena is heading off to KI with her school and will miss next week's meeting.

Sergeant's Session

Acting Sergeant Greg McLeod dreamed up the numbers for the lucky squares (won by Prez Jerry) and the wine (won by John Peacham). His ringmaster performance with an Adelaide Show theme saw some members being unjustly treated, while others were appeased with very light fines.

Jerry's Jottings

First I want to thank all members for the very civilised performance on Tuesday and the respect paid to speakers, it makes a huge difference to the conduct of the meeting and our respect for those on their feet. **Thankyou!**

I want to give another plug to ask you to think about who you may know that would enjoy Rotary and all it has to offer. It offers service to the community locally and internationally, great meetings and speakers, social life and great friendships. We have an excellent speaker programme with enough to interest anyone. So think about who you might extend an invitation to and remember the club pays for the guest meal for the first visit.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



Guest Speaker – John Halbert: "AFL – Where To?"

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced Guest Speaker John Halbert, speaking on the subject – 'AFL, Where to'. John Halbert is a much decorated former Sturt and State footballer and State cricketer. His awards include a Magarey Medal, MBE (Member of the British Empire), AM (Australia Medal) and 2009 South Australia's Senior Australian. His British and Australian awards emanate from service to sport, to youth development and to community. John first played senior Australian Rules football in 1955 and since then has been involved in coaching and administration of the sport at the highest level with SANFL, AFL and the Australian Football Foundation.

John's talk revolved around several themes:

- AFL recruitment is highly professional in that boys with potential are identified very early and by the time they are 16 extensive dossiers have been developed covering a wide range of sporting and family aspects. They are then monitored for two or so years before a decision is made whether to include them in the national draft. He contrasted this with his own selection by Sturt after a 'spotter' had seen him playing for the Teachers' College
- The advent of the Gold Coast in 2010 and Sydney Western Suburbs could well place pressure on the quality of football with another 80 high class players needing to be identified and developed; it may also place pressure on salaries. AFL players on average receive \$235,000 with a top class first year player capable of earning \$100,000+. This contrast with an end of season bonus in 1961 of \$70 in John's best earning year.
- Training is now a 5-day a week proposition compared to 2 short sessions back 40-50 years ago; preseason training starts 6 weeks after the end of the season – this compares with no preseason 40 years ago; there is an increasing emphasis on athletic rather than football skills. Of concern is the prevalence of serious injuries to young footballers who appear to be pushed too far too fast.
- It is not in the best interests of football to combine with cricket at Adelaide Oval – the seasons overlap; there will be a significant loss of revenue by sharing proceeds with cricket; at best Adelaide Oval can only accommodate 45,000 people (far short of 52,000 at AAMI)

John lamented the increasing loss of camaraderie, friendship and loyalty which used to be a hallmark of football. He was thanked in the normal fashion.



Social networks help you find thousands of Rotarians online

By Jennifer Lee Atkin - Rotary International News -- 28 August 2009

In our recent meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan we talked about using Facebook, the attached may be of interest:

Join Rotary International on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#). Here you can find videos, news, discussions, and thousands of other people from around the world interested in Rotary.

Social networking sites aren't just for teens and people in their 20s. The greatest growth in Facebook comes from people ages 35-49. And from December 2007 to December 2008, Facebook experienced more growth in visitors ages 50-64 than those under age 18, according to a new Nielsen report called "[Global Faces and Networked Places](#)."

Rotarians help provide service through fellowship, and social networking is one of the many ways Rotarians are connecting online. Visit Rotary International's official social networking pages and join the conversation.

Facebook

See who some of the thousands of fans are on RI's official Facebook page. You'll find links to RI news stories and videos as well as comments and discussions.

- [Official Rotary International Facebook page](#) [End Polio Now](#) Join The Rotary Foundation of RI's End Polio Now cause page on Facebook. You can make a donation to support polio eradication, invite others to be a part of the cause, and keep track of how many people you've recruited.
- [Rotary Centers](#) connect with Rotary World Peace Fellows, who promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities.
- [Rotary World Peace Fellowships](#) Join this Facebook cause page to help provide educational opportunities for those interested in studying peace building and conflict resolution



Rotary Club of Unley GABR Dinner

Rotary Club of Unley Great Australian Bike Ride Dinner

7.00pm Friday 25th September

Chilli Prawns

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French Trim Lamb Outlets with Mint Cream and Mustard Sauce

Chicken Mediterranean Style

Country Recipe Cocktail Sausages

Greek Style Roasted Vegetables

Vietnamese Stir Fry

Home Baked Breads

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Ian Dowding's Original Recipe Banoffi Pie Tartlets

Greek Almond Biscuits

Fresh Fruit Pieces

The Coopers Chocolate Sauce of the Day

Address: The Old Rectory, 15 Rose Terrace, Wayville

Cost \$25.00 + BYO

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
15/09/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Allan Wilson: "Mental Health"	J Newall	S Baker	D Middleton	S Westgarth & W Andrews
22/09/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Natalie Moore & Lauren Sperring "Indigenous Medical Scholarships"	C Sluggett	N Bowen	D Middleton	W Andrews & C Schirmer
29/09/09	The Spice Kitchen	6 for 6.15pm	Ragini Dey: "Spice Kitchen Cooking"	H Kilsby	K Daly	D Middleton	C Schirmer & R Elms
06/10/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.15pm	Andrew Murphy: "2008 – Police Officer of the Year"	S Baker	S Westgarth	D Middleton	R Elms & S Evans

Apologies To: Janet Singh by **e-mail** to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on 0458 052 893

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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
September	Sunday	13/09/09	OSSAA Fundraiser Lunch 12 noon for 12.30pm	Glenelg Golf Club	Stephen Baker
October	8 th to	11th	District Conference	Lobethal	Janet Singh

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: August-September 2009

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
2	12/09/09	Lindsay England, Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	19/09/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	26/09/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	03/10/09	Stephen Baker & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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

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On the Back Page

Mischievous Old Grannies

Three mischievous old Grannies were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home when an old Grandpa walked by and one of the old Grandmas yelled out saying, "We bet we can tell exactly how old you are."

The old man said, "There is no way you can guess it, you old fools."

One of the old Grandmas said, "Sure we can! - Just drop your pants and under shorts and we can tell your exact age."

Embarrassed just a little, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, he dropped his drawers. The Grandmas asked him to first turn around a couple of times and to jump up and down several times. Then they all piped up and said, "You're 87 years old!" Standing with his pants down around his ankles, the old gent asked, "How in the world did you guess?"

Slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear, the three old ladies happily yelled in unison... "We were at your birthday party yesterday!"

Headaches

A woman comes home and tells her husband, 'Remember those headaches I've been having all these years? Well, they're gone.'

'No more headaches?' the husband asks, 'What happened?'

His wife replies, 'Angie referred me to a hypnotist and he told me to stand in front of a mirror, stare at myself and repeat, "I do not have a headache, I do not have a headache, I do not have a headache."'

'Well, it worked! The headaches are all gone.'

'Well, that is wonderful,' proclaims the husband.

His wife then says, 'You know, you haven't been exactly a ball of fire in the bedroom these last few years, why don't you go see the hypnotist and see if he can do anything for that?'

Reluctantly, the husband agrees to try it.

Following his appointment, the husband comes home, rips off his clothes, picks up his wife and carries her into the bedroom. He puts her on the bed and says, 'Don't move, I'll be right back.'

He goes into the bathroom and comes back a few minutes later and jumps into bed and makes passionate love to his wife like never before. His wife says, 'WOW! - that was wonderful!'

The husband says, 'Don't move! I will be right back.'

He goes back into the bathroom, comes back and round two was even better than the first time.

The wife sits up and her head is spinning: 'OH MY GOD,' she proclaims.

Her husband again says, 'Don't move, I'll be right back.'

With that, he goes back in the bathroom. This time, his wife quietly follows him in the bathroom, she sees him standing at the mirror and saying

'She's not my wife, she's not my wife, she's not my wife.'

His funeral service will be held on Saturday.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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