

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3687 – 4 November 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.	3687
Date	4 th November 2009
Venue	Belair Park Country Club
Occasion	GSE Team from Colorado
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Joan Reed
Guests	Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Rose Howland, Jenny Casburn, Pauline Daley, Beverley Baker, David Pisoni.
Special Friend of Rotary	Leena Kasurinen
Visiting Rotarians	Roy Armstrong, Robert Moulden
Apologies	Heather Kilsby, Bob Laws, Colin Schirmer, Janet Singh, Jim Newall, Lindsay England
Anniversaries	Induction: Rex Martin – Induction (7/11)
Attendance	65%

President's Announcements

A reminder that the Annual General meeting of the Club will be held as part of the normal meeting on Tuesday 24th November 2009. The main business of the AGM will be to appoint members of the Board for the 2010/11 Rotary year.

From this year's Board the following members will be continuing on:

- Joan Reed (as President)
- Jerry Casburn (as Immediate Past President)
- Mavis Martin (as President Elect)

Nominations are called for the following positions to be filled:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice President/Club Administration
- Director – Service Projects
- Director – Membership
- Director – Public Relations

Below is a Nomination Form. This needs to be returned to Martin Cooper by Friday 21st November 2009.



Rotary Club of Unley – Nomination for Board Position for the 2010/11 Year

(Your Name).....

Nominates (Name of Nominee).....

For the Board Position of.....

Signature of Nominator.....

Acceptance of Nomination – Signature of Nominee.....

Return to Martin Cooper, "The Old Rectory", 15 Rose Terrace Wayville, 5034 OR email to martin@thecoopers.biz

Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen Reporting: 'Week Fourteen'

This week was full of GSE activity, I joined the GSE team for their trip to the Coorong which was great, if hot. I saw much of the Aboriginal culture. Host Mum Joan was hosting Ashley, one of the team so we spent a lot of time together. Tuesday was the trip to the Migration Museum, the Melbourne Cup lunch and the tour of the State Parliament. Wednesday I went to the Group 6 meeting which featured the GSE presentation. Thursday was their farewell at the Top of the World Revolving Restaurant. Lots of Rotary this week; Friday I collapsed.



Colorado GSE Team Visit

Here are some photos from the time the GSE Team. The first four were from the Team's visit to the Coorong.



Ready to go.



At the Visitor Centre.



Learning about what the indigenous people ate.



Just how big is the Coorong?



A the Melbourne Cup Day Lunch.



At the Team's farewell dinner

Jerry's Jottings

What a week and we all had an opportunity to see Rotary in action. We hosted the GSE team, of Jeff Wadley, Ashley Cantrell, Candice Walton, Laurel Prud'homme and Christina Gair for the last four days of their visit. Thanks almost solely to the efforts of **Chandra Sluggett** they had a fabulous experience over that time. I would also like to thank **Wendy Andrews** who did much to smooth the administrative part of the various events.

The trip to the Coorong was the only time they had been able to enjoy and experience our indigenous background, they met with elders of the Ngarrindjeri people. The day saw us all in the Ngarrindjeri people cultural museum at Camp Coorong, then enjoying a bush walk on which we were educated on the use of herbs and plants, used in Aboriginal life for a variety of purposes, medicinal to insecticides. The day finished with a lunch of local fish and a talk by George Trevorrow on aboriginal life and reconciliation. George is the owner director of the business and the chair of the Tendi, the governing body of elders of the Ngarrindjeri people.

Tuesday brought the trip to the city and the migration museum where we were able to enjoy a guided tour by the Director Christine Finnimore, the museum shows in a very innovative way, the cultural input provided by the many immigrants to Australia. The team then, facilitated by on **Colin Schirmer**, enjoyed the cultural event of the year, the Melbourne Cup. Colin had arranged for our group to be hosted by the SKAL Club of Adelaide to lunch in the Strathmore hotel. Lunch over, our own honorary member **David Pisoni**, member for Unley, took the team on a guided tour of the State Parliament.

Wednesday was a Vocational Day followed by the Group 6 meeting at Belair as reported by Stephen Baker. That was a great event and was well supported by the clubs in Group 6.

Thursday was a day of rest concluded by a farewell dinner to the team, attended by host families, Presidents and District officials involved in the programme. We enjoyed record attendance of 81 for the event and it was a fitting way to say goodbye.

Yours in Rotary

Jerry

Guest Speakers - The Colorado GSE Team

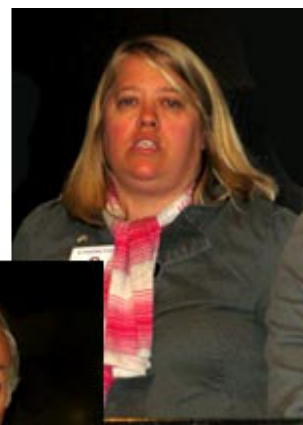
At the meeting of the Group 6 Rotary Clubs hosted by the Rotary Club of Unley on 4 November 2009 at the Belair Park Country Club, the Group Study Exchange Team members from Colorado were our guest speakers.



Ashley
Cantrell



Candice
Walton



Christina
Gair



Laurel Prud'homme



Jeff Wadley

Host Club Sergeant David Middleton opened the meeting at 7pm

Assistant District Governor Roy Armstrong proposed the toast to Australia and Colorado and David Middleton toasted Rotary International.

Host club President Jerry Casburn welcomed special guests Tony Wright and David Pisoni MP, the other participating clubs [Brownhill Creek, Eastwood, Hyde Park and Mitcham], the GSE team led by Jeff Wadley, and exchange student Leena Kasurinan

MC Joan Reed introduced story teller Tony Wright. Tony entertained the gathering with his rendition of 'Cinderella' from Raold Dahl's Revolving Rhymes , followed by 'The Man from Snowy River' by Banjo Patterson, topped up with an unusual version of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'

GSE team Leader Jeff Wadley thanked the Rotary Foundation and the GSE Committee for making the exchange possible. The team comes from District 5470 in mid Colorado. Each team member then described their home of Colorado:

- Laurel Prud'homme outlined the similarities with South Australia with both having extensive plains; however in Colorado there are 14 mountains of over 14,000 feet.
- Ashley Cantrell told how the State was known for its mining, its provision of water to other States through the Colorado River; there had been extensive effort in solar and wind power.
- Candice Walton talked about the recreational opportunities including skiing, hiking and hunting which made Colorado a prime tourist destination; Colorado is known as the fittest (least fat) State.
- Cristina Gair poetically described the wildlife.

Each member then talked about their home town, their vocation and their family:

- Ashley hails from Aspen which is the playground of the rich and famous with great skiing, food and wine. She is an Environmental Health Specialist with the City, specializing in recycling and waste reduction and enjoys skiing and hiking.
- Laurel comes from Colorado Springs which is the second largest city in Colorado and is well known for its military presence, space technology, software industry and Olympics management. She is a graphic designer specializing in advertising and marketing, currently employed by Kaiser Permanente and enjoys outdoor activities.
- Cristina comes from Eagle, a small town in the Vail Valley. She works for Youth Non-Profit as Executive Director with the Eagle River Youth Coalition. Her hobbies are travel and nature.
- Candice hails from Grand Junction, a high desert town with a strong wine industry and through which the Colorado River runs (providing water for 25m people). She is a Financial Planner with Ameriprise Financial, enjoys travel and football and is a member of Rotaract.
- Jeff lives in the small town of Carbondale which is well known for its annual mountain fair. He is a fire-fighter and construction contractor with his next project being an eco village. His hobbies include biking and camping. The team has been in South Australia for 5 weeks and is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Questions followed on the US health care system, bears, financial planning, best local experiences, strange Australian language and Laurel's surname derivation.

MC Joan Reed thanked the team for their contribution and the hosting experience. ADG Roy Armstrong thanked President Jerry Casburn, the Rotary Club of Unley and the other Group 6 presidents. President Jerry thanked Roy, the GSE team, the special guests and the other clubs and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Rotary News

A Message from the RI President John Kenny

My fellow Rotarians:

The playwright George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire; you will what you imagine; and at last you create what you will."

There is no shortage in this world of people able to imagine a better future. But in Rotary, we do not just imagine that future -- we will it, and we work to create it. This we do through our two great strengths: our Rotary clubs and our Rotary Foundation.

Over the years, I have been privileged to witness firsthand the fruits of the outstanding work carried out by Rotarians all over the world, supported by the programs of our Foundation. One thing that impresses me is how these programs focus not on short-term satisfaction or reward for the giver. The best Rotary programs and projects focus on building for the future – and making lives better for generations.

Two decades ago, we Rotarians made a promise: to make life better for the entire world, forever, by eliminating polio. It has always been an ambitious goal, but it has always been a realistic one. And now, thanks to our Rotary Foundation, we are closer than ever to reaching it.

It is my hope that with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#), there will soon come a time when we will be able to say that we have made polio a thing of the past. For if we fail now, we will fail all those who have gone before us, and every child to whom we made a promise. If we fail, we risk our own good name, and the good name of all the Rotarians who came before us.

We will not fail. We can and we must succeed.

I know that each one of you recognizes that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and that the future of our Foundation is as well.

John Kenny

President, Rotary International



Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
10/11/09	Tiffins on the Park	6.30 for 7pm	Heart Foundation	H Kilsby	J Peacham	D Middleton	G Howland & A Jonson
17/11/09	Tiffins on the Park	6.30 for 7pm	Margaret Northcote "Polio Plus"	M Martin	D Payne	D Middleton	A Jonson & H Kilsby
24/11/09	Tiffins on the Park	6.30 for 7pm	AGM & Assembly	J Casburn	J Newall	D Middleton	H Kilsby & R Laws
24/11/09	Regattas Bistro	6.30 for 7pm	Ladies Night – Christmas Season Fellowship Night	J Casburn	N Nandaseena	D Middleton	R Laws & M Martin

Apologies To: Wendy Andrews by e-mail to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on (08) 8377-7830

Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Stephen Baker on 8379 7105 or email to unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up/Plaque Board Enquiries To: David Middleton on 8332 6253 or by e-mail to unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

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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.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: September - October 2009

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
1	07/11/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	14/11/09	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	21/11/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	28/11/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed

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

Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: steadman@senet.com.au

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TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US!!!! (Unfortunately it probably will)

LOST IN THE DAMNEDEST PLACES

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.'

A few minutes later, the officer radios in. 'Disregard,' he says. 'She got in the back-seat by mistake.'

FAMILY

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses, 'Was I going up the stairs or down?'

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

LITTLE LADY:

A little old lady was going up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her night-gown and say 'supersex.' She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair. Flipping her gown at him, she said, 'supersex.'

He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, 'I'll take the soup.'

OLD FRIENDS: *Now this one is just too Precious... !*

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, 'Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is.'

Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, 'How soon do you need to know?'

SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Ernie, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!'

'Heck,' said Ernie, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

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Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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