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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.	3689
Date	17 th November 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Margaret Northcote – "GSE Team from District 9520 to North Carolina, USA, District 7710"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Mavis Martin
Guests	Kathleen Brookes
Visiting Rotarians	Christof Grabner (RC Singapore East)
Apologies	Jim Newall, Geoff Howland, Chandra Sluggett, Colin Schirmer, Natalie Bowen, Leena Kasurinen
Anniversaries	Anniversary: John Russell (17/11), Bob Mullins (18/11) Birthday: Bob Laws (19/11)
Attendance	71%

President's Announcements

A reminder that we will hold our AGM on Tuesday November 24th as part of our normal meeting, which is a Club Assembly. Nominations for vacant positions are called for and the nomination form is in the Bulletin. If nominating someone other than yourself for a position it is essential that you obtain their permission and a signature to that effect.

Spots

Bob Mullins advised the club of the programme for the weekend planting at the Orphanage. The kick-off will be from 9am, we are expected to plant a number of beds. The work may be finished on Saturday, if not Sunday morning will be a contingency. Following the Saturday working bee will be a sausage sizzle. Those attending should bring seats and any drinks they would like. Bob circulated a form to allow members to indicate if they would be attending.

Reno Elms reminded members to keep Sunday December 13th free to help with the Christmas Carols, he also reminded committee members that there was a meeting that evening.

Martin Cooper advised members that our meeting on Tuesday 1st December would be our Partner's night to celebrate Christmas and would be held at Regattas Bistro in the city.

Sergeant's Session

David Middleton continued his fund winning ways nailing most in sight. **David Middleton** won the lucky square and **John Peacham** won the mystery wine.

Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen Reporting: 'Week Sixteen

Leena was not well and unable to join us for the meeting.



Jerry's Jottings

Another great meeting on Tuesday, Margaret was a "Helluva" speaker and the insight into Rotary in North Carolina was fascinating and a contrast to our hosting of the team from Colorado.

Next week is the AGM and Assembly, please come prepared to take on some support role for the team next year. Every part of the club is essential and we need members to take on roles to make sure the club functions well into the future.

This weekend is our first bout of planting and I hope to see many of you at the Orphanage helping with the role. The grounds are taking shape and I am sure that you will be pleased with the project we have taken on and our ability to use it to mark our 75th anniversary. The weather looks to be favouring us with lower temperatures and the promise of some rain. My thanks to **Bob Mullins** for helping to organise this, afterwards we will have a sausage sizzle. We also hope to get help from members of the community and this is a chance to showcase Rotary and the club. There is a potential for new members so please encourage any suitable attendees to come to our meetings and see us in action.



Jerry

GSE Team from District 9520 to North Carolina, USA, District 7710

Margaret Northcote, Past President of the Rotary Club of Campbelltown, team leader and retired teacher, provided an informative and often humorous insight into the exchange experiences for herself and her team. The visit occurred in April of this year. Team members were Corey Pearson, sponsored by Blackwood club who works in the Crime Scene Investigation Unit, SA Police, Tim Gilchrist sponsored by the Kent Town club who works with museum exhibitions, Kelly Fyfe, sponsored by the Mildura Deakin club who works with water management and Scott Endersby, sponsored by the Edwardstown club, and who works as an estate agent.



Margaret gave an overview of some of the differences between the two districts. For example, the whole district of 9500 is larger than the state of North Carolina. The state is divided into one hundred counties, each having three to five law enforcement agencies. This translates to approximately five hundred different sets of legislation, five hundred different types of police cars, five hundred different police uniforms and countless policies and procedures. Some Rotary differences that were noticed were that there no community projects for fund raising and monies for project support were donated through the cheque accounts of Rotarians. Also, Paul Harris Fellows were purchased by Rotarians and not awarded. (Scribe's note - this was the original concept relating to Paul Harris Fellows; awards have been adopted in Australia).

The team benefited from a well-planned schedule embracing both vocational and social visits. Margaret commented on the newly created mentor role and its value in contributing to successful vocational days. The team was able to experience positives and negatives of their various professions in both countries. This cultural and professional insight is the integral function of the group study exchange program.

Only one hundred and ten people attended this year's district conference for district 7710 held at Wilmington. Apparently this low number is not uncommon. Due to the structure of the program and 'break out' sessions it meant that the team had an audience of only thirty people for its presentation. At the conference dinner Scott was able to display his skills as an auctioneer and raised over \$7000:00 towards the PolioPlus Program. Margaret gained a reputation she is most proud of. She had sixteen separate dancing partners at the function. In North Carolina, a dance is referred to as a 'shag'. In other words she had sixteen shags throughout the evening and was dubbed 'the shag queen'. What wonderful ambassadors these folks were for Australia!

Prior to leaving, the team prepared and hosted an Aussie meal including roast lamb and Pavlova. The former is most expensive so not commonly eaten and Pavlova was an unknown entity. Both were enthusiastically received.

More information of the GSE visit can be found at www.gse9520.blogspot.com

Rotary News

Rotary District 9520 - Water and Sanitation Project, Timor Lesté



Imagine living on less than 55c a day, having your wife and children trek for 2hrs every day to collect just enough water for the essentials of life, drinking and cooking. Your children don't go to school because (a) they are fetching water each day and (b) the school doesn't have a toilet. Your own house doesn't have a toilet for that matter but the family have been using the smelly, boggy ground around 'the back' since you were a kid, so what? Imagining a life without toilet paper and no water to wash your hands? Imagine the risks to health and the worry that your child may succumb to intestinal infection and become one of the 6,000 children under 5 years that die every day from a water-born disease.

This is what life was like in July 2008 in the villages of Glai and Lebuade, just one hours drive from Dili. Now, thanks to the commitment of 29 Rotary clubs within District 9520, all 325 people living in those villages have access to clean water and a sustainable sanitation system. Life expectancy has improved and so too has the productivity of the villages as

women now spend time growing crops and the children attend school. The first steps to a life beyond poverty have been taken thanks to Rotary.

The hills of Liquica District of Timor are a world away from the October 2007 District Conference in Adelaide yet the inspiring presentation by Tom Thorfinson, now RI Director, sowed the seed and within 6 months a project was born. The concept for the project,

based on partnering a specialist NGO, has proven highly successful in Haiti and due process was followed to identify an appropriate Australian partner. In April 2008 a contract was signed with Water Aid Australia to deliver the necessary infrastructure. A simple task but our requirements were complex, we required a sustainable project, one that would be adopted by the communities which meant engaging the communities in months of discussion about the siting of the facilities, obtaining their commitment to provide the free labour for construction and their commitment to maintain the assets in years to come. This process was reinforced by involving villagers in the financing of the project – each household contributes 25c a month towards a maintenance fund that is managed by the community. Of course none of this guarantees the facilities will be used. A great deal of effort, and approx. 1/3 of the cost, is put into educating first the children then their parents in practical hygiene. The first stage was completed in November 2008 however, with the ongoing support of Clubs it is hoped to maintain a rolling programme across similar villages in the coming years. Already Clubs in other Districts are showing an interest in replicating the initiative. It is hoped that as clubs 'adopt' the initiative a steady income stream will be Building Break Pressure Tank - Glai village developed and supplemented with funds from The Rotary Foundation, initially in the form of Matching Grants and later 3-H Grants.

The main features of the first stage are:

Glai Village Lebuue Village

- 204 adults 121 adults
- 3 water intake structures 3 water intake structures
- 2 reservoir tanks + 2 'break pressure' tanks 4 reservoir / 'break tanks'
- 13 public water taps 7 public water taps
- 3200m of pipelines 3600m of pipelines
- 39 household latrines 28 household latrines

An inspection tour of the villages and future challenges for the District is being organised for April /May 2009. Rotarians interested in joining the tour, at their own cost, should contact Don Richardson.

The District's partnership with Water Aid Australia ensures Rotarians pay only the 'in country' cost of delivery i.e. we pay nothing towards the charity's overheads, travel etc. The cost of delivering the initial phase was A\$50,000.

Diary Dates

Events	Date	Time	Comments
Orphanage Planting Day	Saturday 21 st November 2009	9.00am to 12.30pm	Bring gardening clothes – Sausage Sizzle to Follow
Christmas Carols	Sunday 13 th December	2.00pm Onwards	

Our Upcoming Meetings

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Date	Venue	Time	Occasion				
24/11/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	AGM & Assembly	J Casburn	J Newall	D Middleton	H Kilsby & R Laws
1/12/09	Regattas Bistro	6 for 6.30pm	Partner's Night – Christmas Season Fellowship Night	J Casburn	N Nandasena	D Middleton	R Laws & M Martin
8/12/09	TBA	6 for 6.30pm	Christmas giving meeting; Leena's Presentation on her home in Finland.	J Reed	R Mullins	D Middleton	M Martin & G McLeod
15/12/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Ken Bailey – "Christmas Pageant"	TBA	R Mills	D Middleton	G McLeod & R Mullins

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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: November - December 2009

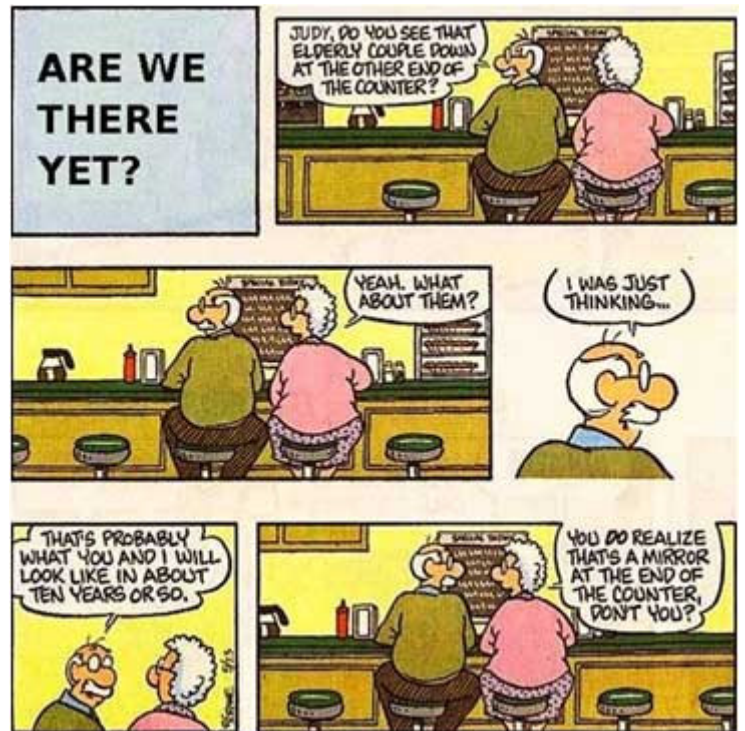
Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
3	21/11/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	28/11/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	5/12/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	22/12/09	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton

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

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"The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine."



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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