

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3690 – 24th 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.	3690
Date	24 th November 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	AGM & Club Assembly
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Jerry Casburn
Guests	Nil
Apologies	Chandra Sluggett, Geoff Howland, Natalie Bowden, Peter O'Neil
Anniversaries	Anniversary: David Payne (27/11) Birthday: Norm Wallace (27/11) Induction: Jim Newall (30/11)
Attendance	79%

President's Announcements

1. I want to thank all those who turned out in the bad weather on Saturday to help with the planting; I am sure the plants preferred it. All went well, barring a vicious attack on an unarmed waterline by PP Stephen Westgarth, some 400 plants were duly interred and will hopefully survive. Feedback from the Council and the Contractors was positive and they are looking forward to planning the next session. As a positive we did have one of the local community join us, David Mackrell and we are hoping to host him at our meeting on December 15th.
2. On Sunday 20th December Jenn and I will host drinks to celebrate Christmas; this will be held at our home at 20/3 Chappell Drive, Glenelg, partners welcome.



Spots

Martin Cooper reminded members that our meeting on Tuesday 1st December will be our Partner's night to celebrate Christmas and will be held at Regattas Bistro in the city. **A form to indicate those attending was circulated.**

Joan Reed advised members that Christmas puddings and cakes were now available to be purchased.

Stephen Baker advised the club that the programme for December 8th was a work in progress, it is now planned to have Leena give her talk on her homeland and family. The meeting will also be an opportunity for members to donate gifts to the Smith Family appeal. Gifts are for children aged under 12 and should be brought to the meeting unwrapped.

Sergeant's Session

David Middleton in a shorter session managed to extract the maximum in non-voluntary contributions. **Greg McLeod** won the lucky square and **Geoff Howland** won the mystery wine.

Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen Reporting: 'Week 17'

I've met other exchange students and we went to the Pageant together and enjoyed it. Last weekend I went to Renmark with all the exchange students from our district and had lots of fun singing Singstar and canoeing. This week we had exams and I did English as a second language and maths studies exam. Now I'm just looking forward to the holidays!



Jerry's Jottings

Orphanage Planting

We had a good turnout to the planting at the Orphanage and I would like to thank **Bob Mullins, Wendy Andrews, Heather Kilsby, Stephen Westgarth, David Middleton, Martin & Angie Cooper, Jim Newall, Greg McLeod, John Russell and David Payne** as well as our lone contributor from the community, **David Mackrell**. David will be joining us for our meeting on 15th December.

The weather did not deter those who attended and some 400 plants were duly planted in their correct place and we transformed this small section of the overall project. The ground was rock hard but some vigorous work with the Mattock put paid to that. We were also greatly aided by the use of a device, rescued from the Thrift Shop, designed to take out a small section of earth to allowing the planting was invaluable.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the AGM and Assembly on Tuesday, it was a great effort and a chance to see what has been and will be achieved this year. I am also pleased to be able to report that **Greg McLeod** has kindly volunteered to take on the Bulletin publication for the last half of the year. PE Joan Reed is also working hard to fill the remaining two gaps in her Board for her year.



Jerry

Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Unley

The following was proposed by **President Jerry Casburn** and adopted by vote using show of hands:

Board of Directors 2010/11: On 27th October 2009 notice was given, via the Bulletin and confirmed in the President's Announcements on 4th November 2009 of this Annual General Meeting and nominations were called for vacant positions. I am able to advise that we have nominations for some of the positions required for the Board in 2010/11, however we have only one nomination for each of those positions and no election is therefore required. I propose to advise and seek nominations for vacant positions, then, announce the nominations we have in hand along with the names of Board members who will be carrying over from this year and I will ask the Club to confirm these arrangements by a show of hands. Should there be no nominations for vacant positions they will be held in abeyance until they can be filled.

Vacant positions:

Secretary, Vice President

The proposed Board of Directors for 2010/11 is:

Already Elected Members:

President – Joan Reed (Currently President Elect)
President Elect – Mavis Martin (Currently Vice President)
Immediate Past President – Jerry Casburn (Currently President)

The members of the current Board renominated:

Director – Greg McLeod - Committees
Director – Sheila Evans - Public Relations

Newly Nominated Board Members

Treasurer – Heather Kilsby
Director Membership – John Peacham

Club Assembly

Following is a copy of the reports as presented at the club Assembly held on Tuesday 24th November:

President's Report – Jerry Casburn

Strategy Plan

The three year plan was completed and adopted by the club at our meeting on October 6th.

75th Anniversary/President's Project

Following meetings with the Council we adopted the programme to upgrade the facility surrounding the Orphanage as our anniversary project. Council will be upgrading the area over the coming year to include family areas, games areas, a comprehensive playground and other facilities. The club agreed to a combination of support through a \$10,000 donation and hands on support for planting at the site. Grant's are also being sought to increase the club contribution to funding and we should hear of our success/failure this week.



President Jerry

Youth Exchange

We successfully applied to support **Leena Kasurinen**, as our Youth Exchange student. **PE Joan Reed** agreed to host Leena but more support is needed from the club to entertain and host Leena.

Meeting Format Restructure

In June we adopted a new meeting format and later in this assembly I will be seeking the club's views whether we continue.

GSE Team

In November we hosted the GSE team from Colorado District, the first time for 13 years; a great event with lots of terrific organisation from **Chandra Sluggett** and **Wendy Andrews**.

Membership

The downside to the year has been the loss of members, three this year, and I believe we need to bolster activity in this area, I have been speaking to Janet and a recruiting meeting is planned for January. We must be more active.



Lindsay England

Treasurer's Report - Lindsay England

Copies of the current club accounts were circulated to all members present. Lindsay reported that audited accounts for the prior year were still awaited from Peter Roma but this was in hand. Lindsay also requested that all members adhere to the policy of requiring two signatures from the Committee chair and a Board member before any payments would be made.

Fundraising Report - Joan Reed

This year \$1300 was raised through the sale of these books. Thanks to Jerry for his huge efforts through his shop front. This fundraiser is increasing in popularity.

Christmas Cakes and Puddings

As we had a surplus that was left over from last year I would like an indication from members as to who would like to purchase so that we can order accordingly. I will send out an email asking for numbers.

I am planning a Sausage sizzle at Bunnings at Mile End. These are quite profitable and all we have to do is provide the consumables. I am looking at a week day as all weekends are booked out for the next year.

Thrift Shop - Bob Laws

Thrift Shop takings to 31 October were \$20 649 gross (\$11 564 net) compared to \$19 125 for the same period last year. All is going smoothly thanks to Committee Members, the good Glenyss and both Rotarian and non Rotarian volunteers.



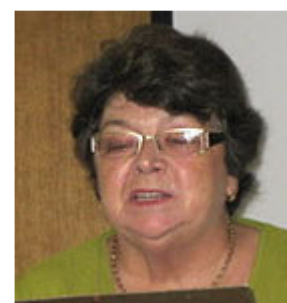
Joan Reed

Public Relation's Report - Sheila Evans

Apart from the Community Services Committee Chair and Chandra I have not received any information regarding what is going on in the club, I suggest that I convene a meeting with committee chairs to expedite implementation of our Strategic Plan.

A comprehensive media release on the GABR was sent out to all SA news outlets including T.V., radio stations and newspapers. The media release for the GSE programme was distributed SA news outlets including TV, radio stations and newspapers. Several media releases have been sent promoting Unley Rotary's contribution to the Orphanage Park development

I am working the Community Services Committee Chair in regard to developing a publicity programme for the Carols at the Rotunda; the colouring-in competition for schools is to be handed over to me. Awaiting completion of the printing and urgently require as many as possible to distribute the colouring-in flyers to the schools ASAP.



Sheila Evans

The Rotary Foundation Report - David Middleton

David advised the club that Unley is one of the major contributor's to the Centurion programme but this was a bit of a joke given the small percentage of member's in our club who contribute to the programme. David went on to recount the virtues of the Foundation including its project work, GSE, etc and asked members to consider joining the Centurion programme.



David Middleton



Mavis Martin

Club Service Report - Mavis Martin

Program: Stephen Baker and his committee continue to organise an excellent mix of speakers. There are still a few unfilled nights for the remainder of the Rotary year. If there is anything you would like to be included into the program please see Stephen.

Sergeant-At-Arms: How blessed are we to have such a sergeant as David?! He admits to thoroughly enjoying this role and thanks members for the support they give him; even when he is extracting their money!

Catering: As members are aware there have been a few more negative issues in this area. President Jerry and PE Joan have met with management and catering personnel, resulting in improvements.

To maintain this momentum we need to have a Catering Officer. This is a position that in previous years

was delegated by the President and managed by Club Service. For some reason this did not occur this year. Please, will someone volunteer for this role? There is one simple criteria for this role and we should all be able to meet it, ie preparedness to share in Rotary responsibilities, particularly those that contribute to enjoyable meetings. Time is not a criteria; whether employed or retired we are all busy people.

Website: All club data is current. Suggestions from webmaster Stephen Westgarth for inclusion into the site are:

- Summaries of projects the club has completed, or are currently in place, together with photographs of Rotarians involved
- Manuals embracing How We Do Projects and Internal Procedures
- These items need to be provided by the board and other club members. The webmaster is not responsible for their preparation prior to website placement

Stephen intends to rebuild the website using his company's Syteware Content Management System. This will enable members to have their own personalised usernames and passwords and update relevant parts of the website.

Risk Management: Peter O'Neil has commenced the assessment phase of this project. Identified areas of risk are the Thrift Shop, outdoor activities, actual Rotary meetings. Any members having concerns about other risk areas should pass these on to Peter ASAP.

Club History: Some members may not be aware that two filing cabinets containing club history were relocated from Bob Mills home to the Thrift Shop about four months ago. One cabinet contains irreplaceable data and is locked. Bob maintains responsibility for history maintenance and has the key for the locked cabinet.

International Report – Alex Jonson

In the absence of **Chandra Sluggett**, the International report was given by **Alex Jonson**.

TRF Matching Grant / Rotary International World Community Service projects:

- **Tepsadej Wittaya School – Library and Teaching equipment Project, Chiang Mai RC, Thailand D3360 (cont. 08/09 project):** Awaiting TRF to confirm funding status of the project.
- **Bore well Project - RC of Dharmavaram Mid Town, India, District 3160. (cont. 08/09 project):** District has cleared its breach with TRF and we will consider recommencing this project.
- **Water Treatment Project – Philippines –** This is a combined Districts, States and International Project involving Districts 9500, 9520, 9800, 9810 & D3830. It is seeking each club to pledge minimum \$1,000 to respective Districts until \$20,000 per District is reached. We will Pledge \$1,000.

RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) projects:

- **'Gift of Sight' Nepal project. (cont. 08/09 project):** - Eyewear (Sun glasses & reading glasses) donated by Passport eye-wear was collected with help from President Jerry. Still working through the logistics
- **Shelter Boxes:** - Donating funding for 4 shelter boxes – due to increase in disasters.
- **DIK (Donation in Kind):** - Organise a clean up & packing day with other clubs.

Partnership projects – international via local groups:

- **Smoke consumer (Orphanage, kitchen) - Vietnam Veterans (SA Branch) project:** - At discussion stage. Possibility of working on project together.
- **Philippines - Habitat for Humanity – School team:** - Student from Concordia seeking help with raising funds to build a house, as part of Habitat for Humanity team-Philippines. Still working through the logistics.
- **OSSAA:** - Formalise the partnership with the RCU – register as a RAWCS project

Activities for International Committee:

- **GSE hosting:** Hosted five participants from Colorado D5470 from 2-7th Nov. Wendy and Chandra coordinated it. Thanks to the host families – David & Sue Middleton, Joan Reid, Mavis Martin, Martin and Angie Cooper. Activities included visiting Aboriginal community, migration museum, Melbourne cup lunch, Parliament house tour with David Pisoni, meeting with group 6 clubs and farewell dinner at the Revolving restaurant. Latter 2 attended by record number of attendees. Thank you to members who participated in the activities.
- **International night:** - looking in to undertaking a fundraiser for diaster relief project – will share details later.



Alex Jonson

Community Service Report – Reno Elms

Bramwell House Project: (Some members of the Community Committee had a recent tour of this refuge which is located in the Unley area).

Supplied (in kind): Play Station, 3 Computers, Saucepans

Purchased: Outdoor Setting, Outdoor Umbrella

Sponsored a Child for the Christmas Party for Special Children

Aldridge Court: We plan to have another BBQ there with the residents in February (we postponed the planned November BBQ due to the Orphanage Project).

Charles Walk: Our endeavour is to purchase one or two seats for along this area early in the New Year.

Carols @ the Rotunda

- A lot of planning has gone in to this with Captain Dean Griffith and Alex Butler (MC) with many hurdles leaped.
- Mark & Ann Zada have agreed to help in the catering and face painting areas.
- Banner/advertising has been in progress.
- What I need this week is 3 people to go shopping for me (place A4 posters in shops).
- Also I need someone to arrange the purchase and delivery of the straw bales.
- Assistance with purchases of sausages, drinks and ice.
- *Carols at the Rotunda* is our show piece in Unley and we need each Rotarian to take on a responsibility.



Reno Elms

Vocational & New Generations Report - Stephen Baker

Police Officer of the Year: Police have agreed to have a POOTY medal and 3 designs are in the process of being submitted for the Commissioners approval; if it proceeds we would need to present medals to past winners (opportunity for a big occasion).

The Police not keen on outside sponsorship (may conflict/diminish with their own sponsorship efforts); neither of us want any monetary benefit to flow to the winner; we would not wish to add sponsors names to our trophies.....reported difficulties with previous Advertiser arrangement.

Police Commissioner would wish to have the categories for POOTY widened to include service effectiveness. Last year the publicity was adversely affected by the Federal Budget - this year POOTY will be a week earlier. Special effort is to be made with the Advertiser and Messenger papers

RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF, Science Forums: Rypen, NYSF and the Summer Science Forums rely on contacts with Walford and Annesley. Discussions have been held with both Heads who are positive about Rotary...NYSF is attractive but Rypen and the Science Forum less so. Effort will be made to widen RYLA recruitment this year

Indigenous Medical Scholarships: The club and Dr Helen Sage will continue to support Lauren Sperring. We have asked for a new student in 2010 to replace Natalie Moore but are not overly hopeful because the scheme is experiencing difficulties

Youth Exchange: Need for a reminder to all club members to support Leena and Joan.

Campbelltown Shareskills Inc: About \$5000 in interest available from the CSI Trust Fund to assist unemployed. A scheme in conjunction with the Salvos was being finalized when its contract was lost earlier this year; another attempt is to be launched in 2010

Trade Schools for the Future: Mentoring arrangements are to change. The new Federal Government scheme will assist the least able. We will explore opportunities to participate.

Unley Traders: Next open meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday December 8 at Unley Council chambers (problem is that they always meet at same time as Rotary); a club presence is being organized.



General Business

All reports will be published in the bulletin; below are additional point that emerged during the assembly:

Treasury:	Alex Johnson informed members that previously 10% of new income was set aside for major projects.
Club Bylaws Article 12, S3:	All bills shall be paid the treasurer or other authorised officer only when approved by two other officers or directors.
Admin:	Stephen Baker volunteered to take on Catering Director's mantle.
Carols:	Jerry Casburn volunteered to organise catering supplies. Joan Reed, Stephen Baker and Bob laws volunteered to distribute flyers to local traders
Acceptance of Reports:	Proposed by David Middleton, seconded by Stephen Westgarth and passed unanimously.
Other Business:	Stephen Baker suggested Unley Traders be invited to share a meal with us Current meeting format be retained, Jerry Casburn/Martin Cooper, approved Agreed to create a team of trained Bulletin editors to rotate the weekly task

Diary Dates

Events	Date	Time	Comments
Christmas Carols	Sunday 13 th December 2009	2.00pm Onwards	
Drinks at the Casburns	Sunday 20 th December 2009	2.30pm onwards	Bring nothing

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board Sergeant	Attendance Desk
1/12/09	Regattas Bistro	6.30 for 7pm	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
Wednesday 23/12/09	Arkaba Hotel	7 for 7.30am	Joint Clubs Breakfast Hyde Park & Eastwood, Speaker: Tony Nancarrow	TBA	G McLeod N/A	R Mullins & J Newall

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: November - December 2009

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
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
3	29/12/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws

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

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On the Back Page

An Aussie refuse collector is going along a street picking up the wheelie bins and emptying them into his garbage truck.

He goes to one house where the bin hasn't been left out, so he has a quick look for it, goes round the back of the house, but still can't see it. So, against the rules but in the spirit of kindness, he knocks on the door.

There's no answer. Being a kindly and conscientious bloke, he knocks again, much harder.

Eventually a middle-aged Chinese man comes to the door. 'Harro!' says the bloke.

'G'day, mate! Where's ya bin?' asks the collector.

'I bin on toiret,' explains the Chinese bloke, a bit perplexed.

Realising he had been misunderstood, the bin man smiles and tries again. 'No mate, where's your *dust* bin?'

'I dust been to *toiret*, I *toll* you!' says the Chinese man, more perplexed.

'Listen,' says the collector. 'You're *misunderstanding* me. Where's your *wheelie* bin?'

'Ok, *Ok!*' replies the man, sheepishly grinning, 'I *wheelie* bin havin sex wiffa wife's sistah...'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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