

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3693 – 15th December 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.	3693
Date	15 th December 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Ken Bailey – "Christmas Pageant"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	David Payne
Guests	Mayor Richard Thorne; David Mackrell
Apologies	Geoff Howland Heather Kilsby
Make-Ups	Heather Kilsby
Anniversaries	Birthday: Geoff Howland (16/12); Induction: Bob Mills (18/12)
Attendance	79%

President's Announcements

1. I would like to ask all members who do not currently hold a position in the Club Administration to consider taking on the role of Secretary for the remainder of this year and all of next year. It is not an onerous job and does not have particular deadlines to meet, if you would like more information talk to me.
2. I would like to thank Reno and the Community Services team for the great effort to get the Carols at the Rotunda organised for this year. We had great weather and a good crowd, this is a showpiece for the club and we reached a good part of the Unley community on Sunday. Again my thanks to all involved.
3. A reminder that on Sunday 20th December, anytime after 2.30pm, Jenn and I will host drinks to celebrate Christmas, this will be held at our home 20/3 Chappell Drive, Glenelg, partners welcome. No need to bring anything we will provide drinks and nibbles.
4. I would also like to remind members to collect Rotary puddings and cakes from Joan Reed.

Spots

Stephen Baker: Sought attendance numbers for the joint breakfast meeting next week (23rd) and the petanque function on January 5

Chandra Sluggett: Urged members to buy the Polio Challenge Christmas Cakes.

Bob Mullins: Informed that replacement of member's plaques would cost \$25 each.

Lindsay England: Reported on money collected at the Carols.

Reno Elms: Thanked everyone for their assistance with the Carols and promised next year to sort out organisational aspects in October; the Carol's feedback was very positive; a thank you card had been received from Bramwell House for the equipment provided by RCU; the Army's truck carrying all the Carol's gear had a flat battery and needed RAA assistance after the concert

Bob Laws: Required thrift shop assistance

Presentation of \$10,000 to City of Unley (Orphanage Project)

Mayor Richard Thorne was presented with a cheque for \$10,000 covering the Club's share of the cost for the project which marks the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Unley. Mayor Thorne thanked the club emphasising the need for the club's contribution to be acknowledged on the site and mentioned special Unley Council programs which could be accessed for community projects.



Unley Rotarians with Unley Mayor Richard Thorne

Carols 2009 in Pictures



Sergeant's Session

Sergeant David Middleton fined members using a Carols theme. **Greg McLeod** won the lucky square and **Joan Reed** won the mystery wine.

Jerry's Jottings

Another busy week in Unley, the Carols were a great success and captured above are a few of the many images taken by our roving cameraman, visiting Youth Exchange Student **Ingrid** who is being hosted by the Glenelg club. We had lots of help from all of the Exchange Students there, **Leena** our own student and **Emile** from Murray Bridge helped with Security, donning the fluorescent jacket. These are just a few of the more than 100 pictures taken and if you would like a copy let me know.

Next week is our last meeting of the year as we join with the Eastwood and Hyde Park clubs at the Arcaba Hotel for breakfast.

Jerry

Guest Speaker - Ken Bailey - The Christmas Pageant



Chairman **David Payne** introduced **Ken Bailey** who was a draftsman and quantity surveyor by professions and spent his earlier career with a firm which repaired churches, hotels and historic houses. Since then and for nearly 30 years he has been the key float maker with the Christmas pageant.

Ken Bailey said the Pageant was one of the oldest of its size in the world having started in 1933 or 1934 – only Toronto matched it. He had brought with him valuable diagrams of float designs, float polystyrene moulds and costumes. Pageant planning commences 3 months before the end of a year. Each year there may be up to 12 new ideas examined often associated with a theme – 2010 will be Christmas itself.

A skilled artist puts together a design for each proposed float and those that are selected are modelled in polystyrene foam. Animation is added and everything is over-engineered for endurance. The Father Christmas float is the longest at 16.5 metres and the highest allowable at 4.1m. The greatest challenge is with the cars, their engines and tyres; modern car chassis and engines are not sufficiently strong. They deteriorate sitting idle for a year. The range of materials is dramatic - styrene (very popular and easy to model) is however becoming too expensive. Paper and cardboard are used extensively. Ken cuts and shapes most of the floats.

The costumes are professionally made, often with overseas material to get the bright colours. Father Christmas costume is made in Brisbane. The greatest risk to the 4,500 costume pieces is mould from the dampness (sweat) so each has to be laundered on the Monday following the pageant. A number of floats and costumes are used for special events throughout the year.

Pageant Day starts at 2.00am with the linking up of the floats down at Woodville storage. Costumes are donned at Pulteney Grammar and a host of make-up artists apply the war paint. It is a massive undertaking – owned by the State Government but sponsored by the Credit Unions. Some floats last for 2-3 years, others like the Father Christmas float is renewed every 20 years.

Ken was thanked in the normal Rotary fashion.

Rotary News

Action group fights AIDS year-round (We're not just about Polio Eradication)

A decade after she lost her son, Jerry, to AIDS, Marion Bunch's life took an unexpected detour.

In 2003, she started what's now Rotarians for Fighting AIDS, a Rotarian Action Group, parlaying her skills as a sales executive and leveraging the power of Rotary to educate at-risk children about making good choices.

Early on, Bunch, a member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Georgia, USA, realized the potential of partnerships and signed on Coca-Cola, as well as the international charity HOPE Worldwide and the U.S. government, as key players in the action group.

"You can't fight this alone," she says.

As people around the globe observe World AIDS Day, 1 December, the group is continuing its work for a future free of HIV/AIDS. It recently joined the Partnership for an HIV-Free Generation, a U.S. government-coordinated coalition working to stem the spread of the disease among young people in sub-Saharan Africa. [Read more](#)

"World AIDS Day gives us an opportunity to show Rotarians who have so generously supported us what we are able to accomplish," says Anne Dillard Glenn, the group's director of marketing and communications. "The AIDS pandemic is killing entire populations and leaving 12 million orphaned children. We are reaching thousands, but it's a drop in the bucket."

Here are a few of the programs Rotarians are supporting through the action group:

- Rotarians for Fighting AIDS has funneled more than US\$150,000 in Rotarian donations to cover secondary and vocational school fees, including uniforms and supplies, for youth in Kenya. The funds are administered by Nairobi Rotary clubs and are intended to provide the youth with education and job training so they can find work, enhance their self-esteem, and avoid high-risk behaviors that lead to HIV/AIDS.
- Rotary club-sponsored Kidz Clubs in Kenya and six other sub-Saharan countries provide a safe environment for youth to gather after school, learn, and interact with friends. In addition to providing financial support for the clubs,



A student at a Rotarian-supported home and school for orphans in Nairobi, Kenya, holds up the card she made for World AIDS Day. It says, "My name is Alice, and I am healthy."

the action group helps connect Kenyan Rotary clubs with others abroad to adopt individual Kidz Clubs, creating closer links and fostering ongoing partnerships. Kenyan Rotary clubs work through Rotary Community Corps, training volunteers to manage the Kidz Clubs and deliver healthy lifestyle messages to the youth.

- Rotarians in District 9700 (Australia) raised more than \$68,000 for Orphan Rescue Kits as part of the district's 2008-09 signature project. The kits are an initiative of the action group, Coca-Cola, and HOPE Worldwide to provide children with essentials for disease prevention and education, including school supplies, money for school fees and daily meals, a warm blanket, and a mosquito net.
- The action group has raised \$16,000 to improve the learning environment at the Chongwe Community School in Lusaka, Zambia, as part of a project led by the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation. The school was established in 2002 to address the educational needs of a growing number of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS and poverty in eight villages around Lusaka. Coca-Cola's former chairman and CEO E. Neville Isdell, who was born in Zambia, visited Lusaka in 2008 and identified several critical needs, including renovating the school, converting a chicken run into additional classrooms, providing furniture and educational materials, and training caregivers. The action group and Coca-Cola have pledged to raise \$30,000 each for the project.

Diary Dates

Events	Date	Time	Comments
Christmas Drinks	Sunday 20 th December	2.30pm Onwards	At Jenn & Jerry's home

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
Wednesday 23/12/09	Arkaba Hotel	7 for 7.15am	Joint Clubs Breakfast Hyde Park & Eastwood, Speaker: Tony Nancarrow	N/A	G McLeod	N/A	R Mullins & J Newall
5/01/10	Club De Petanque	7 for 7.30pm	Petanque Night at the Club De Petanque D'Adelaide (Greenhill Rd)	N/A	R Mullins	D Middleton	J Newall & P O'Neil
12/01/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Rob Rodenberg: "Save Water Save Life"	S Westgarth	M Martin	D Middleton	P O'Neil & D Payne
19/01/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Korotcoff: "Angel Flights"	J Peacham	R Laws	D Middleton	D Payne & J Plumb

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

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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	19/12/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
Thrift Shop Closed until January 11th 2010			
3	16/01/10	Stephen Westgarth & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	23/01/10	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins & Sheila Evans
5	30/01/10	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	06/02/10	Lindsay England & 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

Christmas Stamps

A blonde goes to the post office to buy stamps for Christmas.

She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "God help us. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists".

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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