

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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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.	3695
Date	5 th January 2010
Venue	Club De Petanque D'Adelaide – South Parklands
Occasion	Petanque Night
Sergeant	N/A
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Guests	Cathy Broadhead, Susan Westgarth, Linda Sellers, Genese Mullins, Glenyss Steedman
Visiting Rotarians	Peter Broadhead (RC Ballarat South)
Apologies	Natalie Brown, Sheila Evans, Alex Jonson, Geoff Hill
Make-Ups	None
Anniversaries	Birthday: Natalie Bowen (11/1); Anniversary: Ken Daly (11/1)
Attendance	55%

President's Announcements

First, a Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that the year brings all you want for yourselves, friends and family.

Second, an apology to those expecting to join Jenn and me for pre Christmas drinks; she had a tummy bug and we decided it was wisest to avoid passing it on. We will arrange a new date for post-Christmas drinks soon.

Spots

None

Sergeant's Session

None

Jerry's Jottings

A great start to the New Year with our Social meeting at the Club de Petanque. I know everyone enjoyed themselves given the fact that no-one left until 9.30pm. My thanks go to **Stephen Baker** and the Programme Committee for arranging this. **Peter** and **Cathy Broadhead** from the Rotary Club of Ballarat South made welcome guests and joined in with gusto. Competitive lot these Victorians, must be something in the water.

We now focus on a new year and I am back on my familiar drum, we need more members. If you have any suggestions of names to invite please either let me know or ask them along to a meeting. February 23rd will be our night to promote the club and focus on a programme to capture new members. If you have ideas please let me, **Janet Singh** or **John Peacham** know.

We'll also follow up with the next stage of the Orphanage project and try to line up our next foray into the planting game.

Jerry



President Jerry

Petanque Night at the Club De Petanque D'Adelaide

A good rollout of members enjoyed a pleasant evening playing petanque under the gums. Tuition on the run was provided by Petanque Club members Rada, Tina and Dom.

President Jerry's group was joined by visiting Rotarian Peter Broadhead and his wife Cathy, both of whom showed great skill.

Petanque is a distant cousin of lawn bowls but uses metal balls and can be played almost anywhere.

The impromptu shooting competition (requiring one to strike a stationary ball with another ball from a standing start) produced several hawkeyes, including Janet Plumb, Heather Kilsby, Stephen Baker and Wendy Andrews. The prize for each was a bottle of the red stuff.

A good start to the Club's social activities for 2010.

Thanks to Stephen Baker and committee for organising the event.



So what is this petanque thing anyway?



Boys vs Girls



Jim, Wendy and Bob on the piste



What got up Jerry's nose?

Leena Kasurinen Sees South Oz by Sports Car

By Andy Hill

TSOA (Triumph Sports Owners Association) post Christmas run to Mannum, December 30, 2009, in Andy Hill's Triumph Stag:

I picked Leena up at 10am and headed for the assembly point at the Crafers Hotel for coffee and chat. We decided to give her the opportunity and experience of driving through the countryside in an open top car in the sunshine; 36 degrees was expected, but we decided that with plenty of sun block we would be OK.

Leena was given the job of following the run directions and navigating! We set off for Mannum (via the country roads) at 11am/11.30am, and duly arrived at the Pretoria Hotel for Lunch at about 1pm. People, you should have seen her hat! On the way I thought that it was hot, but when we got to Mannum I knew it was hotter than I expected because our clothes were wet! I decided to put the soft top "up", leave the car for lunch and drive back to Adelaide (via Hahndorf for coffee) with the top up and the air conditioning on. My guess was that it would be a few degrees hotter by later afternoon. I was not wrong!



With the hot air flowing through her hair I often asked if she was OK. Her standard response was, yes I am fine! I had previously told her that the people would be like at Rotary - boring old farts.



We had a good lunch, and went for a walk along the river before starting back. I now realize what the water level problem in the Murray is, by how far away from the moorings the boats were on the river bank and by how much lower they were from the landing platform. I would guess about 8 to 10 feet vertically down! What a sad sight!

My car has never before been driven at this high temperature with the air conditioning full on! I have had the car for 31 years from new (only 6 years in Australia). We started up, turned the air con on, and away we went. The temperature gauge was soon on to 3/4, and when we arrived in Murray Bridge the outside temperature was 43 degrees. Leena again stated that she was OK. We hit the freeway with the temperature gauge on 3/4 and proceeded at 110 kph to Hahndorf. Ten kms prior to Hahndorf we turned the air con off and opened the windows - it was cooler and better! We arrived in Hahndorf really wet! I said to Leena that this must be the hottest day she has ever experienced, she thought for a while, and agreed!

After a cooling coffee, we took the top down, and headed for the plains. I believe that Leena had a great day, and a good experience of a hot SA day. I also had a good day with a very pleasant young lady. Well done Leena. She is the only woman ever to sit in the driver's seat!

PS: The car performed faultlessly. Triumph Stags were not designed for this kind of test.

Rotary News

Rotary forms new alliance for water, sanitation projects

By Janis Young - Rotary International News -- 18 March 2009

Rotary International and USAID have launched a collaborative effort to implement water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world.

The International H2O Collaboration was formally announced 18 March at the World Water Forum in Istanbul, in conjunction with World Water Day, 22 March.

Focusing on Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the alliance will develop its inaugural projects in 2009-10 in Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic -- countries where Rotary clubs and districts and USAID missions have the demonstrated ability to carry out effective water and sanitation projects. After the initial phase, the alliance will evaluate its work and strategically consider expanding into other countries.

The Rotary Foundation and USAID will share the project funding. Each organization will distribute funds separately and independently, keeping budgeting, expenditures, and reporting mechanisms separate.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants will support Rotary club and district involvement with these projects. Both Rotary and USAID will provide technical expertise and on-the-ground support.

"We intend these projects to be models for future projects with strategic partners and in this way to enhance our contribution to world understanding, goodwill, and peace," says Past RI President William B. Boyd, chair of the RI-USAID Steering Committee. He underscores the need for Rotary to meet the challenges of today's world, citing the Future Vision Plan and strategic partnerships as ways to focus and strengthen service.

USAID is a government agency that provides economic, development, and humanitarian assistance in support of U.S. foreign policy goals. Its Global Development Alliance model promotes partnerships with prominent private-sector partners in the nongovernmental, foundation, and corporate arenas.



Sara Lucena, a member of the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata Isabel de Torres, Dominican Republic, installs a water filter in a home in Aguas Negras.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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
26/01/10	No Meeting (Australia Day)						
02/02/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Laws: "The Burmese Doctor"	R Laws	R Mills	D Middleton	J Plumb & J Reed

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

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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: January - February 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
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
2	13/02/10	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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It Was a Dark and Stormy Night

Bob Hill and his new wife Betty were vacationing in Europe... as it happens, near Transylvania. They were driving in a rental car along a rather deserted highway. It was late and raining very hard. Bob could barely see the road in front of the car. Suddenly the car skids out of control! Bob attempts to control the car, but to no avail! The car swerves and smashes into a tree.

Moments later, Bob shakes his head to clear the fog. Dazed, he looks over at the passenger seat and sees his wife unconscious, with her head bleeding! Despite the rain and unfamiliar countryside, Bob knows he has to get her medical assistance.

Bob carefully picks his wife up and begins trudging down the road. After a short while, he sees a light. He heads towards the light, which is coming from a large, old house. He approaches the door and knocks.

A minute passes. A small, hunched man opens the door. Bob immediately blurts, "Hello, my name is Bob Hill, and this is my wife Betty. We've been in a terrible accident, and my wife has been seriously hurt. Can I please use your phone?"

"I'm sorry," replied the hunchback, "but we don't have a phone. My master is a doctor; come in and I will get him!" Bob brings his wife in.

An older man comes down the stairs. "I'm afraid my assistant may have misled you. I am not a medical doctor; I am a scientist. However, it is many miles to the nearest clinic, and I have had a basic medical training. I will see what I can do. Igor, bring them down to the laboratory."

With that, Igor picks up Betty and carries her downstairs, with Bob following closely. Igor places Betty on a table in the lab. Bob collapses from exhaustion and his own injuries, so Igor places Bob on an adjoining table.

After a brief examination, Igor's master looks worried. "Things are serious, Igor. Prepare a transfusion." Igor and his master work feverishly, but to no avail. Bob and Betty Hill are no more.

The Hills' deaths upset Igor's master greatly. Warily, he climbs the steps to his conservatory, which houses his grand piano. For it is here that he has always found solace. He begins to play, and a stirring, almost haunting melody fills the house.

Meanwhile, Igor is still in the lab tidying up. His eyes catch movement, and he notices the fingers on Betty's hand twitch, keeping time to the haunting piano music. Stunned, he watches as Bob's arm begins to rise, marking the beat! He is further amazed as Betty and Bob both sit up straight!

Unable to contain himself, he dashes up the stairs to the conservatory. He bursts in and shouts to his master: "Master, Master! The Hills are alive with the sound of music!"

(Ed: I am soooooo sorry..... But you really should've seen that one coming)

Coincidence?

I don't think so...



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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