

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3696 – 12th January 2010

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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.	3696
Date	12 January 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park – Parkside
Occasion	Rob Rodenburg – "Safe Water Saves Lives"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Stephen Westgarth
Guests	David Mackrell
Visiting Rotarians	Guest Speaker Rob Rodenburg (RC of Hyde Park)
Apologies	Geoff Hill, Geoff Howland, Janet Plumb, President Jerry Casburn and Stephen Baker
Make-Ups	President Jerry Casburn
Anniversaries	Birthday: Alex Jonson (70 on 15/1), Ken Daly (80 on 17/1), Lindsay England (17/1), Natalie Bowen (40 on 11/1) Anniversary: Bob Mills (45 th on 16/1) Induction: Bob Mullins (28 years ago on 16/1)
Attendance	70%

President's Announcements

The meeting was conducted by Vice President Mavis Martin. On President Jerry's behalf, she advised of two forthcoming events, some advance warning of which has already been given by President Jerry in an email to members. A BBQ is to be held at the home of Anne Wehr on Sunday 24/1/10 commencing at noon. Cost will be not more than \$10.00. There is no need to bring any food but it will be BYO. Anne has a welcoming swimming pool so bring your bathing costumes.

The second event is one being organised by and for the Group 6 clubs, probably to be held at The Orphanage on Sunday 28/3/10. It is not intended as a fundraiser but simply as a get together of constituent Club members and families and prospective members. Attendees will bring their own food and wine and chairs. Competitive sport is envisaged for the afternoon. This Club's members will be canvassed for their interest in attending one or both events.

Spots

Bob Laws reported that the Thrift Shop is spick and span after its most recent cleanup and culling. The carpet has been steam cleaned by The Carpet Doctor at no cost to the Club. Future culling and cleanup sessions will take place on a Saturday afternoon, the next one scheduled for 6/2/10. All are welcome!

Sergeant's Session

Ably overseen by Sergeant David. The winner of the lucky squares was Reno Elms who will spend his winnings on his trip to Tasmania.

Jerry's Jottings

No jottings in Jerry's absence.

Guest Speaker – Rob Rodenburg: Safe Water Saves Lives

Chairman Stephen Westgarth introduced our guest speaker, Rotarian Rob Rodenburg. Rob joined the Rotary Club of Hyde Park in 1996 and is a Paul Harris Fellow and Life Member of Apex. He is married with two children and three grandchildren. Rob graduated as a civil engineer in 1970 and operates his own environmental consultancy. His introduction to water projects began with the Rotary Club of Hyde Park in 2003 when it partnered with the Rotary Club of Bangkok south to fund water purification plants for schools in rural Thailand. He became involved in the Timor Lesté water and sanitation project that was initiated by Past District Governor Peter Ochota in 2007. Rob unexpectedly found himself chairing the D9500/9520 Safe Water Saves Lives committee in 2009, which is why he came to speak to our club.

Rob began his talk by explaining that the purpose of RAWCS is to coordinate the activities of Rotary Australia's various World Community Service projects. Districts 9500 and 9520 have combined to form the RAWCS Central Region Committee. It coordinates the following committees:

- Donations in Kind (DIK)
- Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)
- **Safe Water Saves Lives (SWSL)**
- International Midwifery, Obstetrics & Gynaecology (IMOG)
- Project Volunteers (PV)
- Promotion
- Helena Goldie Hospital, Solomon Islands (long term project of the Burnside RC)

The purpose of Safe Water Saves Lives is to provide support to Clubs and Districts for water and sanitation projects. Support generally takes the form of:

- Identifying projects
- Assisting clubs to evaluate projects they have identified
- Investigating/evaluating water and sanitation technologies

Some water and sanitation facts (sourced from the November 09 issue of RDU):

- 884M people have no access to safe drinking water
- 2.5B people have no access to purpose built sanitation facilities, i.e., they simply practice open defecation in bushes, fields and other unprotected public areas
- Of the 1.8M deaths each year from diarrhoea, 88% are due to unsafe water and/or inadequate sanitation

Water treatment options:

- **Water Tanks**, which are simple and cost effective and best suited to high rainfall areas.
- **Harvesting** surface and groundwater at its source and piping it to where it is needed.
- **Solar Water Purifiers**, which are low cost (\$350/panel). A new solar water purifier has been developed in Adelaide and is well suited to small and large communities.
- **Bio-sand Filtration**; the filters which can be produced locally anywhere in the world because the filters are built using materials that are readily available. It is simply a concrete container, enclosing layers of sand and gravel whose purpose is to eliminate sediments, pathogens and other impurities.
- **Ceramic Filtration Unit**, which was developed by the Potters for Peace, a non-profit organisation based in the U.S. It has been distributed in many countries in Central America and South East Asia.
- **Reverse Osmosis** plants are reasonably complex and therefore require a level of technical support that is not generally available in small communities. They also require a reliable electricity supply. SWSL is currently organising a trial at the Marree Area School.
- The **SkyHydrant™** lo-tech RO water purification unit operates under as little as one metre of gravity head and without the need for an electrical power supply. It combines microfiltration with chlorine disinfection to produce a safe supply of water from the majority of non-saline surface and ground waters.

Sanitation is a major issue in developing countries, is a major cause of disease, and good sanitation education is an essential element of any project.

SWSL evaluates projects for **financial sustainability**, **technical sustainability** considering the reliability/quality of water supply, suitability of plant and equipment, and availability of maintenance, and **support sustainability** considering the long term presence of support agency/s,



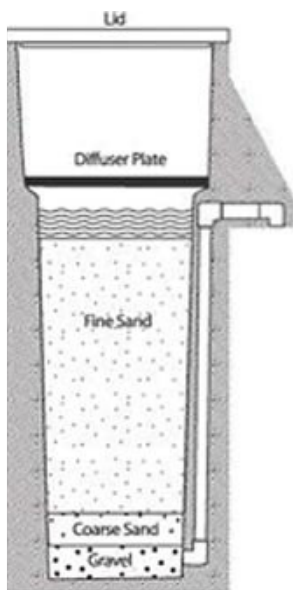
Rob Rodenburg with Stephen Westgarth



Water tank at a Solomon Islands school



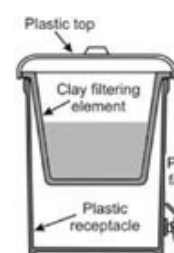
Headworks for the Timor Lesté project



Bio-sand Filter



Solar water purifiers



Ceramic Filter



SkyHydrant™

community ownership/cultural issues and education.

Education is a major factor. Improving community health relies on people understanding the importance of safe water, good sanitary practices and hand washing.

The focus of **Rotary's role** is changing as we learn from past mistakes. There needs to be continuous support over several years if projects are to be successful in the long term. Fly in/Fly out does not meet this essential requirement. NGOs that have a long term presence in the communities being assisted make ideal project partners. The Timor Lesté project is a good example of this model.

Currently there are Safe Water Saves Lives projects in Timor Lesté, the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Nepal, Ethiopia, Kenya and the Philippines.

Rob responded to several questions from Rotarians and then Chairman Stephen thanked Rob for his talk and presented him with an Unley Rotary pen as a memento of his visit.

Rotary News

A Short History of The Rotary Foundation

From the RDU website

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI." Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organisation, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships – was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given US\$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

Get to know The Rotary Foundation's 2009-10 Goals

1. Keep the promise to eradicate polio.
2. Work through the Foundation to achieve a better world, through the six areas of focus in the Future Vision Plan.
3. Implement the Future Vision Plan, which will help revitalize and strengthen the Foundation so it can adequately support another century of Rotary service
4. Support Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

The story of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is an exciting one, from its inception to the present time, but it is a story that can never be up to date, for it is evolving as you read.

It has involved the vision of many dedicated Rotarians who worked to give it life and nurture it, to see it blossom into an amazing national community service project for Rotary. Many have felt the need for a project that could unite Rotary in Australia and give it a focus worthy of the men and women of our membership.

The ARHRF does just that and obviously has been welcomed, as evidenced by the marvellous support given by them.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND (ARHRF)

Chair: Andrew Benson (Alison), Encounter Bay; Tel: 08 8552 5561, Mob: 0414 525 561, Email: aben0685@bigpond.net.au

Visit the ARHRF Web Site (<http://arhrf.org.au/>) for more information.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: January - February 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
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 & Glenys Ferguson
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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Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
19/01/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Korotcoff: "Angel Flight Australia"	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
09/02/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	International Night – Mark Huddleston: "TRF Grants"	C Sluggett	R Mullins	D Middleton	J Reed & J Russell
16/02/10	Salisbury Wetlands	TBA	Vocational Visit to Salisbury Wetlands - Stephen Haines	S Baker	N/A	N/A	TBA
23/02/10	Unley Civic Centre	TBA	Membership Familiarisation & Recruitment – Tony Pilkington	J Singh & Mayor Thorne	Jim Newall	D Middleton	J Russell & C Schirmer

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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.

On the Back Page

Why I Was Fired

For the last company picnic, management had decided that, due to liability issues, we could have alcohol, but only one (1) drink per person.

I was fired for ordering the cups.

Just to Get You Thinking...

See if you can figure out what these words have in common. Answer on this page.

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess



The Lone Ranger Rides Again

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep.

Some hours later, Tonto woke the Lone Ranger and said, 'Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?'

The Lone Ranger replied, 'I see millions of stars.'

'What that tell you?' asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger pondered for a minute then says, 'Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What's it tell you, Tonto?'

'You dumber than mule. It means someone stole the tent.'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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

Answer: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.