

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3697 – 19th January 2010

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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.	3697		
Date	19 January 2010		
Venue	Tiffins on the Park		
Occasion	Bob Korotcoff: “Angel Flight Australia”		
Sergeant	David Middleton		
Chairman	John Peacham		
Returning Rotarians	Neesha Nandasena, Colin Schirmer		
Visiting Rotarians	Malcolm Elliott (RC of Adelaide) – Chair of Public Relations & Marketing Committee of D9500 and D9520		
Apologies	No information	Make-Ups	No information
Anniversaries	None stated		
Attendance	70% - our Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen was also present		

President's Announcements

- A reminder that numbers permitting we have two planned social events:
 - BBQ January 24th**
Anne Wehr has very kindly offered her garden and swimming pool for an afternoon's relaxation and a BBQ. This is the weekend prior to Australia Day. Timing: midday onwards. The BBQ will be provided at cost, no more than \$10 per head, BYO grog.
 - Group 6 Family Fun Day & Picnic**
The Presidents of Group 6 are planning the above for March 28th. The intent is to have a multi club social event, this is **not** a fundraiser. The plan is to have a picnic BBQ where salads and desserts will be organised by the various clubs and those attending will bring their own meat and grog. The afternoon will start at 12ish, BBQ at 1pm and will be followed by an opportunity for some light-hearted competitive sport, petanque, tennis, etc. Rotarians, their families and friends plus offspring will be welcome and it will be an opportunity to invite prospective Rotarians. Dependent upon availability, the plan is to use the Orphanage. We need an idea of interest in such an event. A form is being circulated, can you please provide potential numbers who might attend. Please, please take a guess, this is not a commitment and it will help us plan.
- A reminder now and at the end of the meeting, there is **no Rotary meeting on Australia Day**, that's next week.
- Certificates of Appreciation** have been received by the Club from The Rotary Foundation on behalf of Rotary International for support of Rotary's US\$200 million challenge to eradicate polio and for the Club's participation in the worldwide Rotary Club ShelterBox Program.
- A Christmas card expressing season's greetings has been received from the Mayor of Unley Richard Thorne.
- The next **Board meeting** will be held at President Jerry's home on 4/2/10 at 6pm.

Spots

Joan Reed reported that she had surplus supplies of Christmas cakes and is therefore prepared to offer them at the bargain price of \$15.00 per item for January only. She received immediate interest for several of them from Stephen Baker and John Russell. Contact Joan if interested.

Leena Kasurinen has been charged by the Youth Exchange Committee to raise \$100.00 towards the purchase, with other exchange students, of one shelter box, and she has decided to do this via a small lottery. Willing participants were found amongst the members. The lottery will be drawn in February so see her if you want some (more) tickets (one for \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00).

Bob Laws reminded us about the great assistance provided to the Club, in particular through the Thrift Shop, by **Max Wright** trading as **The Carpet Doctor**. If you need your carpets cleaned, then Bob would welcome your contacting Max on 0409 692 003 or 8370 0055.

Sergeant's Session

David Middleton acquitted himself with his usual aplomb, exacting and extracting fines from members in his sights. His quiz took on a geographical bent. The lucky square was won by Anne Wehr.

Leena's Progress Report

So last time I was at a Rotary meeting was quite a while ago...

I had a very good Aussie Christmas. Although there wasn't that much snow... We went to Middleton's for lunch and later on we had another full Christmas meal at Catherine's and John's. On the 26th we had a birthday BBQ for Catherine and on the 30th Andy took me for a ride with his fancy light blue car. Thanks Andy for that.

Then I had my trip to Eyre Peninsula with Sue Middleton and her daughter's family. We went down to Port Lincoln and from there to Coffin Bay and from Coffin Bay to Streaky Bay. I had a very good time. We went swimming with the sea lions and dolphins. That was pretty awesome. We did some fishing. We fed some birds and kangaroos and also some tuna who tried to eat my hand. Anyway it was a very good trip and definitely one of the highlights of my holidays. I'm going back to school in two weeks and today I've been in Australia exactly for 6 months.

Guest Speaker – Bob Korotcoff: Angel Flight

Bob is a very accomplished Lion and is involved in many community groups.

He is designated an Earth Angel, a supporter of and spokesman for Angel Flight Australia which is a charity established in 2003 in Australia that co-ordinates non-emergency flights for financially and medically needy people. All flights are free and may involve passengers or compassionate carers travelling to or from medical facilities anywhere in Australia.

The service operates nationally but conducts most of its work on the eastern seaboard.

Some 2,000 pilots are registered and can accept missions from and to anywhere within Australia. Pilots provide their time and their aircraft free but receive full reimbursement for fuel costs. Last November's fuel bill alone was \$47,000.00 but fuel companies generously provide subsidies.

In 7 years, Angel Flight Australia has flown 7,300 missions, helping people with kidney and liver failures, cancer, leukaemia and more. It also transports blood and blood products and medical drugs to country regions and will transport family members from remote occasions to larger population centres where an ill family member is receiving extended treatment and has become isolated from the greater family.

Angel Flight pilots do not carry aeromedical staff or medical equipment so do not act as an alternative to the Royal Flying Doctor Service or Air Ambulance in that capacity.

Funds are raised through the efforts of the pilots and Earth Angels. No subsidies are provided by government. Great support is received from service clubs and corporations and through Will bequests and through school project activities. There are only 6 employed staff, so administration costs are kept to a minimum (approx. 15% of income). On average, these full time staff co-ordinate 30-40 flights weekly. Other assistance is provided through the waiver of landing fees and traffic controllers within Air Services Australia navigate the aircraft missions safely across the skies free of charge.

Where Angel Flight cannot undertake a mission, arrangements are made to transport the patient by commercial airline at subsidised fares.

Individuals can help Angel Flight Australia by, amongst others, registering as an Earth Angel, introducing a potential pilot or health professional to the service, by making personal donations or purchasing a \$5.00 Mini Bear.

Bob's talk was well received by members. He was thanked by Chairman John Peacham and given a small gift as a token of the Club's appreciation for his talk.



Bob Korotcoff with John Peacham

Jerry's Jottings

A good evening on Tuesday and it is gratifying to see our attendance heading north over the last few weeks. **Bob Korotcoff** gave an interesting talk and it never ceases to amaze me how many in our community give freely of their time and money for such worthwhile causes.

My thanks go to **Anne Wehr** who has volunteered to hold the BBQ at her home and I look forward, shop permitting, to seeing many of you there.

On February 23rd we will be holding our membership evening and I would welcome ideas as to how we can make it both interesting and informative. **Janet Singh** has, due to health problems, asked if she can stand down as Membership Director and we wish her well in getting back to strength. In the meantime **John Peacham** has volunteered to take up the baton early and will be assisting with planning for the membership evening. Early thoughts in discussion with John will be to try to show a normal meeting, to the extent that we can, and to add some information about Rotary, the club and what we do. Important in the process will be having prospective members there and we look to members to promote the evening to friends who might be interested. We may also be looking for support in getting to local businesses with an invitation to join us for the evening, more on that later. At our next meeting on 2nd February, **don't forget there's no meeting next week**, I will use one of the spots to canvass ideas and support for the evening.



President Jerry

Thus far we have advice that 12 will be attending the Group 6 Fun Day on March 28th. It would be great if we could secure support from the majority in the club to make this a great function and encourage fellowship across the local clubs, Group 6 comprises ourselves, Hyde Park, Mitcham, Eastwood, and Brownhill Creek. So **please, please** put this in the diary now and make a commitment.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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"	Chandra 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

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: January - February 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
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
3	20/02/10	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

Work – Pleasure Balance

A Navy captain was about to start the morning briefing to his staff.

While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, the captain decided to pose a question to all assembled.

He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep.

He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure?"

A commander chimed in with 75-25% in favour of work.

A lieutenant said it was 50-50%.

A midshipman responded with 25-75% in favour of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time.

There being no consensus, the captain turned to the able seaman who was in charge of making the coffee.

What was HIS opinion?

Without any hesitation, young seaman Des responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The captain was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why?

"Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them."

The room fell silent.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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