

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3701 – 23rd February 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.	3701
Date	23 February 2010
Venue	Unley Civic Centre
Occasion	Membership Information Night – Tony Pilkington
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	David Middleton
Guests	Genese Mullins, David Mackrell, Catherine Reed, John Pettinger, Brian Davies, Silvio Cattonar, Trevor Goulding, Penny Axarlis and Trudy Jenkins
Visiting Rotarians	Mayor Richard Thorne (Hon. Member)
Apologies	Jim Newall, Mavis Martin, Neesha Nandasena and Glenys Ferguson
Make-Ups	Neesha Nandasena and Glenys Ferguson
Anniversaries	None
Attendance	67%

President's Announcements

None

Membership Information Night at Unley Civic Centre

The evening took the form of a normal Rotary meeting to give the guests an insight into what happens at a meeting.

A video about Rotary, narrated by NSW Rotarian and media personality Roger Climpson, was played and was well received.

David Middleton then gave his perspective on what it means to be a Rotarian and how he manages his Rotary obligations with his personal workload.

Our Exchange Student **Leena Kasurinen**, resplendent in her blazer, spoke about her association with Rotary and of the enjoyment of her time in Australia and the value of the exchange student program.



Rotarians and guests mingling before the meeting.



David Middleton spoke about his Rotary experience.

Richard Thorne, Mayor of Unley and an honorary member of the Club, spoke highly of his Council's association and interaction with the Club and of the benefits to the community from this association.

He was proud to be an honorary member of the Club and exhorted prospective members to consider the benefits of service to the community and volunteerism by joining the Club.

David Middleton introduced the guest speaker **Tony Pilkington** of Radio 5AA fame who proceeded to regale those present with a highly entertaining and amusing account of his working life and of the characters and celebrities he has met or interviewed along the way from the likes of Malcolm Fraser in the early years and Al

Grassby (not yet the colourful Minister in the Whitlam Government that he became) to the down to earth, no-nonsense Mrs Purdie who became a regular caller during Tony's years with Barry Ion on Adelaide radio. Tony is a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide and expressed his admiration for all that Rotary does.

President Jerry then led a short question and answer segment involving members of the Board and prospective members.

Several very pertinent questions about the workings of Rotary and the attendance requirements and personal time commitments were asked and answered.

President Jerry closed the meeting, expressing the hope that it had been beneficial to prospective members present and that they would be welcomed warmly into the Club if they wished to take the next step. To reinforce this, he added that a courtesy call would be made to each of them by a Club member to ascertain their interest in proceeding further.



Our Finnish exchange student
Leena Kasurinen



Unley Mayor & Honorary Rotarian
Richard Thorne



Guest speaker and Rotarian
Tony Pilkington

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
02/03/10	Sinclairs Gully – Norton Summit	6 for 6.30pm	Sinclairs Gully Winery Visit – Sue Delaney	H Kilsby	N/A	N/A	S Baker
09/03/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	National Youth Science Forum and Interact – Rachel Sweet & Diane Gomez	A Hill	N Bowen	D Middleton	C Sluggett & A Wehr
Wednesday 17/03/10	Mitcham AFA Grounds	6 for 6.30pm	Unley v Mitcham Lawn Bowls	J Casburn	N/A	N/A	A Wehr & S Westgarth
Wednesday 24/03/10	Hyde Park Tavern	6 for 6.30pm	Debating Competition with Rotary Club of Hyde Park	S Baker	N/A	N/A	S Westgarth & L England

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: February - March 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
4	27/02/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins & David Middleton
1	06/03/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/03/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	20/03/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	27/03/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins & Sheila Evans

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

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Rotary News

Clubs celebrate Rotary's 105th birthday

By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary International News -- 23 February 2010

From kicking a soccer ball in Cape Town, South Africa, to illuminating prominent landmarks with the End Polio Now message, Rotarians around the world are celebrating 23 February, the 105th anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting.

On this day in 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal and professional experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for a club. Out of this simple beginning sprang the world's first international service organization, which has now grown to include more than 1.2 million members in over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary International helped celebrate the milestone by spelling out End Polio Now on the side of RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and by joining districts 6440 and 6450 in plans to light up the Wrigley Building in downtown Chicago with the End Polio Now logo on the evening of 23 February. The Rotary Club of Chicago is celebrating its own 105th anniversary immediately after the lighting.

Other sites scheduled for illumination this week include:

- The Pyramid of Khafre in Egypt;
- The Taipei Arena in Taiwan;
- The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain;
- The Old Port Captain's Office on the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, with world-famous Table Mountain as the backdrop;
- The Obelisk of Buenos Aires, Argentina;
- The Lake Marathon Dam overlooking the historic Marathon Memorial Battlefield in Greece; and
- The Royal Palace at Caserta in Italy.

In Cape Town, one of the host cities for the 2010 World Cup, a Kick Polio Out of Africa awareness campaign will launch with the symbolic kicking of a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, who had polio as a child. The ball, which will be auctioned to the highest bidder, will then travel through 22 polio-affected countries en route to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June.

In Puerto Rico, the House of Representatives has approved a measure setting aside the week of 23 February to be celebrated as "the week of the Rotary movement."

In addition, clubs have found a variety of creative ways to celebrate Rotary's birthday, also known as World Understanding and Peace Day:

- Members of Rotary clubs in Nepal will be taking part in a peace rally in Biratnagar.
- The Rotary Club of Scottsbluff/Gering, Nebraska, USA, is celebrating Rotary's 105th birthday by marking the 90th year since it received its club charter with a fundraiser to expand the local library.
- The Rotary Club of Canton, Georgia, USA, holds its weekly meeting on Tuesdays and will be celebrating with a large cake, complete with big 1, 0, and 5 candles. The club will also be donating \$105 to PolioPlus.
- The Rotary Club of Tumkur City, Karnataka, India, has conducted a free dental checkup for children at a Red Cross school for the deaf and mute.
- The Rotary Club of Milledgeville, Georgia, USA, has invited Rotarians, families, veterans, and community members to a large Peace Day celebration at the peace monument at the county courthouse.
- All 21 districts in Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland will be taking part in a Thanks for Life Week to raise funds for End Polio Now.



On the Back Page

This is Drunk!

A man goes to a party and has too much to drink. His friends plead with him to let them take him home. He says NO – he only lives a mile away. About five blocks from the party, the police pull him over. They check his licence and ask him to get out of the car and walk the line.

Just as he starts, the police radio blares out a notice of a robbery taking place in a house around the block. The police tell the party animal to stay put, they'll be right back and they run around the corner to the robbery.

The guy waits and waits and finally decides to drive home. When he gets there he tells his wife he is going to bed, and to tell anyone who might come looking for him that he has the flu and has been in bed all day. A few hours later the police knock on the door. They ask if Mr. Smith is there and his wife says yes. They ask to see him, and she replies that he is in bed with the flu and has been there all day.

The police still have his driver's licence. They ask to see his car and she asks why. They insist on seeing his car, so she takes them to the garage. She opens the door. There sitting in the garage is the police car, with all its lights still flashing.

True story - told by the driver at his first AA meeting.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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