

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3702 – 2 March 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.	3702
Date	2 March 2010
Venue	Sinclair's Gully Winery – Norton Summit
Occasion	Vocational visit to Sinclair's Gully Winery
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Guests	Assistant DG Roy Armstrong and wife Marilyn, David Mackrell, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Linda England, Bev Baker and Leena Kasurinen
Visiting Rotarians	Assistant DG Roy Armstrong
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Stephen Westgarth and Mavis Martin
Make-Ups	Mavis Martin
Anniversaries	None
Attendance	Not available

The Rotary Clubs of Group 6 - Family Fun Day

Where: Sunday 28 March 2010 from Noon to 4pm

Where: Ridge Park, Myrtle Bank

You Bring: Your own meat & Drinks
Tables & chairs

We'll Provide: Salads & Dessert
A fun packed afternoon of games & entertainment suitable for all ages
A cooling ice cream at the end of the day

Cost: \$10 per adult
Gold coin donation for children under 15



!!!THIS IS NOT A FUND RAISER!!!

It is a chance for some fellowship and fun with colleagues from other Rotary Clubs in your area.

President's Announcements

Donations in Kind have had an offer from Nazareth Christian School at Flinders Park where they are demolishing two school buildings, with a few different classrooms, and they have agreed to donate a large quantity of School Desks, chairs, and sundry equipment to DIK if we can pick it up. Wayne Goedecke from Woodville club has checked the goods and reports they are in excellent condition and we have a couple of schools in the Pacific where we are hoping to send containers in the next few months who will benefit greatly from these items.

There appear to be about two truckloads or one semi trailer load of goods. We need someone to donate the use of a truck or trucks and trailers ASAP for a day when we will organize a working bee to load and then get the goods out to DIK.

It will probably be in the middle to end of next week say 11th -12th March, or on the weekend after, depending on the response. Does anyone have a suggestion for supporting this? (normanof@adam.com.au)

Spots None

Sergeant's Session None

Vocational Visit to Sinclair's Gully Winery at Norton Summit



We toured the winery grounds...



...and saw a koala (circled) go up and down a tree.

When Sean and Sue Delaney purchased the property at Sinclair's Gully it was badly degraded due to livestock grazing and no weed management. Blackberry bushes had taken over the creek bed. Much work has been undertaken to remove these bushes and restore the area to its natural state. Now that the area has its natural vegetation and measures have been taken to control predators like foxes, there has been a return of wildlife in the form of many species of birds (including black cockatoos), koalas, wallabies and kangaroos.

In the years of early settlement many Candle Bark trees were cut down in the area with few remaining today except for Sinclair's Gully which was spared, the reason unknown. These trees, besides being beautiful, are the nesting habitat of the Black Cockatoo and many now come to the area to nest. Each day they fly long distances in search of food, flying as far as Victor Harbour.

After purchasing the property a small vineyard was established in 1998 on 1 hectare. Herbicides and pesticides were used in the vineyard until Sean and Sue realised that not only were they living amongst these health risks but as the vineyard was on the ridge of a hill the residue was draining into the creek, the health of which they were trying to restore. They then adopted biodynamic farming methods which is much better for the environment. The first vintage was produced in 2003. They now produce nine different wines. We tasted Sauvignon Blanc, Wooded Chardonnay and Sparkling Rubida.

Sean and Sue have won numerous environmental, conservation and tourism awards and are committed conservationists.



We tasted the wines....



...and enjoyed a smorgasbord.

We were treated to a wonderful evening of wildlife with a koala running up and down a tree and wallabies on the embankment near where we sitting outside, at one with nature. We dined on a smorgasbord of local produce and sampled wines.

Jerry's Jottings

Well, as you can see I made it back home after fears of running out of petrol following our outing to Sinclair's Gully Winery. What a great evening, good weather, a great setting and good company. Looks like an ideal lifestyle. My thanks to **Stephen Baker** and **Heather Kilsby** for the great programme we enjoy as a club.

Next week is our 100% attempt. The challenge is you make it a 100% attendance with or without make-ups and I buy a round of drinks for the club.

Our membership development evening went well and I am hopeful that we will have encouraged some of the guests to take a closer look at us. Over the coming week John Peacham will be contacting those who came, to invite them to a normal meeting, I know I can count on everyone to make them welcome and let them know what a great organisation Rotary is. See you back at Tiffins next week.

Jerry



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
09/03/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Rachel Sweet & Diane Gomez – "National Youth Science Forum & Interact"	S Baker	N Bowen	D Middleton	C Sluggett & A Wehr
Wednesday 17/03/10	Mitcham AFA	6 for 6.30pm	Lawn Bowls - Unley v Mitcham	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
30/03/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Tim Hill – "Brain Training"	S Evans	H Kilsby	D Middleton	L England & G Ferguson

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: March 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
1	06/03/10	Leena Kasurinen & 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

Rotary Aid Volunteers – Bushfire Relief Project

District 9520 News -- March 2010

The Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek in District 9520 is coordinating a Bushfire Relief Project in the Victorian Bushfire Regions of Kinglake and Traralgon. The club urgently requires teams of 4-8 or individuals to volunteer their services to assist for a week between 18th April and July 31st 2010.

Volunteers will be engaged in cleaning up properties, cutting firewood, restoration of fencing, small rural construction work, replanting of trees and vegetation, construction and erection of bird and wildlife nesting boxes or any other necessary jobs to help give relief to people, affected by the fires, that will help them to re-establish their lives and properties. There is still a great need for assistance in the regions.

All meals and accommodation will be provided for volunteers and some fuel and travel costs will be met.

The work is not heavy or difficult and the personal satisfaction is great.

Can you help Rotary assist our fellow Australians in a time of need?

The fires were devastating...Hardship still exists...We need more help.

Accommodation is good...Help Rotary to assist our fellow Australians.

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Lost Car Keys

Finding a woman sobbing that she had locked her keys in her car, a passing soldier assures her that he can help. She looks on amazed as he removes his trousers, rolls them into a tight ball and rubs them against the car door. Magically it opens.

"That's so clever!" the woman gasps.

"How did you do it?"

"Easy," replies the man.

"These are my khakis".

If you are wincing after reading that one, how about this one?

Be sure and cancel your credit cards before you die!

This is so priceless and so easy to see happening - customer service, being what it is today!

A lady died this past January, and MBNA bank billed her for February and March for their annual service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance that had been £0.00, now is somewhere around £60.00.

A family member placed a call to the MBNA Bank:

Family Member: 'I am calling to tell you that she died in January.'

MBNA: 'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member: 'Maybe, you should turn it over to collections.'

MBNA: 'Since it is two months past due, it already has been.'

Family Member: "So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?"

MBNA: 'Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!'

Family Member: 'Do you think God will be mad at her?'

MBNA: 'Excuse me?'

Family Member: 'Did you just get what I was telling you . . . the part about her being dead?'

MBNA: 'Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor.'

Supervisor gets on the phone:

Family Member: 'I'm calling to tell you, she died in January.'

MBNA: 'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member: 'You mean you want to collect from her estate?'

MBNA: (Stammer) 'Are you her lawyer?'

Family Member: 'No, I'm her great nephew.' (Lawyer info. given)

MBNA: 'Could you fax us a certificate of death?'

Family Member: 'Sure.' (Fax number is given)

After they get the fax:

MBNA: 'Our system just isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help.'

Family Member: 'Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care.'

MBNA: 'Well, the late fees and charges do still apply.'

Family Member: 'Would you like her new billing address?'

MBNA: 'That might help.'

Family Member: 'Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Road, Dublin 11, Ireland, Plot Number 1049.'

MBNA: 'Sir, that's a cemetery!'

Family Member: 'Well, what the heck do you do with dead people on your planet?'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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