

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3703 – 9th March 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.	3703
Date	9 March 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Diana Gomez and Rachel Sweet – "Interact and the National Youth Science Forum"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Guests	Irene Healey, Rodrigo Gomez and David Mackrell
Visiting Rotarians	Irene Healey (RC of Edwardstown)
Apologies	Peter O'Neil and Reno Elms
Make-Ups	None
Anniversaries	Birthday: Heather Kilsby (12/3); Induction: John Russell (13/3)
Attendance	70%

President's Announcements

1. A letter has been received from **Evelyn Birnie** thanking the Club for its card of condolence sent by Secretary Mavis upon the death of Evelyn's husband Robert who was a Past President of this Club.
2. Board members for the 2010-2011 year are advised that the next **District Assembly** will be held on Sunday 16 May 2010 at Unity College in Murray Bridge.
3. A reminder that next week (Wednesday) is our **lawn bowls grudge match** with Mitcham Club - it's about time we won!! NOTE: The Mitcham AFA Grounds are located at the end of the road situated just south of the Shell petrol station on Belair Road at Hawthorn (about 150 metres to the north of the Belair Road/Angas Road T-junction).
4. His Worship the Mayor of Unley has invited members of the Board to attend the **Harmony Day Celebration** at Goodwood Library. In March, Australia celebrates Harmony Day. To celebrate this day of multiculturalism and highlight the value and processes of active citizenship of Australia at the grass roots level, the Unley Council is extending the invitation to join it at this event which promotes integration of citizenship in our community. Venue is the Goodwood Library, on Wednesday 24 March 2010 – 6pm to 7.30pm. (NOTE- this is the night of the Great Debate.)
5. **ShelterBox Australia** has decided to pack and dispatch ShelterBoxes locally rather than send money to ShelterBox UK to pack and dispatch them. There are two reasons for this decision:
 - i. More ShelterBoxes can be provided if coordination is conducted locally. They can be produced for about \$400.00 cheaper than they can be purchased in the UK, with distribution proposed through AusAid. The quality will be the same or better than the UK product and will meet the standard set by the UN for humanitarian aid.
 - ii. The cost charged to ShelterBox Australia by ShelterBox UK for a single unit (\$1,080.00) is understood to far exceed the actual cost including distribution. ShelterBox Australia is concerned that using money donated by Australians for a ShelterBox for purposes other than the sponsorship of ShelterBoxes is contrary to the agreement with ShelterBox UK and is not what Rotary Clubs want for their donations.

Accordingly, ShelterBox Australia has decided to produce the same quality ShelterBox at a lower cost, with the result that ShelterBox Australia will soon be able to distribute more boxes for the same price and Rotary will be rightly acknowledged again as the primary supporter. All funds received since 1 February 2010 will be spent on Australian ShelterBoxes.

Spots

Joan Reed advised that Leena Kasurinen's time in South Australia is winding down and Leena would like to round out her Australian experience by, for example, attending a footy match, visiting the Zoo and Cleland Wildlife Sanctuary, travelling on the O-Bahn bus. If members can assist Leena in these pursuits, please contact Joan.

Stephen Baker advised members that Tiffins now has a new cooking staff and members can anticipate good things to come from this.

Chandra Sluggett exhorted members to purchase an "End Polio Now" sticker at \$1.00. She held ample supplies.

Bob Laws reported on the increase in rent for the thrift shop from February 2010 and of the consequent need for the pricing policy to be reviewed and for longer opening hours. Any member who can assist in the sale of suitable items via eBay should contact Bob. President Jerry expressed the Club's thanks to Bob and Glenyss for all their work regarding the thrift shop rent negotiations and their ongoing thrift shop involvement.

Mavis Martin holds a folder containing all reports, newsletters, etc received from organisations such as the Rotary Foundation, OSSA and ShelterBox Australia and invites members to see her if they would like to look at any of the materials. She brings the folder to Club meetings.

Sergeant's Session

Ablly organised by Sergeant David. The Lucky Squares prize was won by Stephen Baker (deservedly, so Stephen says!)

Jerry's Jottings

A reminder to all members that our next two meetings are away from home, the first with Mitcham and the second with Hyde Park, **BOTH ARE WEDNESDAY MEETINGS**. We need to give good support to spur our teams on, hopefully everyone can be there.

The next few months are busy months as we celebrate 75 years of service to the local community, hold the Police Officer of the Year Award and attend the Group 6 fun day; hopefully every member will have a chance to get involved.

This week's meeting was a good one and we were able to see the result of two key Rotary programmes which benefit our youth; as Stephen Baker said, the calibre of these young speakers leaves one encouraged about the future. We have a great programme of speakers and I would like to thank **Stephen Baker & Heather Kilsby** for their efforts in this regard.

Jerry



President Jerry

Guest Speakers: Interact and the National Youth Science Forum

Two young guest speakers were invited to address the Club: **Diana Gomez Manjarrez** and **Rachel Sweet**.

Chairman Stephen Baker firstly introduced **Diana Gomez Manjarrez** to the meeting. Diana is a Year 12 student at Mitcham Girls High School. She is currently President of the Interact Club of Edwardstown after previously serving as Treasurer. She is heavily involved in school activities (including Vice President of the SRC) and enjoys a range of sports.

Interact is the youngest of the Rotary family, aimed at 14-18 year olds and follows a similar pattern of meeting conduct and community involvement as Rotary proper. For example, in this last year the club has pursued two domestic projects and one international project. 400 bras had been provided to needy Fijian women and money had been raised for cleft palate operations. Fundraising activities included a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Marion, a quiz night and a regional dinner. The club of 13 members is closely mentored by the Rotary Club of Edwardstown. In conjunction with the club, Diana had been involved in a 4-day "Health of the River Forum" at Lake Cullulleraine. She had been adjudged the best speaker at a youth forum in the parliament. Key aspects and benefits of Interact include leadership, organisation skills, team management, public speaking, attuning to the wider world with its challenges, and friendship.

Rotarian **Irene Healey** of the Rotary Club of Edwardstown who had been a driving force behind the establishment of the Interact club spoke of the great benefits of Interact to young people and to Rotary. Edwardstown Interact Club is a community-based club; equally common are school-based clubs. She urged our club to take the initiative and form an Interact club.

Rachel Sweet, our second speaker, attended the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra this year, co-sponsored by Unley Rotary. The NYSF is keenly sought by Year 11 students interested in scientifically related careers. Rachel is a Year 12 student at Eynesbury College and intends to pursue a career in Medicine/Surgery. She is involved in school activities, supports 'Doctors without Borders', is an advocate for the homeless and gives blood. She has won a scholarship for tertiary studies, enjoys tennis and gymnastics.

Rachel briefly outlined the frenetic week of activities at the ANU in Canberra. Her NWSF program involved 130 participants from across Australia and maintained a keen balance between academic enlightenment, new activities and fun pursuits. She contrasted the experience of visiting Tidbinbilla, meeting some of Australia's foremost scientists, being wooed by academic institutions and private employers, with the fun of bush dancing. It was a highly stimulating week, notable for its international perspective, the learning experience and friendships formed.



Irene Healey & Diana Gomez Manjarrez



Rachel Sweet

Rotary News from other Clubs

The Rotary Club of Essendon North (D9800):

National Footy Tipping for all Rotarians & Supporters

- Two Competition Codes: AFL & NRL.
- The club guarantees first prize – minimum \$1,000 or 5% of total pool per competition (whatever is the greater).
- Your outlay is \$20.00 per entry.
- All tips are to be made via the internet.

The big winner is Rotary as 90% of the pool will go to Rotary projects, with 5% of the pool to the winner (or a minimum of \$1,000) and 5% to the winner's nominated charity (may be a Rotary Club).

To Enter:

- Log on to: www.footytips.com.au and log into program and complete registration (for the first time only)
- Go to or search for Competitions - Australian Rotarians and both the AFL and NRL competitions will be displayed.
- Click/enter on the one or both you wish to enter.

Entry Payments:

- Direct payment to Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 a/c no. 139267918 a/c name: Essendon North Rotary Club (make sure to mention your registration number or name as a reference).
- Credit card payments are accepted but please email rotary@intramar.com.au or phone (03) 9338 0833 during Bus. Hours.
- Cheques payable to Essendon North Rotary Club PO Box 124 North Essendon VIC 3041

Allocation of funds will be as follows:

- 5% of total pool per competition to the winner.
- 5% of total pool per competition to the winner's nominated Australian registered charity.
- 5% of total pool per competition to the winner's nominated Rotary Club - if no nomination made, this goes to the organising Rotary Club.

Balance distributed to Rotary Foundation, RDU, Polio Plus, ROMAC, Australian Rotary Health – ARH, Read to Me Literacy Project – for application to the Shelter Box project as well as various community projects.

Any queries can be addressed by PP David Mott on (03) 9338 0833 or rotary@intramar.com.au.

The Rotary Club of Murray Bridge is holding an Ambrose Golf Day Competition on Sunday 28 March 2010 at the Murray Bridge Golf Club, with proceeds to support the Rotary Youth Programs of the Murraylands region. Cost is \$45.00 per person. Registration between 9.00-9.30am, with shotgun start commencing at 10.00am. Invitations are sought for registrations as a group of 4 persons, with single bookings being accommodated into a team on the day. Any Unley members who are interested should register through the Pro Shop on 8532 6535.

The Rotary Club of Irymple is holding a Rotary Art Show at Stefano's Gallery 25 at 25 Deakin Avenue Mildura on Saturday 8 May 2010 to Wednesday 26 May 2010, with the proceeds in aid of the charitable and community activities of the Rotary Club of Irymple, so if any members are likely to be in or traveling through Mildura between the appointed dates, why not drop in. If you wish to submit an entry, send an email to valarob@bigpond.com for more information (or see Secretary Mavis who holds that Club's flyer on this event).

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
Wednesday 17/03/10	Mitcham AFA	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
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
06/04/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Adam Steinhardt – "The Modern Athlete"	S Baker	A Jonson	D Middleton	G Ferguson & A Hill

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

Venue Set-up/Plaque Board Enquiries To: Greg McLeod on 0417 811 838 or 8223 3999

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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 - April 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
2	13/03/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & 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
1	03/04/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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

Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: steedman@senet.com.au

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Three Holy Men and a Bear

A Priest, a Pentecostal Preacher, and a Rabbi all served as chaplains to the students of a university in the US. They would get together two or three times a week for coffee and to talk shop. One day, someone made the comment that preaching to people isn't really all that hard. A real challenge would be to preach to a bear. One thing led to another and they decided to do an experiment. They would all go out into the woods, find a bear, preach to it, and attempt to convert it.

Seven days later, they're all together to discuss their experience. Father Flannery, who has his arm in a sling, is on crutches, and has various bandages on his body and limbs, goes first.

"Well," he says, "I went into the woods to find a bear. And when I found him I began to read to him from the catechism. Well, that bear wanted nothing to do with me and began to slap me around. So I quickly grabbed my holy water, sprinkled him and, Holy Mary Mother of God, he became as gentle as a lamb. The bishop is coming out next week to give him first communion and confirmation."

Reverend Billy Bob spoke next. He was in a wheelchair, with an IV drip in his arm, and both legs in casts. In his best fire and brimstone oratory he claimed, "WELL, brothers, you KNOW that we don't sprinkle! I went out and I FOUND a bear. And then I began to read to my bear from God's HOLY WORD! But that bear wanted nothing to do with me. So I took HOLD of him and we began to wrestle. We wrestled down one hill, UP another and DOWN another until we came to a creek. So I quickly DUNKED him and BAPTIZED his hairy soul. And just like you said, he became as gentle as a lamb. We spent the rest of the Day praising Jesus."

The Priest and the Reverend both looked down at the Rabbi, who was lying in a hospital bed. He was in a body cast and traction with IV's and monitors running in and out of him. He was in real bad shape. The Rabbi looks up and says, "With hindsight, circumcision may not have been the best way to start."



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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