

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3705 – 24th March 2010

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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.	3705
Date	24 March 2010
Venue	Hyde Park Tavern
Occasion	Unley v Hyde Park Debate – "That technology is too expensive"
Sergeant	N/A
Chairman	David Tiddy (RC of Hyde Park)
Guests	Genese Mullins, Jenny Casburn, Rohan Singh, Leena Kasurinen, Farida & David Mackrell and Belinda Coldebella
Visiting Rotarians	ADG Roy Armstrong (RC of Marion)
Apologies	David Payne, Mavis Martin, Anne Wehr, Chandra Sluggett, Neesha Nandasena & Reno Elms
Make-Ups	David Payne & Neesha Nandasena
Anniversaries	Birthday: Bob Mullins (28/3)
Attendance	61 %

President's Announcements

The Group 6 Family Fun Day has been rescheduled for 18 April 2010. More details later.

Spots

Sheila Evans, having recently returned from the USA, presented two Club banners to President Jerry, from the Rotary Clubs of Berkeley and San Francisco.

Joan Reed is now taking orders for **Entertainment Books** at \$65 ea.

The Great Debate: "That technology is too expensive"

HP Chairman David Tiddy opened the meeting and introduced the debate adjudicator Robin Genders, ADG Roy Armstrong and HP President Jim Handley.

Chairman David Tiddy reported that he had already incentivised the adjudicator and declared a runners-up cup had been purchased – St Ned (as in Kelly).

On the topic 'That technology is too expensive', the first speaker for the



affirmative – Graeme Kennelly – had trouble getting mobile (failed to blow up his tires). He did however provide without any evidence the punch-line that 'technology is killing us, our children and our grandchildren'.

Our own David Mackrell lucidly developed the theme that according to Moore's Law, information storage capacity doubles every two years and thus becomes far more efficient and less expensive - the same principle applies with most technologies.



Our 1st Speaker: David Mackrell



Our 2nd Speaker: Joan Reed



Our 3rd Speaker: David Middleton

Second speaker Julian Lugg lamented the fact that technical costs on business are very burdensome, and health costs are spiraling because the health industry is maximizing profit. He provided anecdotes of costs of producing an Obama speech compared with one by Sarah Palin, pens and pencils in space (Russians have more lead in their pencil) and the rising costs of phone use (obviously has daughters).

Our second speaker Joan Reed repudiated the flimsy arguments of Julian and the earlier murder contention of Graeme, and then stretched our imagination by extolling the virtues of the Wii system for personal health training, plus the advantages of the global network, increasing technology efficiency and the improvement in life expectancy.

Jim Handley, the third affirmative speaker, quoted the high cost and limited life of plasma screens, credit card dependence, youth obesity, lazy lifestyle and health costs as too high a price to pay.

David Middleton in his summary accused the HP debaters of being lost in the past and that they were acting like fun police. In our free market economy, if the cost is too high no-one will buy the product. He cogently emphasised the relationship between productivity and wealth creation.

Adjudicator Genders said the debate was remarkably even (but many opportunities had been missed for landing knock-out blows). On a count back he found for Hyde Park by one point.

Ken Daly presented the trophies (except the missing winner's trophy which we're gunna hold on to).

A well attended and fun meeting!!

Rotary News

More than 85 million children to be immunized against polio in 19 countries

Rotary International News -- 10 March 2010

More than 85 million children under age five will be immunized against polio in 19 countries across West and Central Africa in a massive example of cross-border cooperation aimed at stopping a yearlong polio epidemic.

Nine of the countries -- Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Chad, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, and Sierra Leone -- are considered to have active outbreaks of polio (i.e., cases within the last six months).

The campaign kicked off on 6 March in these countries as well as in Benin, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, and Nigeria. Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, and Togo will join at a later date due to political transitions or elections.

This complex logistical operation is largely made possible by US\$30 million in funding released by Rotary International.

The chair of Rotary's Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee, Ambroise Tshimbalanga-Kasongo, said: "We at Rotary are proud to have provided the funding necessary for the March rounds, and we call on others to play their part in making Africa polio-free by providing funding necessary for more high-coverage campaigns."

Foundation establishes Chile earthquake fund

Rotary International News -- 12 March 2010

The Rotary Foundation has established the **Rotary Chile Recovery Fund** to help aid the tens of thousands of people affected by February's massive earthquake.

The contributions will go toward long-term recovery in the country through Rotary Foundation Matching Grants. Rotary clubs in affected areas will identify the hardest-hit communities and how best to use funds to help families and businesses recover.

Rotarians can contribute to the recovery fund in the same way they would normally donate to the Foundation. Please note on your check and contribution form that the contribution is for the Rotary Chile Recovery Fund.

Receipts for donations to the Chile fund will be issued for income tax purposes in countries where it is permitted and the Foundation is authorized to issue them.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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
13/04/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Stephen Orr – “Organ Donation”	H Kilsby	J Newall	D Middleton	A Hill & G Hill
20/04/10	Robin Hood Hotel	6.30 for 7pm	75th Birthday Celebration	D Middleton	Bob Mullins	D Middleton	G Hill & Bob Mills

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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
4	27/03/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins & Sheila Evans
1	03/04/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/04/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	17/04/10	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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Anyone want to go Barra fishing????

These photos of a big croc were taken at Borroloola, NT. It measured 6.325 meters long and weighed in at 1855 kilos. That's a big lizard! It started annoying one of the local Barramundi fishermen by eating the prop off his outboard. He reckons it was circling his 5 metre tinny for 20 minutes before the decision to kill it was made by him and a very frightened deckhand.



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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