

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3707 – 6 April 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.	3707
Date	6 April 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Adam Steinhardt – "The Modern Athlete"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Guests	NIL
Visiting Rotarians	NIL
Apologies	Janet Singh, Joan Reed & Alex Jonson
Make-Ups	Joan Reed
Anniversaries	None
Attendance	64 %

President's Announcements

The Family Fun Day has been rescheduled tentatively for 18 April 2010. Expressions of interest in attending are being sought.

Spots

Stephen Baker further reminded members that the 75th anniversary celebration and PHF evening are coming up during April (\$45.00 per head). Refer to the program for more details.

Bob Laws reported that there will be a Thrift Shop Committee meeting this Saturday and that a culling/cleaning session will be held at the Thrift Shop this Saturday at 1.30pm. All welcome!

Sergeant's Session

David Middleton performed to his usual high standard. There was no winner of the lucky squares.

Jerry's Jottings

Another good meeting on Tuesday and Adam was certainly an inspirational speaker. My thanks also to **Stephen Baker** for persevering with the catering, it seems to be working. **Stephen** and **Heather** have also been working hard on our 75th birthday bash but the success of the evening will be felt in a good attendance so please let **Heather** know, soonest, if you are attending and if you will be joined by a partner or friend. The evening is also our annual Paul Harris Fellows night and we would ask that all PHF's bring their gongs with them.

On Tuesday I got into lecture mode, briefly, and I do not apologise for that. We rely on three ongoing activities to continue to operate as a good club, your support, an interesting programme and a good Bulletin as a communication vehicle. The latter take time to put together and we are lucky to have the offices of **Stephen Baker** and **Heather Kilsby** on the programme, and **Greg McLeod** and **Stephen Westgarth** on the Bulletin. We simply ask that each member take on the role of Chair and scribe periodically, on current membership this should be around twice a year. Some members have indicated a concern, privately, that they do not want to take on the role of scribe, for a variety of reasons. My suggestion, team up with someone who would take on the chair role and someone to act as scribe. Please help us to keep this important part of our Rotary admin going.



President Jerry

Guest Speaker - "The Modern Athlete"

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced the speaker for the meeting **Adam Steinhardt**. Adam, South Australian born, was an elite international pole vaulter from 1984 to 1997. He represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games in 1990 and 1994. His highest vault of 5.51 metres was the best in the State at that time – this compares with Australian and world champion Steve Hooker clearing 6 metres. Adam started up a highly successful business called New Byte in 1994 and continues to prosper in marketing.

Adam recalled that he had commenced as a decathlon athlete in his teens whilst at Pembroke and had then concentrated on pole vaulting. His prowess and particularly coming 7th in the junior world championships, earned him a Washington scholarship. Most elite athletes are broke most of the time. It is only the few who win gold who make a financial success of athletics. With incentives to take up professional sport most of Australia's talented young are enticed into high paying sports such as football – Modra and Koutifides were quoted as potential elite athletes. He said the future of athletics in Australia was looking particularly grim following the release of the Crawford Report which recommended greater support for team sports rather than athletics. Australia's success in track and field was poor until the advent of world champion pole vaulter Steve Hooker. Adam described the progress of Steve Hooker, the set-backs and the triumphs in the Beijing Olympics and the most recent World Games, where he won despite injury. He compared his progress to that of Sergei Bubka who is recognised as the greatest pole vaulter in history and still holds the world record of 6.15 metres. Steve's best is 6.06 metres...but has set his sights on breaking the all-time record.



Adam Steinhardt with Chairman Stephen Baker

Adam made the point that Australia's talent had to be better nurtured.

Participating (and more importantly winning) at world level counts far more than a successful season in AFL or rugby. Wearing the green and gold representing Australia in the world arena is ultra special. The main difference today compared to 20 years ago is training and physio now can take up to 7 hours a day which leaves no time for other employment...hence the need for strong government support.

Rotary News

Call for Rotary Peace Fellow Applications

Now is the time to search for applications for 2011-12 Rotary Peace Fellowships.

Completed applications must reach District 9520 Chair Satish Gupta by 15 May 2010.

In these uncertain times, there is a growing demand for well trained international leaders to promote national and international cooperation and peace throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program was developed to meet this very need.

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, public health, human rights, peace studies and conflict resolution or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at Rotary Peace Centres in six prestigious universities around the world.

Participants in the master's degree program gain access to:

- **Up to two years of fully funded graduate study** toward a master's degree at one of our six Rotary Peace Study Centers in the US, the UK, Argentina, Japan and Australia;
- **Training** in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation including a 3 month Applied Field Experience –(AFE);
- **A growing linked network** of committed alumni employed around the world in diplomacy, government, non-governmental organizations and private corporations;
- **Funding** for round trip travel, tuition and fees, room and board and other limited expenses including the AFE averages \$US70,000.

Mid career professionals already working in the field of peace and conflict studies may opt for the **three-month professional development certificate** program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Both programs require, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; 3 years of relevant work experience for the MA program and 5 years for the professional development certificate. As well as excellent leadership skills, candidates must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and/or personal and community service activities.

Use your networks to urge employers to tell potential candidates of these generous opportunities for career development; such as non-government humanitarian organisations, government departments, religious and service institutions, local universities, police and armed services. They will know how to contact people working both, for them and with them.

Further details, eligibility and application information are available at: www.rotary.org/rotarycenters

or phone (08) 8381 4782 Mb: 0415 817 226

Further enquiries from: Satish Gupta at satish.G@three.com.au

Please help us and the Rotary in successfully identifying candidates - 13 of our candidates have been selected in the 9 year history of the program. Please do your bit for the peace and world understanding. The candidates are out there but we need you to find them.

Applications must be made through a Rotary Club.

District Website address

For a wealth of District information, visit the website on <http://www.rotarynews.info/District9520/r.i> and follow the link on the Home Page to read the DG's Newsletter.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
13/04/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Stephen Orr – "Organ Donation"	A Wehr	G Hill	D Middleton	W Andrews & R Laws
20/4/10	Robin Hood Hotel	6.30 for 7pm	75th Birthday Celebration	D Middleton	R Mullins S Baker	D Middleton	G Hill & R Mills
27/4/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	J Reed	J Newall	D Middleton	R Mills & P O'Neil
04/05/10	Glenelg Golf Club	6.30 for 7pm	Police Officer of the Year Dinner	S Baker	R Mullins	D Middleton	P O'Neil & D Payne

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: April 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
2	10/04/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	17/04/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	24/04/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
1	01/05/10	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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In Vino Veritas

To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine and those who don't and are always seen with a bottle of water in their hand,
As Ben Franklin said, in wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria.

In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 litre of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of escherichia coli, (E. Coli) - bacteria found in feces. In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop.

However, we do NOT run that risk when drinking wine and beer (or tequila, rum, whiskey or other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and/or fermenting.

Remember: Water = Poop, Wine = Health.

Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of shit.

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information: I'm doing it as a public service!

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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