

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3708 – 13 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.	3708
Date	13 April 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Stephen Orr – "Organ Donation"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Mavis Martin
Guests	Jenny Casburn and Farida Mackrell
Apologies	Bob Mullins, Janet Plumb, Glenys Ferguson and Heather Kilsby
Make-Ups	Sheila Evans and Heather Kilsby
Anniversaries	Bob Mills (birthday 14/4), Geoff Howland (induction 17/4), Norm Wallace (wedding anniversary 17/4) and Vince Michielin (induction 19/4)
Attendance	59%

President's Announcements

1. A reminder that the Family Fun Day originally scheduled for April 18th has been cancelled.
2. Hyde Park Club has requested support in manning the Pit Stop stand at the National Tradesman's Expo held at the Adelaide Showground Jubilee & Goyder Pavilions on Sunday 23rd May. I am circulating the form again, if you have not already indicated if you can help, please advise now.
3. During the last week I circulated a flyer for the GSE team presentation being hosted by the Rotary Club of Hyde Park at the Belair Country Club. Again there is another form in circulation, please indicate if you would like to attend.
4. Next week we celebrate 75 year's of service and the meeting is our Paul Harris Fellows night. Would the PHFs attending please wear their gongs.



Hyde Park's debate organiser David Tiddy receiving the Ron Schubert Debating Trophy from President Jerry while Hyde Park's President Jim looks on

Spots

Chandra Sluggett called for volunteers to participate in a working bee at the Donations in Kind facility at near Salisbury on 1 May 2010 at 10am approx. Several members expressed their willingness to assist.

Joan Reed reminded relevant members that the District Assembly will be held at Murray Bridge on Sunday 16 May 2010. As well, advance notice was given of the next District Conference, to be held in Bendigo from 7th to 10th October 2010.

Joan still has a supply of Christmas/Easter/Anzac cakes for sale at \$15.00. See her if wishing to purchase a cake.

Lindsay England reported that his neighbour who provided handmade clothing etc to the thrift shop recently is desirous of creating more product but is in need of working materials. See Lindsay if you can help with the basics.

Stephen Baker exhorted members to attend next week's 75th anniversary celebration and to liaise with Heather Kilsby (in Stephen's absence) on attendance and money for the 75th anniversary and for the Police Officer of the Year event in early May.

Sergeant's Session

David Middleton performed admirably. Greg McLeod was the winner of the lucky squares.

District Website address

For a wealth of District information, visit the website on www.rotarynews.info@d9520/r.i. Follow the link on the Home Page to read the DG's April Newsletter.

Induction of New Member

David Mackrell was proposed for membership by Stephen Westgarth. David is originally from Victoria and came to SA in 2000 and now operates his own advertising agency. Amongst his interests are gardening, environmentalism, architecture, wine, good food and fast cars. He can fairly be described as a "petrol head", having a particular love for BMW vehicles and car racing, although his daily ride is a Ford ute. He and his wife Farida are volunteers with Unley Meals on Wheels and it is this spirit of service that has led him to joining Rotary. President Jerry inducted David into the Club and indicated that David's classification will be Advertising Copywriting. David was welcomed by all of the members, and a floral arrangement was presented to Farida Mackrell.



David Mackrell flanked by Pres Jerry and Stephen Westgarth

Guest Speaker - "Organ Donation"

Chairman Mavis Martin **introduced the speaker for the meeting Stephen Orr**. Stephen Orr has been a Registered Nurse for 25 years. During this time he has had varied nursing roles in acute care, aged care, industry and the Army. Whilst in the Army he had four occasions overseas in both Bougainville and East Timor. Since early 2009 Stephen has worked as the Organ Donor Coordinator for 'Donate Life in SA' a program of the Federal Government. Prior to 2009 each State had its own program.

Stephen presented an informed and succinct overview of organ and tissue donation in Australia. The last available statistics are from 2008. At that time Australia was 5th from the bottom of recorded countries. To compensate for this position Australia has much better outcomes to other countries due to the type and quality of its organ and tissue donation program. Further statistics from 2008 indicate the deaths of 259 donors enabled 889 organs/tissues to be provided to people on waiting lists across Australia. The waiting list is much greater than available organs/tissues.

Even in the presence of technology indicating the person has no means of sustaining life two specialists conduct tests 'independent of each other' to confirm brain death. Brain death has a legal definition 'irreversible cessation of brain function in the person' and 'irreversible cessation of circulation of blood to the brain'. Before organs can be taken from a body there has to be 'Legal Certification of Death'. The criteria to be met are 'lack of objection' from the next of kin of potential donors, 'consent of the coroner' (if applicable), 'permission of a designated officer' (medical person).

Organs are taken from people who have died from, for example, trauma, stroke, brain haemorrhage and asphyxiation. Reality is that the majority of organs/tissues are retrieved from trauma victims as a result of road accidents, stab wounds and gun shot wounds, and suicide victims. Organs are not taken from people who are HIV+, have a systemic viral infection, or current active cancer. Organs used, and the age groups able to donate are kidneys, up to 80 years, liver, heart, up to 60 years, lungs, up to 65 years and pancreas, between 10 and 50 years. Tissues commonly used are cornea (coverings of the eye), 5 years onwards). In Melbourne intestines are being transplanted but this is a recent development. In South Australia kidneys are transplanted into people at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, and livers at Flinders Medical Centre. Due to the time factor with heart/lung transplants these are done interstate.

There are numerous considerations prior to organ retrieval from people who have died and organ donation to people on waiting lists. These include the needs of the family and their decisions, access to theatres, availability of surgical retrieval teams, organ and tissue referral processes/matching and flight distances. It takes 3 to 7 hours to retrieve organs dependent on what is being taken. The average time for multi-organ donation takes 19 hours. Time is a critical factor due to the viability of donor organs/tissues once removed. These times are heart, 4 to 6 hours, lungs, 6 hours, liver and pancreas, both 12 hours, kidneys, 24 hours. This is obviously a sensitive time for families and support services for them consist of the Intensive Care Unit Team/Donor Coordinator, Social Workers/Ministers, and Interpreters. Essential issues to be discussed are, (in the case of children particularly), the taking of hand and foot prints and a lock of hair, viewing of the dead person following organ retrieval, ongoing counselling for the family, correspondence between the families of donors and recipients, annual thanksgiving services that are non religious, commemorative roses and annual planing ceremonies each February.

Stephen stressed two major issues;

1. The need for each individual who is a potential donor to discuss the issue with their family and not to rely on the fact they have ticked the box on their driving licence, or are on the Australian Organ Register. If a family member dissents in the decision making process this will over-ride the wishes of the deceased person. Family members are more likely to give consent if they know the wishes of the deceased person. Particularly with a 'sudden death' the family is in shock and again, if the family know the wishes of their loved one it is easier for them to make a decision. Reality is that the Organ Donor Register is only checked after death. Obviously doctors focus on saving life. Donation is only considered after death is 'legal'.
2. The need for more organ and tissue donors. The demand far outstrips the supply. People in all age groups can be donors. As previously stated older people are able to contribute to the program, particularly with kidneys. People who smoke, or are overweight are acceptable. Most religions support organ and tissue donation. If a person is unsure they can speak with their religious adviser.

To register as a donor, phone (free call) the Australian Organ Register on 1800 777 203 and Tick the box on your driving licence.

Mavis thanked Stephen for his talk in the customary Rotary fashion and presented him with an Unley Rotary pen.



Guest Speaker Stephen Orr

Jerry's Jottings

It was great to welcome **David Mackrell** and **Farida** to our club, this week. David will bring a great deal to the club with his enthusiasm and energy. I hope that they will both enjoy many years of Rotary service and friendship.

In the same breath, it is with disappointment that I have to advise that **Andy Hill** has decided to resign from Rotary, at this stage I have been unable to contact Andy to find out why but will do so.

This brings the losses for the club to five this year and a gain of one new member, David Mackrell. We had our new member's night and **John Peacham** is following through with those who attended. Currently one wants to join but not until next year and one has said that at this stage they cannot give up the time.

From my time in Rotary there are few ways in which we can encourage new members; the strongest of these is your commitment to introducing friends and acquaintances to membership. In two weeks we have our club assembly and membership will be on the agenda. Please think how we change the drain and see what you can suggest that may change things. The club now has just over 30 active members/regular attendees, we have two members who are not regularly attending and a number of honorary or excused attendance members who are at best infrequent attendees. This year's losses represent 15% of the active club membership, not a good sign.

The club needs you to become involved, if we formed committees of two charged with bringing someone to a meeting and managed to convert 50% of these to membership we could see the trend reversed and a 25% increase in membership. **HOW ABOUT IT FOLKS!!!!**



President Jerry

Rotary News from other Clubs or Organisations

Greetings to my fellow Rotary Club presidents from the fabulous **Rotary Club of Las Vegas West**,

Why is this club so fabulous all of a sudden? Well, it isn't that recent. We've always been fabulous. But we're even more talked about these days because of our club's new fundraising effort.

We call the fundraiser "**It's Vegas, Baby.**"

It's a global Internet-based effort to raise money for our charitable works for underprivileged youth with a raffle to win a four-day, all expenses-paid vacation for two people to our exciting home town, fabulous Las Vegas.

Some lucky couple in **Paris** or **Peru**, **Kazakhstan** or **Kathmandu**, **Sydney** or **Salt Lake City** will win a vacation to a town filled with the world's grandest hotels; glittering global stars; exquisite restaurants with the most palate-tempting menus; and round-the-clock gaming excitement, all bathed in the brilliant sunshine of a desert oasis. That's our home town. That's Vegas, baby.

But there's another side of Las Vegas. It's the world of the underprivileged and disadvantaged children that our club has been committed to help for the last 15 years. Every penny we earn from this fund-raising effort will be spent to support the club's work in the other Las Vegas and in the important work of Rotary International around the globe.

We do not have to tell you about the importance of Rotary. But we do want to tell you that your members can help Rotary and win a VIP vacation to the most cosmopolitan and valued holiday destination in the world.

Your members could win:

- Round-trip airfare to Las Vegas from your nearest international airport;
- Four nights in a five-star hotel
- \$US500 shopping spree at the world's finest stores
- Tickets to a major Las Vegas show
- Exquisite dinner for two at a fabulous Vegas restaurant
- Golf or spa services for two
- Limousine service to and from your hotel from Las Vegas McCarran Airport

Go to www.lasvegaswestrotary.org/itsvegasbaby.html to read all about it. Enter the contest with a \$US50 donation. Every penny we raise will be spent on the charitable work of the Rotary Club of Las Vegas West in improving the lives of disadvantaged children and around the globe through Rotary International.

We'd like you, please, to make sure that every member of your club knows about our website and has a chance to enter this exciting and rewarding contest. Once again, the site is: www.lasvegaswestrotary.org/itsvegasbaby.html Please forward this e-mail to the members of your club.

And we would also ask, please, if you would be good enough to send this on to any other interested party you may know who supports the work of **Rotary International** and who would relish a chance to win a Las Vegas vacation. I appreciate all you and your members do for our great cause of Rotary. We look forward to welcoming you to the glamour and fun of our home town - fabulous Las Vegas.

Steve Segal

President

Rotary Club of Las Vegas-West

District 5300, USA

Rotary Down Under has revamped its website and Rotarians are invited to visit to see the improvements and the additional information now available at the click of a button. The new-look website focuses on the magazines **Rotary Down Under** and **Rotarian Life**. The magazine covers dominate the home page and by clicking on the cover images you are immediately taken to the electronic edition.

April is Magazine Month

April is Magazine Month for Rotarians all over the world, and this month's edition of **Rotary Down Under** is a perfect example of how your Regional Rotary magazine can be used to promote membership and educate both Rotarians and non Rotarians about the important work carried out by our organisation the world over. Read it in hard copy or go online!

News from Unley Council

Dear artists and arts supporters,

The City of Unley, in association with the five Main Street Trader Associations, is looking for artists to register to participate in South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA) in Unley for August 2010. This is part of our Where Business Meets Art project. This is a dynamic project to provide artists with opportunities to display art in shops and businesses along the major roads in the Unley Council area. Even if you only have a couple of pieces of work, shops and businesses are interested in you. Over the past two years well over 150 venues have exhibited over 170 artists in the Unley area.

Artists who built relationships with businesses last year are advised to approach their contacts direct if appropriate. Financial assistance can be provided with SALA registrations. All of the details regarding how the arrangements work can be found on our website. A list of available businesses and shops will be available from 20 April.

If you have a small amount of work to exhibit, this is the perfect project for you.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please pass this information around your networks.

Matthew Ives

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Our Upcoming Meetings

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Date	Venue	Time	Occasion				
20/04/10	Robin Hood Hotel	6.30 for 7pm	75 th Birthday Celebration	D Middleton	Alex Jonson	D Middleton	G Hill & R Mills
27/04/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	J Reed	J Newall	D Middleton	Bob Mills & P O'Neil
04/05/10	Glenelg Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Police Officer of the Year Dinner	J Russell	S Baker	D Middleton	P O'Neil & D Payne
11/05/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Di Genders – "Wine Appreciation"	TBA	L England	D Middleton	D Payne & J Peacham
19/05/10 Wednesday	Snooty Fox Nth Adelaide	TBA	Visit to Rotary Club of Prospect	TBA	Bob Mullins	N/A	J Peacham & J Plumb

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 - May 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
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
2	08/05/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton

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

On the Back Page

Cardiologist's Funeral

A very prestigious cardiologist died, and was given a very elaborate funeral by the hospital he worked in for most of his life. A huge heart, covered in flowers, stood behind the casket during the service as all the doctors from the hospital sat in awe. Following the eulogy, the heart opened, and the casket was rolled inside. The heart then closed, sealing the doctor in the beautiful heart forever.

At that point, one of the mourners burst into laughter. When all eyes stared at him, he said, "I am so sorry, I was just thinking of my own funeral... I'm a gynaecologist."

The proctologist fainted.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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