

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3710 – 27 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.	3710
Date	27 April 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Club Assembly
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	President Jerry Casburn
Guests	None
Visiting Rotarians	None
Apologies	Bob Mullins, Geoff Hill, Heather Kilsby, Janet Plumb, Neesha Nandasena, Peter O'Neil & Stephen Baker
Make-Ups	None
Anniversaries	None
Attendance	67%

President's Announcements

A card has been received from travelling Rotarian Bob Mullins and his wife Genese expressing their best wishes to the Club and members on the occasion of the Club's 75th birthday on 17 April 2010.

Spots

Further reminder from **Chandra Sluggett** of the working bee to be held at the Donations in Kind facility in the northern suburbs on this coming Saturday 1 May from 10am to 3pm. The address is Gate 2, Taranaki Rd (off West Avenue), Edinburgh. The road is not listed as it is a private road. Relevant map was attached to last week's Bulletin.

On behalf of DIK, Chandra is also seeking donations of tools in good working order to help rebuild communities hit by disasters around the world. There is need for gardening tools, hand tools for steelwork & wood working, heavy duty machine tools, electric drills, lathes, planers and welding machines etc. Please check around your home, ask your neighbour and even buy cheaply from garage sales. Please contact Ken Daly on ph 8179 5650 or Chandra 8297 1563 (back up) to arrange collection of the items from you.

Joan Reed reported that entertainment books are available at \$65.00 each and Xmas cakes are available at \$15.00 each. Reminders that the District Assembly is on Sunday 16 May at Murray Bridge and the Changeover Dinner will be on 29 June at the Adelaide Meridien in Melbourne Street North Adelaide, at \$45.00 per head.

Lindsay England referred to an earlier item relating to the provision of materials to his neighbour to convert into saleable goods for the thrift shop. Examples of finished product were available for inspection and will be in the thrift shop tomorrow. Further materials will be happily received from members – see Lindsay.

A reminder from **Reno Elms** of the need for 6 volunteers to provide transport this coming Sunday 2 May to the Concert at the Unley Citizens Centre. Pick-up is 1pm and return time is 3.45pm. Please ring Reno urgently if you can help out. Further news to follow in a subsequent Bulletin regarding the Salvation Army's forthcoming Red Shield Appeal.

Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen's Progress Report

In the school holidays Joan Reed and I went to Victoria and also visited Melbourne and did some shopping over there. On the second week of the holidays I flew to Brisbane by myself to visit my relatives and had a great week speaking Finnish with them. Last week we had Year 12 retreat in Hahndorf and on last Friday we had our school's Formal. That was one of the best nights I have had in Australia! (Photograph of Leena at the Formal to appear in next week's Bulletin.)

Club Assembly

President Jerry advised members that as Vice President Mavis Martin will now be travelling within Australia for some months around the early part of her year of office, Mavis, with the concurrence of Sheila Evans, has requested that she stand down as President for the 2011-2012 year and that Sheila take her place for that year, with Mavis becoming President for the 2012-2013 year. The appropriate nominations have been received by the Board and the Board has confirmed the proposed arrangement, subject to member approval. The proposal was accepted by members without objection.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – Lindsay England

The Club's finances remain healthy. Financial Report tabled for the information of members.

Secretary's Report – Mavis Martin

A reminder that Mavis holds a folder full of interesting information, reports, etc. on Rotary and related matters which is available to members to peruse. Nothing else of note to report.

Fundraising Report – Joan Reed/Bob Laws

Plenty of entertainment books are now available for purchase. Sales of Xmas cakes and puddings have been disappointing and this project needs to be re-thought for 2010-2011 year. The insurance for the BBQ project at Bunnings is now sorted and planning for this project is continuing.

Bob Laws reported that income from the thrift shop in the year to date is \$1,600 ahead of the same period last financial year but we have increased costs as the rent for the first year of the new 5 year term is increased by \$2,270. To make up the extra cost there will be a review of the pricing policy, sale of selected high value goods via auction and eBay and to up-market 2nd hand dress shops. In addition, it is proposed to ask Monday to Friday volunteers to close 30 minutes later at 4pm if they are willing, and to change the operating hours on Saturdays to 10 to 12.30pm, and 12.30 to 3pm. The latter change is proposed because experience of closing the shop at 3.30pm on the 3 Rotarian cleaning/culling Saturdays has resulted in the average Saturday takings increasing from the usual routine \$194 to \$280. Arrangements would be put in place to manage the hand-over of shop keys.

The annual Thank You to Volunteers will be an afternoon tea on Sunday 6 June at 3pm in the Unley Civic Centre.

Community Service Report – Reno Elms

Following-up from the Carols: Accounts have been paid, bookings for 2010 are in train, Highgate School & Black Forest School presentations of cheques, the Carols Banner has been booked for 2010 and we have applied for a Council Grant for 2010.

The Committee has organised its support to the Unley Citizens Centre Concert on 2nd May (afternoon tea and drivers).

Committee representatives attended Unley Council information Meeting.

The Committee is organising another BBQ for Aldersgate.

International Service Report – Chandra Sluggett

Number of meetings: 7

Projects & Activities 2009-2010:

TRF (The Rotary Foundation) Matching Grant / Rotary International projects:

1. Tepsadej Wittaya School – Library and Teaching equipment Project. (TRF MG) - continuing
School was built in 1939 and located at Tambon Mae Ton village, about 60km from Chiang Mai. Approx 200+ students from near by villages attend it. Project by RC Chiang Mai, Thailand D3360 (cont. 08-09 project). It is fully funded with donations from 3 Rotary clubs (Japan, Taiwan & Unley) and DDF funds from each of the respective Districts. RC Chiang Mai was not successful in getting matching funds from TRF because it missed the deadline.
2. Dharmavaram Mid Town – Toilet for girls at the School. (joint District TRF MG)
Project completed (donation by PP David Middleton in his presidential year). Did not undertake any other projects in this Rotary year.
3. Water Treatment Project – Philippines – continuing
This is an International TRF MG project combining number of Districts, States and countries including Districts 9500 & 9520 (SA), 9800, 9810 (Vic) and D3830 (Philippines). We have made very small Pledge towards it.
4. TRF (The Rotary Foundation) / Polio Challenge – continuing
Donation to TRF – part of this fund returns to our District in the form of DDF. Polio Challenge – (1) sold 24 fruit cakes of which 5 bought by RC Unley members. \$5 from each fruit cake sold donated to TRF Polio Challenge on behalf of RC Unley. (2) Raised \$40 from sale of the Polio Challenge stickers – profit of 100% to date and more to sell.

RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) projects:

5. 'Gift of Sight' Nepal project. (cont. 08-09 project): - continuing
Freight eyewear (sunglasses & reading glasses) donated to us by Passport Eye-Wear.
A project of RC Kogarah (Sydney) and RC Hetaduwa (Nepal).
Hetaduwa Eye Hospital was built by Rotarians and it provides regular eye clinics to the community.
The patients are given sunglasses following eye clinics to protect their eyes eg from snow blindness.
Reading glasses are given to the poorer individuals as part of eye health program.
6. Shelter Box Australia: - continuing
Due to increase in disasters around the world, we donated funding for 4 shelter boxes.
7. DIK (Donations in Kind):
Working bee organised for Saturday 1 May 2010, to help pack goods for shipment overseas.

Collecting second hand garden tools and hand tools for steelwork & woodworking. Also collecting heavy duty machine tools, electric drills, lathes, planers and welding machines for shipping overseas.

8. Western Desert NWPT Aboriginal Corporation (Alice Springs): - continuing

This is a project of District 9790 (NSW) but it is in the RAWCS Central Region (our region).

Project is to renovate a community building at Kintore to house a dialysis unit, staff accommodation, hydroponic garden and develop skills in the community. It is seeking assistance with funding and volunteers.

We can participate and take hands-on-approach in this project if anyone is interested.

Partnership projects – international via local groups:

9. Smoke extractor for the kitchen – Disabled Children's Training School, Ba Ria - Vietnam (in conjunction with VVF SA and health services in Vietnam). Finalising the logistics.

10. House - Habitat for Humanity – School team: Student from Concordia seeking help with raising funds to build a house, as part of Habitat for Humanity team-Philippines. Still working through the logistics.

11. OSSAA: Did not formalise the partnership with the RC Unley and did not register it as a RAWCS project. Possibility in the future.

12. Medical treatment project (Dr Tun) – Myanmar/Burma: continuing

No Rotary clubs in Myanmar/Burma.

Cannot send monies directly to Dr Tun to cover medical expenses – current option is to seek help from a third party.

Rigid restrictions with respect to banking, role of NGO's and philanthropic bodies in the country, what can be taken to the country for humanitarian purposes etc

Sought guidance from DFAT (Dept. of Foreign Affairs and Trade) re protocols of undertaking projects in Burma/Myanmar to ensure good name of Australia & Rotary are not compromised.

Commenced discussions with AusAid (Myanmar -Sight for All) re possibility of working together on this project on long term basis as opposed to providing financial support just once.

Activities for the International Committee:

13. GSE (Group Study Exchange) Hosting:

Hosted five participants from Colorado D5470 from 2-7 November 2009.

David & Sue Middleton, Joan Reed, Mavis Martin, Martin & Angie Cooper hosted the visitors for the 4 days.

Activities undertaken included visiting Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal museum and community/business enterprise, SA Migration Museum, Melbourne Cup lunch (courtesy of Colin Schirmer), Parliament House tour with David Pisoni, meeting with Group 6 clubs and farewell dinner at the revolving restaurant at Glenelg. Latter two events attended by record number of attendees. Thank you to all who took part and helped out.

14 International Night: Did not organise one for 2009-2010.

Public Relations Report – Sheila Evans

Since my last report the Club has held several positive functions including Carols at the Rotunda , contributed to the Orphanage project including the donation of \$10,000 towards the project and last but not least our 75th Birthday celebration.

All these remarkable events have been reported to the media and Rotary Down Under. The publication of our events contributions to the community has been scant to say the least.

Jerry has developed a new Messenger contact; Shannon Caton and hopefully she will prove more helpful.

I would very much appreciate it if committee chairs would inform me of their progress & projects suitable for publication so as to expedite implementation of our Strategic Plan early.

The Police Officer of the Year is our next major event and I hope to be able to promote this well. Those of you who have contacts with media people, professionally or private, please share with PR Director.

Vocational Service Report – Stephen Baker

1. Police Officer of the Year

Police Officer of the Year selected for 2009 – Ceremony in the Mall at midday and dinner at Glenelg Golf Club on 4 May. Special Rotary badges will be presented to current and past recipients (awardees since 2000 invited to dinner). Further effort being made to improve publicity.

2. RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF, Science Forums

Club is sponsoring a local RYPEN participant from Urrbrae High.

Potential RYLA participant is now returning to Canada and therefore did not qualify.

Walford and Annesley to again be visited shortly with details of National Youth Science Forum.

3. Indigenous Medical Scholarships

Lauren Sperring is continuing her studies despite last year's narrow failure – she has obtained a different scholarship so will not be eligible for assistance from Rotary or Helen Sage [Wendy Andrews was assisting with mentoring]. We have applied for a new student for 2010 but no response from the committee yet.

4. Youth Exchange

Special thanks to Joan Reed for her brilliant efforts and to club members who have assisted. Leena has brightened our club immeasurably.

5. Campbelltown Shareskills Inc.

Progress is being made on a suitable project to invest CSI Trust Fund money....watch this space.

6. Trade Schools for the Future

We are still awaiting advice on what mentoring arrangements will prevail under the new Federal Government scheme. The number one challenge for the club is to increase membership. Perhaps for our many worthy activities we need to add a further target i.e. how to use the activity to inspire people to join up!

Club Service Report – Mavis Martin

Program: The program committee continues to provide a versatile menu of events for our meetings. Stephen Baker has recently called for items members wish to be included for the next Rotary year. Please submit your ideas to Stephen, or Heather Kilsby. Thank you Heather for the superb job you did for the 75th/Paul Harris night.

Catering: Stephen Baker, Catering Officer has monitored food quality, dining service, liaised with management, chefs and club members following meetings. Please continue to support Stephen in his role as Catering Officer by providing him feedback, whether it is positive or negative. Don't confine comments to your eating companions. We all need to be told of our good points as well as bad ones, chefs and waiters included! Thank you, Stephen for your diplomacy.

Sergeant at Arms: What can I say?! David Middleton continues to combine fines extraction with lots of fun comments. Needs to improve though!! Last year to date \$778.00, current year to date \$627.00.

Risk Management: Peter O'Neil has been unable to fulfil this role due to work commitments. Nil progress.

Club History: PE Joan raised the issue of club records at the last Assembly. These are stored at the Thrift Shop in a non-fireproof area. As a result the Board decided to approach the Mortlock Library re donating the records to its collection. I was informed this would be all right provided we culled them first. As recently as last week a more senior person informed me no further records are being accepted. Unley Library does not offer this service. Looks like the records are confined to the locked room in the shop!

Website: Intended to ask Stephen Westgarth to speak to this but he is absent. It is up to date as far as I know, apart from addition of new member David Mackrell.

For General Discussion

Membership: Discussion among members about how to attract new members so as to maintain a healthy membership level and enable the Club to carry out its projects. New member David Mackrell gave some good insights from a marketing perspective and also as a new member to the organisation.

Media: Discussion about the perceived unfavorable newspaper coverage recently given to a past member of the Club. A letter expressing the Club's deep concerns about the coverage will be sent to the relevant media outlet (not for publication).

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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"	S Westgarth	L England	D Middleton	D Payne & J Peacham
19/05/10 (Wednesday)	Snooty Fox Nth Adelaide	TBA	Visit to Rotary Club of Prospect	J Newall	Bob Mullins	N/A	J Peacham & J Plumb
25/05/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Tony Lake – "Dental Forensics"	P O'Neil	S Evans	D Middleton	J Plumb & J Russell

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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: May 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
1	01/05/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Glenys Ferguson
2	08/05/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	15/05/10	Stephen Westgarth & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	22/05/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	29/05/10	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed

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

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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