

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3711 – 4 May 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.	3711
Date	4 May 2010
Venue	Glenelg Golf Club
Occasion	Police Officer of the Year Award Dinner
Sergeant	N/A
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Guests	Beverley Baker, Pauline Daly, Jenny Casburn, Farida Mackrell, Linda England, Jill Hill, Glenyss Steedman, Suzanne Middleton, Maria Mills, Anne Newall, Margaret Payne, Linda Sellers, Leena Kasurinen, Sandra Schirmer, Pat Limbert, Mark Minuzzo, Richard Taylor, Rohan Singh, Judith Pettering and Carl Pettering
Special Guests	DG Dick Cuttle & Karina Cuttle, DGE Malcolm Lindquist and Antoinette Lindquist, AG Roy Armstrong & Marilyn Armstrong, Unley Mayor Richard Thorne and Patrick Trimboli (City of Salisbury)
SA Police Guests	Deputy Commissioner Gary Burns & Denise Burns, Assistant Commissioner Graeme Barton & Fay Barton, Superintendent Ferdi Pit & Jo Pit, Geraldine White, Sen. Const. John Hookings & Helen Hookings, Brevet Sgt. Leo Price, Sen. Const. Michael Thunig & Karen Thunig, Sgt. Andy Minnis & Michelle Minnis, Sen. Const. First Class Kelly Fletcher, Sgt. Graham Brett & Elizabeth Brett, Sen. Const. Athalie Edman & Josh Pennicott, Sen. Const. First Class Andrew Murphy & Lauretta Murphy and Sen. Const. First Class Michelle Hollis & Mandy Andrews
Apologies	Alex Jonson, Stephen Westgarth & Geoff Howland
Make-Ups	None
Anniversaries	Glenys Ferguson (birthday 5/5), Geoff Hill (birthday 9/5) and Neesha Nandasena (birthday 9/5)
Attendance	76%

President's Announcements



Leena receiving an 18th birthday gift from President Jerry

1. First a time to celebrate, our Exchange Student Leena has reached the ripe old age of 18, I would like to wish Leena a very happy birthday on behalf of the club.
2. Not sure whether to commiserate or congratulate but I think we'll go with the latter. I would like to wish every success to our Assistant Governor, Roy "I'll never be District Governor" Armstrong in his nomination as DG in the 2012/13 Rotary year.
3. A reminder for those attending the GSE presentation that it is tomorrow (Wednesday) night at Belair Park Country Club.
4. I sent a note from Ian Stewart of the Rotary Club of Hyde Park to all had volunteered to assist them with Pit Stop. They will have a dress rehearsal for the event at their meeting on Wednesday 19th May, please let Ian know if you will attend. If you volunteered and didn't get my email, let me know.



Leena Kasurinen resplendent at the Concordia College Formal

Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen's Progress Report

As stated in the last Bulletin, Leena attended her school's Formal recently. A photo of a very resplendent Leena appears in this Bulletin.

Police Officer of the Year Presentation

The announcement of the recipient of the Police Officer of the Year award for 2009 was made by President Jerry in Rundle Mall before a crowd of about 100 people following entertainment provided by elements of the Police Band and vocalist. Unley Rotary's involvement was well publicised in the speech of the M.C., Assistant Commissioner of Police **Tony Harrison**, and by a large banner and the display of lots of information sheets about Unley Rotary activities. Deputy Commissioner Harrison acknowledged that Unley Rotary had provided the award for the last 32 years and expressed the wish that it would continue for at least another 32 years.

The presentation dinner was held at the Glenelg Golf Club, with a large contingent of SAPOL members in attendance. DG **Dick Cuttle** spoke of the award from a Rotary perspective and its impact especially in country towns and Stephen Baker as Chairman then formally announced the winner to be Senior Constable First Class **Michelle Hollis** who is based in the Elizabeth operations area where she works as a suburban police officer with particular responsibility for a designated area. President Jerry presented Michelle with the award certificate and shield.



Pres Jerry presented the 2009 Police Officer of the Year award to SC Michelle Hollis in Rundle Mall...



...and again at the Presentation Dinner



Pres Jerry presented the perpetual POOTY shield to Deputy Commissioner Gary Burns

SC Michelle Hollis' address to the Club follows:

"It is a huge honour to be receiving this award today. When I was first told that I had won the award it came as a total shock, as I was unaware that I had been nominated. When my manager wanted to see me I thought I was being summonsed to his office for a complaint or something similar. It is not very often that members of SAPOL get recognised for the work they do to keep the community safe. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rotary Club of Unley for their sponsorship of the Police Officer of the Year Award. It is through this award that the human side of policing is recognised and thus promotes SAPOL members in a positive light.

I have been a police officer for nearly 18 years, so I guess it is safe to say that I love my job. The majority of my career has seen me as a patrol officer in the Elizabeth Local Service Area. For a few years I strayed into the Eastern suburbs and Adelaide, but the last 4 years has seen me return to Elizabeth where I am currently relishing in my role as the Suburban Police Officer for Salisbury North. The concept of the Suburban Police Officer commenced in 2004. Since its introduction it has had outstanding community and other government support and this was reflected in 2006 when my fellow colleague Athalie Edman won this very award.

The position of the Suburban Police Officer is a unique position. An officer is allocated to a particular suburb, where they take ownership and are accountable for the crime trends and addressing the concerns of the community. It is a very personal approach style of policing. Whilst working in this role I have forged some very good friendships with various members of the community and also individuals in the other government agencies with whom I have interaction. For this reason when I receive a phone call about a particular issue it becomes natural for me to just want to help out in anyway I can, just like you would want to help out a friend or family member.

As a "people person" I can sometimes struggle working by myself, but I love that my role gives me an opportunity to meet new people outside of the organisation on a daily basis and interact closely with other government agencies. At this point I would like to thank Salisbury Council for nominating me for this award and for the other agencies such as Salisbury High School, Housing SA and NHW group who supported this nomination.

Although this is an individual award it really has been a team effort. I am very fortunate to have a solid support group at my current posting at Elizabeth. I am quite often asked why I like working there. My answer to that is the people. Without a doubt the camaraderie at Elizabeth is second to none. As I mentioned I quite often work solo but I am still attached to a team within the Elizabeth Uniform Tactical Team. The team fully support me in my role - even if sometimes they may not always understand what I'm doing - they are just happy to help out whenever I need it. As I am a people person and love the team atmosphere - their support means a lot - so to my team mates - thank you.

I would also like to thank the Senior Management of the Elizabeth LSA for the full support they give towards the Suburban Police Officer project and my specific role. Even when I am faced with particular issues in the community the management continue to encourage me to keep up the good work and they don't focus on the negative, but only offer help if needed.

I would also like to acknowledge my family and friends who have always been there for me and encouraging me in all that I do. At times policing can be stressful and to have independent people to vent to is very much appreciated.

In closing I would like to acknowledge the community of Salisbury North and the various agencies that continue to provide support to me in the role of Suburban Police Officer. I love helping people and to be appreciated as I am by this community has made my job one of the most rewarding in my policing career. Thank you."

Senior Constable First Class **Andrew "Spud" Murphy**, last year's award recipient, reflected on the impact of the award and the attendant community support and gave an insight into his own duties as a police officer and the job satisfaction that he receives.

Deputy Commissioner **Gary Burns** was presented by President Jerry with the perpetual shield. The Deputy Commissioner warmly congratulated Michelle Hollis and spoke on the challenges facing SAPOL members and the community in the 21st century.

Most of the awardees going back to 2000 were present and were presented with an official badge approved by Commissioner Hyde for wearing on the uniform in recognition of the receipt of the POOTY award. This was an initiative of the Club and well supported by the Commissioner. Recognition badges will be made available to all other awardees.

District News

Rotary Foundation Donations

May and June are the two months when most donations to The Rotary Foundation are made. I encourage both individuals and clubs to consider a donation. If the donations are made to the Annual Programs Fund (Matching Grants GSE etc) or Polio Plus, they are tax deductible and can be used as credits for Paul Harris Fellows. The money raised stays in Australia and is used for Australian- sourced Rotary projects.

The DG's Newsletter will tell you what the current exchange rate is to the USD.

At the District Assembly on May 16 an exceptionally generous donation from a D9520 Rotarian will be announced and that Rotarian presented with his recognition award from the Foundation Trustees by the DG. All Rotarians are encouraged to be present to celebrate this occasion.

All Rotarians are encouraged to become Centurions and donate AUD100 a year to the Foundation. This too is tax deductible. It can be paid in instalments by direct debit or once a year by this means, credit card or cheque. Contact Cheryllyn Fleming or Euan Miller and a downloadable form can be emailed.

PDG Euan Miller

The Rotary Foundation

Calling all Mice

Hi Everyone,

I can not remember when anyone ever asked to be supplied with mice as everyone usually wants to get rid of them, BUT these are special.

Donations in Kind has over 200 computers ready to go out to underprivileged groups but we do not have enough mouse fittings to be included. In fact we have none left at all. If anyone has bought a new mouse for their computer and has an old one sitting around doing nothing or you know of any business that has any, they do not want, we URGENTLY need PS2 Mouse units to add into our containers going out soon. Also if anyone has flat screen monitors or other computers (Pentium3 or later) they are not using we are always glad to receive contributions.

Please Note that we can not use the old type screens as we have plenty in stock and they are going to cost us significantly to dump the surplus so please do not send them through to us.

If you can not get the PS2 Mouse connections to DIK they can be accumulated at any Rotary club and we would appreciate it if they could then be dropped off at any Blackwell Funeral Homes who will ensure they are transferred to DIK asap.

Thank you for your assistance.

Norm O'Flaherty

Chairman

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Jerry's Jottings

It was another great night of Rotary and the Police Officer of the Year Award for 2009. **Michelle Hollis** is a very deserving winner and follows a long history of devoted SAPOL officers. It was great to see past awardees join us for the night and I think this added greatly to the atmosphere on the occasion. There was press and radio mention the following day but sadly nothing about Rotary. I do not know what we have to do to get coverage. My thanks to **Stephen Baker**, **Heather Kilsby** and **David Payne** (the Vocation Services Team) for their efforts over a long period to get this to such a successful outcome.

On another subject, at the Club Assembly **David Middleton** raised concern over a recent article relating to Kevin Rogers in the Advertiser. With the club's support, a letter was drafted by David, and subsequently sent to Sean Fewster, the reporter, and separately copied to the Editor of the Advertiser. I can inform the club that the reporter, Sean, did contact me yesterday. He advised that as a court reporter he is legally bound to report only the facts reported to the court, and that any embellishment might be seen as influencing the jury when the case finally comes to court. Should any evidence be put to the court at the final hearing relating to any mitigating circumstances, this would be reported. I did raise the choice of photograph in the report and was told that it was not his choice but that the photograph was one they had from a previous article. As a club we have raised our hand and I believe that, at this stage this may be all we can do in relation to the press coverage.

Finally, I have been contacted by **Chris Linnell** from the Unley Council in relation to the work at the Orphanage and our part in the process, marking the 75th anniversary of the club. It would appear that work is about to recommence and a planting day is being planned for **Saturday June 5th**. So please keep the day free. We may organise a sausage sizzle for the day and there will be an opportunity to showcase Rotary to parents and families who will be at morning sport there. Perhaps a sausage sizzle would be in order.



President Jerry

Unley Rotarians 'Pit Stop' Roster

Rotarian	SHIFT 1: 11.00pm to 2.00pm				SHIFT 2: 2.00pm to 5.00pm			
	Spruikers	Reg Table	Stations		Spruikers	Reg Table	Stations	
			1 to 8	9 only			1 to 8	9 only
Stephen Baker	✓							
Jerry Casburn							✓	
Ken Daly							✓	
Sheila Evans			✓					
Alex Jonson			✓					
Bob Laws			✓					
Joan Reed							✓	

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
11/05/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Tom Whitworth – “Antarctic Adventures”	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
01/06/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Viv Faehse – “Breast Cancer”	J Plumb	G Ferguson	D Middleton	J Russell & C Schirmer

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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
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

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Pastor's Business Card

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

Furthermore...

'A cheerful heart is good medicine' (Prov. 17:22)

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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