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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.	3714
Date	25 May 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Leena Kasurinen – Farewell Address, and David Mackrell – "10 Strongest Influences on My Life"
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	Peter O'Neil
Guests	Silvio Cattonar and Leena Kasurinen
Apologies	Anne Wehr, Geoff Hill & Janet Plumb
Make-Ups	Anne Wehr
Anniversaries	None
Attendance	87%

President's Announcements

First I would like to thank all who assisted Hyde Park Rotary with their Pit Stop Programme at the Adelaide Showground last Sunday; the programme was an excellent Community Programme with a series of checkups, likened to car servicing, of men's health. These gave an indication of potential problems and advised further medical consultation if needed. They had some 138 men who went through the check up.

Another reminder that the District Conference is on from October 7th – 10th, see me if you want more detail. It will be interesting and great fellowship. Consider coming.

The Orphanage plantings are on again and we will be planting on Saturday June 5th, probably from 10am until about 1pm, we'll follow it with a sausage sizzle. Please keep the date free in your diary.

Pit Stop Project



The Pit Stop in full swing



Colin Schirmer, Stephen Baker and Alex Jonson ran through the men's health checklists



Bob Laws checking the cars instead?

Spots

John Russell, on behalf of Reno Elms, promoted the Salvation Army's forthcoming Red Shield Appeal. See Reno if you can provide your support.

Joan Reed renewed her efforts to dispose of the remaining Xmas cakes, promoting them as Queen's Birthday cakes, going for a very reasonable \$15.00. She also is taking orders for entertainment books at \$65.00 each. A further reminder that the Changeover dinner will be at the Meridien Lodge in Melbourne Street North Adelaide on 29 June 2010 @ \$45.00 per head. Any one interested in making up a party to attend the Changeover Dinner of the Port Pirie Rotary Club on 3 July 2010 @ \$35.00 per head should see Joan. The Medical Students Orchestra will be performing at the Adelaide Town Hall on 21 August 2010 @ \$35.00 per ticket, with proceeds in aid of ARHF. See Joan if interested.

Bob Laws advised that the new Thrift Shop hours on Saturday mornings (10am to 12.30pm and 12.30pm to 3pm) will commence from 13 June 2010 (or is that 12 June?). A further reminder that the Thrift Shop Volunteers' "Thank You" afternoon tea will be held at the Unley Civic Centre on 6 June 2010 at 3pm.

Lucky Square

The Lucky Square was won by Joan Reed.

Jerry's Jottings

Tuesday's meeting, what a great night, proving that some of the best speakers we hear are our own.

Leena only has five weeks to go and three of those are taken up with Rock and Reef Australian tour. She gave a great summary of her stay here and she has changed a lot in that time. A tearful farewell and lots of thanks to **Joan Reed** who has been host parent for the whole time. I would like to express my thanks and that of the Club for Joan's support over the year allowing us all to experience the value of the Youth Exchange programme. We all wish Leena the best as she starts her trip around Australia and we'll see her in three weeks.

David Mackrell found an entertaining way to tell the club about himself and his experiences. I don't think I'll ever forget Smoked Mackrell. It was a shame he gave the Sergeant an excuse to fine ten people for no particular reason. David, welcome to the club, you are a great addition!!

It was good to welcome **Bob Mullins** back from his trip and he'll soon be rallying everyone to support the planting on Saturday June 5th at the Orphanage.

Have a great week ahead.



President Jerry

Guest Speakers

Chairman Peter O'Neil introduced our Exchange Student **Leena Kasurinen** who gave her final address to the Club. Her address is reproduced below:

"First when I came to Australia, one year seemed like a long time to be away from your home, family and friends. The idea of being in a whole new country surrounded by people who don't even speak the same language, made me a bit scared.

When I came here everything was different and new. I felt like I was in a wonderland. There were so many little things that were different to what I was used to or what I was expecting. First of all, it was cold. Bloody cold. I had to layer up and I thought "Oh God, this is crazy. I'm in Australia. Shouldn't it be warm?" And what people kept asking me was "You're from Finland, shouldn't you be used to this?" Well, maybe yes, but not when it's 15 degrees outside AND inside.

Then there's this thing with the taps. Why on earth do you have to have two taps? It takes ages to get the right temperature! And when you go to the supermarket to do grocery shopping you don't have to pack your groceries yourself. Then they even give you cash after packing all your vegemite, iced coffee and Tim Tams!

I have done so many new things that I could never imagine I would have been doing. The list is almost endless. The school camp to Kangaroo Island was amazing, the island was so beautiful and I had a great time and made lots of new friends over there. I had my first real camping experience in the Flinders Ranges with some friends from school. The trip to Eyre Peninsula with Sue Middleton and her daughter's family was one of the highlights of my summer holidays and one of the highlights of the whole year. Over that trip we did some fishing, went swimming with sea lions and dolphins and we also went feeding some tuna fish and I got bitten by one. A trip I will never forget.

I've also been to Victoria to visit Joan's brother and to do some shopping in Melbourne. I went to Brisbane to visit my relatives and had the ultimate Finnish experience of sauna over there. Listening to my relatives' stories how they have been here for 37 years and how they still have stayed so Finnish was amazing. That really opened my eyes and made me think differently and see things in a different light. Going to the Big Day Out festival and see all these world famous bands and Australian bands was something very special. And, of course, the formal. I had great time, the whole night was fantastic. It was one of the best nights in my life so far.

Then there are the Aussie experiences with the other Rotary exchange students. Like kicking football, singing Aussie songs, feeding kangaroos, shearing a sheep, going spotlighting kangaroos and other creatures in the middle of the night. I think it is a great thing that Rotary is organising. I don't have any words to say how happy I am that I've met all these other exchange students from all over the world. We have been supporting each other and sharing our good and bad moments. Who else would understand an exchange student better than another exchange student? All of us are fantastic people and we have been very brave to do this kind of thing. We don't even speak the same language all the time but you can still feel the same kind of spirit that we have and that brings us together. We are like a one big family.



President Jerry (centre) with Leena Kasurinen and David Mackrell

I have experienced and survived the 40 degree heat and I even enjoyed it a bit, except when I had to be in school and wear my lovely school uniform and black school shoes. That wasn't very pleasant. But now I actually find 20 degrees a bit cool. I will be in a trouble when I go back to Finland.

I've seen how a Lutheran school community works. The school itself has been a very different experience to what we have in Finland. It took a long time to get used to wearing the uniforms, making your own lunch, going to the chapel and assemblies and doing almost all your work on computers. But now I think it will be weird to go back to school in Finland without a uniform and there's no chapel or assemblies and have a warm school lunch and use textbooks and hardly any computers.

One thing I really love about Australia is the Aussie lifestyle. Almost all the people without an exception are so friendly and relaxed. You enjoy your weather and spend time outdoors on the beach, playing sports or having a BBQ. You couldn't do that in Finland because you never know if it's going to rain or not and in the winter you can't do much outside because of the snow. I've learnt so much about your culture and how much of a multicultural country you actually are. And I find it very fascinating. I have tasted many different foods and fallen in love with roast, hot chips, meat pies, iced coffee, curries and other Asian foods, but nothing beats the good old Aussie BBQ. I have also met so many new people during this year from different countries and cultures and made friends for life.

Some of you might think about what I have missed from Finland. My family and friends, of course, but apart from that, I've missed rye bread, salted liquorice, houses with good heating systems and light summer nights, but not that much snow. And I've also missed warm school lunches. I am really looking forward to seeing my family and friends again but I'm also a bit scared to go back home and see how much things have changed and how much I have changed.

Many people may think that a year as an exchange student is like one massive holiday. But don't see it like that. For me it has been a big learning curve. This year hasn't been easy for me but it is probably the most memorable year of my life. I feel like I am a different person now. I feel more independent and more confident. My understanding of the world has changed. I think differently and I've become aware of the issues that we have in this world. Before I was thinking that I will go to Uni. after I've finished school, but now I have no idea. This year has opened my eyes to so many new possibilities and opportunities.

I've learnt so much about Rotary. All the programs and fundraising that you are doing to help people around the world. It's amazing. I had no idea about these things when I first came here. Now I can really see what Rotary is about.

It is a great once in a lifetime opportunity that Rotary International has given me. I'm very, very thankful to you, the Rotary Club of Unley, for sponsoring me this year. Without you I wouldn't be here. Thankyou for making my dream come true.

I want to thank all the club members for your time and effort to make me feel welcome. You really are great people.

Thankyou Nat, for being my counsellor. Thankyou President Jerry and Jenn. Thanks all of you who have taken me to places and family dinners and other things. I really appreciate that.

I would also like to thank my parents, who obviously aren't here, but who have been the greatest support and who have always believed in me and helped me through this year.

There is one person in this room who I think I can't thank enough and she is, of course, Joan. She has given up a lot of things to have me staying with her. Some of you may not even realise how big thing it is to host an exchange student and normally people do it for 3-4 months. But Joan has had me for the whole year and by herself. I really don't have enough words to describe how thankful I am, so I'll just say: Thank you, Joan. We have had our good times and bad times but that's what families do. I really hope that you will come and visit me in Finland and go to a sauna!!

Now when I look back I can't believe how fast the time has gone. My wonderland has become my home and I wish I could stay here.

This year has made me think how lucky I am to have something that makes goodbye so hard. And I would like to end my speech with Charles M. Schultz's words:

Why can't we get all the people together in the world that we really like and then just stay together? I guess that wouldn't work. Someone would leave. Someone always leaves. Then we would have to say goodbye. I hate goodbyes. I know what I need. I need more hellos. So come and say hello to me in Finland."

Peter O'Neil then introduced new member **David Mackrell** who spoke on the ten people who have influenced his life.

1. **His Dad:** Loved rugby and a tall accountant by profession. Smoked and died of cancer.
2. **His Mum:** Life of the Party a great woman. Smoked and died of cancer.
3. **Neil Armstrong:** Landing on the moon – everything astronomical; changing his ambitions and life from this experience.
4. **Philip Adams:** Monahan Dayman Adams Advertising Agency – Uni of Life. Started off as an office boy there. 1975 started his first advertising adverts!!
5. **Gough Whitlam:** The dismissal of him as Prime Minister and the withdrawal from the Vietnam War.
6. **Wife Farida:** His first girlfriend – Married, what else is there to say!
7. **Nelson Piquet:** F1 driver with an ego! Heroes are human.
8. **George Harrison:** Loved him – and his music. Similar loves in life.
9. **Neil French:** Copy writer – great copy writer, a compelling author and mentor.
10. **Edna Walling:** A writer and a great garden designer. Excelled in all facets of her career.

Rotary News

Giving Ugandan children a second chance

Peter Schmidtke - Rotary International News -- 26 May 2010

Mulambuzi Joshuah is not likely to forget his fifth birthday. He spent the day recovering from heart surgery that will allow him to attend school again in his village outside of Kampala, Uganda. Mulambuzi was one of 20 Ugandan children who received free heart surgery through Gift of Life India. The program is among 65 throughout the world established and supported by Rotary clubs to arrange cardiac care for children whose families cannot afford it.

The surgeries were funded by a US\$105,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest and District 3010 (India), and all 17 districts in Korea.

The children, between the ages of 11 months and 12 years, arrived in New Delhi over a three-month period starting in January. Doctors at the Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre and the National Heart Institute performed surgeries to correct their congenital heart defects. Several of the children needed immediate attention.

District 7250 (New York, USA) established Gift of Life India in 2002. Since its inception, the program has treated more than 500 children from India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Sudan, with support from Rotary clubs and Matching Grant funds. It also receives help -- including medical team coordination and prospective patient lists -- from Gift of Life International, formed in 2003 to assist Gift of Life programs around the world.

Making connections

January's Matching Grant project arose because of connections from a similar effort a year earlier, when the Indian program agreed to arrange two surgeries as part of Gift of Life International's Our Hearts Are in Uganda campaign. Sixty Ugandan children were treated in 13 countries. Bret Halvorson, a member of the Rotary Club of Emerald City (Seattle), Washington, USA, and a native of Korea, escorted one of the children and her mother from the airport in Seoul to a local hospital. Wanting to help more Ugandan youth, Korean Past District Governor Sangkoo Yun and Youngsuk Yoon, then district governor-elect, suggested a follow-up project to Halvorson, a Gift of Life beneficiary himself. The three met with Peter, Past RI Director Sushil Gupta, and Gift of Life International founder Robert Donno at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, where they worked through details of the January Matching Grant project.

Korean Rotarians pooled District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations. Grace Agwaru, a member of the Rotary Club of Soroti Central, Uganda, and the first Gift of Life beneficiary, worked with fellow Ugandan Rotarians to identify candidates for the program and help their families understand the surgery and make travel arrangements. Delhi East End club members met the children at the airport and visited them almost daily in the hospital.

Gift of Life India also recently received a pledge of \$110,000 from Rotarians in Taiwan for future surgeries.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
June	Saturday	05/06/10	Planting Day 10.00am to 1.00pm	The Orphanage	Jerry Casburn
June	Sunday	06/06/10	Thrift Shop Volunteers Afternoon Tea 3.00pm	Unley Civic Centre	Bob Laws
October	Thu 7 - Sun	10/10/10	District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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
08/06/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Ingo Weber – “Impact of Climate Change on Health”	J Reed	G Hill	D Middleton	C Schirmer & C Sluggett
15/06/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Darren Green – “Adelaide Coastal Waters”	H Kilsby	R Mills	D Middleton	C Sluggett & A Wehr
22/06/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz Night Competition	TBA	Bob Mullins	D Middleton	A Wehr & N Bowen

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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-June 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
5	29/05/10	Joan Reed & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	05/06/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
New Times! →→→ Early Shift: 10am to 12.30 am ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ Late Shift: 12.30am to 3.00pm ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓			
2	12/06/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	19/06/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	26/06/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans

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**