

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3720 – 6th July 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.	3720
Date	6 th July 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Gordon Armstrong: Messenger Press Editorial Manager
Sergeant	Bob Mullins
Apologies	Wendy Andrews
Anniversaries/ Birthdays	Birthday: Jim Newall 11 th July; Anniversary: Geoff Hill 7 th July
Attendance	63%

President's Announcements

A reminder that the District Conference is on from the 7th to 10th of October in Bendigo. Early bird registration closes on the 13th August. The program looks very good and I recommend members attending as I have always found them to be inspirational. Please see me for more details.

It was with pleasure that I presented Jim Newall with his dinner plaque to commemorate his 25 years in Rotary and also Natalie Bowen with her Centurion certificate and pin. Congratulations.

Spots

Sheila Evans: The wife of one of our guest speakers has contacted our club Robyn Wight who is a National Trust Councillor and convener /organiser of the Government House Open day.

The open day will include access to the people of SA to Government House Grounds and tours of the House. A major antique valuation service will be provided by Theodore Bruce and their experts. There will be the Police band and other as well as many activities for children.

RCU have been offered the opportunity of running the 'Sausage Sizzle' On a very bad day the expected numbers re 2000 approximately On a good day the numbers could be as high as 8000

Date of event Sunday 7th November 2010

Time 10.00am until 4.00pm.

Cost A donation to the National Trust of \$ 300 approximately, then all profits to be retained by RCU

Other Expenses Hire of a cold room, sausages, bread, onions & condiments, hire of BBQ from Hyde Park Rotary

This is a great opportunity for an alternative fundraising event, on the other hand it could become an annual event

I do need to get back to Robyn ASAP to advise her of our acceptance

There is some risk of leftover sausages & bread, but the date is near enough to the Carols for that risk to be reduced and managed. This has been circulated to the Board members who have given their support and approval. Please indicate your support.

Joan's Jottings

Last Thursday, we farewelled Leena at the airport as she went back home after her year here. It was a morning with many mixed emotions as she was looking forward to seeing her family but was finding it difficult to leave her life here. Thank to the members who did outings with her. I know the thrift shop is about to get a supply of clothes that could not fit into her suitcase. I have since spoken with her and she is thrilled to be home with her family and friends, and she looks very happy.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support on my changeover night. Without everyone's help it would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

I would also like to thank those who have put there hand up to be the Sergeant until Colin returns and gets things organized I really appreciate it.

Guest Speaker - Gordon Armstrong: "The Life of a Journalist"

We were fortunate enough to secure Gordon Armstrong, Editorial Manager for the Messenger newspapers, to address us on the life of a journalist.

Gordon told us how he left school in Year 11 and although he wanted to be a journalist, found himself on a different beat as a member of the police force for 16 years. One night, after a late shift, he fell asleep at the wheel driving home: the resulting accident could have taken his life, but certainly changed it.

Leaving hospital, he decided to quit the force and set off to pursue his passion for sport and writing, leading him to the local footy paper. This was in the late 1980s. After initially being rebuffed by the editor, he persisted (one of the lessons he impresses on kids coming into the profession) and was finally accepted as the "oldest cadet in history" for a 6-week course at The Advertiser, leading to a full-time job.

This led to 14 years as sports editor for the Messenger, a job he'd always dreamed of as a big footy fan (following Glenelg and amateur footy, especially). After that, he graduated to become chief of staff and now, editorial manager at the Messenger.

This week, another group of student journalists come under his wing from the Magill campus to get a taste of the pressure and exhilaration of deadlines, issues and interviews. He likes to joke that his credentials are a BA (Bugger All) and it always amuses (and possibly daunts him slightly) that he's now mentoring kids with the tertiary education he never got.

One of the campaigns he's proudest of is the Messenger's 'Know Your Neighbour' series that's run recently. He also related how he'd taken part in the Vinnie's Sleepover and it impressed him how uncomfortable it was to sleep rough for just one night.

To conclude, Gordon answered a number of questions from members, including a couple from Sheila Evans that underlined her frustration in trying over a long period of time to win some publicity for the club with our local Messenger paper through both the current editor and a previous journalist. Gordon entreated us to persist with our stories and use his authority with these contacts in the future, something we certainly aim to do.

Sergeants Session

The Sergeant's session was capably run by Bob Mullins who proceeded to take money from members for their misfortunes that were noted. The **Lucky Square** was won by **Jim Newall**.

Rotary News

Club Visioning - What's it All About?

In 2009, Presidents and Leaders within Rotary District 9520 met at Norwood to train as facilitators in the area of Club Visioning. The Visioning process has Clubs look to the future and visualize what their club will look like and be recognised for, and provides a frame work for clubs to develop a 5 year strategic plan. In essence, on the day, the facilitators will provide a brief overview of the process, and will then have all those present project themselves forward to 2015 and "**visualize**" what their club looks like, stands for and has achieved. Those thoughts are then put down individually in a letter to the World President. These thoughts are then recorded and all those present get to vote on those they support. A truly democratic process. For to be successful, a plan must be built on a foundation of consensus. Visioning does not presume that there is anything wrong with your club, The Visioning process allows you to think outside the square, to be brave, to go where none have gone before, to create a new future for your club. Or It may reaffirm the values and cultures of your club whilst providing new means to reinforce them. Or you may already have a strategic plan, but for reasons unknown, failed to progress it. Visioning can provide you with the means to review re-prioritise and re-enthuse.

Why do we need to Vision?

Rotary is faced with a number of challenges, including dwindling Membership and ageing. Visioning is just one tool clubs can use to review where they are at and where they want to be in 5 years time. It might be about growing membership, attracting younger members, to a change in venue or a change in direction as to what projects will be supported and where community funds will be directed. What it is, is a 5-year strategic plan, agreed to and owned by all members that provides a sound base for the leadership team within the club to set direction and to achieve goals & projects that cannot be completed in any one president's year. It truly is a plan for the people (club) by the people (club)...

What do we have to do?

Agree as a club or Board to participate in a visioning session. Be prepared to dedicate the whole allocated time of a meeting to the session, with some preliminary work done by you and your members, it can be accomplished in 1½ to 2 hours.

Contact Wendy at **Clubvisioning@gmail.com** and request a session nominating some preferred dates. Have as many members as possible, complete the pre-visioning questionnaire, and forward it to Wendy for collating. Come along prepared to contribute, to welcome all contributions, and to look for opportunities.

"What came out of the evening was a sense of purpose and direction which is essential for commitment." "Visioning underwrites the promise of a better future; it gives hope and inspiration to all who engage in it".

Wendy Gaborit
Coordinator
Visioning 9520

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
July	Sunday	25/07/10	OSSAA Luncheon	Glenelg Golf Club, 12 noon for 12.30pm, \$40 ea	Stephen Baker
October	Thu 7 - Sun 10/10/10		District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed

Our Upcoming Meetings

Theme: Literacy and New Rotary Year

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
13/07/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Michael Cusack – “Anifex Animation”	D Mackrell	D Payne	Jerry Casburn	G Hill & H Kilsby
20/07/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Tony Lake – “Dental Forensics”	P O’Neil	J Peacham	Stephen Baker	H Kilsby & M Martin
27/07/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Shirley Telford – “Teaching in Mongolia”	W Andrews	J Plumb	Stephen Westgarth	M Martin & G McLeod
3 /8 /10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Michelle Hollis - 2009 Police officer of the Year	S Baker	P O’Neil	Bob Mullins	G McLeod& N Bowen

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Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Stephen Baker on 8379 7105 or email to unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au

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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: July – August 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm New Time	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm New Time
2	10/07/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	17/07/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	24/07/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	31/07/10	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	07/08/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

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On the Back Page

The Woolworths Cat

A blonde was whipper-snipper her yard and accidentally cut off the tail of her cat, which was hiding in the grass.

She rushed her cat, along with the tail over to Woolworths!

Why Woolworths?

HELLOOOOOOOOO!

Woolworths is the largest retailer in Australia!!!

Typical Golf Story

A man was at the country club for his weekly round of golf. He began his round with an eagle on the first hole and a birdie on the second. On the third hole he had just scored his first ever hole-in-one when his mobile phone rang... It was a doctor notifying him that his wife had just been in a terrible accident and was in critical condition and in the ICU.

The man told the doctor to inform his wife where he was and that he'd be there as soon as possible. As he hung up he realized he was leaving what was shaping up to be his best ever round of golf. He decided to get in a couple of more holes before heading to the Hospital. He ended up playing all eighteen, finishing his round shooting a personal best 61, shattering the club record by five strokes and beating his previous best game by more than 10. He was jubilant....

Then he remembered his wife. Feeling guilty he dashed to the hospital. He saw the doctor in the corridor and asked about his wife's condition. The doctor glared at him and shouted, "You went ahead and finished your round of golf didn't you!" "I hope you're proud of yourself!"

"While you were out for the past four hours enjoying yourself at the Country Club your wife has been languishing in the ICU!" "It's just as well you went ahead and finished that round because it will be more than likely your last! For the rest of her life she will require round the clock care and you will be her care giver! She will need IV's; you will have to change her colostomy bag every 3 hours; she will have to be spoon fed 3 times a day and don't forget the hygiene care."

The man was feeling so guilty he broke down and sobbed...

The doctor snickered and said, "I'm just joking with you. She's dead. What'd you shoot?"

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BRIDGING CONTINENTS**