

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3724 – 3rd August 2010

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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.	3724
Date	3 rd August 2010
Venue	Public Schools Club
Occasion	Russell Ward: "Kokoda"
Sergeant	Colin Schirmer
Apologies	Jerry Casburn, Mavis Martin, Stephen Westgarth, John Peacham
Guests	Genese Mullins and Pauline Daly
Returning Rotarians	
Anniversaries and Birthdays	Janet Plumb Birthday 3 rd August, Jerry Casburn Anniversary 2/8
Make Ups	Mavis Martin and Jerry Casburn
Attendance	68%

President's Announcements

- On 18th September the official opening of the Orphanage is going to take place from 11am until 1pm. We have been asked to cook a BBQ on that day. Further information will be forthcoming
- Due to the opening of the Orphanage we will have to look at changing the dates of the weekend at Calperum Station. This will be discussed fully at next Tuesday's meeting. Please bring your diaries.
- On 1st October the Rotary Foundation Celebration dinner is on at the Allan Scott Park (Morphettville Racecourse). Past RI President Bill Boyd is the guest speaker.

Spots

Alex Jonson: Chandra's brother & sister have donated approximately 4 tons of export quality dried currents and various other goods to send to Timor Lesté. They have also donated \$13,000.00 dollars towards the cost of shipping the container and the balance to be donated to another project of their choosing. We have arranged with The Rotary Club of Dili in conjunction with DIK to transport the goods. The balance of the container is to be filled with school desks, chairs etc supplied by DIK required by the Rotary Club of Dili

We are in urgent need of a microscope, low level English picture books, readers for primary students, exercise books, old or new pencils, coloured pencils, children's clothing, (all types including winter & all sizes but mainly small sizes) etc..

We urgently require assistance from Rotary members to help clean, sort, pack and dismantle the desks and chairs and any other goods available at DIK to pack in the container.

We require 10 volunteers each day for the following dates:

Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29th August to clean, sort & pack the goods and

Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th September to load the container for shipping.

We are currently negotiating with DIK for more suitable times to avoid whole week ends.

Your assistance in this humanitarian project would be greatly appreciated.

Lindsay England: The finance books are completed and ready to hand to the auditor

Geoff Hill is going to be away for a few of his shifts for the Thrift shop and is looking for volunteers to fill his spot and also Jill's. They are on a Wednesday afternoon.

Joan's Jottings

This year I am trying to get a dairy dates list together so that people have plenty of notice of events that are coming up, so if committees know of events please let me know so that everyone gets lots of warning and not just a week or two notice prior to the events.

Also can I please ask that all spot presentations are sent to me in Word documents so that it makes the job of getting the bulletin out a bit easier? I would welcome any items for inclusion in the bulletin from members, as well as jokes.



President Joan

Guest Speaker – Russell Ward: “Kokoda”

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced Russell Ward.

Russell Ward is the third generation owner of the shop, taking over in 1966. The Ward Shoe Shop was opened on The Parade 101 years ago in 1909. Russell is married to Judy and has 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

He was a member of Norwood Rotary from 1979 -1990 and Burnside Rotary from 1990-2001. His Rotary involvement included the District Committees of Rotary Youth Exchange and RYLA. Interests include family, tennis, bike riding and walking.

Russell was motivated in 2009 to take on the challenge of Kokoda through the inspiration provided by Nathan Bassett, and grandson Sam Roberts who died at 4. He joined the Adelaide Crows Kokoda adventure under the leadership of Mark Ricciuto. He described the efforts he made to reach a level of peak fitness to avoid problems experienced by many Kokoda trekkers. A video was shown of the 8 day trek over very difficult terrain, flooding rivers and testing weather conditions. The 28 participants, reduced to 24 by day 4 due to medical problems, were fully tested. Only 4 of the 8 who started carrying their own packs, finished with them. Local porters carried all the gear and most of the personal rucksacks. Key places such as the War Cemetery, and areas where the fiercest resistance took place such as Brigade Hill and Mount Bellamy took on special significance. Two centenarian Fuzzy Wuzzies related their experiences of the battles on the Kokoda Trail in 1942. Russell paid tribute to the enormous courage of the Australian soldiers and their PNG friends. It was a very special experience.

The club thanked Russell in the normal fashion.

Sergeant's Session: Colin Schirmer

Colin Schirmer extracted dollars from those who had yet to visit PNG. The **Lucky Square** was won by **David Mackrell**.

Rotary News from the DG's Newsletter

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

Supporting healthy minds and healthy communities' mental health issues are no stranger to many Australians. They are issues that affect our friends, our families and our community. In fact mental health issues are so prevalent it is estimated that they will affect more than 20per cent of Australia's adult population at some stage of their lives. In any one day, 330 people with serious mental illness will be turned away from hospital emergency departments, 1200 will be refused admission to a psychiatric unit and seven lives will be lost as a result of suicide – the leading cause of death and disability for Australians under the age of 45. However, mental health is finally on the government's radar thanks to individuals like Australian of the Year Patrick McGorry, who took an 84,000 strong petition to the office of new Prime Minister Julia Gillard asking for the Government's commitment to increase mental health funding. But while PM Gillard has left open the prospect of injecting more money into struggling mental health services, it is up to all of us to do our bit to help understand and support good mental health. Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest non-government funding body for mental illness research. As such, it has pledged to invest in mental illness research in an effort to facilitate better treatment and services for all Australians. Thanks to the generous support of Rotarians Australia wide, Australian Rotary Health has been able to fund a number of projects that aim to improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves. If you would like to know more about Australian Rotary Health, please call 028837 1900 or visit our website at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au All donations are tax deductible.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
August Theme: Membership and Extension							
10-8-10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	J Reed	W Andrews	C Schirmer	C Sluggett & L England
17-8-10	Tiffins on the Park	6pm	MFS Visit – Guide: Robert Prime; Dinner: 6.00pm; Visit: 8.00pm PARTNER'S WELCOME	S Baker	J Russell	C Schirmer	L England & R Mills
24-8-10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Robert Paterson “ Investing in Shares”	David Middleton	J Singh	C Schirmer	G Ferguson Bob Mills
31-8-10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Michelle Martin E-Waste	Heather Kilsby	N Bowen	C Schirmer	G Ferguson and S Evans

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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.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
August	Sunday	22/08/10	Rotary Health Concert	Adelaide Town Hall	Joan Reed
August	Sunday	29/08/10	Membership Workshop	Pulteney Grammar School Wyatt Hall 190 South Tce, Adelaide	Joan Reed
October	Thu 7 - Sun	10/10/10	District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: July 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm (New Time)	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm (New Time)
1	07/08/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	14/08/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	21/08/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	24/07/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed

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

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A STUNNING SENIOR MOMENT

A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed....and many more." After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows.

*"You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little sh*t what are you doing for the next generation? The applause was amazing!"*

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
BUILDING COMMUNITIES
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