

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3729 – 7th September 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.	3729
Date	7 th September 2010
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	David Cockshell: Donations in Kind
Sergeant	Colin Schirmer
Visiting Rotarians	None
Apologies	Bob Laws, Geoff Hill, Mavis Martin, Peter O'Neil, Stephen Westgarth, and John Peacham
Guests	Sheralie Alekza, Goodwood Girl Guides
Anniversaries and Birthdays	None
Make Ups	Geoff Hill, John Peacham and Stephen Westgarth
Attendance	69%

President's Announcements

1. It was with sadness that we heard the news of Geoff Howland passing. Members stood for a minute's silence. His funeral is this Friday at 10am at Charles Berry's with a burial at the Payneham cemetery following the service.
2. Messages from John Peacham and Geoff Hill who met up at the Hereford Rotary Club for meeting number 3727. Also Message from Mavis who is enjoying her holiday also.
3. Early Bird Registration has passed for the District Conference it is now \$215 per person. This fee is until the 16th of September.
4. I circulated by email about a Free e-waste collection for householders on the 11th and 12th of September Please see me for more details
5. We have received an invitation to attend the opening of the Heywood Park Public Art project on the **Wed 15 September 3.30pm Heywood Park**. his public art project was supported by The City of Unley, the Government of South Australia through Arts SA and The Rotary Club of Unley. If any member wishes to attend please let me know so I can forward numbers to the appropriate person in council
6. Also on the 15th September the Japans Male Voice Choir CHOR FARMER are performing at Elder Hall in aid of Australia Rotary Health. Also the Lobethal Harmony Club will join the Choir.



President Joan

Spots:

Alex Jonson: Timor Lesté Project: Saturday the 4 September was a success due to the efforts of the attending Rotarians. On behalf of the International Services Committee I wish to thank the following Rotarians for their kindly assistance: Stephen Baker, Bob Mullins, David Middleton, Bob Mills, Ken Daly and Chandra Sluggett.

Saturday 11 September: Can the members who volunteered on the 11th please confirm that you are still available next Saturday to assist in packing and loading the container for shipment; i.e. Stephen Baker, Bob Mullins, Jim Newall, Bob Mills, David Middleton, David Mackrell, John Russell and Chandra Sluggett? We also require volunteers to bring along spanners, electric drills and screw driver bits to dismantle the desks and chairs if required. Those who require a map to DIK, please see me after the meeting.

NB: BBQ Lunch to be supplied by Alex Jonson and, as this is a Rotary project, attendance can be used as a make up.

There will be a meeting of the International Services Committee on 14 September after our regular club meeting

Jerry Casburn: Orphanage Park Opening and BBQ - As mentioned last week, at 11.30 am on Saturday September 18th Unley Council will be holding the official opening of the Orphanage Park. The club will be officially recognised for its contribution financially and for the work planting a number of areas. Council also wants the club to arrange a BBQ providing a sausage sizzle and veggie patties for about 200 guests. All members are encouraged to attend the opening.

I am also circulating a form asking if you would indicate your availability to help with the BBQ.

Calperum

Based on responses received when I first raised the idea of a working weekend at Calperum, I booked us in for the weekend of September 24th to the 27th September. We need to have at least 10 people going, including partners, to date I have five. I need to know whether changing the date to later in the year will enable us to have the full quota needed for the weekend.

Again I am circulating a form asking for members to indicate if they would participate in a weekend at Calperum. Please note I mentioned making it a long weekend, this doesn't have to be the case and if some members would attend arriving on Friday evening/Saturday morning and leaving Saturday afternoon, this can be accommodated. Please indicate your preference for when we do this. I have elected either November or March.

Rotary Foundation – Centurion Programme

PP Jerry Casburn gave briefing to the club on the Centurion Programme and its support for The Rotary Foundation. Starting with a video presentation made available through the Foundation, the video described the key programmes supported by the Foundation and how we Rotary International are making a contribution which punches well above our weight.

Jerry went on to talk about the Centurion programme, one of the many ways of contributing to the Foundation. This programme urges members to contribute \$100 each year to the programme, this money can be used in many ways to support a variety of individual projects. 500 children can be immunised from the devastating affects of polio, or, by using the matching grants mechanism can be lifted to \$300 towards projects such as those designed to improve health and sanitation in third world countries. If every Rotarian in Australia contributed \$100 each year more than \$2.9 million would be raised.

In Australia one of the ways in which the Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF) is used is as a means of recognising a Rotarian's contribution to Rotary and its aims. However its principal purpose is to recognise charitable giving. Wouldn't it be great to have all members recognised as PHFs?

For a small outlay we can all provide great benefit to the world's needy.

Jerry outlined the club's goal of becoming 100% Centurion and outlined three possible ways of doing this:

- Becoming a centurion and donating \$100 per year (tax deductible)
- Using the TRF money boxes to collect some of that loose change at the end of the day.
- Using the money boxes at Rotary meetings to collect loose change.

The proceeds from the last two suggestions would be used to register all members at Centurions and achieve the club goal.



Guest Speaker – David Cockshell: “Donations in Kind”

Supporting a Donations In Kind Project can be a great humanitarian project for any Rotary club, giving enormous benefit to underprivileged communities throughout the world. Club investment of \$4,000 - \$8,000 in freight and goods costs can see a container of goods and equipment worth \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 shipped to a deserving community that you select.

Rotary Districts 9500 and 9520 jointly operate a RAWCS program called Donations in Kind (DIK) in South Australia. A large warehouse at Edinburgh Parks is the focal point of the program. It contains a large amount of surplus medical, educational, domestic and computer materials that are available for club projects. The DIK program provides advice to clubs in Donations in Kind projects and arranges details for shipping of containers overseas for clubs.

1987 - RAWCS formed to co-ordinate a range of Australian programs

1988 - DIK started as part of RI's World Community Service Northern, Eastern, Southern, Central and Western RAWCS regions each having a DIK

Central Region DIK was started in 1992 by Cliff and Joan Tingey Building 1 at Edinburgh Parks was secured under lease in late 1990's for storage

Components

- People want to donate goods
- Collection of goods
- Sort, check, clean and store
- Linkage with needy communities
- Collation of needed goods
- Funding of freight costs
- Shipping arrangement
- Distribution to needy communities

Types of Donated Goods

- Medical equipment
- Medical supplies and instruments
- Dental Equipment
- Hospital Furniture
- Domiciliary equipment
- School books, desks, chairs, etc
- Computers, photocopiers, AV equipment
- Gardening and workshop tools
- Sewing machines, musical instruments
- Toys, clothes, shoes

Governance

- Strategic Plan: 3 short term goals and 6 long term objectives

Collecting

- Used to collect all goods offered – not any more
- Assessment of goods offered prior to collection
- Use of Rotarians/others to reduce collection freight costs
- Timing of collections now to fit better with our operations
- Appreciate any offer for collecting
- Avoid taking delivery of damaged or unusable goods
- Reduced cost of transport, handling, storage and waste disposal
- Getting skilled people to assess goods offered
- Would appreciate help in this regard

Storage

- Backlog of collected goods – not all usable
- Two warehouses – both overflowing
- Major focus on clearing out of unusable goods

- Collating like goods in one area
- Inventory of goods

Waste Disposal

- Waste disposal is a major issue
- Cost \$455 per 15 cu.m skip general waste
- Ensure skips are full as a goop
- Now using burning permits
- Computer monitors - \$3 to dispose of tubes environmentally
- Money from scrap metal
- Sale of goods – advertising, auction, garage sale

Promotion

- Information Sheet for clubs
- DVD in preparation
- Focus on support needed – financial - physical - logistical

Helping Hands Needed

- For collecting and at the warehouse
- Club working bees
- District/Group working bees
- Work for the Dole programs

- Community groups

- Grant applications – storage, waste, freight

Projects

- 14 containers out last year
- Global Financial Crisis – available funds
- \$4000 - \$8000 to freight container
- Corporate sponsorship (eg South Africa, Timor Leste, IMOG)
- MOU document clarifies arrangements
- Local Community Assistance
- 2009/10 – 13 locals helped
- Individuals – wheelchairs etc
- Training Centres – domiciliary equipment
- Community Welfare Groups – wheelchairs, walkers etc

Bottom Line

- Getting goods that are surplus in SA to those in need
- Not just a humanitarian service
- Environmental benefit – less going to landfill
- Fellowship opportunity for Rotarians

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
September	Saturday	11/09/10	DIK Container Packing	DIK Warehouse	Alex Jonson
September	Wednesday	15/9/10	Opening of Public Art Works	Heywood Park Unley Park	Joan Reed
September	Saturday	18/9/10	BBQ	Opening of the Orphanage	Jerry Casburn
October	Friday	1/10/10	Foundation Dinner	Morphettville racecourse	Joan Reed
October	Thu 7 - Sun	10/10/10	District Conference	Bendigo	Joan Reed
November	Sunday	7/11/10	BBQ Fundraiser	Government House	Sheila Evans

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
September Theme: New Generations							
14/09/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Raphael Murphy: "Facebook and Twitter"	G McLeod	D Mackrell	C Schirmer	J Newell & J Casburn
21/9/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Prof Graeme Hugo: "Population Change – the Future"	J Russell	S Evans	C Schirmer	J Casburn & R Mullins
28/9/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Andy Packer: "Children's Theatre"	D Mackrell	S Westgarth	C Schirmer	R Mullins & W Andrews
5/10/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Helen Sage: "Indigenous Medical Scholarships"	S Baker	L England	C Schirmer	W Andrews & D Middleton

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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: Bulletin Editor

Attendance Desk Enquiries To: Wendy Andrews by **e-mail** to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on 8377 7830

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: September 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm (New Time)	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm (New Time)
2	11/09/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	18/09/10	John Peacham & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed Sheila Evans
4	25/09/10	Glenys Ferguson & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	2/10/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Wendy Andrews & Stephen Westgarth

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

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CHELSEA THEATRE

KENSINGTON ROAD, KENSINGTON

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2010

5.30 pm for 6.15 p.m.



Tickets which include a light supper and champagne are at a cost of \$17.50 per person and are available by phoning 82390203 or e-mail: dougaljd@optusnet.com.au

Unley Rotarians, please contact Alex Jonson for tickets.

WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA

As you may know I have just started with World Vision as an Operations Team Leader, it is such an exciting opportunity to be a part of this global organisation that I am calling on you to help with sourcing casual staff leading up to Christmas. You may have seen our stands in your local shopping centre and they will be appearing again as of November. We are hoping to find about 35 committed casual staff who will be called upon to work across many of our events over the year. The pay rate is fantastic at \$21.15 per hour plus penalties and we offer 2.5 days paid training.

This would ideally suit a Uni student or someone who is flexible and looking for some extra cash leading up to Xmas.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested, please forward this advertisement and my contact details and I would love to hear from them. It is an amazing organisation to work for!

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On the Back Page

The Worst Day of His Life

A short guy is sitting at a bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big, trouble-making biker steps next to him, grabs his drink, gulps it down in one swig and then turns to the guy with a menacing stare as if to say, 'What'cha gonna do about it?' The poor little guy starts crying.

"Come on man, I was just giving you a hard time," the biker says. "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," says the little guy between sobs. "I can't do anything right. I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home."

He continues, crying even harder. "Then I found my wife in bed with the gardener and my dog bit me. So, I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life,and then you show up and drink the damn poison."

And God said to Adam...

God said, 'Adam, I want you to do something for me.'

Adam said, 'Gladly, Lord, what do You want me to do?'

God said, 'Go down into that valley.'

Adam said, 'What's a valley?'

God explained it to him. Then God said, 'Cross the river.'

Adam said, 'What's a river?'

God explained that to him, and then said, 'Go over to the hill....'

Adam said, 'What is a hill?'

So, God explained to Adam what a hill was. He told Adam, 'On the other side of the hill you will find a cave.'

Adam said, 'What's a cave?'

After God explained, He said, 'In the cave you will find a woman.'

Adam said, 'What's a woman?'

So God explained that to him, too. Then, God said, 'I want you to reproduce.'

Adam said, 'How do I do that?'

God muttered under His breath and then, just like everything else, God explained that to Adam, as well.

So, Adam goes down into the valley, across the river, and over the hill, into the cave, and finds the woman.

Then, in about five Minutes, he was back.

God, His patience wearing thin, said angrily, 'What is it now?'

And Adam said, 'What's a headache?'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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