

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3737 – 2nd November 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.	3737
Date	2 nd November 2010
Occasion	Captain Dean Griffiths – Australian Army Band - Adelaide
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Chandra Sluggett, John Peacham, Anne Wehr, Bob Mullins, Alex Jonson, Colin Schirmer, Stephen Baker and Jerry Casburn
Guests	Stephanie De Longueville, Nathan White
Make Ups	Chandra Sluggett, John Peacham, Bob Mullins, David Payne and Jerry Casburn
Attendance	56%

President's Announcements

1. District Governor Malcolm Lindquist with his wife Antoinette will be making his official visit to our club on 16th November. This visit is customarily a Partners Night, so all Rotarians' partners are welcome to attend as well. We will also be holding our Annual General Meeting that night.
2. An updated roster for this coming weekend's BBQ fundraiser at Government House has been distributed by email to all members. Would all Rotarians
3. Stephen Westgarth will be interstate over the coming weekend and needs someone to swap his late shift Thrift Shop duty on Saturday. Could anyone who can help please contact Stephen?



President Joan

Spots

David Mackrell reminded members of the club's Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 7th December at Rydges on the corner of West and South Terraces. David circulated a list for members to record their intention to attend with or without partners. If you haven't yet seen the list, please let David know you'll be attending either by phone or email, or fill-in the list next week.

Lindsay England advised that he is giving up his involvement in the Saturday Thrift Shop roster and will need a replacement from the 4th of December. Please contact Lindsay or Bob Laws if you can help.

Guest Speaker – Capt. Dean Griffiths: "Australian Army Band"

Our Chairman for the evening, Reno Elms introduced our guest speaker, Army Captain Dean Griffiths, Officer Commanding / Music Director Australian Army Band, Adelaide.

For those Rotarians who couldn't attend the meeting, here is an extract from the text of Captain Griffith's talk:

I grew up here in Adelaide, in Ascot Park and always had a passion for music. In fact from a young age I always had a dream of joining the Army as a musician as my father took me along to many of the Army band concerts and parades. I went to Mitchell Park High School. Back then it had a very big music program with a 60 piece band! After finishing school, I joined the Australian Army in September 1987 as a musician. I then underwent 3

months of basic army training at the first recruit training battalion which is in Wagga Wagga NSW.

No matter your job in the Army you all undergo the same basic training. After completing basic training I was posted to the DFSM which is in Watsonia, Melbourne. DFSM is where all Defence Force musicians, Army Navy Air Force go for training. I underwent a 12 month course studying percussion and learning how to be a musician in the Army.

After completing the course I was posted to the Royal Military College Band Duntroon in Canberra in January 1989. My job there was a percussionist in the band. The question I get a lot is, "What do you do all day as a musician in the Army?" It's a good question. In Canberra the band is attached to the College where

all the Officers' in the Army go for training so there is quite a few parades, formal dinners where the band would play. We have the beating of retreat which is a huge event where you have a 400 man guard marching past, a huge band which culminates in the 1812 Overture with canons firing and fireworks! Also in Canberra we were in support of Government so there were quite a few dignitaries flying over which I am sure you have seen on TV the American president getting off a plane and a big guard standing there at attention and a band playing the National Anthem well that's an Army Band.

Also being in Canberra each country has there Consulate there and when the diplomats changed, which was very quite regular, they would go to Government House and meet the Governor General. As a tradition there would again be a Tri-Service Guard as well as a band. As well as all the ceremonial work there was public concerts the band would perform. We would do a number of major fund raising performances and during my career I have had the privilege of working some wonderful Australian performers including James Morrison, Marina Prior, Tommy Tycho, David Campbell, Dennis Walter, Barry Crocker, Little Patty, Normie Rowe, Tommy Emmanuel, Kate Ceberano, Rhonda Burchmore, Guy Sebastian and more recently Silvie Paladino. My favourite I guess would have to be Kate Ceberano. Of course, with all of these performances comes a lot of preparation so a great deal of time is taken up with rehearsals etc.

The AAB-Adelaide is primarily a concert band, but within the concert band we also have a number of smaller ensembles including WW Q, a Sax Ensemble, a Jazz Group and solo guitar and these ensembles perform at dinners and other award presentations. AAB-A is a part-time ensemble, meaning our members have full time jobs.

We would perform on average up to 70 – 90 tasks a year ranging from major concerts, to Defence dinners and memorial services.



The Australian Army Band – Adelaide

The Australian Army Band Corps was formed in 1968 and consists of six full time bands and five part time bands throughout Australia. AABC is its own corps. What I mean by that is we make up the many Corps within the Australian Army, like Infantry, Transport etc. In fact the Australian Defence Force is the largest employer of full time and part time musicians in Australia. That includes two full time and five part time bands in the Navy and a full time band in the Air Force. The six Army full time bands are located from Townsville in QLD, Brisbane, Sydney, Wagga Wagga, where soldiers train, Canberra RMC where Officers train and Melbourne which is where the Defence Force School of Music is located and all of the Defence musicians are trained in instrumental, sound

lighting, bag pipes etc. The AABC also has five part time bands in Adelaide, Perth, Tasmania, Darwin and New Castle. The roles of Army Band within the Army are to maintain esprit de Corps and morale among troops and public relations within the community by contributing directly to the wellbeing of the Army and the community through participation in military ceremonies and parades, regal, Vice Regal, Federal and State Government ceremonial functions, music education programs, community concerts and festivals. Our full time bands would average around 400 – 500 tasks a year. So if you were wondering what do you do all day, you can imagine each of those tasks has to be planned, rehearsed as well as performed.

With the role of the Australian Army being to Defend Australia and her allies in a time of war, I often get the question so what does the band do? Our operational role is musician. Which often then leads to the statement but you can't just do that all day? In the early days musician's



Chairman Major Reno Elms with guest speaker Captain Dean Griffiths.

doubled as medics. That is obviously now

a specialist trade. The Australian Army has been in a high tempo of Operations over the last few years with East Timor, Afghanistan, Iraq, the Solomon's.

Every where the Army goes bands go. Our role is to entertain the troops but not only that, where there is war there are also many innocent civilians. Our role as bands is to also entertain them and hopefully provide some time out of a very desperate situation. Some of you may remember in 1999 when the trouble in East Timor started, we had thousands of troops there and they sent over Kylie Minogue and Kohn Farnham. The band backing them was the army band.

As I mentioned before, I was deployed to Bougainville three times in 1998 as part of the Peace Monitoring Group after years of trouble. The role of the bands in Bougainville was to assist in the peace process by performing concerts to the local population and through this, bring together the different factions through their music. We did this by flying around the Island in a Black Hawk chopper, set up in small villages and to play to the locals; a very rewarding experience.

To hear the Australian Army Band – Adelaide playing at the Rotary Club of Unley's Carols at the Rotunda, go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b01npUMq_vl

Rotary News

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Rotary International News – 1 November 2010

November is Rotary Foundation Month. It all began in 1917 when then RI President Arch Klumph announced the acceptance of endowments for doing good in the world – The Rotary Foundation was born! Contributions took off in 1947 in memory of our founder Paul Harris. Although The Rotary Foundation originally sponsored only educational programs, it added humanitarian programs in the late 1960s and has continued to evolve with the addition of our famous PolioPlus program to our Permanent Fund, the Rotary Centers for International Studies and, finally, the Future Vision Plan.

Our 3-year Future Vision pilot took effect on 1 July. The pilot is intended to teach us what is good – or bad – in our plan, so that we can correct it, as the Future Vision Plan is here to stay.

However, The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan is much more than just a plan for the Foundation. Rotary International's Strategic Plan is a parallel plan which, to a large extent, joins and supplements our plan. We are too small an organization for two plans of this magnitude – they shall have to merge. Not necessarily tomorrow, but sometime after 2017 when The Rotary Foundation celebrates its 100th anniversary. If I were to target a year for this merger, I would pick 2025 – the year when our Permanent Fund is expected to reach USD1,000,000,000 (one billion!).

How can we reach this goal? By *Building Communities – Bridging Continents* through Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair

District Governor's Visit on 16 November

In two weeks time District Governor Malcolm Lindquist and his wife Antoinette will be making their official visit to our club. Here is some background information about them.

Malcolm joined the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek in 1986 and was President in 1990/91. In 1990 he was a member of a FAIM team to the Solomon Islands and in 2003 led a GSE team to District 2760, Japan. The club has awarded him a Paul Harris Fellow with sapphire. At District level Malcolm has been Chair of the RYLA/RYPEN and NYSF committees, District New Generations Coordinator, is a member of the Youth Protection Committee and has served two years as Assistant Governor of Group 8.

A Murray Bridge boy, Malcolm has a BA and BSc from Adelaide University and completed Post graduate studies in Educational Administration. He was a chemistry teacher and held the position of Special Senior Master in that field. In 2003, after 30 years as an administrator, he retired from Unley High School as Deputy Principal. He has been an examiner, Vice President of the South Australian Science Teachers Association, executive member of the Australian College of Educators (SA) and led 4 school tours to Japan.

Antoinette is also a career educator who taught in Catholic schools and retired in 2006 after nearly 20 years as Deputy Principal of St Marys College. She has a BEd and was President of the Catholic Deputy Principals Association and is currently a Director of Mary McKillop College.

Malcolm and Antoinette have 3 children Louise, Fiona and Michael and are proud grandparents of Matilda, Bella and Finn. Malcolm enjoys all things sporting and still manages to play tennis and golf, dabbles with wine and shares with Antoinette a love of travel and gardening.



District Governor Malcolm Lindquist and Antoinette

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
November	Sunday	07/11/10	BBQ Fundraiser	Government House	Sheila Evans
	Tuesday	30/11/10	Petanque in the Park	The Old Orphanage	David Mackrell
December	Tuesday	07/12/10	Christmas Dinner Meeting	Rydgas Adelaide	David Mackrell
	Sunday	12/12/10	Christmas Carols	Unley Memorial Gardens	David Middleton
	Wednesday	22/12/10	Christmas Breakfast Meeting	TBA	

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: November 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	06/11/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/11/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	20/11/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	27/11/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Heather Kilsby
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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Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
November Theme: The Rotary Foundation							
09/11/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Jackie Mc George - Macular Degeneration	S Evans	C Sluggett	C Schirmer	S Westgarth & J Russell
16/11/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	DG Malcolm Lindquist Visit & AGM	G McLeod	L England	C Schirmer	B Mullins & C Sluggett
23/11/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	SC Andrzej Hejka : "Domestic Violence"	TBA	S Evans	C Schirmer	B Mullins & C Sluggett
30/11/10	The Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Petanque in the Park : On the Piste + BBQ	TBA	G Ferguson	C Schirmer	B Mullins & J Newall

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

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.

The Back Page

Experience Matters

A man had been crossing a street when a car slammed into him. The pedestrian sued the motorist, whose lawyer made the following statement at the end of the trial: "Your honour, my client was not at fault. He has been driving a car for thirty years, and has never had an accident, nor got as much as a speeding ticket. I do not think I need to say any more."

Unimpressed, the lawyer for the plaintiff rose, "Your honour, since counsel insists on bringing up the matter of experience, may I remind the court that my client has been walking for over seventy years..."

Speaking of Others

Never say anything bad about a man until you have walked a mile in his shoes. By then he's a mile away, you have got his shoes, and you can say whatever you want to.

In Flight

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight "safety lecture" and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

1. On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort, and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."
2. On landing the stewardess said, "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only four ways out off this airplane."
3. As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Washington National, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"
4. After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."
5. "In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child travelling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are travelling with more than one small child, pick your favourite."

Breakfast Order

A guest in a posh hotel comes down to breakfast and called over the head waiter and read from the menu.

"I'd like one under cooked egg so that it's running, and one over cooked egg that's tough and hard to eat. I'd also like grilled bacon which is a bit on the cold side, burnt toast, butter straight from the freezer so that it's impossible to spread, and a pot of very weak, lukewarm coffee."

"That's a complicated order sir," said the bewildered waiter. "It might be quite difficult."

The guest replied sarcastically, "It can't be that difficult because that's exactly what you brought me yesterday!"

Afterlife

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, sir," the clerk replied.

"That's good," the boss said. "Because after you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you."

Tall Story

Bill, Jim, and Scott were at a convention together and were sharing a large suite on the top of a 75-story skyscraper. After a long day of meetings they were shocked to hear that the elevators in their hotel were broken and they would have to climb 75 flights of stairs to get to their room.

Bill said to Jim and Scott, "Let's break the monotony of this unpleasant task by concentrating on something interesting. I'll tell jokes for 25 flights, and Jim can sing songs for 25 flights, and Scott can tell sad stories the rest of the way."

At the 26th floor Bill stopped telling jokes and Jim began to sing. At the 51st floor Jim stopped singing and Scott began to tell sad stories.

"I will tell my saddest story first," he said. "I left the room key in the car!"

Wisdom and Knowledge

Three men wanted to cross a river.

They had no idea how to cross it, so one man knelt down on his knees and prayed "Lord give me the power and strength to cross the river." Suddenly the man became very strong and swam across the river.

The next man thought: if it worked for him, it'll work for me. So he knelt down and prayed "Lord give me the skills and the strength to cross the river." The man built a canoe and rowed himself across the river.

The last man thought: if it worked for both of them, I know it'll work for me. So he also knelt down and prayed, "Lord give me the wisdom and knowledge to cross the river." He turned into a woman and walked across the bridge.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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