

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3743 – 14th December 2010

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2010 - 2011



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.	3743
Date	14 th December 2010
Occasion	Annual General Meeting & Gift Giving
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Alex Jonson and Stephen Westgarth
Guests	Nathan White
Make Ups	Stephen Westgarth
Anniversaries	Bob Mills' Induction 18 th December
Attendance	66%



President Joan

President's Announcements

1. We're sorry to hear that Norm Wallace is on the sick list. He has had heart surgery and is in Wakefield Street Hospital. Best wishes to Norm for a speedy recovery.
2. Just a reminder of the Christmas Breakfast next **Wednesday** 22nd December.
3. There is a Board meeting this Thursday at John Peacham's at 6 for 6.30pm.
4. A big thank you to all the members for a great Carols night. Another good club event with good member participation.
5. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year and Thank You all for your support for the last 6 months. Our first Meeting is on 11th January at Tiffins.

Spots

Mavis Martin: Bill Kerr has got back to me. The Rotary Club of Aireborough's board and club members have voted unanimously to be a twin club with us.

Bob Laws: We are very short on volunteers in the Thrift Shop, and also Marnie is usually there on Saturdays by herself, so if any one has any free time please pop in and assist with sorting and pricing

Stephen Baker: A reminder about the Christmas Breakfast on Wednesday morning 7 for 7.15 at Flinders Lodge. Those members not going are asked to donate \$5 towards the Hutt Street Day Centre.

Sheila Evans informed the meeting about the show "Home is Where Your Clothes Are" which is being presented by the Actad Theatre Group between 12th and 21st January 2011 at the Venue Star Theatre [formerly Theatre 62], Sir Donald Bradman Drive, just past South Road heading west from the City. Sheila advised that this was a good fundraising opportunity as 25 tickets cost \$230 and if we sell all 25 tickets at \$18 each our profit should be \$220. A show of hands indicated that 22 people would attend and that the preferred night was Friday 14th January. Agreed to book 25 tickets for that night.

Christmas Carols

Photos by Janet Singh

What a great night it was on Sunday 12th December. An estimated 600 to 700 crowd attended the Carols at the Rotunda with many telling us it was the best ever. An amazing effort by all and I thank everyone who helped make it the success it was. I have an idea some Rotarians may not want to see another sausage with close to 1000 being cooked and sold. The added ice-creams were a success and I thank Jerry for that initiative and to David Middleton for his wonderful skills use in spruiking.





Assembling the barbeque: Does Hose A go into Hole B?



Setting-up the sausage sizzle, drinks and ice cream stalls



President Joan opened the Carols and presented prizes



Compere Matt Noble also sang for the carolers



Families started arriving early



The Australian Army Band provided the music



Clowns and magic....



...and Ticklish Allsorts entertained the children



Matt Noble compered the Carols and sang Christmas songs



The Australian Girls Choir sang beautifully



The Salvation Army children's nativity play narrated by Reno Elms told the real story of Christmas



Face painted angels

Annual General Meeting

The following nominations were received and accepted for 2011 - 2012

President	2011-2012 Sheila Evans
President Elect	2012-2013 Mavis Martin
Treasurer	Heather Kilsby
Directors	Stephen Baker David Mackrell John Peacham

Vacancies still exist for **Vice President** and **Secretary**

Rotary News

Group 6 Christmas Breakfast

Venue	Flinders Lodge Motel, 27 Dequetteville Tce., Kent Town
Time	7.00 am for 7.15 am sit down; completion by around 8.20am
Cost	\$20.00 per person, Full cooked breakfast.
Speaker	Ian Cox from the Hutt St Centre: "What is Christmas like for the less fortunate in Adelaide?"
Parking	Suggest Rotarians park in Wakefield St, Kent Town, off Dequetteville Tce.
Suggestion	Anyone who is an apology should give \$5 (or more) for the charity we are supporting this Christmas. Would be great to give them say \$500 +

Rotary Acronyms

Rotary is peppered with acronyms. It seems that every Rotary activity and program has an acronym and that there are hundreds of them. To make life a little easier for new and old Rotarians alike, the District 9520 website contains a list of Rotary acronyms which can be found at <http://www.rotarynews.info/2/District/9520/35/>

Rotary Fellowships

The Rotary Fellowships program is a structured program of Rotary International that comprises more than 75 independent fellowships. Join the growing number of Rotarians who are sharing their favourite activities and professional interests through organised recreational, vocational, and health/medical-related groups within Rotary. Some examples:

- **Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI)** at <http://www.roti.org/>

Provides for membership, gives access to the Rotary Internet Cafe Homepage and provides many links including Rotary Fellowships and ICQ Links. The ROTI Newsletter the *Breadbasket*, can be accessed directly.

- **International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)** at <http://www.icufr.org/>

A storehouse of useful stuff, graphics, breaking news, etc.

Celebrating the family of Rotary

Rotarians around the globe have uploaded more than 500 photos to our Family of Rotary Flickr group. See a sampling on the Your Photos page, and add your own images at <http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/Newsletters/Interactive/Pages/YourPhotos.aspx>

Historic Moments: Rotary at the Rose Parade

Rotary International News -- 14 December 2010

Since 1890, the Tournament of Roses has been ushering in the New Year with a parade of spectacular floats and enthusiastic marching bands down the streets of Pasadena, California, USA.

Rotary became a part of the pageantry in 1923, when the Rotary Club of Pasadena entered a float in the 34th annual Rose Parade.

The club participated in three more Rose Parades – 1927, 1946, and 1966 – before making it an annual tradition in 1980. That year, recognizing the parade's potential for promoting Rotary to an audience of millions worldwide, clubs in the western United States decided to sponsor a float in honor of the organization's 75th anniversary. The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee was later formed and continues to coordinate the fundraising for and construction of the float today.

Putting together a float is an ambitious undertaking, not least because parade rules dictate that the entire surface be covered with organic materials such as flowers, fruits and vegetables, or seeds. Hundreds of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact club members from the United States, as well as Canada and Mexico, donate their time to build and decorate the float.

Float themes have reflected Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, its commitment to service, and its humanitarian programs. The theme of the 1998 float, "Bringing the World Together," celebrated the 50th anniversary of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships and highlighted the Foundation's work to build peace.

The 2001 theme, "Recognizing Tomorrow's Leaders," celebrated the many young people Rotary has channeled into positive leadership roles through the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program.

On 1 January, the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee will celebrate 32 consecutive years in the parade with a float proclaiming the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents*.

Rotary International does not fund the float; the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee receives donations from individual clubs and Rotarians.



Illustration of the Rotary Club of Pasadena's Tournament of Roses parade float for 2011. Note the koala with its Australian flag coat to the left of centre.

New pilot programs support member diversity

Rotary International News -- 16 December 2010

Four new pilot programs will allow participating Rotary clubs to experiment with flexible membership requirements and club operations beginning 1 July.

The three-year pilots -- satellite club, associate member, corporate member, and innovative and flexible Rotary club -- were approved by the RI Board at its November meeting.

Each one is designed to improve recruitment, allow for flexibility in club operations and structures, and provide Rotary clubs with an opportunity to explore new and innovative ways to promote member diversity -- all goals of the RI Strategic Plan. Other potential benefits include improved leadership and engagement among members and increased support of The Rotary Foundation.

The pilots will allow RI to collect data and analyze results from the participating clubs to evaluate the effectiveness of each change. Clubs have until 1 April to submit applications to Rotary International to be considered for a pilot. Information and applications will be sent to each club in early January. Up to 200 clubs will be selected for each pilot. Rotary clubs must have been chartered before 30 June 2009 to be considered.

Satellite Club

The Satellite Club Pilot Program will assess the impact of allowing a Rotary club to conduct multiple club meetings during a week, each taking place at a different location, on a different day, or at a different time.

Rotarians in the satellite club would belong to a host club but would meet at their own time and location and could have their own projects. This structure may be helpful in areas with many rural communities as well as in large metropolitan areas. The pilot could give a small, weak, or struggling club the opportunity to become connected to a larger, active, and vibrant club in a nearby area and receive ongoing support.

Associate Member

The Associate Member Pilot Program gives clubs a tool for teaching prospective members about the club and the expectations of membership before they join. Clubs would determine the length of time a person could remain an associate member before becoming an active member.

The pilot is aimed at potential members who may be uncertain of the commitment involved with membership. It will provide them with an opportunity to get acquainted with a club's members, programs, and projects, thereby increasing retention.

Corporate Member

The Corporate Member Pilot Program will allow a corporation or company in a club's area to become a member of the Rotary club and appoint up to four people to serve as club members. These corporate members will attend club meetings, participate in projects, and vote on club matters, and are eligible to serve as club officers and committee members. One of the designees must be a member of the corporation's senior executive group, but the others could hold any full-time managerial role.

Only one of the designees would need to attend club meetings at a time, yet each would be considered an official member of the club and would be required to pay RI and annual club dues, as determined by the club.

Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club

Under the Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club Pilot Program, clubs will be allowed to change one element of its format or structure as an experiment. For example, a club might offer family memberships or conduct a blend of online and in-person meetings. The change should not duplicate another pilot, however.

The pilot is focused on encouraging Rotary clubs to be fun, dynamic, diverse, resilient, tolerant, interested in trying new things, member driven, inspirational, and relationship rich.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
December	Wednesday	22/12/10	Christmas Breakfast Meeting	Flinders Lodge Motel	Stephen Baker
March	Wednesday	09/03/11	RI President Ray Klingensmith	Adelaide Convention Centre	Joan Reed

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: November-December 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	18/11/10	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Bob Laws & Jerry Casburn
	25/12/10	Closed Christmas Day	
1	08/01/11	David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	15/01/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews
3	22/01/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Bob Laws
4	29/01/11	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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Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
December Theme: Family							
Wednesday 22/12/10	Flinders Lodge Motel 27 Dequetteville Tce	7 for 7.15am Out by 8.20	Group 6 Christmas Breakfast Meeting	TBA	D Mackrell	N/A	J Casburn & R Elms
January Theme: Rotary Awareness							
11/01/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	AG Roy Armstrong: "The Great Adventure"	S Baker	G McLeod	C Schirmer	S Evans & G Ferguson
18/01/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Andy Packer: "The Children's Theatre & Come Out Festival"	D Mackrell	D Middleton	C Schirmer	G Ferguson & G Hill

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.

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Just a Thought

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind. - Dr. Seuss

Bedside Manners

Susie's husband had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Things looked grim, but she was by his bedside every single day. One day as he slipped back into consciousness, he motioned for her to come close to him. She pulled the chair close to the bed and leaned her ear close to be able to hear him.

"You know" he whispered, his eyes filling with tears, "you have been with me through all the bad times. When I got fired, you stuck right beside me. When my business went under, there you were. When we lost the house, you were there. When I got shot, you stuck with me. When my health started failing, you were still by my side. "And you know what?"

"What, dear?" she asked gently, smiling to herself.

"I think you're bad luck."



The Pastor, the Doctor and the Engineer

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!"

The pastor said, "Hey, here comes the green keeper. Let's have a word with him." [...dramatic pause]

"Hi, George, say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The green keeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free any time."

The group was silent for a moment.

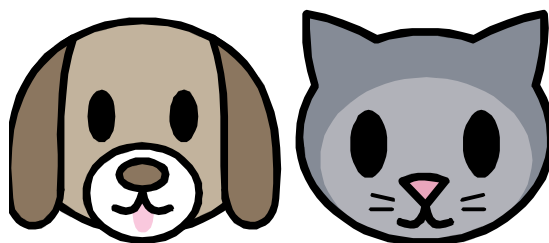
The pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't these blokes play at night?"

Dogs and cats are better than children because they:

1. Eat less.
2. Usually come when called.
3. Are easier to train.
4. Don't ask for money all the time.
5. Don't drink or smoke.
6. Don't hang out with friends who use drugs.
7. Never ask to drive the car.
8. Don't have to have the latest fashions.
9. Don't want to wear your clothes.
10. Don't cost a gazillion dollars to send to university; and
11. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children.



Golfing with an older man

A young man who was also an avid golfer found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in nine holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball - and directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only three feet tall."

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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