

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3746 – 18th January 2011

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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.	3746
Date	18 January 2011
Occasion	Andy Packer: "The Children's Theatre & Come Out Festival"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Mavis Martin, Anne Wehr, Geoff Hill, Glenys Ferguson, Lindsay England,
Guests	None
Make Ups	Anne Wehr, Mavis Martin and Geoff Hill
Anniversaries and Birthdays	Anniversary: Jim & Anne Newall 21/1 Birthdays: Sheila Evans 24/1, Lucien Parent 23/1
Attendance	59%

President's Announcements

1. Norm Wallace is moving to College Grove for convalescence which is wonderful news. He ready for visitors but please not in the afternoon. Also Mavis is in hospital and we wish her well.
2. There is a Board meeting next Thursday the 27th at David and Farida Mackrell's home 6 for 6.30 pm

Spots

Jerry Casburn reminded members to put their small change in the Rotary Foundation money boxes on the dinner tables. We have been collecting about \$25 per meeting and are on track to raise \$400-\$500 by the end of this Rotary year.

Stephen Baker reminded the club that our next meeting is at the Cross Road Bowl, 6.15 for a 6.30 start. \$25 covers the cost of the games, shoe hire and finger food. Partners and guests are welcome; let Stephen know soonest. Stephen also asked members to put Wednesday March 9th into their diaries, Ray Klinginsmith visits Adelaide and will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, 7pm for 7.30pm, cost \$60 per head, partners and guests welcome.

Sheila Evans advised members that further tickets to "Home is Where Your Clothes Are" being held at the Star Theatre were available from her. Performances are scheduled for the evenings of Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st January.



President Joan

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
January	Thursday	25/01/11	Ten Pin Bowling Night	Cross Road Bowl	Stephen Baker
February	Sunday	20/02/11	Fundraiser Movie "Conviction"	Capri Cinema	Stephen Baker /Joan Reed
March	Wednesday	09/03/11	RI President Ray Klinginsmith	Adelaide Convention Centre	Joan Reed

Sergeant's Session

Our Sergeant for the evening was Colin Schirmer who used some sweeping fine strategies but found soft targets striking back with cross-fines. Sadly, Sergeant Colin's joke supply was non-existent.

Guest Speaker – Andy Packer:

Children's Theatre & the Come Out Festival

Andy Packer is your basic overachiever. He's been a performer, writer, conceiver and director of theatre and opera, creative producer of youth arts programs, and producer and director of large-scale outdoor events.

Three years ago, he founded Slingsby, a theatre company producing original productions for adults and young people aged 10 and up.

His first production, *The Tragical Life of Cheeseboy*, presented 62 performances across five continents; this year it's touring North America, including a fortnight on New York's 42nd Street.

His latest production, *Man Covets Bird*, premiered at the 2010 Adelaide Festival to rave reviews, and won the 2010 Ruby Award for Best Work, amongst others.

Andy currently divides his life between Slingsby, his role as Creative Director for COME OUT (the world's largest children's festival in which we will play a role this year, providing the barbecue), and in his spare time plays dad to three boys, and husband to Jane at their home in Fullarton.

Andy talked to us about the vital importance of supporting children's confidence in their own unique creativity, about COME OUT and the remarkable story of how he's managed to grow Slingsby from an idea into an international touring company with an annual turnover of close to a million dollars. To start, Andy told us that he'd grown up with COME OUT: he was born in 1972 and the festival started in 1974. That's why it means so much to him, personally. It was always one of his secret ambitions to run COME OUT: a dream job, indeed. Today, the festival's shows sell 35,000 to 40,000 tickets, making it a significant cultural event to rival something the size of the Cabaret Festival. This year, he's brought back a part of COME OUT that hasn't been seen for a decade: the opening parade, in which kids take to the streets, marching down the city's main thoroughfares.

As part of this parade, 2,000 children will take part in the Mighty Choir of Small Voices to deliver a Choir of Complaints to the Town Hall (an idea from Finland, in which kids sing what grieves them, from world problems to the taste of broccoli). They will then receive the keys to the city from the mayor. Our barbecue will be part of the Big Family Outing on the River Torrens, with two days of great activities for whole families to participate in together.

One fabulous notion is the Toddlerthèque, which Andy described as "Big Day Out for Toddlers." As for his production company, Slingsby, its early catch cry was: Yorke Peninsula one day; New York the next. This year, that catch cry becomes a reality as Andy's first production, *The Tragical Life of Cheeseboy*, runs for a fortnight on New York's 42nd Street.

From Andy's experience and research, children of 10 are already contemplating the big questions of life that rebound and resound for the rest of their lives. So Slingsby's productions reflect this depth of thinking: children's theatre isn't glove puppets and pantomime. The next project Andy's tackling at the moment is an opera, co-written with his wife, on the life and works of Edward Lear, called *Ode to Nonsense*. We thank Andy for his time and for the opportunity to participate in COME OUT.



Andy Packer with Chairman David Mackrell

Rotary News

Creating a new generation of peacemakers in Uganda

Rotary International News – 14 January 2011

For more than 20 years, northern Uganda lived in the grip of a civil war that killed over 300,000 people, displaced 1.8 million more, and forced 36,000 child soldiers as young as seven years old to fight in the resistance movement.

Although a truce brought an end to the violence in 2006, much work remains to secure a lasting peace.

In November, The Rotary Foundation awarded a US\$16,096 global grant to the Rotary clubs of Rubaga, Uganda, and Lambert Airport, Missouri, USA, to provide training in peace-building to 200 teachers and 1,300 students at 10 high schools in the region. The sponsor clubs will work with the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution in Gulu to carry out the project. The effort also will create "peace clubs" at the schools, which will use music, drama, and other means to provide ongoing education about conflict prevention and resolution to the surrounding communities.

The Great Lakes Center is the brainchild of two former Rotary Peace Fellows, Robert Opira (2005-07) and Godfrey Mukalazi (2004-06), who came up with the idea while studying at the University of Queensland in Australia. The nongovernmental organization is working to address conflict and security challenges in the five-country Great Lakes region, where more than five million people have died since the mid-1990s in conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Uganda alone.

After the grant project is completed, the center will integrate the training curriculum and peace clubs into its activities and continue to work with the 10 schools. The knowledge and skills acquired by the teachers and students will enable them to become lifelong agents for peace in their communities and the nation.

The project, which is aligned with the peace and conflict prevention/resolution area of focus under the Future Vision Plan, is supported by districts 1911 (Hungary), 5890 (Texas, USA), 6060 (Missouri, USA), 6200 (Louisiana, USA), and 9200 (Eritrea; Ethiopia; Kenya; Tanzania; Uganda). The districts together contributed \$14,597 from their District Designated Fund, and the Rubaga club provided \$3,000.

Rubaga club members helped plan the project's training curriculum and will participate in the training and promote the effort in the local media. They will also assess the project's impact to help ensure its sustainability.

Rotary District Flood Appeal

District 9520 Website



The affected Rotary Districts in Queensland and Western Australia are setting up a joint fund to allow money to be distributed via local Rotary Clubs to assist community groups to recover from the devastation that has occurred in so many places.

Our own District has already agreed to forward \$5,000 from the District Disaster Fund.

In a wonderful gesture to assist the Flood victims the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor has decided to donate all of the admission fees collected at the 2011 Art Show to the District 9520 Flood Appeal.

The Art Show will be held at Warland Reserve Victor Harbor from the 14th - 22nd January.

Please encourage Family and Friends to attend this outstanding event and enjoy the work of local artists

and at the same time show support for the people who are suffering from floods. As this is Australia's largest regional art show, this initiative has the potential to raise in excess of \$20,000.

Also the Rotary Club of Mount Barker has committed \$5,000 to the Flood Appeal and other clubs are making plans to assist.

The Rotary Club of Campbelltown is also working with others to get "shoe boxes of love" assembled and collected to provide essential toiletries etc for people who are displaced. Contact maria.libers@gmail.com or Kimberley on 0418.855.459 or search for 'Shoe Boxes of Love' on Facebook.

Clubs or individuals who wish to Donate to the Rotary District 9520 Flood Appeal should forward cheques to:

D9520 District Treasurer

Rtn Bob Geekie

38B Repton Road

Somerton Park SA 5044

Please Note that this fund does not have tax deductibility. Individuals wishing to obtain Tax relief are advised to consider other reputable organisations.

Donations In Kind - Help Needed

DG's Dec/Jan Newsletter

Donations in Kind is in need of assistance in the form of a Rotarian(s) to assist at Donations in Kind's warehouse facility at Edinburgh Parks in the receiving, checking and storage of goods into the warehouse.

Ideally we would like to have a Rotarian on site Thursday and/or Friday each week. If several Rotarians could volunteer, there could be a rostered attendance.

Whilst a fork lift licence and warehousing knowledge would be an advantage, training in these areas can be arranged. Donations In Kind has a very active committee in response to the very active nature of the project. Each week there are donations being received that need attention and a variety of activities in relation to checking and forwarding of goods that need overseeing. Hence regular communication with the Chairman and the Collection Officer would be needed.

If you would like to be a part of a Rotary Project that last year provided over \$3 Million in aid to underprivileged and underdeveloped communities overseas and locally, then please call Dave Cockshell or Norm O'Flaherty as soon as possible.

This is a most satisfying position and the personal satisfaction gained in knowing that your support and application is greatly appreciated by Rotary Clubs and others in many underprivileged areas and regions of the world.

The Pay is nil but the camaraderie, fellowship and satisfaction gained will remain an important part of your Rotary Life & Experience.

Dave Cockshell

Chairman—DIK—Central Region

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Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
January Theme: Rotary Awareness							
25/01/11	Cross Road Bowl	6.15 for 6.30pm	Ten Pin Bowling Night	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A
February Theme: World Understanding							
01/02/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Annette Joy "Trips for Retirees"	R Mullins	R Mills	C Schirmer	A Jonson & R Laws
08/02/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Yvonne Rutledge: "The Legacy of Peter Waite"	R Mills	R Mullins	C Schirmer	R Laws & D Mackrell

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.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: January-February 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
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
1	05/02/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	12/02/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws

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

Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: steedman@senet.com.au

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House Fire

A dumb blonde calls the fire department and says, "Help me- my house is on fire!!"

The fireman says, "Where do you live?"

The dumb blonde replies, "I don't know"

The fireman asks, "How do you expect us to get there?"

The dumb blonde replies sarcastically, "Duhhhh, the little red truck"



Pigs

Howard County Police officers still write their reports by hand, and the data is entered later by a computer tech into their database. One theft report stated that a farmer had lost 2,025 pigs. Thinking that to be an error, the computer tech called the farmer directly.

"Is it true Mr. (Smith) that you lost 2,025 pigs?" she asked.

"Yeth." lisped the farmer.

Being a Howard County girl herself, the tech entered: "Subject lost 2 sows and 25 pigs."

Random Thoughts

All I ask is the chance to prove that money cannot make me happy.

All the world's a stage and most of us are desperately unrehearsed.

All things being equal, fat people use more soap.

Bureaucracy: a method for transforming energy into solid waste.

Why Our Electricity Costs Are Rising



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
BUILDING COMMUNITIES
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