

# THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3751 – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 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

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| Meeting No.               | 3751                                                                           |
| Date                      | 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2011                                                 |
| Occasion                  | <b>Daisy Deng:</b> Student Ambassador from China                               |
| Venue                     | Tiffins on the Park                                                            |
| Apologies                 | David Middleton, David Mackrell, Bob Laws and Jerry Casburn                    |
| Guests                    | Dr Sally Rao Hill, Calvin Li, and Jason Yao                                    |
| Anniversaries & Birthdays | Inductions: Lindsay England 25/2, Greg McLeod 28/2; Birthday: Janet Singh 27/2 |
| Make Ups                  | Bob Laws and Jerry Casburn                                                     |
| Attendance                | 68%                                                                            |

## President's Announcements

1. Just a reminder about the dinner with RI President Ray Klingingsmith on the 9<sup>th</sup> March
2. Due to the lack of number for the Catering event on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb I have had to arrange to get Margaret our caterer from the Orphanage to assist which will cut down the amount of profit that we could have made. Thank to Sheila in advance for her assistance.
3. March is the Mad March and this year as President I would like to see us reclaim the Bowling Trophy, so let's get out there and recruit "New prospective members that can Bowl" This will help the cause.



President Joan

## Spots

**Alex Jonson:** Dave Cockshell from DIK phoned me today. He desperately need help from 4 people to load small furniture, office items etc into a truck so that he can take them to DIK. He is asking if four people from RC Unley could help. When - this Friday 25th, 9.30am'ish. Where? 195 Marion Rd, Richmond. Dave's phone number is- 0401 995 996 and email address is above. Any Volunteers please speak with Alex

**Sheila Evans:** We have had a meeting with Hyde Park about the Come Out event and they are fully on Board Please could every one note on the sheet this evening their availability.

## Diary Dates

| Month    | Day       | Date        | Activity Details                     | Venue                      | Enquiries               |
|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| February | Sunday    | 27/02/11    | <b>Training Day for AGs Catering</b> | Unley Civic Centre         | Joan Reed /Sheila Evans |
| March    | Wednesday | 09/03/11    | <b>RI President Ray Klinginsmith</b> | Adelaide Convention Centre | Joan Reed               |
|          | Sat /Sun  | 26-27/03/11 | <b>Come Out Festival BBQ</b>         | Elder Park                 | Sheila Evans            |
| May      | Sunday    | TBA         | <b>Senior Citizens Concert</b>       | Citizens Centre Unley      | Wendy Andrews           |

## Guest Speaker – Daisy Deng: “Student Ambassador from China”

Daisy Deng is one of 6 student ambassadors selected by the South Australian Government to foster student relationships and communication between their country and ours. Other ambassadors are from UK, Brazil, Thailand and India. Daisy was born and educated in Beijing, gaining a Bachelor of Business. She worked with a large internet firm prior to coming to Adelaide two years ago to gain a Master of Marketing at UniSA.

Daisy provided a brief insight into Beijing where she was raised and worked. She chose Adelaide to further her studies because her mother had been impressed with our city when she had toured Australia in 2003. Initially she found life as a student in Adelaide difficult, with no personal friends here her life revolved around attending lectures and studying in her rented accommodation. It was lonely and boring. Much of this changed as she became acclimatised and very much boosted with her selection as a Chinese Student Ambassador. Under the program she attended an Australian Rules football match, participated in cooking classes, attended a Town Hall reception, undertook leadership training and travelled around Australia. With these experiences she has found herself better equipped to form friendship within the student body and importantly engage others in the wide range of activities available to international students to make them feel at home. Daisy wishes to utilise her marketing skills in a global company.



Daisy Deng with Chairman Stephen Baker

## Sergeant's Session

Tonight's sergeant Bob did a wonderful job and Wendy Andrews won the lucky square. Spend it wisely on your holiday Wendy.

## Rotary News

### Mercedes-Benz Brazil contributes to Rotarian relief efforts in Chile

Rotary International News -- 15 February 2011

The initiative of a Rotaractor and the determination of a past Rotary International director helped secure a donation of US\$568,000 from Mercedes-Benz Brazil to support Rotarian disaster recovery efforts in Chile.

Ana Carolina Silvestre da Costa, a Rotaractor and former Rotary Youth Exchange student, has been working in the internal communications department for Mercedes-Benz Brazil for three years. Because of her community service work through Rotaract, Costa was put in charge of overseeing the company's charitable giving.

When Costa's superiors asked her for ideas as to where the company could make a donation for earthquake relief, she reached out to Roberto Barroso Filho, a past district governor, who encouraged her to suggest the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation.

"When I took it to the upper level, everyone had already heard of Rotary and knew its reputation," Costa says. "No one had any hesitation."

José Alfredo Pretoni, a past RI director and past Foundation trustee, met with Mercedes-Benz representatives to discuss the terms of the donation and served as the liaison to Rotary leadership and the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation.

#### *Rotary Chile Recovery Fund*

The Mercedes-Benz donation more than doubled the amount available to Rotary clubs through the Foundation's Rotary Chile Recovery Fund, set up after a powerful earthquake in February 2010 devastated parts of Chile. The quake and a subsequent tsunami destroyed homes, hospitals, and schools, displacing families, limiting health care, and blocking children's access to the schools that remained open.

Part of the Mercedes-Benz donation has been used to purchase three ambulances to help transfer patients in the communities of Constitución, Talco, and Talcahuano to regional hospitals, and three minivans to shuttle children to school. The remainder is available to Rotary clubs and districts through Matching Grants for recovery projects in Chile.

"With this humanitarian help, we hope to mitigate the difficulties faced by the Chilean population, especially in this important moment of reconstruction and return to normal daily routine," says Jurgen Ziegler, president of Mercedes-Benz Brazil.

Although the Foundation is no longer accepting contributions to the Rotary Chile Recovery Fund, a significant portion of the \$1 million collected by the fund remains to be awarded. The fund is administered through Matching Grants and can be used for projects providing humanitarian assistance and supporting disaster recovery in Chile. The fund acts as the Foundation's match for disaster recovery projects taking place within the country. A club or district in the affected regions of Chile may partner with a club or district outside of Chile and apply for a Matching Grant.

For help in reaching Rotary leaders in Chile, contact Susan Doxtator, Humanitarian Grants supervisor, at [susan.doxtator@rotary.org](mailto:susan.doxtator@rotary.org).



Rotaractor Ana Carolina Silvestre da Costa beside one of the ambulances purchased with the Mercedes-Benz Brazil donation.

# How do you stay involved in Rotary?

Rotary International News – 11 February 2011

What do you do to stay involved in your Rotary club? Are you in a leadership position? Do you volunteer for service projects? Do you speak at club meetings? The Leadership Education and Training Division is looking for stories and tips for Rotarians who want to become more involved in Rotary. E-mail your ideas to [leadership.training@rotary.org](mailto:leadership.training@rotary.org).

## Rotary District Flood Appeal



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](mailto: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.

## Our Upcoming Meetings

| Date                         | Venue                      | Time         | Occasion                                                         | Chairman<br>& Scribe                               | Plaque<br>Board | Sergeant   | Attendance<br>Desk     |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|
| <b>March Theme: Literacy</b> |                            |              |                                                                  |                                                    |                 |            |                        |
| 01/03/11                     | Tiffins on the Park        | 6 for 6.30pm | <b>Rohan Singh &amp; Nathan White:</b><br>"Background Briefings" | S Westgarth                                        | D Payne         | C Schirmer | G McLeod & D Middleton |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>09/03/11 | Adelaide Convention Centre | TBA          | <b>Dinner with RI President Ray Klinginsmith</b>                 | <b>REMEMBER: Take your DINNER PLAQUE with you!</b> |                 |            |                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>16/03/11 | Sturt Bowling Club         | 6 for 6.30pm | <b>Annual Bowls Competition vs Rotary Club of Mitcham</b>        | TBA                                                | J Peacham       | N/A        | D Middleton & R Mills  |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>23/03/11 | Tiffins on the Park        | 6 for 6.30pm | <b>Annual Debating Competition vs Rotary Club of Hyde Park</b>   | TBA                                                | J Russell       | N/A        | R Mills & R Mullins    |

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**Meeting Chair Enquiries To:** Stephen Baker on 8379 7105 or email to [unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au](mailto:unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au)

**Venue Set-up/Plaque Board Enquiries To:** Bulletin Editor

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Members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board should see Tiffins on the Park staff when access to the club's meeting paraphernalia is required. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

## Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: February-March 2011

| Week No. | Dates    | Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm    | Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm    |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4        | 26/02/11 | John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett | David Mackrell & Sheila Evans    |
| 5        | N/A      | Reno Elms & Bob Mullins         | Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed        |
| 1        | 05/03/11 | David Middleton & Jerry Casburn | Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth |
| 2        | 12/03/11 | Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod     | Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws         |
| 3        | 19/03/11 | Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed     | Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White  |

**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](mailto:steedman@senet.com.au)

# The Back Page

## Bikie Story

A tough looking group of bikies were riding when they spotted a girl about to jump off a bridge, so they stopped.

The leader, a big burly tattooed man wearing his colours, gets off his bike and says, "What are you doing?"

"I'm going to commit suicide," she said.

While the bikie didn't want to appear insensitive, he also didn't want to miss an opportunity. "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a kiss?"

So, she does and it was a long, deep lingering kiss.

When she has finished kissing, the biker says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had. That's a real talent you are wasting. You could be famous! Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl."

## A Sign of the Times



## One or Two-liners

Did you hear about the fat, alcoholic transvestite - All he wanted to do was eat, drink and be Mary.

I got invited to a party and was told to dress to kill. Apparently a turban, beard and a backpack wasn't what they had in mind.

After a night of drink, drugs and wild sex, Bill woke up to find himself next to a really ugly woman. That's when he realised he had made it home safely.

Paddy says to Mick, "Christmas is on Friday this year". Mick said, "Let's hope it's not the 13<sup>th</sup> then."

A man charged with murder for killing a man with sandpaper said, "To be honest I only intended to rough him up a bit."

After years of research, scientists have discovered what makes women happy; nothing.

A lad comes home from school and excitedly tells his dad that he had a part in the school play and he was playing a man who had been married for 25 years. The dad says, "Never mind son, maybe next year you'll get a speaking part."

I've just had my water bill of \$300 come in the mail. That's a lot. Rotary can supply a whole African village for just \$6 a month: time to change supplier I think.

## Conservative or Socialist

A young American woman was about to finish her first year of college. Like so many others her age, she considered herself to be very left wing, and among other left ideals, was very much in favour of higher taxes to support more government programs, in other words, redistribution of wealth.

She was deeply ashamed that her father was a rather staunch Republican, a feeling she openly expressed. Based on the lectures that she had participated in, and the occasional chat with a professor, she felt that her father had for years harboured an evil, selfish desire to keep what he thought should be his.

One day she was challenging her father on his opposition to higher taxes on the rich and the need for more government programs. The self-professed objectivity proclaimed by her professors had to be the truth and she indicated so to her father. He responded by asking how she was doing in school.

Taken aback, she answered rather haughtily that she had a 4.0 GPA, and let him know that it was tough to maintain, insisting that she was taking a very difficult course load and was constantly studying, which left her no time to go out and party like other people she knew. She didn't even have time for a boyfriend, and didn't really have many college friends because she spent all her time studying.

Her father listened and then asked, "How is your friend Audrey doing?"

She replied, "Audrey is barely getting by. All she takes are easy classes, she never studies and she barely has a 2.0 GPA. She is so popular on campus; college for her is a blast. She's always invited to all the parties and lots of times she doesn't even show up for classes because she's too hung over."

Her wise father asked his daughter, "Why don't you go to the Dean's office and ask him to deduct 1.0 off your GPA and give it to your friend who only has a 2.0. That way you will both have a 3.0 GPA and certainly that would be a fair and equal distribution of GPA."

The daughter, visibly shocked by her father's suggestion, angrily fired back, "That's a crazy idea; how would that be fair? I've worked really hard for my grades! I've invested a lot of time, and a lot of hard work! Audrey has done next to nothing toward her degree. She played while I worked my tail off!"

The father slowly smiled, winked and said gently, "Welcome to the Republican side of the fence."



**Remember our Rotary theme for the year:**

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES  
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