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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

March is Literacy month

Meeting No.	3755
Date	23 rd March 2011
Occasion	Annual Debating Challenge vs. Rotary Club of Hyde Park
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Jim Newall
Visiting Rotarians	AG Roy Armstrong – Rotary Club of Marion, Bob Cleland – Rotary Club of Port Macquarie
Anniversaries & Birthdays	Induction: David Middleton 27/3; Birthday: Bob Mullins 28/3 (Q: How old are you Bob? A: 73 and some months)
Attendance	50%

President's Announcements

1. Donations In Kind are asking for volunteers to help with a Working Bee on Saturday 9th April starting at 9:00am at the DIK warehouse in Salisbury.
2. We have received an invitation from the Brownhill Creek club to a Quiz Night on Saturday 9th April.
3. Hat Day in aid of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund will be held on 3rd May; see the advertisement later in this bulletin.



President Joan

Spots

AG Roy Armstrong: This year's Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) was held in Adelaide last Sunday and was a great success. The Riverland PETS will be held next week in Mildura.

This year's District Assembly will be held on 15th May in Waikerie; it will cost each club \$100 to send up to 10 members along. AG Roy encouraged as many office holders as possible to attend.

The District Changeover is on Sunday 6th June at Berri. Again AG Roy encouraged all who would like to see DG Elect Bruce Richardson inducted to attend the changeover event. AG Roy was pleased to advise that he currently is free on the changeover dates for both the Unley and Hyde Park clubs and would be delighted to receive an invitation to them.

This meeting will be AG Roy's last official visit to the Rotary Clubs of Unley and Hyde Park. As District Governor Nominee soon to be DG Elect, he will be handing over to new Group 6 Assistant Governor Mark Huddleston.

Finally, AG Roy commented that Hyde Park and Unley "have fun" and urged both clubs to continue to have fun because a Rotary that has fun expands their membership and enjoys their experience of being Rotarians. He thanked both clubs for their support over the past three years and looks forward to their continued support over the next couple of years.

Jerry Casburn appealed for help on Friday to load and transport sausages, onions, bread, etc. in the portable cool room from Glenelg to Elder Park. Bob Mullins and Richard Taylor have kindly offered to assist.

Sheila Evans thanked the Hyde Park club for their support for the Come Out Festival sausage sizzle; without their support we would not have been able to participate in and benefit from this fundraising opportunity.

Entertainment Books for 2011-12 can be ordered from Sheila from the first week of April. Sheila urged members to get their orders in early to take advantage of special offers.

Sergeant's Session

There was no Sergeant's session.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
March	Sat /Sun	26-27/03/11	Come Out Festival BBQ	Elder Park	Sheila Evans
May	Sunday	1/5/11	Senior Citizens Concert	Citizens Centre Unley	Wendy Andrews

Joint Meeting & Annual Debating Challenge vs. RC Hyde Park

Photos by Wendy Andrews

Once again the Rotary Club of Unley and daughter club Hyde Park met together for their Annual Debating Challenge for the Ron Schubert Debating Trophy. Pres. Joan welcomed the Hyde Park members to the meeting and invited Acting Pres. Ian Stewart to open Hyde Park's meeting.

Debate Chairman David Middleton introduced guest adjudicator Robin Genders to outline the rules for the debate on the proposition "That the advent of Facebook and Twitter have made the world a better place". The Unley club team of Mavis Martin, Nathan White and Stephen Westgarth were the affirmative side while the Hyde Park team of Andrew Sullivan, Ashley Kellett and Mike McAuliffe were the negative side.

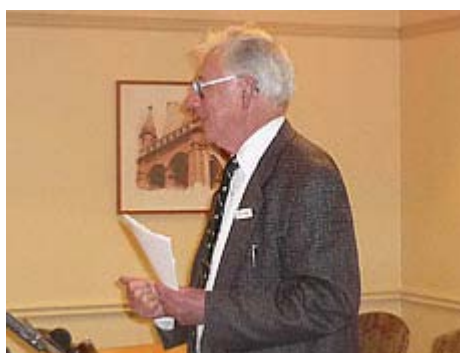
A spirited and entertaining debate ensued with loud and enthusiastic cheers of support for both teams' efforts. We were variously told by the teams' members that social networks had been endorsed by RI President Ray Klinginsmith and, while enhancing human communication, were anti-social; that Facebook and Twitter were social lubricants but massive time wasters, and that these networks created division and conflict in the world while enabling people to throw off oppressive and cruel governments and claim their democratic and human rights, and helping achieve Rotary's objective of world understanding and peace. Sadly for Unley, a word picture of some poor soul shut away in a darkened room focused solely on inane communication with invisible friends swung the argument for Robin Genders who declared Hyde Park the winners.

Pres. Joan presented Hyde Park President Elect Mike McAuliffe with the Ron Schubert Debating Trophy. Hyde Park asked that the trophy continue to be publicly displayed in the Thrift Shop.

David Tiddy from Hyde Park presented the (missing) runners up Ned Kelly Helmet trophy to Unley. David indicated that he had offered a bribe of a \$1,000,000 note to Robin Genders who declined it because he hadn't yet spent the one he got last year.



PPres. David Middleton chaired the debate.



Robin Genders was guest adjudicator



Hyde Park's team: Andrew Sullivan, Mike McAuliffe and Ashley Kellett.



Mavis Martin was the 1st speaker for Unley,



Nathan White was our 2nd speaker, and



PPres. Stephen Westgarth was 3rd speaker



The Unley and Hyde Park members were an enthusiastic debate audience.



Pres. Joan Reed presented the Ron Schubert Debating Trophy to the winning Hyde Park team captain, PE Mike McAuliffe.



David Tiddy presented the Ned Kelly Helmet Trophy to runners up Unley



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Foundation Sets Up Disaster Fund for Japan

Rotary International News – 15 March 2011

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians can donate online at https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/donor_xml/ContributionMenu.asp. Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund.

The 9.0-magnitude quake, Japan's largest in history, and the tsunami that followed it caused widespread devastation, paralyzing much of the northern coast. More than 10,000 people have been killed, and thousands are missing. Millions have been left without clean water or power, and at least 550,000 people have been forced from their homes.



A series of explosions at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, 140 miles northeast of Tokyo, damaged reactors and forced the evacuation of tens of thousands. The Japanese government is working to contain the situation. Damage from the earthquake and tsunami is estimated at US\$170 billion.

RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka, of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, was in Lisbon, Portugal, on Rotary business during the disasters. He was able to reach his wife, Kyoko, on the phone to confirm her safety.

"She said it was the most horrifying experience she'd ever had," says Tanaka. "The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us."

Japanese RI directors Masaomi Kondo and Masahiro Kuroda, as well as staff at Rotary International's Japan office, are confirmed to be safe.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are mobilizing efforts to bring urgently needed aid to victims.

"I've received many messages from Rotarians all over the world," says Noriko Futagami, the Public Image Resource Group coordinator for Zone 2. "I also have reports that Rotary clubs have begun to start planning projects for immediate help. Unfortunately, there are many Rotarians and families who haven't been able to be contacted. Rotarians in Japan worry for their safety."

Group Study Exchange team safe

Rotarian Robert Blackburn was leading a Group Study Exchange team in Japan when the earthquake struck. The five team members from Illinois, USA, were in a hotel in Tokyo, getting ready for a farewell dinner with their hosts.

"It was our last night in Japan. I felt the whole building shake," says Blackburn, a member of the Rotary Club of Westmont. "It was not just a mild tremor. My hotel room was shaking from side to side. It felt like forever. I have never been so scared in my life."

Blackburn says the earthquake lasted at least two minutes. He used a laundry cart outside his hotel room for protection. After the tremors stopped, he walked 18 floors down to the lobby, where the rest of the team congregated.

"The airport was temporarily closed, so I told everyone on our team that we might have to be here for a day or two longer," he says. "Thankfully, the airport reopened. Our hosts were incredible and were able to get us to the airport on time for our flight."

Tanaka says he is grateful for the warm support of Rotarians worldwide.

"The great thing about Rotarians is that we share everything, including each other's joy and sadness. They have the ability to put themselves in the position of others and act to help," says Tanaka. "Despite the unthinkable hardship we're experiencing now, the people of Japan will not give up on efforts to rebuild their communities."

Bill Gates to Speak at 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans

Rotary International News – 4 March 2011

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will be a keynote speaker at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 21-25 May. He will discuss the progress of the polio eradication effort and the need to finish the job during the third plenary session scheduled for Tuesday, 24 May, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The session has been moved to the afternoon, 15:00-17:00, from its original morning time slot.

The Gates Foundation has awarded US\$355 million in challenge grants to Rotary for use in the campaign to rid the world of polio. Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Gates has made several trips to India and Nigeria, two of the four remaining polio-endemic countries, and has praised the work of Rotarians in his annual letter.

Register for the convention before **31 March** so you don't miss out on early-bird pricing. Register online through Member Access.

Other speakers will include Michael McQueen, founder of the Nexgen Group, who will discuss understanding Generation Y, and David C. Mulford, former U.S. ambassador to India and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, who will speak about the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Penny LeGate, a news anchor and reporter for KIRO-TV in Seattle, will share her experiences participating in and reporting on National Immunization Days in Ethiopia and India. Patrick Chisanga, vice chair of the District Governors Review Committee, will speak about Rotary's role in Africa.

Entertainment features during the plenary sessions will showcase the richness and diversity of New Orleans' music scene. Grammy-winning trumpeter and bandleader Irvin Mayfield is founder and artistic director of the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra and one of the young giants in the world of jazz. In 1998, Mayfield cofounded the Latin jazz group Los Hombres Calientes, whose debut CD won Billboard's Latin Music Award for Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year. The band's third CD was nominated for a Grammy. With 10 albums to his credit, Mayfield has performed in numerous prominent jazz festivals and serves as cultural ambassador for the City of New Orleans.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band has traveled worldwide, spreading its mission to nurture and perpetuate New Orleans jazz. The group derives its name from Preservation Hall, the venerable music venue located in the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter. Since the band began touring in 1963, several different groups of artists have toured under the Preservation Hall name. The current lineup is directed by Ben Jaffe, son of Preservation Hall founders Allan and Sandra Jaffe.

Other plenary session entertainment will include the Langley Ukulele Ensemble, the King'n Trio, the Ronnie Kole Septet, Lacy J. Dalton, Michael Martin Murphey, and Rhonda Vincent and the Rage.



Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
29/03/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dannielle Ghezzi: "Indigenous Health Scholarship"	J Russell	J Singh	C Schirmer	R Mullins & J Newall
05/04/11	Adelaide Crows Shed West Lakes	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to the Adelaide Crows Shed; Partners Event	TBA	N/A	N/A	J Newall & P O'Neil
12/04/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Lynette Miller: "Lighten up ... Laugh and Live"	H Kilsby	R Singh	C Schirmer	P O'Neil & D Payne
19/04/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly & 76th Anniversary	J Reed	C Sluggett	C Schirmer	D Payne & J Peacham

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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: March-April 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	26/03/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	02/04/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	09/04/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws
3	16/04/11	Glenys Ferguson & Jerry Casburn	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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

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Debating Butterfly

Three men are debating about which of their languages is the most pleasing to the ear. The Spaniard says, "Consider the word for 'butterfly'. In Spanish, it is Mariposa, a beautiful sounding word." The French man says, "True, but Papillion, the French word for butterfly, is even more beautiful." "What's wrong with Schmetterlink," asks the German?



The Rest is History

Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, so God asked Adam, "What's wrong with you?"

Adam said he didn't have anyone to talk to.

God said he was going to give him a companion and it would be a woman. He said, "This person will cook for you and wash your clothes. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear you children and never ask you to get up in the night to take care of them. She will not nag, and will be the first to admit she was wrong when you've had a disagreement. She will never have a headache, and will freely give you love and compassion whenever needed."

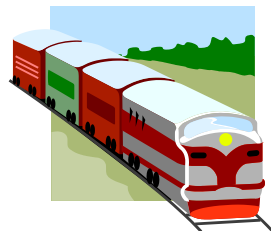
Adam asked God, "What will a woman like this cost?" God said, "An arm and a leg."

Adam said, "What can I get for just a rib?" The rest is history.

Unconventional

Mother Superior calls all the nuns together and says to them: "I must tell you all something. We have a case of gonorrhoea in the convent."

"Thank God," says an elderly nun at the back of the room, "I'm so tired of Chardonnay."



Is there a Priest on Board?

A man ran through a crowded train looking very agitated, calling out, "Is there a Catholic priest on board?"

When he got no reply, he ran back up the train shouting, "Is there an Anglican priest on board?" Still no reply.

By now becoming more desperate, he ran down the train shouting, "Is there a Rabbi on board?"

Eventually, a gentleman stood up and said, "Can I be of any assistance, my friend? I'm a Methodist minister."

The man looked at him and said, "No, you're no bloody good. I need a corkscrew!"

Confession

Michael took Kevin along with him to confession for moral support. Kevin waited in the pews while Michael approached the confessional.

"Forgive me father, I have sinned, I have been with a woman."

"Ah Michael," sighed the priest, "You have grieved the Holy Spirit. Tell me, was it Mary McCarthy?"

"I can't tell you, father," answered Michael, "I promised I wouldn't say, but forgive me, I have sinned, I have been with a woman."

"Michael, this is not what you have been taught by Mother Church. Was it Sinead O'Rourke?"

"I can't say, father, I promised I wouldn't, but forgive me, I have sinned, I have been with a woman."

"Ah, Michael, your poor mother and father would be heartbroken to know this. I wonder, was it Philomena Donnelly?"

"I can't tell you, father, I promised, forgive me, I have been with a woman."

"Michael, my son, I harboured such high hopes for you when you were an altar boy. Tell me, was it Therese Murphy?"

"Father, I can't say, I promised, forgive me father, I have sinned, I have been with a woman."

The priest pronounced, "Michael, you must say 50 Our Fathers and 30 Hail Marys."

"Thank you, father," a relieved Michael acknowledged, and went back to the pews where his mate Kevin was waiting.

"Michael, Michael, what did the father say?"

He gave me 50 Our Fathers, 30 Hail Marys and four good leads."

Management Style

A junior manager, a senior manager and their boss were on their way to a lunch meeting. In the taxi, they found a lamp. The boss rubbed it, and a genie appeared. "I'll grant you one wish each," the genie said.

Grabbing the lamp from his boss, the eager senior manager shouted, "I want to be on a fast boat in Fiji with no worries." And, poof, he was gone.

The junior manager couldn't keep quiet. He shouted, "I want to be on the Gold Coast, with beautiful girls, food and cocktails." And, poof, he was gone.

Finally, it was the boss's turn. "I want those idiots back in the office after lunch."



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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