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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

April is Magazine month

Meeting No.	3759
Date	19 th April 2011
Occasion	Club Assembly
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guests	Honorary Member David Pisoni MP
Returning Rotarians	Chandra Sluggett
Sick List	Alex Jonson, Ken Daly and Norm Wallace are recuperating
Birthdays & Anniversaries	Birthdays: Bob Mills on 14 th April, Norm Wallace on 17 th April Induction: Vince Michelin on 19 th April
Attendance	74%

President's Announcements

1. Reminder about the District Assembly on the 15th of May at Waikerie. I will be going and would be happy to car pool. Please see me if you are interested.
2. I have had a meeting with the management at Tiffins and we are going to trial a main course only with extra salad or vegetables instead of increasing the price. House wine will still be \$5 per glass.

Spots

Wendy Andrews requires members to transport people to the concert on Sunday in Arthur Street. Please contact Wendy if you can assist. Also if any member would like to make afternoon tea that would be appreciated.

Sheila Evans: A reminder to members about club assembly and also a list of next years committees and Board members will be sent out in the next few days

Stephen Baker: Stephen reported that he has caught up with Alex and Ken and both are doing well

Reno Elms: The **Salvation Army 2011 Red Shield Appeal** in the Unley area will be launched at 10.00am on Thursday 28 April at David Pisoni's office at 372 Unley Road, Unley Park. Come and join volunteers from the Salvation Army, David Pisoni MP and other supporters for tea/coffee and scones to celebrate the launch and acknowledge the good work the Unley Salvation Army does for the disadvantaged in our community. RSVP by Thursday 21 April to David Pisoni's office on 8373 4846 or unley@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Sergeant's Session

Thank you to Bob Mullins who stood in as Sergeant. Wendy Andrews won the lucky square.

Club Assembly Reports

International Service Committee – Bob Mills

I am presenting this report on behalf of the Chairman Alex Jonson who is currently recovering from a significant surgical procedure.

The Committee has managed to achieve most of the major projects and activities determined at the beginning of the Rotary year.

The Rotary Foundation projects are as follows:-

- A Matching Grant for a Bore Wells project in Dharmavaram in India was successful, with the Club contributing \$7,486 (\$6,000 of which was a donation from Mrs. Wasley) together with a contribution of \$5,671 from the District Designated Fund.

- A Matching Grant for a VW Kombi for 150 kids from a poor neighbourhood in Maringa, Brazil was successful, with the club contributing \$3,647 together with a contribution of \$3,000 from the District Designation Fund.
- An annual donation was made to The Rotary Foundation of \$3,000
- A donation of \$2,000 was made to the Japan Appeal Fund
- An International fundraiser night has been postponed and will be considered further in the next year.

The RAWCS projects are as follows:-

- Three boxes of glasses donated to the Club by Passport Eyewear were forwarded to the 'Gift of Sight' project in Nepal.
- It is proposed to forward the remaining four boxes of glasses to Burma Vision.
- A donation of \$1,000 was made to Donations in Kind to assist their operation costs.
- A donation of \$1,000 was made to ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)

The Partnership projects are as follows:

- A donation of \$2,000 was made to OSSAA
- The Club was successful in obtaining a District Simplified Grant for \$2,000 for medical equipment for OSSAA

The Sponsored projects are a result of significant donations to the Club by Mr. & Mrs. Wasley and Mr. G Sluggett and are as follows:

- A 40 foot container of dried grapes (supplied by Mr. & Mrs. Wasley) and other goods was sent to Timor Leste, via DIK, at a cost of \$9,000.
- A significant overseas project is currently being considered for these donations and which will acknowledge the generosity of the donors.

I have much pleasure in presenting this report for adoption.

Community Service Committee – Wendy Andrews

Last time I spoke to you, David Mackrell and I had just had a meeting with Simon and Kate from S.A. Carers Association.

High on their wish list was to be able to provide a three-day retreat at Mylor for children from regional areas, who are carers to a parent or relative.

The camps were very successful in the past, but because of lack of funding did not happen in 2010, and it seemed would not happen in 2011. The committee tossed around ideas and felt we may be able to get Rotary clubs to sponsor a child if one came from their area, and Unley Club organize and collect the funding. The average cost per child is \$400, mostly spent on transport as children come from as far away as Ceduna, Roxby Downs and Port Lincoln. To gauge the support I sent e-mails to a few Rotary Clubs to ascertain their interest. Initially the response was disappointing, but on the second attempt we received a cheque from Hindmarsh Island. Murray Bridge did their own research, and discovered there were 77 children in their area who were carers, and are willing to sponsor 2 children. A further 4 sponsorships were promised. I asked the board if they would underwrite the project and I was absolutely delighted that they put forward \$10,000, not only for 2011, but annually. This is enough to send 20 children to Mylor in September. The board will cover any shortfall. When the details are finalised we will ring the clubs to seek sponsorship. It was one of the best phone calls I have made when I rang Simon to tell him the news. He was delighted and especially so, that the board made it an annual commitment. Norwood Rotary Club is considering donating their profits from one of their fundraisers events to this project.

Christmas was soon upon us. The Carols at the Rotunda was very successful and seemed very friendly and family orientated. Thanks you Reno and David Middleton for your organization and to all the willing volunteers.

Other Christmas projects included renting 10 tables for Unley Salvation Army's Christmas lunch. We provide 120 Christmas Cakes for the clients of Meals on Wheels, and 9 Fisher Price toys for the newborn babies at Louise Place. A letter was received from Louise Place saying how much the mothers' appreciated these gifts. Ten Christmas Food Hampers were purchased from the Food Bank. Two went to Baptist Care, two to Unley Salvation Army and the remainder to the Carers Association, who used the criteria to choose the recipients, as "those who were in financial crisis now, and whose Christmas would be compromised."

Louise Place has asked for a swing to be replaced, but this is harder than it seems as all swings we have seen are not suitable for the space. We may have to get back to them for other ideas.

Three Pocket Talkers were donated to Unley Senior Citizens to help those who are hard of hearing. I received a letter from the coordinator:

"On behalf of the Unley Citizens' Centre I would like to extend my gratitude to the Rotary Club of Unley for the generous donation of the Pocket Talkers Earphones. Our clients with hearing impairment are greatly benefiting from them, especially when they are attending our movies, concerts and forums. It has enabled them to genuinely feel part of the audience."

Last month a BBQ was arranged for the residents of Aldridge Court. Thanks to chefs Jim, Stephen and Reno, to Joan, Mavis and Reno for supplying food, and to Feast Butchers.

I was contacted by SA Disabilities to see if we could extend a raised garden bed at the Community Garden at Highgate, as he had three clients in wheelchairs who would like to use this facility. At the moment I am making enquiries to find someone to build it, and hope to have it finished by the end of next month.

Our next speaker is from Aid for the Disabled. They customize equipment for their clients' needs. There maybe a project we are able to fund. Also our guest talking about dogs for the hearing may lead to another way we can help. If you have any ideas on ways we can assist the community please share them with me or a member of the committee.

On the 1st May we will be helping with transport and afternoon tea for senior citizens attending a concert.

Again my thanks to the board, the members of the Community Committee, and all Rotarians for their support.





Vocational & New Generations Service Committee – Stephen Baker

Many thanks go to the Committee members Anne Wehr, Geoff Hill, Bob Mullins and David Payne.

1. SA Police Officer of the Year

We received 10 submissions for 9 nominees (4 nominations were of outstanding quality). The recommendation for Police Officer of the Year for 2010 has been filed with the Police Commissioner. On May 17, there will be a presentation in the Rundle Mall at noon time. Our dinner will be held that night at 7 for 7.30pm that night at the Glenelg Golf Club.

2. New Generations [RYLA, RYPEN, NYSF, Science Forums]

- Two students from Annesley College will be attending RYPEN at the end of this month.
- RYLA will now be conducted in September
- The National Youth Science Forums take place in January of each year. Despite nominating three young people for the much sought after NYSF, none succeeded. We will try again!
- It was interesting to note that the Rotary International Board has suggested that New Generations be made a separate committee.
- Indigenous Health Scholarships: Dannielle Ghezzi has presented (superbly) to the club and she is doing very well with her Bachelor of Medical Science studies.

3. Campbelltown Shareskills Inc: We funded a [successful] hospitality course to train a young pregnant woman in conjunction with Centacare Catholic Family Services at Louise Place Fullarton. The person has now found employment, which is good news. We wish to continue with this initiative.

Program Sub-Committee – Stephen Baker

Many thanks to my inspirational advisers in the form of Heather Kilsby and David Mackrell. Also, thanks to those who have provided their ideas; we have accommodated them in the program.

It bears repeating that the program thrives on new ideas and strong attendance. Our two forthcoming signature events are the Police Officer of the Year on May 17 at the Glenelg Golf Club and the Changeover on 28 June at Kooyonga Golf Club. We need your 100% support.

Membership Committee

No report as Chairman John Peacham is overseas.

Thrift Shop Committee – Bob Laws

Gross income this year up to 31 March is \$52,859, which is \$7,630 ahead of the same period last year. Thanks are due to the Thrift Shop Committee members and particularly all the Volunteers.

Quite a number of Volunteers have recently had to retire due to ill health and related issues so an appeal has been initiated to seek new Volunteers, which is proving successful.

Donated goods continue to flood into the Shop and there is a constant struggle to sort, price and display these items.

Public Relations – David Mackrell

Things have been reasonably quiet on the PR front of late, but we're building towards another spate with POOTY coming up. Just to recap on what we have done since the last assembly in August.

'Tools for Rebuilding' Campaign

Thanks to everyone who distributed the flyers for the 'Tools for rebuilding' campaign.

Eastern Courier

- We did manage to get a notice in the Notice Board section for the Thrift Shop (at right) in the edition dated 10 November. This still runs from time to time.
- Sheila has managed to get a notice in as well for volunteers for the Thrift Shop, which runs from time to time.
- We submitted a notice on the Messenger/Eastern Courier web site's events section for Carols at the Rotunda, which was featured along with an electronic representation of our flyer for about 10 days prior to the event.
- We had an article published for our 75th birthday celebrations and about the Orphanage Park plantings.

OPSHOPS

THE Rotary Thrift Shop at 130 Unley Rd, Unley, has fresh stock arriving all the time of recycled fashions, electrical, homewares and more at low prices, to support humanitarian projects. Inquiries: 8172 0900.

- The article on the right was featured in the Eastern Courier on December 8 promoting Carols at the Rotunda. Many thanks to Reno Elms for organising the kids for the shoot.
- And a thank you to everyone who distributed the flyers for carols (below).



Messenger/Eastern Courier

- During my time at this post, we will soon have had four journalists at the *Eastern Courier*.
- After Alice Higgins, there was Lisa Bachmayer, who was a great ally. Unfortunately, she was reassigned to another beat after gaining us two nice, big stories (Orphanage Park planting and Carols at the Rotunda).
- I continued to invite her replacement, Alicia Melville-Smith, to our weekly meetings in the hope of striking rapport and showing her what Rotary is all about, but she hasn't made it. She has just informed me this week she will be replaced after Easter. Fingers crossed for someone amenable.

Advertising: We have allocated a small budget for advertising and we are hoping to discuss a joint venture between clubs in our region to run some ads about Rotary so people start to understand what we are and what we do.

POOTY: Just discussed prior to the assembly with a couple of ideas already in mind. With Police Officer of the Year coming up – and as it is one of our marquee events – I am liaising with Stephen Baker and, I hope, the Police Force in order to maximise Rotary awareness.

Invitation: If you have a story or something you want to publicise, please contact me and we can work on it together.

Website Sub-committee – Stephen Westgarth

Our Rotary District 9520 has established a new District website in the rotary.info.au domain. District Governor Malcolm Lindquist, DG Elect Bruce Richardson and DG Nominee Roy Armstrong have all requested greater accessibility to clubs' weekly newsletters without having their email in-boxes filled with 54 newsletter emails each week. The District Internet Committee plans to set-up a new page in the District website containing links to the newsletter pages in the club websites. This will give the DG team easier access and give all Rotarians easier access to up-to-date information from other clubs in the District.

At present all maintenance and updating of our club's website can only be done by one person; so it makes sense for the Unley club to move its website to the new rotarynews.info domain which has a built-in content management system that is reasonably easy to use; then any member of our club with a bit of training can update our website. We can still retain our unley.rotaryclub.org.au domain (and generic email redirects) and have this domain point to our website at www.rotarynews.info/club3778. Indeed, some other clubs have asked if they can use an alias in the rotaryclub.org.au domain to point to their clubs' websites in the rotarynews.info domain.

Currently there are a number of club administration forms and documents available in the members Area of our website for any member to download when needed. Please let me know if you have any other documents or forms that should be available on the website.

Treasurer's Report - Heather Kilsby

Statement was presented if any one would like a copy of the financial statement please contact Heather.

Rotary News

Rotarians in East Africa fight the spread of AIDS

Rotary International News – 29 April 2011

Rotarians in East Africa and a Rotarian Action Group dedicated to fighting the spread of AIDS will team up on 30 April to provide health services, counseling, and HIV testing to thousands of people in Kenya and Uganda.

The project is being coordinated by District 9200 (Eritrea; Ethiopia; Kenya; Tanzania; Uganda) and Rotarians for Fighting AIDS: a Rotarian Action Group. It is part of Rotarians at Work Day, which annually challenges clubs around the world to carry out hands-on service projects in their communities on the last Saturday in April.



Christmas in the round

FATHER Christmas, a stable of animals and even baby Jesus will pay a visit to this year's Carols at the Rotunda. Among the performers will be (from left) **Archie, 7, Molly, 9, Charlie, 11, and Claire, 9** who will help put on a Nativity Play as part of the celebrations this Sunday (December 12). Presented by the Unley Rotary Club and Unley Council, the evening also includes magicians, a jumping castle and performances by the Australian Girls' Choir. It will be held at the Unley Memorial Gardens, corner of Unley Rd and Thomas St, from 5pm.



Families wait in line to get tested during a Rotarians for Fighting AIDS event in Kenya.

"I wanted to do something spectacular that would cut across the district and reach into our communities," says Stephen Mwanje, governor of District 9200, who is helping to coordinate the event. "HIV/AIDS is the most serious health problem in these countries and the leading cause of death for adults. This day is about Rotary becoming more involved with this disease."

Throughout the district, thousands of Rotarians will volunteer at more than 225 testing sites. They will provide family counseling and testing for HIV, as well as for diabetes, breast cancer, and cervical cancer. Volunteers will also supply insecticide-treated bed nets, deworming tablets, and sanitary pads.

According to Marion Bunch, who founded Rotarians for Fighting AIDS, HIV testing carries a stigma in many parts of Africa, so the additional health services are being provided as an inducement. Volunteers will be tested as well to help dispel the stigma. In Ethiopia, Rotarians have funded a radio campaign to promote HIV awareness.

Two of the action group's global partners, Family Health International and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, are providing technical support for the effort. The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation has donated US\$100,000 for operational costs.

Bunch says Mwanje modeled the project after National Immunization Days (NIDs).

"Just like in the case of NIDs, Rotarians are mobilizing communities into action," she says. "They are finding local funding, getting the word out, and volunteering their time on the ground."

The day before the event, Mwanje will receive the action group's Jerome W. Schutz Hero Award, named in honor of Bunch's son, who died of AIDS in 1994.

The district governor "had the vision and courage to do something really big on Rotarians at Work Day," says Bunch. "We are honored to help his vision come true."

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
April	Thursday	28/4/11	Red Shield Appeal Launch	David Pisoni's Offices	Reno Elms, David Pisoni
	Friday	29/4/11	Meals on Wheels Birthday Celebration		Joan Reed
May	Sunday	1/5/11	Senior Citizens Concert	Unley Citizens Centre	Wendy Andrews
	Monday	2/5/11	Probus Birthday Party	Unley Citizens Centre	Joan Reed
	Tuesday	17/5/11	Police Officer of the Year	Rundle Mall	Stephen Baker
	Friday	20/5/11	Hat Day in aid of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund		www.hatday.com.au
June	Tuesday	28/6/11	Change Over Dinner	Kooyonga Golf Club	Bob Mullins

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
26/04/11	No Meeting – Extended Easter Holiday						
03/05/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Ian Beaton: "Technical Aid for the Disabled"	W Andrews	A Wehr	C Schirmer	J Peacham & J Russell
10/05/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Bill Holmes: "Lions Hearing Dogs"	TBA	S Westgarth	C Schirmer	J Russell & J Singh
17/05/11	Glenelg Golf Club	6.30 for 7pm	Police Officer of the Year Dinner	S Baker	N White	C Schirmer	J Singh & R Singh

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 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: April-May 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	23/04/11	Joan Reed & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	30/04/11	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	07/05/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	14/05/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws
3	21/05/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Joan Reed & 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

The Back Page

Not Talking

After my husband and I had a huge argument, we ended up not talking to each other for days. Finally, on the third day, he asked where one of his shirts was. "Oh," I said, "now you're speaking to me."

He looked confused. "What are you talking about?"

"Haven't you noticed I haven't spoken to you for three days?" I challenged.

"No," he said. "I just thought we were getting along."



Nun's Confession

Sitting in the back of a taxi, a nun notices that the cab driver is staring at her. "I don't want to offend you," he says, "but my fantasy is to be kissed by a nun."

"Well, all right," says the nun. "But you have to be a practising Catholic and single."

The driver says he is, so the nun plants a lingering, passionate kiss on his lips. The man is momentarily ecstatic but then starts crying.

"What's the matter?" asks the nun.

"Forgive me, Sister, but I have sinned. I lied to you: I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "Oh, that's OK. My name's Kevin and I'm off to a fancy dress party."



Work

A guy shows up late for work, so the boss yells, "You should have been here at 8.30!"

"Why?" the guy asks. "What happened at 8.30?"

New Machine

I've just been to the gym and there's this great new machine. I only used it for about half an hour before I started to feel sick.

It does everything: Kit Kats, Mars Bars, Snickers, crisps, the whole lot!

Multiple Shots

Leading a water buffalo on a rope, a man walks into a cafe, sits his 303 rifle on the counter and orders coffee. After drinking it in one gulp, he blasts the buffalo with the rifle and leaves.

He returns the next morning, gun and another buffalo in tow. 'Coffee, please.'

'We're still cleaning up from yesterday,' the waiter replies. 'What was that about, anyway?'

Smiling proudly, the man says, 'I'm training for upper management. I come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull, leave a mess for others to clean up and disappear for the rest of the day.'



Hillbilly

A hillbilly was visiting the big city and checked into a nice hotel downtown. At the desk, he signed his name with an X and started to walk away. Then he stopped, turned and put a circle around the X.

"Now, I've seen lots of people from the mountains sign with an X," the clerk said. "But I've never seen one with a circle around it. Why did you do that?"

"You know how it is," the man replied. "When you're in a strange place, sometimes you don't want to use your real name."



Snow White

Snow White bought a new camera. She happily took pictures of the dwarfs and the forest, and dropped off her first roll of film to be developed. A few days later, she went to pick up the finished photos.

"I'm sorry," the clerk told her. "They aren't back yet."

Disappointed, Snow White started to cry. "Don't worry," the clerk said. "Someday your prints will come."

Optimism

Two men, one a pessimist and the other an eternal optimist, had been friends for years. The optimist was always trying to get his pal to see the bright side of things. The optimist found a dog that could walk on water. This is perfect, he thought. There's no way that cynic can say anything negative about this. He took his friend duck hunting so he could see the dog in action. Mid-morning, they finally downed a bird. It fell on the other side of the lake, so the optimist sent the dog to retrieve it. The animal trotted across the water, grabbed the duck in his mouth and ran back.

"Isn't that amazing?"

"Hmmp," the cynic said. "That dog can't swim, can it?"

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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