

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3760 – 3rd May 2011

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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

May is District Assembly month

Meeting No.	3760
Date	3 rd May 2011
Occasion	Ian Beaton: "Technical Aid for the Disabled"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Returning Rotarians	Alex Jonson, Jim Newell
Sick List	Ken is on the mend, Norm is still not travelling as well as he would like.
Birthdays	Glenys Ferguson on 5 th May
Apologies	Jerry Casburn, Colin Schirmer and Sheila Evans
Make ups	Jerry Casburn and Sheila Evans
Attendance	68%

President's Announcements

1. President Joan informed the club of the death of Nadia Dunn. Nadia was the wife of Rotarian Geoff and also a wonderful volunteer in the Thrift shop. The Board has agreed to make a donation to the Victorian Cancer Council
2. OSSAA are having a fundraising lunch at the Glenelg Golf course on the 5th June and the Governor Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce is the guest speaker. Please see Stephen Baker for more details.
3. President Joan has Entertainment books for sale \$65. Also Jerry has more for selling in the shop.
4. Thrift shop is still in need of volunteers to fill some gaps. Please check your diaries to see if you have some spare time.
5. Also for those who aren't aware PE Sheila Evans is leaving this Thursday morning for her trip overseas. Have a great time Sheila
6. Also a reminder that Club Assembly is on the 15th of May in Waikerie. We currently have 3 members attending, Joan still has seats in her car if anyone else wants to attend.

Spots

Stephen Baker: Police Officer of the Year is on the 17th of May. The presentation is at 12 noon in the Mall followed by dinner at night at the Glenelg Golf Club. Stephen will be collecting money next week; \$40 per head.

Heather Kilsby: From tonight's meeting, we will be paying the account before we leave. The attendance officer is to reconcile the account with the Tiffins staff once all meals have been ordered. Please see Heather for more clarification.

Reno Elms: It is that time of the year again for the Red Shield appeal. Members can volunteer to door knock or collect donations at the shopping centre. Please see Reno for more details

Guest Speaker – Ian Beaton: "Technical Aid for the Disabled"

Ian was introduced by Wendy Andrews. Ian Beaton has been the Public Relation Officer for the Technical Aid for the Disabled S.A. since 2007 and in that time has increased significantly the number of volunteers and clients.

One in five people suffer from a disability, whether it caused from birth, an accident or age. If you don't have a disability now, - wait.

He showed a short video from a client's point of view whereby a clothesline could be lowered with a lever so that from her wheel chair she could hang out the washing. This made washing enjoyable. From the volunteer's point of view the video showed how much satisfaction they received from inventing and making a device that improve the life of another.

Some of the solutions to the problems disabled people encountered were shown. These included

- a wheel chair to go into water

- a baby carrier attached to a wheel chair
- a baby carrier attached to grandmother's scooter
- child's battery toys able to be operated by foot
- a lifter to get into a campervan
- a modified walker to enable a person to stand unsupported
- a ball chute to enable a child to play ball games
- a motorized desk
- a cup holder in a tray for a person with tremors
- freedom wheels: custom built bikes for kid including back support and large outrigger wheels or special pedals
- a musical potty for training a disabled child
- Ian left some brochures. Please pass these on to anyone you feel maybe able to help.
- It costs on average \$400 dollars for each project. This is made up of \$500 for materials and incidentals less \$100 from the recipient.

Wendy thanked Ian for his very interesting talk and presented him with a memento of his visit to the club.

A quick meeting with the members of the Community Committee decided unanimously to make a donation to TADSA of \$800 to sponsor two projects.

Sergeant's Session

Bob Mullins was the Sergeant for the night. Mavis Martin won the lucky square.

Rotary News

Celebrating women in Rotary

District Governor's Newsletter – April 2011

As a community we celebrate personal and group milestones as part of our journey through life and Rotarians are surely no exception!

Welcoming women into Rotary was certainly a significant event in the life of Rotary when, in 1989, Rotary International's Council on Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide, following decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women (and several close votes at previous Council Meetings).

To celebrate the 21st anniversary of women in Rotary a dinner involving all Rotarians and partners of District 9500 and District 9520 is planned to be held at the Adelaide Oval (Member's Dining Room). Please make a diary note of the following details:

Celebrate the 21st Anniversary of Women in Rotary Dinner in the Member's Dining Room at Adelaide Oval,

Saturday 4th June from 7:00 pm; an exceptional guest speaker has been invited. For further information contact AG Kim Harvey.

Five ways to strengthen your club

Rotary International News – 26 April 2011

Strengthening your club can be easy. Every Rotarian is capable of taking a few simple steps -- such as picking up the phone and inviting a friend or colleague to a meeting -- to help improve member recruitment and retention, a priority of the RI Strategic Plan.

Mark Mann, president of the Rotary Club of Bricktown Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, is a firm believer in that philosophy. As an assistant to a politician in Oklahoma, Mann had been to plenty of civic group meetings, but joining a Rotary club was the furthest thing from his mind -- until a friend invited him. Mann soon discovered that the club wasn't like other groups.

"I tried it out for a couple of weeks and decided it was a good fit for me," says Mann, who joined Rotary in 2004. "I've been here ever since."

We asked Rotary coordinators for a few simple ways that Rotarians can strengthen their clubs. Their suggestions include:

1. Take a survey of club members to determine what the club does well, what it could do better, and what else it could be doing. Schedule a board meeting to discuss the results and determine a plan of action.
2. Design your club website with public relations in mind. Take advantage of the best practices in web design. Make sure you provide accurate information, with your club's name and meeting time and place prominently displayed on the home page. Ask yourself: Does this website help visitors understand Rotary?
3. Plan at least one project each year that reaches beyond anything your club has done before. Be sure to publicise your event in local media. Join with other clubs in your district and apply for an RI Public Relations Grant to promote Rotary on a larger scale.
4. Use RI resources to create a long-term vision for your club. A strategic plan provides a framework for setting goals and ensures continuity. It can also help your club increase membership, enhance Rotary's public image, and carry out more effective projects.
5. Pick up the phone and invite a friend, colleague, client, or service provider to a meeting. Many people join Rotary only after seeing firsthand the spirit of fellowship at club meetings and the commitment to community service.

Australian Flood Relief

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The Australian Flood Relief Committee at its recent meeting allocated \$60,000 to three projects in Victoria and Queensland. \$10,000 was allocated to assist the Cardross community in the Mildura area to replace equipment lost when the community sports centre was flooded and is still under water.

The project is going to be administered by the Rotary clubs of Irymple and Red Cliffs. \$25,000 is to be spent on assisting the community of Grantham to establish a new community hall. The RC of Toowoomba South has purchased an old butter factory (on high ground!) and has a plan to transform it, costing around \$1million.

Similarly we will be donating \$25,000 towards the establishment of a new community facility in Murphy's Creek in Queensland. Both of the Queensland communities suffered severe damage and casualties as a result of flooding.

District Governor Nominee

District Governor's Newsletter – May 2011

Congratulations to PP Wendy Gaborit on her selection to be District Governor in 2013-14 and to the Rotary Club of Mobilong for supporting the first female District Governor Nominee in our District.

Wendy joined the Rotary Club of Mobilong in February 2005 and was President 2006/07. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and holds the position of Coordinator Major Events & web administrator. In 2007 she joined the District's RYLA Committee, taking on the coordination role for RYPEN and acceded to the position of Chair RYLA 9520 in 2008. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute 2008 and a member of the Club Visioning team, taking on a coordination role 2010. Wendy comes into the role of Assistant Governor Group 3 2011/12.



DGN Wendy Gaborit

Wendy spent her formative years in Norwood before moving to Nailsworth. She attended the then Institute of Technology on a Commonwealth Scholarship undertaking studies in Social Group Work. She has subsequently gone on to study Social Work, and has completed post graduate studies in Business Administration and leadership studies. More recently, she completed certificate 4 In Real Estate Sales whilst managing the Real Estate Services unit for Housing SA.

Wendy has been a public servant for the majority of her working life, moving from social work to social planning and then into administration with a career that has spanned Families SA, Children's Services (DECS) and now Housing SA.

Married to John, they have a melded family of five children Michelle, Adam, Jonathan, Laura and Susan and are grandparents to Hugh and Harrison. Wendy enjoys all things gastronomic and cooks for relaxation. She enjoys travel, the arts and has a passion for reading, more recently crime thrillers.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
May	Sunday	15/05/11	District Assembly	Waikerie High School	Sheila Evans
	Tuesday	17/05/11	Police Officer of the Year	Rundle Mall	Stephen Baker
	Friday	20/05/11	Hat Day in aid of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund		www.hatday.com.au
June	Saturday	4/06/11	Celebrating Women in Rotary	Adelaide Oval Members Dining Rm	AG Kim Harvey
	Tuesday	28/06/11	Change Over Dinner	Kooyonga Golf Club	Bob Mullins

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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; Partners Event	S Baker	N White	C Schirmer	J Singh & R Singh
24/05/11	Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Prospect						
	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Adrian Francis: "The Kalahari Experience"	S Baker	W Andrews	C Schirmer	R Singh & C Sluggett
31/05/11	Adelaide Planetarium	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to Adelaide Planetarium; Partners Event	D Mackrell	S Baker	C Schirmer	C Sluggett & A Wehr
	Building P, Uni SA, Mawson Lakes Blvd, Mawson Lakes, then Cafe Primo						

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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: May 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	07/05/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws
2	14/05/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
3	21/05/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Wendy Andrew
4	28/05/11	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:

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

The Back Page

Bingo!

A man staggered home late one night with a suitcase containing \$430 in \$1 coins he had won at bingo. Just as he reached the doorstep in darkness, he dropped the case, but decided to pick up the coins in the morning.

The next day, he was shaken awake by his wife. "You'll never guess what I found on the doorstep," she screeched.

"Four hundred and thirty dollars in one-dollar coins," he replied.

"No," she said. "Three hundred and ninety cartons of milk!"



Psychiatric Hotline

"Hello, welcome to the psychiatric hot-line.

"If you are obsessive-compulsive, press 1 repeatedly.

"If you are co-dependent, please ask someone to press number 2 for you.

"If you have multiple personalities, please press 3, 4, 5 and 6.

"If you are paranoid-delusional, we know who you are and what you want. Just stay on the line while we trace the call.

"If you are schizophrenic, listen carefully and a little voice will tell you which number to press.

"If you are manic-depressive, it doesn't matter which number you press. No-one will answer."

Answering the Call

She answered the phone to hear a repentant voice. "I'm sorry, darling," he said. "I've thought things over and you can have the Rolls-Royce as a wedding present, we will move to the Gold Coast and your mother can stay with us. Now will you marry me?"

"Of course I will," she said. "And who is this speaking?"

Free Beer

A man walks into a bar and orders a beer. He says to the barman. "If I show you the most amazing thing you've ever seen, is my beer on the house?"

"We'll see," says the barman. So the guy pulls a hamster and a tiny piano out of a bag, puts them on the bar, and the hamster begins to play. "Very impressive," says the barman, "but I'll need to see more." "Hold on," says the man. He then pulls out a frog, and it sings "Old Man River." A patron shouts, "That's absolutely incredible! I'll give you \$100 right now for the frog."

"Sold," says the guy. The other patron takes the frog and leaves.

"It's none of my business," says the barman, "but you've just given away a fortune."

"Not really," says the guy. "The hamster is also a ventriloquist."

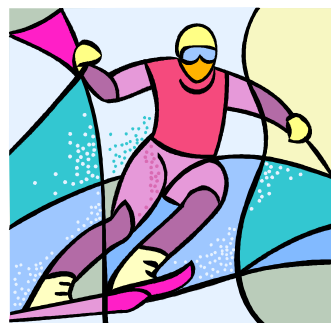


Nine Months Later!!!

John decided to go skiing with his buddy, Keith. So they loaded up John's minivan and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained. 'I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' John said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.



Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

But about nine months later, John got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Keith and asked, 'Keith, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up north about 9 months ago?'

'Yes, I do,' said Keith.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Keith said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Keith's face turned beetroot red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES
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