

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3765 – 7th June 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

Meeting No.	3767
Date	7 th June 2011
Occasion	PDG Dick Cuttle: "Victorian Bushfire Relief"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Chairman	Nathan White
Guests	Yolanta Machczynski
Apologies	Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Chandra Sluggett, Colin Schirmer, Jerry Casburn, Sheila Evans, and Anne Wehr
Makeups	Jerry Casburn
Attendance	56%

President's Announcements

1. Still have Entertainment books for sale. Please see either Jerry or myself to purchase one.
2. Six members and Dr Helen Sage and her husband attended the celebration of 21 years of Women in Rotary.
3. The Change Over Dinner will be held on the 28th June at the Kooyonga Golf Club.
4. The DG Change Over Luncheon is on the 26th June at Berri. I still have one seat in my car if anyone else would like to car pool for this event.



President Joan

Spots

Reno Elms: Thank you to the members who assisted with the door knocking for the Red Shield appeal and also to those who are helping in the shopping centre. Certificates of appreciation were handed to those members.

Bob Laws: The volunteers morning tea is on Sunday the 17th of July at 3pm. Please RSVP your attendance. Also there is a culling afternoon this Saturday at 1.30pm

Mavis Martin: The certificate for the Twin Club arrangement has been finalised; thank you to David Mackrell for the work that he has done with this. Also the new ANZ clubs directory is out; please see Mavis to purchase one for \$2.50.

Guest Speaker – PDG Dick Cuttle: "Victorian Bushfire Relief"

Dick Cuttle was District Governor for the 2009-10 year and in his position he asked Kevin Roberts and the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek to establish the bushfire reconstruction committee on behalf of the District. Kevin supported them by working in the field in Calignee with teams of volunteers from our District, including 10 people from the Rotary Club of Onkaparinga. They also worked to raise money from districts in Victoria raising a total of \$30,000, from the donations made by the Victorian public and Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Onkaparinga managed to raise a total of \$70,000.

A large number of Shelterbox tents to house people who had been displaced by the bushfires were donated and erected to house the victims of the bushfires. Some of these continue to be used to this day as temporary sheds whilst they continue to rebuild.

The Bushfire Reconstruction Committee concentrated on the community of Traralgon. The purpose of the team was to rebuild the area. The first order of business was to actually clear the devastation that the bushfires reaped on the area. The first item requiring reconstruction was fencing, and the volunteers received training.

Other works carried out by the volunteer group was done on a more ad hoc basis directed by what the people in the area required. Thus a number of sheds were built, to replace those lost in the fires. In some cases the sheds were made habitable so that displaced families had a place to live whilst their homes were replaced. One job that the volunteers undertook which in the circumstances would appear

ironical in the circumstances was to chop fire wood for the locals, however it was required for heating as the area was without electricity in the aftermath of the fires.

Fortunately the fire spared a few properties and it was in those properties that the volunteers had a place to stay whilst they assisted the local community whose hospitality was limitless. An exceptional example of such local support was that of an eighty-five year old gentlemen suffering from Parkinson's disease who, despite that fact that he had terrible uncontrollable shaking, was able to wield a chainsaw with the best of them, and not spill a drop of red wine at the end of the day's hard work!

Unfortunately not every story told by Dick was a happy one; there was the case of a chap who appeared to have boundless energy and enthusiasm for completing the task at hand; however, once the task was completed he suffered a severe emotional breakdown, and unfortunately Dick was unable to report as to this man's current state of health.

Another sad story was that of a young man who was living abroad at the time and his family was killed in the fires. He could not face returning home, it taking a number of attempts for him to even attempt every leg of the journey home, in the first instance he could not even board a plane back to Australia.



Guest speaker PDG Dick Cuttle with
Chairman Nathan White

Facts and figures:

Over 200 volunteers from District 9520 assisted in the Traralgon and Kinglake areas. Over 220 non-Rotary volunteers assisted a vast number from the National Australia Bank and the Ford Motor Company. A total of \$140,000 was raised. \$60,000 was spent in the first phase providing furniture, household goods, clothing and goods. \$50,000 was spent in the second and third phases which included fencing. The commercial value of all the work carried out by the volunteers to date is over \$1,000,000.

There is \$20,000 remaining in the fund which the committee is still trying to ascertain the best use for, they are currently working with the local Victorian clubs, in conjunction with districts 9500 and 9790 to establish a plan for the best use of the money.

The popular belief for the best utilisation of the remaining funds is in community support. Much of the physical reconstruction is now reaching completion and District 95229 are the only organisation still operating in the area. Unfortunately the emotional recovery takes considerably longer, as raised earlier people are having immense troubles coming to terms with what happened. Suicide rates and marriage breakdowns are at an absolute high at a time when people should be holding on to what is precious. The community now needs assistance to emotionally recover, and hopefully the remaining funds will be used to save the community emotionally and that Rotary may be able to continue this assistance.

Sergeant's Session

Stephen Baker stepped in to be Sergeant at short notice and did an outstanding effort. Bob Laws won the lucky square.

Rotary News

Highlights of this Rotary year

By DG Malcolm Lindquist - District Governor's Newsletter -- June 2011

Klinginsmith Visit

What a wonderful event this proved to be with a staggering 830 Rotarians and friends from both Districts attending and being inspired by our RI President Ray.

Celebration of women in Rotary

Celebrating 21 years of women in Rotary marked an opportunity to see how our organisation can change. With over 20% of our membership being women I think that it is a realistic goal to raise this to 40% in the next 5 years. It is fitting that this year has seen the nomination of the first woman DG in our District. Congratulations again to Wendy.

Increased Public awareness

Through our marketing initiatives such as Bali Flags, Booklets for Babies, the Humanity in Motion coffee table book, improved District web site and printed promotional material the District has taken a leading role in supporting clubs in their endeavours to enable the general public to know more about Rotary.

Formation of a new Rotaract Club

The establishment of the Flinders University Rotaract Club has involved a lot of clubs under the leadership of AG Jerry Casburn and promises to be the start of a Rotaract revival in our district. I have been amazed at the number of members new to Rotary who have formerly been Rotaractors.

Continued cooperation with D 9500

This year we have undertaken many joint ventures with D9500 and I have enjoyed great cooperation with DG Ed King. We have combined in many areas where "cowboy logic" dictated that it was easier to do things together. The list includes Film days, Membership and Foundation seminars, the Klinginsmith Dinner, a collaborative application for PR grants as well as the programs associated with Rotary World Community Service (RAWCS) such as DIK and Safe Water Saves Lives and programs such as ROMAC.

Our District response to Disasters

The generosity of clubs in supporting our fellow human beings has been quite remarkable. Whether it be through financial support or taking part in projects such as the fencing teams the efforts of Rotarians in our District have been much appreciated.

Continued support of the Rotary Foundation and its programs

Despite money being directed to the various disasters, clubs have still continued to support the Foundation and individuals have contributed to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust through the Centurion Program. Also we have supported the Polio Plus campaign, sent our GSE team to Sweden, nominated Juliet Kenny as our Peace Scholar and undertaken projects as part of Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants.

The support of clubs in all 5 avenues of service and Presidential Citations

One of the privileges of being a DG is to be able to visit clubs and see how they are involved in all avenues of service. The criteria set out by President Ray this year for clubs to receive a Presidential Citation have been quite rigorous and 10 clubs in our District have qualified for the award.

Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Berri, Brownhill Creek, Encounter Bay, Glenelg, Goolwa, Hallett Cove, Loxton, Norwood, Unley and Victor Harbor who were presented with their Citations at the District Assembly in Waikerie.

District Conference in Bendigo

What a golden experience it was!. We are still receiving positive comments.

Mental Health: The attention it deserves

District Governor's Newsletter -- June 2011

In a move that has mental health experts and supporters around the country rejoicing, this years' Federal Budget has allocated a much needed 1.5 billion towards mental health. Much of this funding is going towards direct service initiatives and it is great to see our country's decision makers highlighting the importance of mental health and the impact mental illness has on our society.

However, despite the boost in funding, mental health remains a big problem. The World Health Organisation states that, by 2020, depression will be the leading cause of disability worldwide. Bringing mental health issues into the spotlight is helping, but more needs to be done to prevent and effectively manage a wide range of mental disorders and illnesses.

Australian Rotary Health has long been an ambassador for mental health. We've directed more than \$26 million towards health research since 1981 and now we're focusing on the mental health of young people to help reduce the burden of debilitating and costly mental disorders.

You can make a difference by donating today to help improve the mental health of Australia's young people. It's devastating to know that today, more than one in four people aged between 12 and 25 will be affected by a mental problem in any given year. In fact, it is estimated that approximately 750,000 young people's mental health needs are not currently being met. These young people are our future and deserve the support that research can provide.



Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
June	Sunday	26/06/11	DG's Change Over Luncheon	Berri Resort Hotel	Joan Reed
	Tuesday	28/06/11	Change Over Dinner	Kooyonga Golf Club	Stephen Baker

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
14/06/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Veronika Hollands: "German Exchange Student"	J Singh	K Daly	TBA	S Westgarth & N White
21/06/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Andy Stoler: "Cutting the International Mustard"	TBA	J Casburn	TBA	N White & W Andrews
28/06/11	Kooyonga Golf Club	6.30 for 7pm	Change Over Night	TBA	R Elms	TBA	W Andrews & S Baker
05/07/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Rosemary Warmington: "Carers Association"	W Andrews	G Ferguson	TBA	S Baker & K Daly

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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

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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: June 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	11/06/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws
3	18/06/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	25/06/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	02/07/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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

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Did I read that sign right?

In an Office:	Toilet out of order..... Please use floor below.
In a Laundromat:	Automatic washing machines: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.
In a Department Store:	Bargain basement upstairs.
In an Office:	Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken?
In an Office:	After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board
At a Second-hand Shop:	We exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?
At a Health Food Shop:	Closed due to illness.
At a Safari Park:	Elephants please stay in your car.
During a Conference:	For anyone who has children and doesn't know it, there is a day care on the 1st floor.
Notice in a farmer's field:	The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.
On a Repair Shop door:	We can repair anything. (Please knock hard on the door - the bell doesn't work)

Nine Months Later!!!

John decided to go skiing with his mate, Keith. So they loaded up John's minivan and headed for the Snowy Mountains.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible snow storm. So they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realise 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 shed. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the shed 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 a solicitor. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the solicitor 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 in the Snowy Mountains about nine 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.'

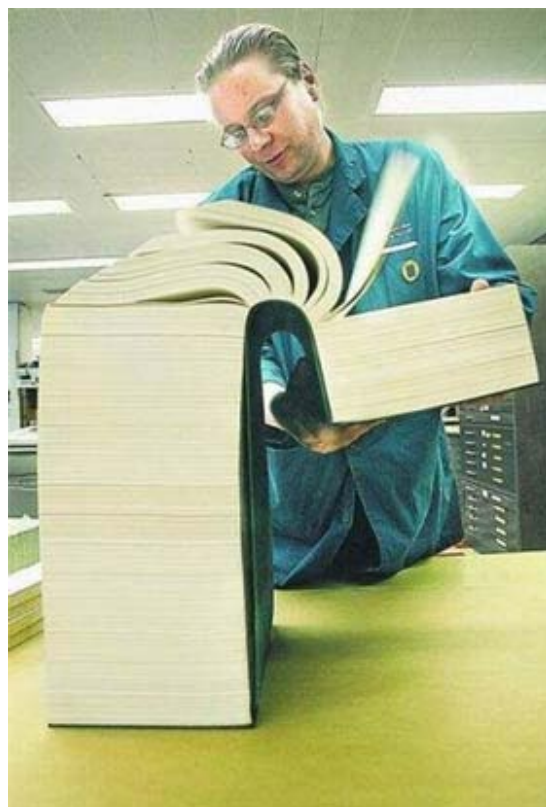
'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Keith's face turned beetroot red and he said,

'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, mate. I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'

Just Released



The new Condensed Guide to Rotary Acronyms

Inner Peace: This is so true

If you can start the day without caffeine and can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles and can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time and you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help, can relax without alcohol and can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then you are probably the family dog!

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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