

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3774 – 9 August 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

Meeting No.	3774
Date	9 August 2011
Guest Speakers	Lori Hocking & Lucie Wallace from ISICAN: "Keeping kids at School"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Apologies	Bob Mills, Mavis Martin, Geoff Hill and Joan Reed
Guests	Stephen Chen
Visiting Rotarians	Tom Tirrell (Honorary Member)
Returning Rotarians	Bob Mullins, and Janet and Rohan Singh
Anniversaries	John Peacham has a birthday 14/8; Bob Mullins was inducted 30 years ago on 11/8 and Glenys Ferguson 4 years ago on 12/8

President's Announcements

1. Pres. Sheila welcomed returning Rotarians, visitors and guest speakers Lori and Lucie to the meeting.
2. **Bob Mullins** was congratulated on achieving 30 years of Rotary service. Great stuff Bob.
3. **Hyde Park** Rotary would appreciate support for its meeting on Wednesday night; 4 members indicated a willingness to attend.
4. **Guest speakers** from the **Student Ambassador Program** can be contacted through Euan Miller.
5. **The Norwood Dance Party** in aid of the Carers Association will be held on 28 October; members were urged to support this event.



President Sheila

Spots

Lindsay England announced that the Thrift Shop Committee would meet after the general meeting and emphasised the need for greater Rotarian involvement in the Shop's operations.

Stephen Baker reminded members of the visit to the Unley Museum at 6.30pm next week followed by dinner at Mamma Carmela's.

John Peacham announced that he had 4 double passes for the Rock and Roll Spectacular at the Capri Cinema 1.30pm next Sunday (14th). Contact John quickly before they are gone

Rohan Singh and **Janet** were guests of the Rotary Club of Penang on 27 July while visiting Malaysia and presented the President's best wishes and the club's banner to President Sheila.

Guest Speakers Lucie Walker & Lori Hocking: "Keeping Kids at School"

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced the guest speakers. Lucie is the Region Manager of the Great Southern ICAN (Innovative Community Action Network). She has been teaching for 20 years and had recently taken over the ICAN role. Lucie has worked as a special education teacher and curriculum researcher in flexible learning methodologies. Lori is Executive Officer of Quality LinCs and Deputy Chair of Inner South ICAN. She grew up in Belair and qualified as a secondary teacher with an economics background.

Lucie explained that the statistics clearly show that kids who drop out of school early are at risk in so many areas including mental and physical health, life expectancy, drug abuse, suicide, low achievement, crime and personal abuse. The ICAN concept was developed to broaden the approach to learning beyond the school and include wider community involvement. The underpinning for the initial effort in 2003 to keep juveniles at school longer was the 'School Retention Action Plan' with a focus on disadvantaged students and areas of low socio-economic status. The "Smarter Schools National Partnership" was also important to emphasise the joint national-state collaborative approach. Between 2005 and 2009, 10,000 marginalised students were targeted and assisted, with very pleasing results.

Essentially there is a hard core of 3% of students who require special attention. The introduction of Flexible Learning Options (FLO) has achieved a significant breakthrough in maintaining participation in secondary education through non-traditional approaches to learning. Currently there are 3,500 young people being assisted.

Lori explained that the Inner South ICAN was established in 2010. There are now 140 FLO secondary students and 15 primary students involved and three independent learning centres have been established. ICAN is used to test new and innovative approaches to prevent early drop out from school. Three programs are under development:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Literacy which is targeting severe literacy inadequacies at a local primary school
- Social and Emotional Well Being which is aimed at students experiencing difficulties in transitioning from primary to secondary school
- Year 9 Retention Program aimed at ameliorating student behaviour in what is widely regarded as the toughest year for teaching

Lucie provided an example of how beneficial the flexible learning option had become. The club thanked the two guest speakers.



Chairman Stephen Baker with guest speakers Lucie Walker and Lori Hocking

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Greg McLeod was merciless in his pursuit of coin. His prosecution of anniversaries, the Census, Port Powerless, self-funded retirees and a few other unmentionables yielded a better than average return. David Mackrell again won the Lucky Square and carried the can.

Rotary News

Message from the RI President – Kalyan Banerjee

Rotary International News – 1 August 2011



Kalyan Banerjee

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

There is an old saying in India: "When you help your neighbor's boat across the water, you find that your own has reached the shore." By helping others, we often find that we have helped ourselves as well.

Each of us came to Rotary to serve – and found the joys and satisfactions of friendship and fellowship. In August, the month we dedicate to membership and development, we focus on spreading the message of Rotary. By serving well, without hiding our Rotary light under the proverbial bushel, we find ourselves closer to our own goal: a stronger, more vibrant Rotary for generations to come.

Public image and membership go hand in hand. Too many people – intelligent, educated, involved people – simply have no idea what Rotary is. This is something we need to confront. We have heard again and again about communities where, despite all the good work that Rotary clubs do, many people are unaware that those clubs even exist. This is not the way forward for our organization.

Serving well is the essential first step – but it is only the beginning. We have to raise our profile with all the tools that are available to us, and there are more tools today than there ever were. We have to use social media such as Twitter and Facebook, and we have to be sure our clubs have an online presence. Having a

website is not enough; it must be up to date, it must be appealing, it must reflect the work we are doing. And it must offer a way for prospective members, once they see what we do and become interested, to take the next step.

Rotary has so much to offer. It is up to us to let others know what a fantastic organization we have, and to show people how they can integrate Rotary into their lives. Service does require time, and time is something nobody has enough of these days. So we need to ensure that all the time we spend with Rotary is worthwhile – that it is rewarding and never wasted. When we reach within ourselves and our clubs, when we learn what we are capable of and harness that power, we will elevate our communities as never before – and elevate Rotary as well.

Kalyan Banerjee

President, Rotary International

The Doctor Is In

The Rotarian – August 2011

Hours after a massive earthquake hit Haiti in January 2010, Claude Surena, a physician, turned his home into a makeshift triage center, sheltering more than 100 injured people. Using the limited supplies of medicine and food that Rotarians had managed to collect, Surena, his wife, and other volunteers cared for victims, many of whom were in critical condition. The capital city of Port-au-Prince was damaged extensively, making communication almost impossible and resources scarce.

"It was difficult to witness so many people suffering and not have the capacity to give them the help they needed," says Surena, president of the Haitian Medical Association. "I wanted to give as many people as I could some level of comfort."

Three days after the quake, Haitian President René Préval appointed Surena the country's coordinator of earthquake response, in charge of overseeing the recovery and redevelopment of the public and private health sectors.

A Rotarian since 1983, Surena heads District 7020's Haiti Task Force, which works with local clubs on long-term recovery projects.



"Haitian Rotarians lost family and friends," he says. "To see them still able to serve their neighbors and communities under those circumstances made me feel proud to be a Rotarian."

Student ambassadors

District Governor's Newsletter -- August 2011

Each year Education Adelaide (the SA marketing and support arm for international students) selects six students to be Student Ambassadors. These are a highly competitive, sought after positions with over 200 applicants each year.

Education Adelaide now wishes to make these ambassadors available to Rotary clubs to provide labour and other assistance with club projects. They are also accomplished speakers who can speak at weekly meetings. They receive an honorarium from Education Adelaide so are able to work with country clubs as long as there are mechanisms either by public transport or Rotary cars to get them to your clubs; and billeting available if over-night accommodation is required.

Clubs requiring extra labour for projects are encouraged to take up this offer. Any clubs interested should contact **PDG Euan Miller** euanm@internode.on.net or 0401 124 387 in the first instance.

The Voice of Rotary

Broadcast on 1197 AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00 am

From each Wednesday the broadcast program can be heard on-line at www.rphadelaide.org.au

Information available from Rotarian Chris Hughes; Tel: (08) 8379 4633; Mob: 0418 835 977;

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August Program

09/08/11	Rtn Marian Lesnicki (RC of Onkaparinga)	"Leading a GSE Team to Denmark"
16/08/11	Rtn Neville Sharpe (RC of North Adelaide)	"Australian Campaign for Rabbit Eradication - ACRE"
23/08/11	Rtn Michael Doyle (RC of Brighton)	"Rotary's Aid in the Queensland Floods"
30/08/11	PDG Roberta Waterman (RC of Woodville)	"RAWCS—Annual Information Day— September 10th"

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
August	Wednesday	17/08/11	GSE Team Farewell - RC of Onkaparinga	Lobethal Hotel - 6.30 for 7.00pm
Sep-Nov	3 rd Sep, 8 th Oct, 5 th Nov		Rotary Leadership Institute	Various Locations
April 2012	26 th – 29 th April 2012		District Conference	Mildura
May 2012	6 th – 9 th May 2012		International Convention	Bangkok

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
16/08/11	Unley Museum	6.15 for 6.30pm	Visit to Unley Museum: 80 Edmund St Unley then dinner at Mamma Carmela's	D Mackrell	N/A	N/A	A Jonson & B Laws
23/08/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Adam Gould: "Suicide Prevention"	J Reed	G McLeod	J Casburn	B Laws & D Mackrell
30/08/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club & Games Night	S Baker	B Mills	J Casburn	D Mackrell & D Middleton
06/08/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Lauren Manser: "The Annesley Girls in Rotary Programs"	S Baker	B Mullins	J Casburn	D Middleton & D Payne

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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: August – September 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	13/08/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws
3	20/08/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	27/08/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	03/09/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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

Behind every successful man...

One night President Obama and his wife Michelle decided to do something out of routine and go for a casual dinner at a restaurant that wasn't too luxurious. When they were seated, the owner of the restaurant asked the President's Secret Service if he could please speak to the First Lady in private. They obliged and Michelle had a conversation with the owner.

Following this conversation President Obama asked Michelle, why was he so interested in talking to you. She mentioned that in her teenage years, he had been madly in love with her. President Obama then said, "So, if you had married him, you would now be the owner of this lovely restaurant", to which Michelle responded, "No, if I had married him, he would now be the President".

Free Camera

I got a phone call from my mate last night. He had just got back from a day out in London and told me that whilst he was there he'd acquired a brand new top of the range camera absolutely free.

I asked, "How did you get that?"

He said, "I met a very nice family from Japan whilst I was in Trafalgar square and was just passing the time of day with them. After a few minutes I was about to go when the male member of the family asked me if I would mind taking a photograph of them and handed me his camera. They lined up as a group against one of the lion statues and were all smiling at the camera.

Just as I was about to click the button I shouted to them, 'WAVE!' Then they all rushed past me and I never saw them again!!"

Man in Hospital

A man wakes up in the hospital, bandaged from head to foot.

The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness. Now, you probably won't remember, but you were in a pile-up on the Motorway.

You're going to be okay, you'll walk again and everything, but... "Something happened. I'm trying to break this gently, but the fact is, your male organ was chopped off in the wreck and we were unable to find it."

The man groans, but the doctor goes on, "You've got £9000 in insurance compensation coming and we have the technology now to build you a new organ that will work as well as your old one did - better in fact! But the thing is, it doesn't come cheap. It's £1000 an inch."

The man perks up at this. "So," the doctor says, "It's for you to decide how many inches you want. But it's something you'd better discuss with your wife. I mean, if you had a five inch one before, and you decide to go for a nine incher, she might be a bit put out. But if you had a nine inch one before, and you decide only to invest in a five incher this time, she might be disappointed. So it's important that she plays a role in helping you make the decision."

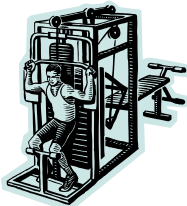
The man agrees to talk with his wife.

The doctor comes back the next day. "So," says the doctor, "have you spoken with your wife?"

"I have," says the man.

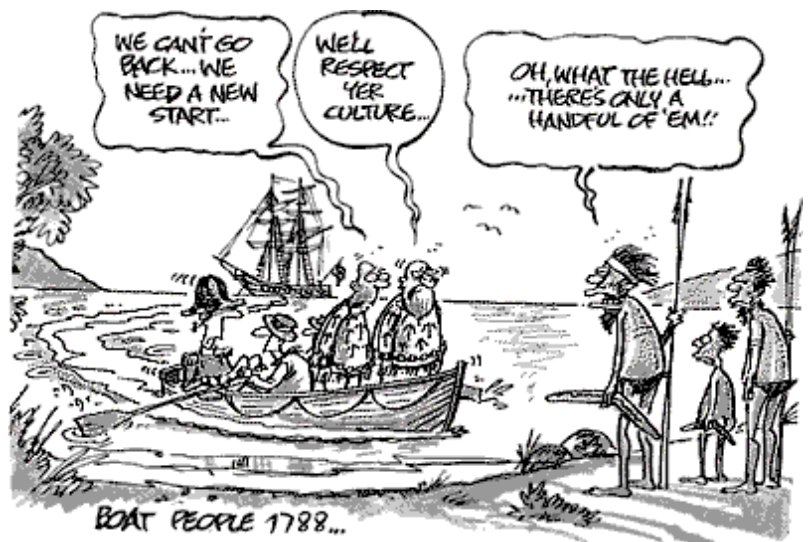
"And what is the decision?" asks the doctor.

"We're having granite bench tops."



Advice to an Old Man

An old man (not in the best of shape) was working out in the gym, when he spotted a sweet young thing. He asked his male trainer, "What machine in here should I use to impress that sweet thing over there?" The trainer looked him up and down and replied, "I would try the ATM in the lobby."



Ironical



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity