

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3778 – 6 September 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.	3778
Date	6 September 2011
Guest Speakers	Georgina Johnston and Lauren Manser
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Apologies	David Mackrell, David Middleton, Bob Laws, Janet Singh, Greg McLeod
Guests	Annabel Axford and Janet Mills
Visiting Rotarians	President Gerry Chivell and Rtn Bryant Chivell – Port Pirie (daughter club)
Returning Rotarians	Bob Mullins
Anniversaries	None

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila welcomed guest speakers Georgina and Lauren; Gerry and Bryant Chivell from Rotary Club of Port Pirie; and Georgina's mother Annabel and Great-Great Aunt Janet.
2. Members were reminded about the RC Eastwood Challenge at the Norwood Concert Hall on 24 September; the Norwood Dance Party on 28 October; and the sale of books *Daughter with a Mission* and *Yabbies in the Bathtub* with proceeds to Rotary.
3. District 9520 TRF is inviting clubs to put forward projects of benefit to indigenous communities. Up to \$10,000 is available towards a Matching Grant. The option of partnering with an international host club should be examined. Contact Chandra Sluggett, Chair of the D9520 TRF Grants Committee.



President Sheila

Spots

Wendy Andrews spoke about the Young Carers Retreat at Hindmarsh Island and the Norwood Dance Party to be held on 28 October from which half the profit would go to the camp. Wendy asked us to support the Dance Party at Burnside Town Hall in any of the following ways:

- Attend with as many as you can
- Assist where needed - bar, setting up, or cleaning up
- Donate liquor, soft drinks, nibbles – Anyone have access to contacts who could provide these free or heavily discounted?
- Donate raffle prizes or silent auction items – Anyone have access to contacts who could provide goods/services as prizes?
- Pass on to your Facebook friends or people you know who use Facebook the following address
www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=19525707053207

Stephen Baker reminded members of the OSSAA film afternoon showing *The Help* on 18 October – tickets at \$18 include savouries and bubbly.

Jerry Casburn

- a. Provided Centurion Certificates to Stephen Baker, Stephen Westgarth and himself; others remaining to be presented include Bob Laws, David Middleton, Greg McLeod and Mavis Martin.
- b. Confirmed that copies of 'Yabbies in the Bathtub' were still available for sale with proceeds to Rotary projects
- c. Urged members to confirm their attendance at the Calperum Weekend on 11-13 November

Lindsay England advised there would be a meeting of the Thrift Shop Committee next week, needed a replacement for Glenyss; and required quality stationery.

Guest Speakers (The Annesley Girls)

Georgina Johnston

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced Georgina Johnston who attended RYPEN during April. Georgina is a Year 10 student at Scotch College.... but was with Annesley College at the time she attended RYPEN. Home is in Jamestown. She is studying Maths, English, Art, Science and Phys Ed. Her ambition is to make a difference and be a doctor.

Georgina expressed pleasure and thanks for her RYPEN involvement. Highlights included:

- Learning how to bush dance (including the spectacle of a lad who ended with a black eye)
- Formation of competitive groups – hers was the *Blue Bandits* – with much teamwork
- The inspirational speakers
- Learning how to give a 5 minute speech
- The games including *Capture of the Flag* in the forest
- Participation in a mock Parliament
- The adaptability of the team when poor weather restricted outside activities

Georgina related that RYPEN had many strengths including its innate integrity; fostering of teamwork and leadership; making of new friends; standing up for oneself; and relishing a new challenge.

Stephen Baker presented Georgina with a *RYPEN Certificate of Achievement* and RYPEN badge for her participation.



Georgina receiving Certificate of Achievement

Lauren Manser

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced Lauren Manser who recently attended the International Space Settlement Design Competition in Houston Texas. Lauren is a Year 12 student at Annesley College and is studying Maths, Special Maths, Physics and Chemistry. Lauren had been supported by Unley in her application to attend the NYSF and part sponsored for her Competition participation. Home is in Keith. Her ambitions are to be an engineer and be part of space travel.

Lauren provided a power point presentation. The International Competition was established for secondary school students with an interest in space. This year eight country groups from around the world formed themselves into 4 teams in Houston. Australia had 13 attendees (including students, advisers and supervisors). After an initial orientation the team went sightseeing parts of America including Universal Studios, Epcot, Kennedy Space Centre, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington Capitol and memorials and many of the top attractions of New York. At Kennedy Space Centre they were among the first in the world to see the last landing of the now retired Atlantis Space Shuttle....never to be forgotten.

Each team was set the task of successfully populating Mars and given 48 hours to do so...no time for sleep. Australia was paired with California, Iowa and Argentina – the *Grumbo* team. Lauren's special task was human engineering and she was a presenter in the 35 minute contribution. The final results were delivered in the Johnson Space Centre Theatre – Grumbo finished a close second.

In Lauren's own words "My experiences have not only inspired me to follow my dreams, but they have also ignited my passion for space travel. The people I met were incredible individuals and the friendships I have made with members of the Australian and international teams will remain with me forever. Coming back to Australia I feel more confident as an individual and as a leader. I am extremely grateful to the Rotary Club of Unley for providing me with sponsorship to pursue this opportunity – because of your support I have experienced an incredible journey, one that will most definitely remain with me for the rest of my life.

When I am on board the 2030 trip to Mars, you will most certainly be in my thoughts.'

Port Pirie President Gerry Chivell paid tribute to the talented country girls.



Georgina and Lauren receiving Rotary pens

Sergeant's Session

Alex Jonson proved he is capable of being in the right square. Sergeant Jerry told a joke about Massey Ferguson which few understood, including those born on the land. His mercy with fines was a direct consequence of outstandingly good behaviour by the assembled gathering. This euphoric moment was however shattered by a nameless person MULLING over Port Power's success at avoiding the wooden spoon and cross-fining those who did not agree.

Rotary News

From Canada - The Rotary Foundation

Horn of Africa Fund

In response to the humanitarian crisis in parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, The Rotary Foundation (Canada) has established the Rotary Horn of Africa Famine and Refugee Relief Fund, which will support recovery projects in the affected areas. The worst drought in 60 years has gripped the Horn of Africa, leading to acute famine in parts of Somalia, where hundreds of thousands of people are now fleeing to Ethiopia and Kenya for aid. More than 10 million people are affected in the drought-stricken countries, including 3.7 million who are at risk of starvation.

Voice of change

by Frank Bures - The Rotarian -- September 2011

When Jessica Xavier embarked on a singing career a few years back, one of her first gigs was a Rotary club Christmas concert. She recorded a hit song and appeared on magazine covers and on TV, but then she gave it all up.

"I realized that singing isn't my passion," she says. "Working with kids has always been my dream."

Xavier recently spent a month volunteering in the village of Yupukari, where a nonprofit called Rupununi Learners has set up schools, a cultural center, and a research station devoted to the endangered black caiman, a relative of the alligator. Xavier taught classes, helped write grant proposals, and worked in the library.

Back in Guyana's capital, Georgetown, she runs her own marketing company. Her club is filled with young Rotarians, she says, "and we're one of the most active in terms of outreach."

The club holds an annual career fair for teenagers and organizes two-week medical missions to indigenous communities to screen for diseases such as HIV, cervical cancer, and diabetes. So, even though she still gets stopped on the street and occasionally hears her voice on the radio, Xavier is focusing on others. "Volunteering is an amazing thing," she says. "It's nice to know I can do more than just work for myself."



Jessica Xavier
Photo by Dwayne Hackett

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
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
13/09/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Lester Saegenschnitter: "Concordia College"	J Peacham	P O'Neil	J Casburn	D Payne & J Reed
20/09/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	"Desalination"	M Martin	D Payne	J Casburn	J Reed & J Russell
27/09/11	Edinburgh Hotel	6 for 6.30pm	QUIZ Challenge with Brownhill Creek PARTNERS NIGHT	Scribe: S Baker	J Peacham	J Casburn	J Russell & C Sluggett
4/10/11	Saracens Head Carrington Street	6.30pm	Adelaide Gaol visit preceded by dinner at Saracens Head PARTNERS NIGHT	D Mackrell	N/A	N/A	S Baker

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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	10/09/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17/09/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	24/09/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & winner of lucky squares
1	01/10/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth

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

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The Back Page

Gardening Problem

An old man wanted to plant a tomato garden, but it was difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling sad because I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm too old already.

I know if you were here, you would happily dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love,
Papa

A few days later, he received a letter from his son.

Dear Papa,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love,
Vinnie



At 4 am the next morning, FBI agents and police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies.

They apologised to the old man and left.

That day, he received another letter from his son:

Dear Papa,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.

Love,
Vinnie

Robot Barman

A man goes into a bar where there is a robot bartender. The robot says, "What will you have?"

The man says, "Martini."

The robot brings back the best martini ever and says to the man, "What's your IQ?"

The man says, "168."

The robot then proceeds to talk about physics, space exploration and medical technology. The man leaves, but he is curious...

Therefore, he goes back into the bar. The robot bartender says, "What will you have?"

The man says, "Martini."

Again, the robot makes a great martini gives it to the man and says, "What's your IQ?"

The man says, "100."

The robot then starts to talk about Rugby league, Victoria Bitter and Holden Commodores...

The man leaves, but finds it very interesting, so he thinks he will try it one more time. He goes back into the bar. The robot says, "What will you have?"

The man says, "Martini," and the robot brings him another great martini.

The robot then says, "What's your IQ?" The man says, "Uh, about 40..."

The robot leans in really close and says,

"So,.....how.....do.....you.....think.....Port.....Power.....will.....go.....next.....year?"

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity