

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3779 – 13 September 2011

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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.	3779
Date	13 September 2011
Guest Speaker	Concordia Principal Lester Saegenschnitter
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Chairman	John Peacham
Apologies	Colin Schirmer, Jerry Casburn, Janet Singh
Guests	
Visiting Rotarians	
Returning Rotarians	Peter O'Neil
Anniversaries	Peter O'Neil birthday 18/9, Norm Wallace induction - same day ... one or two years ago (1980)

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila welcomed guest speaker Lester and returning Rotarian Peter
2. She had attended the funeral of long serving District Secretary Theo Ruckert
3. Members were reminded about the RC Eastwood Challenge at the Norwood Concert Hall on 24 September; the Brownhill Creek Quiz Challenge on 27 September; the Norwood Dance Party on 28 October; and [on behalf of Jerry Casburn] the Calperum weekend on 11-13 November.
4. Sheila had attended the launch of the Channel Nine Young Achievers Award – application form to be supplied to Vocational Service and New Generation Committee
5. Last Entertainment Books to be sold at cost price - \$52



President Sheila

Spots

Alex Jonson advised that there would be a short meeting of the International Committee at meeting end.

Lindsay England also felt in the mood for a meeting of the Thrift Shop Committee and extolled members to participate in the Thrift Shop culling on Saturday.

Wendy Andrews reminded members of the Norwood Dance Party to be held on 28 October – a response sheet is being circulated.

John Peacham achieved a replacement for himself at the Thrift Shop on 24 September.

Stephen Baker again reminded members of the OSSAA film next Sunday; canvassed support for the upcoming Brownhill Creek Quiz Night, the visit to Adelaide Gaol and the RYLA Graduation Ceremony.

Guest Speaker

Lester Saegenschnitter

Chairman John Peacham introduced Lester Saegenschnitter, the Principal of Concordia College.

Lester joined Concordia College in 2000 and became Principal in 2006. He has been a teacher for almost 35 years in SA, Vic and QLD, including Emmanuel College and Faith Lutheran School in the Barossa. Essentially a physics/chemistry teacher he still goes into classes to teach and assist with the learning of students. The Saegenschnitters are perennial runners up in the Xmas lighting

competition in Winchester Street to neighbours John and Linda Peacham in terms of quantity, but clear winners in quality. There is a story that they own the cutest dog in the street that is known to visit coffee shops in Unley.....but that is also disputed by the neighbours. **Lester's theme** for his address was 'Why would you want to become a teacher in today's world?'

He lamented the fact that too much negative comment about young people is generated by the press responding to unfortunate incidents. The facts are somewhat different.

Back in time, when Rotarians of our vintage were at school, discipline (and learning to a degree) was enforced with a cane. Now, OHSW forbids the use of corporal punishment. To educate young people, far greater reliance is being placed on a wide range of learning tools with increasing use being made of the internet. Each Concordia student now has a dedicated PC for his/her use.

In Scandinavia they are actually conducting exams via the internet. Students at Concordia have the advantage of seeing the demonstration of lessons on a large screen and on their PCs; they can *google* information requests across the world. Controls are maintained to prevent the inappropriate use of PCs.

Young people at Concordia are far better educated today than previously. He cited the achievements of students being able to address public audiences....would just not have happened back in our day! Concordia places emphasis on good citizenship. Active involvement in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and the Kalahari Experience in South Africa are but two examples of this.

Often claims of drug and alcohol abuse, unruly behaviour, lack of discipline, bullying and other anti-social behaviour are levelled at students. But Lester said in his experience there is certainly no escalation in these 'problem' areas – the reverse applies. Since 2000 there has been only one incident of a serious altercation at the school and that involved a visitor behaving badly. The one area which has become a little more difficult is student mental health.

Lester extolled the virtues of teaching as a noble profession. It is full of reward and satisfaction. Even in difficult environments he had found that dedicated teachers gained satisfaction from the students that they inspired.

A range of intelligent questions followed.



Good neighbours Lester and John

Sergeant's Session

President Sheila applied her Presidential prerogative to win the lucky squares. Sergeant Greg McLeod entertained the troops with 'true' stories from America (It could only happen there!) about inept cross examinations by lawyers with questionable ability. He proved, through unwarranted fines, that it is expensive to enjoy the triumphs of our sporting greats - Sam Stosur and Cadell Evans.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Rotary News

Young Rotarian advocates a new approach to Rotary

Rotary International News -- 13 September 2011

Katie Ischkin, past president and founder of the Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Minnesota, USA, believes in a new approach to Rotary. Her Rotary club, chartered in June 2010, has already grown to more than two dozen members, including 12 new Rotarians who were recruited in a three-month period. The club has signed up for its first Matching Grant and international service project and has participated in more than 10 community service or hands-on volunteer efforts.

Ischkin recently shared her ideas on how to attract young professionals with RI. As a "proud, young, female Rotarian," she is among only 2 percent of club members worldwide under the age of 30, and only 11 percent under 40. "We need to focus on generating interest in young people for the future success of Rotary," she said. "We are faced today with the need to grow not just for the sake of numbers but to create strong, young, global leaders who are going to help continue the success of the Rotary organization."

Ischkin advocates a new outlook on membership and a different approach to club structure. As a change management consultant, she said she understands people's fear of change. But she stressed that her approach doesn't mean altering the core pieces of the organization or losing what Rotarians hold dear. "What does change are what I call surface-level elements," she said. "The pieces that individual clubs have the power to shift and redesign, such as meeting times and locations, program structures, club member involvement, and committee formats."

Manage expectations

Ischkin's club meets in the evening and lowers costs by not having meals. And it doesn't hold a traditional meeting every week: The third meeting of the month is a happy hour/networking event at different locations in the city, and the fourth meeting is a hands-on volunteering opportunity. "We've also accepted that, with a younger membership, we have a higher rate of turnover, mainly because some members aren't quite settled on the city or their career," she says. "We can't be afraid of inviting members who may leave."

Ischkin added that it's important to understand the mindset of the new generation and manage expectations accordingly. Younger people are "always on the go and truly connected," she explained, whether it's through social networking, text messaging, or other means. They face a lot of pressure to be involved in multiple endeavors and to balance work and personal life. As a result, they may be "on call" with their careers, but they are no less dedicated to service.

"When you're trying to recruit younger members or even sponsor and start a New Generations Rotary club, take time with your club and committee to outline what your expectations are and whether they will align with the younger generation you are trying to attract and work with," she said. "Not every Rotary club can quickly shift gears to attract younger members; it takes time and baby steps."

But for many clubs, she said, "all it takes is opening up your minds and starting to think differently about the future of your club's membership."



Katie Ischkin

"This new approach to Rotary, accomplished through such small changes, can help draw younger members, who will view Rotary as an attractive and worthwhile addition to their ever-growing list of commitments and interests."

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

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September Program

18/9/11	Rtn Bill Davies	"National Youth Science Forum"
25/9/11	Rtn David Johnston	"The Carpe Diem Project"

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
Sep-Nov	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
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	6.30pm	Adelaide Gaol visit preceded by dinner at Saracens Head, Carrington Street PARTNERS NIGHT	D Mackrell	N/A	N/A	S Baker
11/10/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Mac Benoy - Pioneer meteorologist Sir Charles Todd	B Mills	J Reed	J Casburn	C Sluggett R Singh

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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: September - October 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	17/09/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	24/09/11	John Peacham (replaced by Wendy Andrews) & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & winner of lucky squares
1	1/10/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	8/10/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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CHEWING GUM!

An Australian man was having a coffee and croissants with butter and jam in a cafe when an American tourist, chewing gum, sat down next to him. The Australian politely ignored the American, who, nevertheless started up a conversation.

The American snapped his gum and said, 'You Australian folk eat the whole bread?' The Australian frowned, annoyed with being bothered during his breakfast, and replied, 'of course.'

The American blew a huge bubble. 'We don't. In the States, we only eat what's inside. The crusts we collect in a container, recycle them, transform them into croissants and sell them to Australia.' The American had a smirk on his face. The Australian listened in silence.

The American persisted, 'D'ya eat jam with your bread?' Sighing, the Australian replied, 'of course.' Cracking his gum between his teeth, the American said, 'we don't. In the States, we eat fresh fruit for breakfast, then we put all the peels, seeds and the leftovers in containers, recycle them, transform them into jam and sell it to Australia.

The Australian then asked, 'Do you have sex in the States?' The American smiled and said 'Why of course we do.' The Australian leaned closer to him and asked, 'And what do you do with the condoms once you've used them?' 'We throw them away, of course!'

Now it was the Australians turn to smile. 'We don't. In Australia, we put them in a container, recycle them, melt them down into chewing gum and sell them to the United States. Why do you think it's called Wrigley's?'

PLANKING IN SOUTH AFRICA



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity