

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3782 – 4 October 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.	3782
Date	4 October 2011
Special event	Dining at Saracen's Head followed by visit to Adelaide Gaol
Tour Guide	Trevor Peart
Venues	Saracen's Head and Adelaide Gaol
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Reno Elms, Glenys Ferguson, Bob Laws, Bob Mills, Jim Newall, Colin Schirmer, Janet and Rohan Singh, Anne Wehr
Guests	Beverley Baker, Briony Lyon, Farida Mackrell, Genese Mullins,
Returning Rotarians	Peter O'Neil
Anniversaries	Inductions - Mavis Martin (7 th) and Stephen Westgarth (10 th)

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila opened meeting 3782 at the Saracen's Head and welcomed partners and the return of Peter O'Neil.
2. Sheila mentioned attendance at the RYLA Graduation Dinner last week.
3. She lamented our narrow loss to the Brownhill Creek Club at the Quiz last week – the trophy was bravely handed over
4. Members were reminded about the Norwood Dance Party in aid of Young Carers on 28 October – there is a need for donations and a boost to numbers (6 to date) attending.
5. Sheila then declared the meeting closed.



President Sheila

Spots: None could be detected.

Visit to Adelaide Gaol: The goal for dyslexics

By David Mackrell, who excited us all with his handcuff management!

Last Tuesday night, we spent a pleasant evening visiting a site full of pain, death and misery. (No: not the Sturt footy club, although after the season we had, you'd be forgiven for thinking so.) In fact, it was the Adelaide Gaol, home to the rest of society's cellar-dwellers up until 1988 and reputed to be the second-oldest building in Adelaide. Congratulations to David Middleton for getting that right and providing some compensation for our quiz loss the week before.

After a hearty meal at the Saracen's Head, the condemned made their way in a loose convey to their goal of the Gaol (a real problem for dyslexics, but not even Heather got lost on the way). Here, our guides, Trevor and Susie, locked us up and threw away the key for 1½ hours of gruesome facts, gee-whiz history and amusing stories from 147 years of criminal incarceration.

A dampish night provided the suitably sombre tone as background to the whole affair. Certain events brought up during the evening seemed appropriate for those present. For example, a certain ex-Treasurer might have been fascinated to hear that in 1841, the original build cost over 17,000 pounds and nearly bankrupted the state. When Trevor informed us that the victims of most of the early murders were the wives of the guilty parties, a couple of our female members



Mine host Trevor Peart with potential clientele Jerry Casburn and Briony Lyon



Heather Kilsby looking very pleased about arriving without getting lost

opined that it was thus ever so, while an unnamed male member returned fire that he could well understand the motivation. As for myself, I became quite attached to the old place (for several minutes, in fact, until the poker-faced Susie finally relented and asked if I'd tried to pull the handcuffs open rather than assume they were locked).

We visited the three spots where prisoners had been hanged and then trod the grounds where they lay buried: a sobering thought for us all, especially when we reflected on the one poor fellow who was later proven innocent. We saw lots of graffiti, including some in Chinese (right next to the laundry, funnily enough). There was the unfinished wall mural painted by an inmate who, for some odd reason, declined to return to finish it after he was released. There was the canteen for remand prisoners, where bird seed was on sale for the budgie-loving 'Birdman of Adelaide' (rather than Alcatraz), as identified by Genese Mullins.

All in all, it was a most fascinating night. I'd commend anyone who wasn't there to go have a look. Don't be afraid. After all, they let us all out at the end, including a real-estate agent, a financial planner, a politician, two lawyers and an advertising writer. Some might question their wisdom in doing so. Society: you have been warned.

The trip from the Saracen's Head to Adelaide Gaol was not without incident. One unknown driver in a little white car cut across the eastbound traffic on Port Rd in his eagerness to get into gaol. Admittedly the traffic planners did a poor job when the new tramline was built..... but it is a tad safer to watch where you are going.



David Middleton displaying his bell ringing skills



Elizabeth Woolcock in the flesh/wax



The death chamber - looking for something guys??



This guy should stay out of gaol - Houdini he aint!



Very efficient, except for the guy who took 25minutes to die

Sergeant's Session: We were again mercifully spared.

Rotary News.....a touch of pomp and ceremony from the RCL website

The Rotary Club of London, Club No. 50 in Rotary International, is the premier Rotary Club in Britain, being the first to have been chartered outside North America.

London is one of four Clubs in Britain and Ireland to be founded in 1911 - the others being Dublin (who actually were the first to convene a meeting but took longer to be chartered), Manchester and Belfast. Next Rotary year (2011-2012) is our centenary year, and therefore also the centenary of Rotary in Europe.

The London Club is unique in that it covers the whole of the capital, yet is only one of about 80 in District 1130 ("Rotary in London"), which represents all Rotary Clubs in the Greater London region. The Club maintains close relations with the District, and with other Clubs in the District.

The London Club combines experience with youthful enterprise. Our present No. 1 Member, Albert Kunz, was inducted in 1952, and around 20 new Members are currently joining the Club each year. Our membership includes politicians from all major parties, numerous Ambassadors and High Commissioners, religious leaders from various faiths, and leading figures from the arts, industry, commerce and the professions.

The Rotary Club of London is a Member of the R5 Group of European Capital City Clubs alongside The Hague, Brussels, Paris and Luxembourg.

The London Club meets for lunch every working Monday at the English Speaking Union, Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street near Green Park, where it welcomes current and prospective Rotarians from all over the world. These lunches are habitually addressed by a very high calibre of speakers, including in recent years the former Prime Minister's wife Cherie Booth, QC, the Mayor of London Ken Livingstone, former Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy, filmmaker Lord Puttnam, Cardinal Walter Kasper and Princess Michael of Kent, as well as the Club's own honorary Members the Duke of Edinburgh, Baroness Margaret Thatcher and broadcaster Esther Rantzen.

The Club's official quarterly magazine, *The London Rotarian*, was first published in October 1916 and is believed to be the oldest Rotary magazine in the world. It aims to include articles by and about serious thinkers, making a contribution to the debate about our society, the world we live in, and the role of voluntary service. Active Club Member Sir Sigmund Sternberg, famed for his unstinting efforts to build bridges between Christianity, Judaism and Islam, was included alongside Sir Winston Churchill and President John F. Kennedy in Rotary International's Centennial List of 100 noted Rotarians. The President of the London Club in the current Rotary year 2010-11 is Kiyohiko Tanaka.

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

11/10/11	Rtn Peter Poulton	"Involving Young People in Rotary"
18/10/11	Rtn Bill Davies	"National Youth Science Forum"
25/10/11	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
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
18/10/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Michael Balharry – The dog fence	N White	J Russell	J Casburn	R Singh A Wehr
25/10/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	DG Bruce Richardson – District Governor's Visit	J Singh	C Schirmer	J Casburn	A Wehr S Westgarth
1/11/11 All de ones	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Johnny Mac – Country and western icon PARTNERS WELCOME	Jerry Casburn	R Singh	Greg McLeod	S Westgarth W Andrews

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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: October 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	08/10/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	15/10/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	22/10/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	29/10/11	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed and winner of lucky squares/volunteer
1	05/11/11	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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Ralph and Edna

Just because someone doesn't love you the way you want them to, doesn't mean they don't love you with all they have. Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end.

He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there.

Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable.

When she went to tell Edna the news she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love.... I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness. The bad news is, Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.'

Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry....*How soon can I go home?*'

The Irish Mirror

After living in the remote countryside of Ireland all his life, an old Irishman decided it was time to visit Dublin . In one of the stores he picks up a mirror and looks in it.

Not ever having seen one before, he remarked at the image staring back at him. 'How 'bout that!' he exclaims, 'Here's a picture of me Fadder.'

He bought the mirror thinking it was a picture of his dad, but on the way home he remembered his wife didn't like his father, so he hung it in the shed, and every morning before leaving to go fishin', he would go there and look at it.

His wife began to get suspicious of these many trips to the shed. So, one day after her husband left, she went to the shed and found the mirror.....

As she looked into the glass, she fumed, '*So that's the ugly bitch he's runnin' around with.*'

Quickie in the Bushes

There are two statues in a park;

One of a nude man and one of a nude woman. They had been facing each other across a pathway for a hundred years, when one day an angel comes down from the sky and, with a single gesture, brings the two to life.

The angel tells them, 'As a reward for being so patient through a hundred blazing summers and dismal winters, you have been given life for thirty minutes to do what you've wished to do the most.'

He looks at her, she looks at him, and they go running behind the shrubbery. The angel waits patiently as the bushes rustle and giggling ensues. After fifteen minutes, the two return, out of breath and laughing. The angel tells them, 'Um, you have fifteen minutes left, would you care to do it again?'

He asks her 'Shall we?' She eagerly replies, 'Oh, yes, let's! But let's change positions.'

This time, I'll hold the pigeon down and you shit on its head.' **AND WHAT WERE YOU THINKING????**

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity