

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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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.	3783
Date	11 October 2011
Guest Speaker	Mac Benoy
Venues	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Greg McLeod, John Russell, Chandra Sluggett, Anne Wehr, Stephen Westgarth, Nathan White
Guests	Briony Lyon
Returning Rotarians	Jim Newall
Anniversaries	None

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila opened meeting 3783 and welcome Mac Benoy and Briony Lyon
2. 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 attending.
3. Sheila advised members that the Eastwood Club had initiated an on-line purchasing site titled **Roving Lifestyles**, specifically for Rotarians and their relatives/friends. The site would include exclusive offers from selected merchants with fees being put back into Rotary.



President Sheila

Spots

Lindsay England urged members to become more involved in the monthly cull at the Thrift Shop and, when on duty, to assist with the many other jobs that needed to be done (as opposed to standing at the counter)

Heather Kilsby reported that the books had been given to the auditor and reminded members to pay their dues.

Guest Speaker - Mac Benoy on Sir Charles Todd

Chairman Bob Mills introduced Mac who is a retired senior lecturer in Information Systems at the University of South Australia. He worked for a number of years for various State Government departments. Mac is now a Professional Volunteer, spending a day week running the Volunteer Consulting Program at Australian Red Cross and two days a week at the Weather Bureau as a Project Manager for the Australian Meteorological Association's project to salvage old weather information.

In that capacity, he and nine volunteers have been working for 4 years on the Sir Charles Todd weather folios covering the period 1879-1909. It was during that period that Sir Charles developed into a prominent Australian meteorologist, having started his career as the Colony of South Australia's Astronomer General. Todd is one of SA's little-known pioneers in a number of significant fields. For instance, the meteorological maps he and his staff were drawing at the Observatory on West Terrace in the early 1880's had no rival around the globe.

Charles Todd was hired as Superintendent of Telegraph to construct the telegraph network in South Australia and Northern Territory and to connect interstate. He arrived from England in 1855. His skills included surveying, astronomy, physics and electrical. By 1958 the SA-Vic telegraph was completed and also connected with NSW. In 1870 Todd was appointed Postmaster General – basically putting him in charge of the whole communications system and giving him access to data collection across the State. By 1872 the overland telegraph to Darwin had been completed.



Mac and Bob - mutual love of ancient records

During the period under study – 1879-1909 – Todd used all available information on rainfall, cloud cover, temperature, storms, river levels, crops, seagoing conditions (from ships' logs) to analyse and predict the weather. He was the first to discover that weather moved from West to East across Australia. SA became the centre of national weather records. Information was also collected from NZ, Batavia and Singapore. Todd used his many data sources, particularly along the telegraph lines across the country, to 'join the dots'. Weather forecasting commenced in SA in 1883 when daily weather maps were published in the Post Offices - results were first published in the Advertiser in 1888. Interestingly, the first temperature forecasts were not made until 1957. There is considerable detail about the enormous Brisbane floods of 1893 and the national drought 1900 - 1910. Todd retired in 1905 and died in 1910.

Todd was a truly remarkable world class meteorologist whose data is still being sought from overseas climate research organisations.

Mac and his team mates have ploughed through tons of bird stained research material, journals and newspapers, digitising the material for the national archives.

After questions, members thanked Mac in the normal fashion.

Sergeant's Session:

Sergeant Jerry punished President Sheila for recalcitrant behaviour at the previous week's quiz. Others were penalised unfairly for not being part of the winning table. His Irish joke for the benefit of Sheila hit the right spot.

Rotary News

A Message from the District Governor

The October edition of the District Governor's Newsletter can now be accessed on the Rotary 9520 website. It is recommended as a good read.

Some like it really cold!

Rotary Club Marambio Base in Antarctica



A 1997 Rotary peace forum in Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina encouraged the continued status of Antarctica as a continent for all people, stressing the importance of peaceful, non-political international collaboration in Antarctica.

It is the first of only two Rotary Club in the Antarctic continent, and was founded on May 13, 1997 by the then President of Rotary International, **Luis Vicente Giay**.

The Club currently consists of members of the permanent contingent of the Marambio base in Antarctica of the Argentine Air Force.

They live all year under the harsh climate prevailing in the area to provide support for various missions and international scientific collaboration with other Argentine Antarctic bases and also for bases of other countries.

On the left, **President of RI 1996-1997 Luis V. Giay**, inaugurating the monolith, conducted by the Arch. **Losi Hector** (1931-2003) of Rotary Club of Villa Urquiza, with the plaque. Inside a tube was inserted a written message about peace, to be withdrawn and to be read at the 2005 Chicago Convention.

When travelling near the South Pole consider dropping in one of the two Rotary Clubs in Antarctica. The 20 member Rotary Club of base Antarctica Esperanza was chartered in November 2005, and the 9-member Rotary Club of base Marambio - Antarctica was chartered in May 1997. Both are Spanish speaking clubs that meet Wednesday evenings.

This English translation by Google, was extracted from the District 4890 Web Site (11 August 2008)

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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September Program

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	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
18/10/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Michael Balharry – The dog fence	N White	J Russell	J Casburn	R Singh S Westgarth
25/10/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	DG Bruce Richardson – District Governor's Visit	J Singh	C Schirmer	J Casburn	S Westgarth A Wehr
1/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Johnny Mac – Country and western icon PARTNERS WELCOME	Jerry Casburn	R Singh	Greg McLeod	A Wehr W Andrews
8/11/11	The Grind	6.15 for 6.30pm	<i>Vocational visit</i> – The Grind Cost \$26 61-65 Tapleys Hills Rd Hendon PARTNERS EVENT	S Baker	N/A	N/A	W Andrews S Baker

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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: October 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
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
2	12/11/11	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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The Back Page

Grandparents' answering machine

Good morning At present we are not at home but, please leave your message after you hear the beep. Beeeeeeppp
If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is.
If you need us to stay with the children, press 2
If you want to borrow the car, press 3
If you want us to wash your clothes and ironing, press 4
If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5
If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6
If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7
If you want to come to eat here, press 8
If you need money, press 9
If you are going to invite us to dinner, or, taking us to the theatre start talking we are listening !!!!!!!!!!"

Frozen Crabs and the Blonde Flight Attendant.

A lawyer boarded an airplane in New Orleans with a box of frozen crabs and asked a blonde flight attendant to take care of them for him.
She took the box and promised to put it in the crew's refrigerator. He advised her that he was holding her personally responsible for them staying frozen, mentioning in a very haughty manner that he was a lawyer, and proceeded to rant at her about what would happen if she let them thaw out. Needless to say, she was annoyed by his Behaviour.
Shortly before landing in New York, she used the intercom to announce to the entire cabin,
"Would the lawyer who gave me the crabs in New Orleans please raise your hand?"
Not one hand went up, so she took them home and ate them.
Two lessons here:
1. Many lawyers aren't as smart as they think they are.....take note GM and NW
2. Many blondes aren't as dumb as most folks think

Medical distinction between "Guts and Balls"

There is a medical distinction between Guts and Balls. We've all heard about people having Guts or Balls. But do you really know the difference between them?
In an effort to keep you informed, here are the definitions:
GUTS - Is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the Guts to ask: 'Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?'
BALLS - Is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the butt and having the Balls to say: 'You're next, Chubby.'
I hope this clears up any confusion on the definitions.
Medically speaking, there is NO difference in the outcome. Both result in death.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity