

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3785 – 25 October 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.	3785
Date	25 October 2011
Guest Speaker	District Governor Bruce Richardson
Venues	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Jerry Casburn, Lindsay England, Glenyss Ferguson, David Middleton, Janet Singh
Guests	Kathy Richardson, AG Mark Huddleston
Returning Rotarians	Anne Wehr, Wendy Andrews
Anniversaries	Birthday - Greg McLeod, Induction – Colin Schirmer

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila opened meeting 3785 and welcomed DG Bruce Richardson and AG Mark Huddleston.
2. Members were reminded about the Norwood Dance Party in aid of Young Carers next Friday 28 October.
3. The CD on **Roving Lifestyles** will be played later.
4. Jerry Casburn is looking for one or two more to join the Calperum team on 11-13 November.
5. A golf day is planned for 24 November by Rotary Club of Mitcham – see Rotary News
6. A Group Study Exchange team from Denmark is due to visit April-May 2012 – Sheila canvassed potential hosts.



President Sheila

Guest Speaker – DG 9520 Bruce Richardson

District Governor Bruce Richardson was introduced by Chairman Stephen Westgarth. Bruce joined the Rotary Club of Berri in 1978, and was President in 1995/96, 2003/04 and 2008/09. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Sapphire pin recipient, and has held many positions in the club including Secretary and Treasurer. In 2004 he lead a GSE team to Scotland and that experience kindled his enthusiasm for Rotary at a District level.

He was the DG's Representative in 1996/97, District Secretary in 2005/06, a member of the GSE Committee since 2006 (Chair in 2007/08), and was AG for Group 2 from 2008-10.

Bruce is a Certified Practising Accountant with over 37 years involvement in Financial and General Management roles within the Australian Wine Industry. In 1978, he moved to the Riverland to take up a senior management position with the Berri Renmano Wines. In 1993 he became General Manager of Barossa Valley Estate Winery in the Barossa Valley, a position held concurrently while CEO/Company Secretary of a grape growers cooperative. Bruce retired in 2007.

Bruce extended his service to the local community when he was elected to Local Government in 2006 as a Councillor of the Berri Barmera Council.

Kathy recently retired following over 19 years as an Export Administrator for a major citrus packing and exporting company in Renmark.

Bruce and Kathy enjoy AFL football, travel and golf along with spending time with Bruce's three children (Nathan, Jennifer and Stacey) and 7 grandchildren.

DG Bruce began his presentation to the club by thanking President Sheila and the Board for the time they spent with him this afternoon to bring him up to date on what the club has been doing and what the club's plans are. He then outlined RI President Kalyan Banerjee's plan for this Rotary year under the theme "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity":

In the year ahead, we will have three emphases in our Rotary service: to strengthen our family, to continue what we do best, and to change whatever needs to be changed.



Stephen Westgarth
congratulating DG Bruce
Richardson

Our first emphasis in this Rotary year will be the *family*. The family is where everything begins: All our service, everything we wish to achieve in our world, begins here. The mother and the child are at the core of every family; when we begin there, we can carry our work forward through individual lives and throughout the community.

Our second emphasis will be on *continuity*, on finding the things that we do well and taking them to the next level. Each of us has found success in Rotary service, and we should build on those successes, expand on them, so that we can help even more people in the future. We must continue our work for cleaner and safer water, mitigating disease and illness, spreading literacy, working with and for the new generation, and striving for peace. At the same time, we also know that there are things we could be doing better and things which we should be changing. We must have the courage to see these, to identify them, and to work to make the changes we need to make.

All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world, for why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and more peaceful. We believe that the future can and will be better than the past. We are idealists, and we bring our ideals to life through our Rotary service.

And so, President Kalyan's third emphasis in 2011-12 will be *change*, and we start by being the change we wish to see in the world. If we wish for peace, we start by living in peace ourselves, in our homes and in our communities. If we wish for an end to polio or to any other disease in the world, if we wish environmental degradation to stop, if we wish to reduce child mortality, to spread literacy or to prevent hunger, we must be the instrument of that change and recognize that it must start within each of us.

Let us *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. And in peace, harmony, and friendship, let us bring change and a more joyful future for us all.

DG Bruce encouraged Unley Rotarians to seriously consider contributing to the work of District committees; six Unley members are currently on District committees and Bruce expressed appreciation of the impact that their time commitment has on the work of the Unley club.

Rotary clubs in District 9520 face a number of challenges as we move through the current year:

- Fundraising in a community that is being asked to contribute by a large and diverse number of charitable organisations and causes
- Planning for club programs and projects in a strategic way; DG Bruce noted that the Unley club has a strategy plan in place
- Membership retention and growth in a changing society that places increasing pressures on people's time; while RI boasts over 1.2 million members, our District has recently seen a net loss of 70 members. There is a need to bring more women into the life and work of Rotary
- Embracing people from different and new cultures in our community, to bring them into Rotary and involving them in Rotary programs and projects

DG Bruce urged our club to assertively spread the good news about Rotary throughout the community; something that Rotary has never been seemingly reluctant to do ever since its founding. In keeping with this message he encouraged Rotarians to become conversant with what Rotary does in our local communities and internationally so that we can effectively represent Rotary to everyone we know and everyone we meet.

DG Bruce concluded his talk by outlining the District 9520 goals for 2011-12.

The club acknowledged with acclamation the important and dedicated contribution that Kathy Richardson has made to supporting and encouraging Bruce during his year as District Governor. Chairman Stephen thanked DG Bruce for visiting the club and for his informative presentation, and the club thanked him in the usual appreciative manner.



DG Bruce with his No1 advisor Kathy

Spots

David Mackrell informed members that October 24 was World Polio Day and that a very positive article praising Rotary's effort was published in the Melbourne Herald Sun.

Stephen Baker mentioned the forthcoming meeting featuring Country and Western icon Johnny Mac, the proposed vocational visit to The Grind and invited an apprentice for POOTY.

Sergeant's Session:

Sergeant Greg McLeod (JC's understudy) displayed compassion with his fining session.

Bob Mullins proved that displaying dodgy legs is no detriment to winning the infernal squares.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Rotary News

For intrepid golfers

John McRostie [0411 221 893 ah 8271 8788] from the Rotary Club of Mitcham is organizing a golf day and is inviting Rotarians from all Group 6 clubs to attend. Rotarians from other clubs are also welcome. It is hopeful this can become an annual event and fundraiser. The day is set down for Thursday 24th Nov hit off 10.30am at Flagstaff Hill Golf Club, Memford Way, Flagstaff Hill

It will be a day of fellowship and enjoyment with Rotarians.

World Polio Day – 24 October! From Rotary International website

This week, Rotarians around the globe are showing their support for ending the disease, which still strikes young children in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

For more than two decades, eradicating polio has been Rotary's No. 1 priority. Through the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary has come "this close" to its goal. The number of polio cases worldwide has dropped 99 percent since 1985, and the virus remains

endemic in only four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. India has reported only one case of the virus this year, as of 12 October, compared to 39 cases during the same period in 2010.

But much work remains. The final 1 percent of cases presents the most difficult and expensive challenge. Failure would open the door to a resurgence of the disease that would put millions of children at risk of lifelong paralysis. Eradicating polio would free up billions of dollars to address other world problems.

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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October - November Program

1/11/11	AG David Lloyd (Morialta)	RC Morialta and its projects
8/11/11	Rtn Bob Arnold (Blackwood)	Rotary and the Environment
15/11/11	PDG Graeme Dodsworth	Association of Community Service Organisations
22/11/11	Rtn John Osborne (Stirling)	Rotary and Vocational Service
29/11/11	Rtn Ian Parsons (Noarlunga East)	Rotary and Disaster Recovery

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
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
1/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Johnny Mac – Country and western icon PARTNERS EVENT	J Casburn	R Singh	G 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
15/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	<i>Paul Harris Fellowship</i> Oleh Bilyk - ROMAC	David Middleton	C Sluggett	J Casburn	S Baker K Daly
22/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	David Wratt <i>Maharishi Invincibility</i> Transcendental Meditation	Joan Reed	Anne Wehr	J Casburn	K Daly R Elms

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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
5	29/10/11	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & Sheila Evans
1	05/11/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Wendy Andrews (replacing Stephen Westgarth)
2	12/11/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Stephen Westgarth (replacing Wendy Andrews) & Mavis Martin
3	19/11/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	26/11/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans

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

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Man's best friend

In 1986, Peter Davies was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from Northwestern University

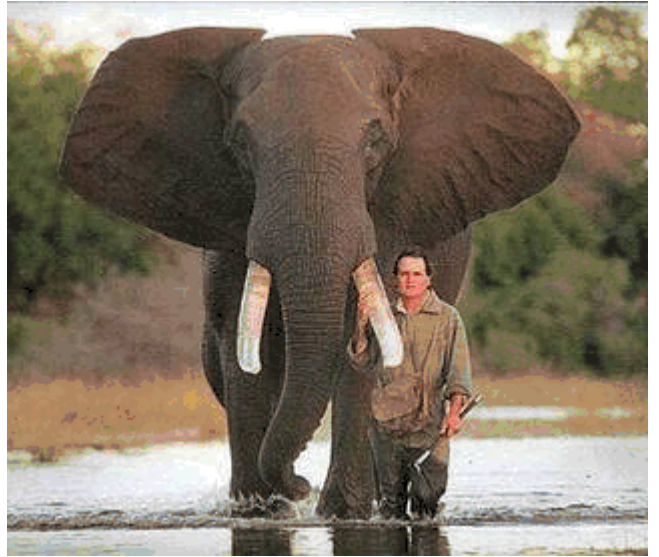
On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air. The elephant seemed distressed, so Peter approached it very carefully.

He got down on one knee and inspected the elephant's foot and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Peter worked the wood out with his hunting knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot. The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him for several tense moments. Peter stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but being trampled. Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away. Peter never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Peter was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teenage son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Peter and his son Cameron were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Peter, lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man.

Remembering the encounter in 1986, Peter couldn't help wondering if this was the same elephant. Peter summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder. The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Peter's legs and slammed his stupid ass against the railing, killing him instantly.....probably wasn't the same elephant.

This is for all our friends who keep sending heart-warming email stories.



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity