# THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3786 - 1 November 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



Meeting No.	3786		
Date	1 November 2011		
Guest Speaker	Johnny Mac		
Venues	Tiffins on the Park		
Apologies	Geoff Hill, Alex Jonson, Heather Kilsby, David Mackrell, Bob Mullins, David Payne, Stephen Westgarth		
Guests	Beverley Baker, Pauline Daly, Briony Lyon, Glenyss Steadman		
Returning Rotarians	David Middleton and Peter O'Neil		
Anniversaries	Induction – Janet Singh 1/11/2005		

#### President's Announcements

- 1. President Sheila opened meeting 3786 and welcomed Johnny Mac the introduction of partners Beverley, Pauline, Briony and Glenyss followed.
- 2. Members were thanked for helping with the successful Norwood Dance Party and were reminded about Calperum in less than 2 weeks time and the Mitcham Golf Day in late November (see Rotary News).
- The Rotary Club of Hyde Park is holding a business breakfast on 15 November at the Unley Civic Centre with Jane Reilly as guest speaker.
- The Australian Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry has contacted Rotary about its Survey of 'Women that own a business'.



President Sheila

5. A Group Study Exchange team from Denmark is due to visit April-May 2012 – the club is looking into hosting options.

## Guest Speaker - JOHNNY MAC

The club was entertained by rock and country-western royalty with witty dialogue and tunes from yesteryear, courtesy of Johnny Mac. Johnny was introduced by Jerry Casburn, who had spent the last two years persuading Johnny to come to the club and speak.

In 1978 Johnny Mac was inducted into the Australasian Country Music Hands Of Fame.

Johnny Mac has worked professionally in the music world since the early days of rock, starting out as lead singer of "The Downunders" in Canada. Returning to Australia in the early 60's he was in demand at rock venues which led to appearances on TV shows such as "Stairway to the Stars", "Teen Time". "Adelaide Tonight", and "Six O'clock Rock". In 1962 Johnny teamed with songwriter Peter Hiscock to form a successful recording combination. "Pink Champagne and a Room of Roses" probably being his most popular single was released in America in 1962 making Johnny the first South Australian to hit the American charts. Four LP's and numerous singles



Go Johnny GO GO GO!

followed. For six years he was contracted exclusively to Channel Seven in Adelaide working daily on the children's show "Wonderland" then weekly on "Country Style". During this time he also performed at interstate live shows, toured Australia with Lorne Green of "Bonanza" plus two tours of Vietnam entertaining the troops. Johnny's extensive tours of this state over the years with his Country Band makes him one of the most recognizable personalities the State has ever produced.

In 1983 while on holiday in America, Johnny purchased Elvis Presley's 1969 Gold Eldorado Cadillac - for 2 years he travelled all over Australia singing and displaying the car with its collection of Presley memorabilia.

Johnny has been married after a twelve week whirlwind romance for 54 years to Barbara, a native of Canada, and has 6 adult children. He lives in Glenelg.

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Johnny started his talk with a brief glimpse into his life. Brought up in Parkside he played for the Sturt football team {only the best} and had lots of fond memories of his time playing the game. Agile on his feet, he won a bronze medal for ballroom dancing .... and told us that's why the girl's all liked him!

Johnny started his singing career in North America and performed alongside many well-known stars, including Johnny Cash, Jim

Reeves, the Everley Brothers, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly, Johnny Horton, Hank Snow and Slim Dusty. At one point he even had a 'cheap' folk group as his backing...."The Seekers".

Johnny returned to Adelaide following a promise made to his Mum and appeared in several TV shows, one of which was played on the first night of colour TV. He also outdid the Beatles sales in Adelaide when he released his first long playing record.

Johnny gave several free concerts and tours of Vietnam recounting his time there with both Australian and American forces.



Johnny strumming the Rotary pen and Jerry admiring Johnny's hair

Johnny's talk was interspersed with many renditions of songs from past performers that he had appeared with, as well as his own hits of the time. His voice is as good now as it was then. A remarkably fit and great performer at 80!

A fabulous evening that will be long remembered. The club gave Johnny two standing ovations.

## **Spots**

**Jerry Casburn** again urged members to join the Calperum experience – 2 more participants are needed **Stephen Baker** detailed the proposed vocational visit to The Grind next week.

David Middleton spoke about the Christmas Carols at the Rotunda on Sunday December 11 and urged maximum participation.

## Sergeant's Session:

After winning a fierce battle with Jerry Casburn for sergeant(ial) supremacy, Greg McLeod utilised the Melbourne Cup, the economy, finance and investment and Father Christmas for his fine session. His jokes came from somewhere else. Justice was finally served when Stephen Baker won the benevolent squares.

#### **Tiffins**

There has been a change of ownership at Tiffins – Hard working staff Haythem, Helen and Richard who have looked after us but who are leaving within a week were warmly thanked by club members for their dedicated service – they will be missed!

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Polio Eradication Australia contributes

**Australia's Prime Minister Julia Gillard** announced on 29 October that Australia would be contributing \$50m over 4 years towards the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – excellent news.

#### The Cold Chain article from RI

When Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985, the "plus" signaled the belief that the polio eradication effort would increase immunizations against five other diseases prevalent in children: measles, tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus. As time went on, the list of benefits grew.

Polio immunization campaigns created an avenue for other lifesaving health interventions, such as the distribution of vitamin A supplements. New equipment for transporting and storing vaccines made it easier to combat infectious diseases in developing areas.

The enormous network of laboratories and health clinics charged with identifying new cases of polio began to monitor the spread of other viruses as well. And the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which Rotary helped create, rose to international prominence as a model for public-private partnerships to address world health issues.

The "plus" in PolioPlus means that Rotarians are doing more than stopping the spread of polio in the last four countries in which it is endemic; they also are building a legacy of infrastructure and partnerships that will support the fight against infectious disease long after polio is gone.

The cold chain

Transporting vaccines to developing areas is no easy task. From the time they leave the manufacturer until they reach recipients, vaccines must be kept between 2 and 8 degrees Celsius (though some may be frozen at -15 to -25 degrees). Variances of even a few degrees could spoil an entire shipment, leaving children without the protection they need.

The "cold chain" created to distribute polio vaccine has been used to transport other vaccines, such as measles, tetanus, and diphtheria. An estimated one-third of the cold chain capacity in sub-Saharan Africa was implemented to support polio eradication.

## 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; Email: <a href="mailto:emandcee@bigpond.com">emandcee@bigpond.com</a>



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#### November Program

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
April 2012	26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	<b>District Conference</b>	Mildura
May 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	<b>International Convention</b>	Bangkok

Chairman

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## Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	& Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
8/11/11	The Grind	6.15 for 6.30pm	Vocational visit – <b>The Grind</b> Meal Cost \$26 at 61-65 Tapleys Hills Rd Hendon (1km north of West Lakes Boulevarde) <b>PARTNERS EVENT</b>	S Baker	N/A	N/A	W Andrews S Baker
15/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Paul Harris Fellowship Oleh Bilyk - ROMAC	David Middleton	C Sluggett	J Casburn	S Baker K Daly
22/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	<b>David Wratt</b> <i>Maharishi Invincibility</i> Transcendental Meditation	Joan Reed	A Wehr	J Casburn	K Daly R Elms
29/11/11	Stamps Restaurant	6.30 for 7pm	Christmas Dinner with Partners 12A Welbourne St Mitcham \$60pp	Scribe D Mackrell	W Andrews	J Casburn	R Elms L England

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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: November 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	05/11/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Wendy Andrews (replacing Stephen Westgarth)
2	12/11/11	Chandra Sluggett (replacing 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 & Stephen Baker (replacing Chandra Sluggett)	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5		Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed a winner of squares

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact: Lindsay England : 8445 8552; (M) 0408 857 775; e-mail: <a href="mailto:lengland@senet.com.au">lengland@senet.com.au</a>

## The Back Page

#### Where to meet for lunch!

A group of girlfriends, all age 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the waiters there had tight trousers and nice buns.

10 years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food was good and the wine selection was excellent.

10 years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

20 years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a lift.

10 years later, at 90 years of age, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.

#### Lecture Attendance



## A Police STOP at 2 AM

An elderly man is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

# **Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**

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