

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3790 – 29 November 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.	3790
Date	29 November 2011
Venue	Stamps Restaurant
Apologies	Glenys Ferguson, Bob Laws, Mavis Martin, Jim Newall, Peter O'Neil, John Peacham, Colin Schirmer, Janet and Rohan Singh, Chandra Sluggett, Anne Wehr, Stephen Westgarth, Nathan White
Guests	Beverley Baker, Pauline Daly, Linda England, Jill Hill, Farida Mackrell, Briony Lyon, Suzanne Middleton, Maria Mills, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Barbara Russell
Anniversaries	Birthday – David Middleton (4/12) Induction – Jim Newall (30/11)

Christmas Dinner Meeting – Stamp's Restaurant

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila opened meeting 3790, and welcomed Rotarians and partners
2. There was a reminder about the annual Christmas joint breakfast at Flinders Lodge Motel on 21 December which Unley is hosting and for which we need a strong attendance – the cost is \$20pp and \$5 for those unable to attend.
3. The Rotary District Conference for 9520 is at Mildura on 26-29 April 2012 February.
4. A new board for 2012 is to be formed at the AGM on 24 January – Sheila urged everyone to look hard at how they can best assist the club and Rotary.
5. Sheila thanked David Mackrell for organising this event.



President Sheila

Spots

Lindsay England arranged a replacement for his Thrift Shop shift on Friday morning with Jill Hill.

Stephen Baker is leaving for overseas next week – David Middleton volunteered for his shift on Saturday December 10; Reno Elms volunteered to bring the plaque board and the bell to the breakfast meeting on the 21st – Stephen asked members to generously donate toiletries for next week's gift giving to assist the homeless through the Salvos.

Alex Jonson informed of an International Committee meeting next week and asked for helpers at DIK on December 10.

David Middleton waxed lyrical about the coming Carols at the Rotunda.

The main event

Cyclone Tracy made sure Santa never made it into Darwin for the Christmas of 1974. Cyclone Heather, on the other hand, did find her way to Mitcham for our Christmas festivities in 2011, appropriately bringing some wet weather with her. Even the notoriously faulty compass of our treasured Treasurer somehow steered her to Stamps, our chosen venue. Mind you, a couple of our number did end up in the lost mail department and can expect a call from Postmaster Stephen Baker. Last to arrive were David and Sue Middleton, who entered to a standing ovation. I dare say David can expect a similar response after his sterling efforts for Carols at the Rotunda have been executed.

President Sheila got the formalities out of the way before actually opening meeting number 3790 (and they said we'd never make it), which is an old Irish trick that makes meetings feel a lot shorter than they actually are. In deference to the president, I'll make no more references to 'short', except to note that the esteem we hold her in is much higher than her physique.



Proof that Heather made it!
Sorry about your halving David!

We were informed that Stephen and Beverley Baker will be celebrating their 40th anniversary whilst away in South America for Christmas. The president did mutter that she hoped they would do everything that she couldn't do during that celebration, which gave them lots of latitude. Spending the Yule in deepest, darkest Peru should give them lots of longitude, as well. Whilst on the Bakers, we thank Beverley sincerely for her handcrafted centrepieces, which adorned each table. The greatest decoration of all, it must be said, was the bow tie worn by Bob Mullins. An elephant stamp must also go to Farida Mackrell for undertaking the protracted negotiations with Stamps and making sure we had somewhere to be jolly.



President Sheila comparing beard quality

Dinner was superb: a choice of turkey or salmon, with pudding or crème brûlée to follow. Mind you, that does slightly undersell what the menu took two fulsome lines to describe, and each meal was presented in very stylish fashion. Fortunately, the flavours of the cuisine were as haute as the visual presentation. You'd go a long way to find better food. Especially if you follow Heather! The wine flowed and the volume of the conversation slowly rose to drown out the music: a fair indication that a splendid time was had by all.

So, the staff at Stamps never once came unstuck and truly delivered us a great package. Which reminds me: I must start getting into those Christmas cards..... *script by David Mackrell*



In fabulous shape – Joan – better to look at than Bob Mullins



A surreal moment. Excellent back views



Another photographic gem; 'twas the Christmas headwear David P



The Presidential table



Who flogged the chocolate, Jill!



David Middleton practising Christmas Carols

and the grand finale

President Sheila again reminded members of the gift giving next week and the RYLA presentation.

Departing Rotarians (including Stephen and Beverley Baker) were wished bon voyage.

She thanked members for their assistance during the year and wished everyone a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Rotary News

Future Leader's Seminar and Zone 7B & 8 Institute *from Jerry Casburn*

I have had the privilege this week to attend the inaugural Future Leader's Seminar and the Zone 7B and 8 Institute, covering all of the Districts in Australia and New Zealand. Some 23 of the 28 Australian Districts and all 6 of the New Zealand Districts were represented. Also attending was the RI President Elect (2012/13) Sakuji Tanaka and his wife Kyoko, as well as John Hewko our new General Secretary and Board members for both RI and the Foundation. The institute is held annually as separate functions for Australia and New Zealand but every three years it is a joint session. The 2011 Institute was such a joint session.

The Future Leader's Seminar is a new initiative designed to encourage Rotarians to take office across District and further on into Rotary. Up to four Rotarians were selected by each District to attend the seminar, our District elected to send our AG, Mark Huddleston, AG for Group 7, David Lloyd, AG for Group 8, Kim Harvey and myself. Due to last minute business commitments Kim was unable to attend. District paid some of the fees associated with attendance.

The day was spent in a number of presentations and workshops designed to give insight into leadership and particularly within Rotary.

RI Director for our zone, Stuart Heal was particularly stimulating, outlining a future, changing, Rotary with less inhibitors to join the organisation. He advocated a personal view of the need to simplify our Rotary without destroying our base values, particularly our integrity and the trust we have worldwide to



RI President Elect 2012/13
Sakuji Tanaka

do the job and keep our word.

He also feels that we need to move away from attendance as a measure of loyalty to commitment. Our strength is our clubs and the autonomy with which they operate. The workshops covered a range of topics from membership retention and getting new members to the way in which Rotary manages its rules. There were a lot of good ideas and when I get copies of the output I will publish these.

The Institute, which followed, is designed for District Governors, past, present and future to see presentations on the what Rotary is doing as well as receive updates on the RI Board, our finances, the Foundation and key elements of Rotary.

It was a great four day event which Briony and I thoroughly enjoyed and were stimulated into wanting to do more for Rotary. Next year Adelaide plays host to the Institute.



An enthusiastic audience

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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December Program

6/12/11	AG David Lloyd (Morialta)	RC Morialta and its projects
13/12/11	Rtn Stephen Yarwood (Adelaide)	The role of Rotary clubs in the community
20/12/11	Rtn Robert Cesana (Hyde Park)	Project volunteers
27/12/11	Rtn Lynton Nicholas (Campbelltown)	Rotary youth wellbeing

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
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
6/12/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	RYLA presentations and gift giving	M Martin	K Daly	J Casburn	L England G Ferguson
13/12/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Ray McGhee Surviving the Media and Communications Revolution	R Singh	R Elms	J Casburn	G Ferguson G Hill
21/12/11 Wednesday	Flinders Lodge Motel	7am	Joint Christmas Breakfast with Eastwood and Hyde Park Clubs	Scribe J Reed	R Elms	MC G McLeod	A Jonson

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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 – December 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed a winner of squares
1	03/12/11	Wendy Andrews (replacing David Middleton) & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/12/11	David Middleton (replacing Stephen Baker) & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17/12/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
Thrift shop recommencing Monday 16/01/12			
4		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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Bed time stories

A father put his three-year-old daughter to bed, told her a story, and listened to her prayers which she ended by saying: "God bless Mommy, God bless Daddy, God bless Grandma and good-bye Grandpa". The father asked, "Why did you say good-bye Grandpa?" The little girl said, "I don't know Daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do."

The next day Grandpa died. The father thought it was a strange coincidence. A few months later the father put the girl to bed and listened to her prayers, which went like this: "God bless Mommy, God Bless Daddy. And good-bye Grandma." The next day the grandmother died.

Oh my gosh, thought the father, this kid is in contact with the other side. Several weeks later when the girl was going to bed, the dad heard her say: "God bless Mommy and good-bye Daddy."

He practically went into shock. He couldn't sleep all night and got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office. He was nervous as a cat all day, had lunch sent in, and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight, he would be okay. He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day, he stayed there, drinking coffee, looking at his watch, and jumping at every sound. Finally midnight arrived. He breathed a sigh of relief and went home.

When he got home his wife said, "I've never seen you work so late, what's the matter?"

He said, "I don't want to talk about it. I've just spent the worst day of my life."

She said, "You think you had a bad day. You'll never believe what happened to me... this morning my golf pro dropped dead in the middle of my lesson! "

Revolting jokes

At this year's dinner, Christmas bonbons were provided which contained the following jokes – ohhhhhhh!

What do you call a man with a paper bag over his head? – *Russell* (eat your heart out John)

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers? – *In case he got a hole in one*

What do you get if you cross a fish and two elephants – *Swimming trunks*

What kind of cough medicine does Dracula take – *Coffin medicine*

How does Jack Frost get to work – *By icicles*

What do you call a penguin in the desert – *Lost*

What do ghost eat - *spookgetti*

Editor - Think we need to cut out bonbons or change the brand dramatically

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity