

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3791 – 6 December 2011

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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.	3791
Date	6 December 2011
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Stephen Westgarth
Birthdays	Colin Schirmer and David Middleton

President's Announcements

1. A reminder about the Carols this Sunday night.
2. AGM will be held on the 24th of January, everyone please review and think about what areas you would like to serve in next year.
3. The Combined Breakfast is on the 21st of Dec hosted by Unley.



President Sheila

Spots

Lindsay England: There will be 2 Culls in the Thrift shop during the closure CULL Wednesday 4th Jan 10am – 1pm Thursday 12th Jan 10am – 1pm.

Alex Jonson: Timor Lesté Project 2011 - VERY URGENT: Chandra's sister has donated approximately 3 tons of export quality dried currents and various other goods to send to Timor Lesté. She has also donated \$8,500.00 dollars towards the cost of shipping the container and the balance to be donated to another project of their choosing. We have arranged with The Rotary Club of Dili in conjunction with DIK to transport the goods. The balance of the container is to be filled with school desks, chairs etc supplied by the Rotary Club of Berri and DIK required by the Rotary Club of Dili.

I want thank the following Rotarians who assisted in tagging, cleaning, sorting and packing the desks and chairs and other goods that were available at DIK to pack in the container on Saturday 26th November: Chandra Sluggett, Bob & Glenyss Laws, Jim Newall, David Middleton and Lindsay England

We urgently require assistance from Rotary members to help load the 20 foot container at DIK. The container is due to be picked up on Monday 12 December. We require at least 6 to 8 volunteers for Saturday 10 December 2011:

Your assistance in this humanitarian project would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Alex Jonson by 9th December if you can assist. Phone 8331 0894 or 041299 3737.

David Middleton: A reminder about the Carols Everyone has their Roster so it should be a good night

Nathan White: The combined Christmas meeting on 21st at Flinders Lodge David Mackrell will be disseminating a list at next week's meeting for those intending to come. A reminder that the cost is \$5 per member regardless of attendance and the cost of attendance is \$20. David shall be collecting all proceeds at next Tuesday's meeting.

Mavis Martin relayed an invitation from Youth Opportunities to Rotarians to attend any of the Fourth Quarter Youth Opportunities Personal Leadership Program Graduation Ceremonies. The nearest ceremony to Unley is at 10.00am on Thursday 15th December at Personnel Employment, Level 1, 260 Currie Street, Adelaide.

Guest Speakers - RYLA Presentations

The speakers for tonight's meeting were two young people whom the club sponsored for this year's RYLA program.

Kimberley Lovegrove was our first speaker and has already participated in several community events, e.g. National Finalist for Girlfriend of the Year, Special Commendation Award from the City of Unley in conjunction with Young Australian of the Year Award and in the SA Youth Parliament (sponsored by the YMCA), all in 2011. Kimberley lives locally, is 19 years of age, Aboriginal and has been studying Certificate 3 in Community Services at TAFE. However, she has been successful in her application to Melbourne University to study

Certificate 4 in Marketing next year, will have to relinquish her current studies and relocate to Melbourne in January. Her major aim is to be an advocate for Aboriginal people and she also wishes to work in a leadership role with young people.

Kimberley nominated for the RYLA program because of her interest in a future leadership role. She told us about what the RYLA program meant to her having completed it. One issue had been the session regarding the fact that we all “have a dream”, to talk about it and never hold back in endeavouring to achieve it. The dream maybe disconnected from one’s everyday life and studies but should not be ignored. Kimberley’s dream is to be CEO of Island Records. She does not aim low! She had thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the team building, leadership and marketing one’s self sessions. Kimberley also told us that the following day she had been asked to be interviewed by ASE for a DVD edition for the 50th Anniversary of Voting for Aboriginal People and would be participating. An opportunity to combine advocacy, leadership and marketing with her bubbly personality and beautiful smile!

Campbell Davis was our second speaker. Campbell is 21 years of age. He has been involved in sporting bodies and attended the SA Youth Parliament (same one as Kimberley).

Campbell nominated for RYLA to make new friends and for self-development. He is studying Law and International Studies at the University of Adelaide, currently year 4. The rationale behind his choice of studies is his desire to assist people in less fortunate countries than Australia to not suffer poverty and malnutrition. Campbell described himself as a fairly inhibited person and said team activities gave him strategies to overcome that. He also had found sessions of sharing innermost thoughts and feeling with strangers to be extremely powerful and could not believe he was sharing such intimate details and the levels of trust that existed in the groups. He had benefited from the ‘marketing ones self exercise’ because he had used the strategies and secured a position of office assistant to be followed by a secretarial role in the office of tax lawyer Dr. Campbell Rankin, for the duration of the tertiary sector break. Campbell’s “dream” is to be an author but stated he did not know how that would sit with his legal, international and political aspirations. (During question time David Middleton commented this should not be a problem. Both lawyers and politicians lie through their back teeth and this is a skill that can be learned!) Campbell concluded his talk with a poem he had created whilst at RYLA that reflects his ability with the written word.

Kimberley and Campbell answered questions from members. One question directed to Campbell was regarding his views on Rotary and its programs. This led to him stating he was considering becoming a Rotarian. This was and will continue to be followed by relevant people in the club). Both speakers were presented with a Rotary pen for assisting them with note taking in their future studies.

Campbell’s Poem

Deception can come so easily to a human,
Could there be another creature, so willing to lie,
To an enemy, to a friend,
Or to themselves?

The unspoken thought, the hidden emotion,
A burning passion, or deep despair,
A careless joke, in place of truth.

So many dress in borrowed clothes,
Wearing the face they hope,
Will win them respect, admiration, love.

Where did these actors learn the source,
Of social success, of popularity,
That they would reject their own nature,
To take up another, put on a mask?

The truth may be that what we love,
Is not charm, intelligence or wit,
But those who will not hide their souls,
Who show their worst, not just their best.

They know we will not turn our backs,
Their vulnerability becomes strength.

For no quality can inspire love,
Like embracing your own imperfection,
And giving others permission,
To be just as flawed as you.

Rotary News

Former Rotary Scholar educates, supports new mothers with HIV

Rotary International News -- 27 October 2011

Aadila Sabat is on a personal mission to help achieve one of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. “We can all do something to heed the call to action from the United Nations to eliminate by 2015 all new HIV infections among children and keeping their mothers alive,” says the former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar from South Africa, “because the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to child is preventable.”

The rate of transmission is as high as 45 percent for mothers with HIV who don’t receive antiretroviral drugs, according to the World Health Organization. Use of the drugs, however, decreases the transmission rate to less than 2 percent.

Helping Mothers: Sabat works in Los Angeles for mothers2mothers (m2m), a nongovernmental organisation that educates and supports pregnant women and new mothers on issues related to HIV and maternal and child health. She helps train new mothers living with HIV to provide such support to women like themselves. These “mentor mothers” then work alongside doctors and nurses to serve the needs of this population group, helping to lessen the burden on critically understaffed health systems.

In addition to saving lives, achieving the UN’s goal is an economic imperative, says Sabat. “It costs less than \$100 to stop the transmission of HIV/AIDS from a mother to her child during pregnancy, but if that baby is born HIV-positive the cost [of treatment] is \$150,000.”

Since 2001, m2m has grown from a single site in Cape Town to more than 700 in nine countries in sub-Saharan Africa, with offices also in London and Los Angeles. One of the first donations to the organization came from the Rotary Club of Waterfront in Cape Town.

Sabat’s connections with m2m and Rotary go back to her teenage years in Cape Town. She was president of her Interact and Rotaract clubs, and a Rotary Youth Exchange student to France.



Aadila Sabat

AIDS Orphans: "Thanks to the guidance of my parents and Rotary District 9270, I have always been involved in some kind of activism," Sabat says. "Many projects the district is involved with are related to the care of the nearly two million AIDS orphans in South Africa. I was fortunate to be part of many of these projects, and this instilled in me the desire to do more work related to AIDS."

Sabat, who was a 2007-08 Rotary Scholar at the University of San Diego in California, traveled back to Cape Town earlier this year and met with mothers involved in the program.

"Some of the women spoke about their reactions when they found out that they were HIV-positive and what it was like sharing the news with their partners," she says. "They thought their lives had ended, because they had such little knowledge of HIV/AIDS. Only after being introduced to mothers in the program did they think that their babies could be born HIV-negative and that they could live long, productive lives caring for their families."

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
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
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
4	N/A	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & TBA
Thrift Shop recommencing Monday 16/01/12			
1	N/A	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	N/A	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	21/01/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	28/01/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & TBA

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

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The Back Page

Divorce vs Murder

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I would like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he explained, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband, that's against the law? I'll lose my licence! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and replied, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

Christmas Thoughts

As Christmas approaches, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Australian retailers with piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has perhaps been produced at the expense of Australian labour.

This year will be different. This year Australians will give the gift of genuine concern for other Australians. Don't use the excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by Australian hands.

It's time to think outside the box. Think people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper?

Everyone gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local Australian hair salon or barber?

Gym membership; it's appropriate for people of all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, Australian owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plonking down the dollars for a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his/her driveway sealed, or lawn mown for the summer, or driveway cleaned, or games at the local golf course.

There are plenty of owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. And, if your recipient isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Just remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Australians with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use some servicing for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the Australian working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for your mother? Is your mother someone who would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day... a month... a year?

Most computers could use a tune-up, and there are plenty of young guys out there struggling to keep repair businesses going in the face of throw away prices on new computers from the big chains.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, pottery and beautiful wooden boxes and turned bowls and dishes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre?

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Honestly, people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of lights, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the postman, garbage collector or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas should not be about draining Australian pockets so that China can build another city.

Christmas should be about caring about Australians, encouraging Australian small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Australians, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine.

Help make this the new Australian Christmas tradition.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity