

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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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.	3792
Date	13 December 2011
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Ray McGhee
Chairperson	Rohan Singh
Guests	Vladiner Lorenzen, Briony Lyon, Drew England
Visiting Rotarians	Chalmers Cursley, Past President, Rotary Club of Amersham UK
Returning Rotarians	Colin Schirmer
Apologies	Stephen Westgarth, Bob Mills, Janet Singh, Neville Highett, Peter O'Neill, Stephen Baker,
Departing Rotarians	None
Birthdays & Anniversaries	None we knew of

President's Announcements

1. Thank you to everyone who gave their time for the Carols at the Rotunda, It was a great event.
2. A reminder the AGM is on the 24th of January, please think about the skills and your experience and how you can work in the club in the coming year.

Spots

David Middleton: Many thanks to the members who helped make the Carols a great night. It seems to be getting bigger every year

Lindsay England: There will be a meeting of the Thrift Shop committee following tonight's meeting. Also last week was an excellent week with our takings, made \$1666.66. Also, there will be a culling day on the 6th of January; the more the merrier.

David Mackrell: Next meeting is on Wednesday morning at the Flinders Lodge at 7am. It will be a combined meeting with Hyde Park and Eastwood with Unley being the hosting club. Cost is \$20 if attending and a \$5 donation if you are not coming. The guest speaker is a member from The Cancer Council.

Alex Jonson: Thank you to those who gave their time to pack the container, Chandra, Jim David Middleton and Bob and Glenyss.

Wendy Andrew: Jan 26th we have been asked to participate at the Australia Day citizenship Ceremony with Hyde Park Rotary and Unley Lions to have a BBQ following the ceremony. More details to come.

Joan Reed: Thank you those members who came and packed the lolly bags on Saturday afternoon; it was a case of many hands make light work.



Visiting Rotarian Chalmers Cursley presented President Sheila with a banner from the Rotary Club of Amersham UK.

Carols at the Rotunda - Unley 2011

Congratulations to David Middleton and team for a superbly run Carols at the Rotunda in the Unley Memorial Gardens this year. The crowd started arriving early and filled to create a real sense of community participation. President Sheila enjoyed her moments of fame as did our honorary members Mayor Lachlan Clyne and David Pisoni MP.

The program again included entertaining clowns, beautiful face painting, a bouncy Scoobie Doo, the engaging Ticklish Allsorts, the fabulous Australian Army Band and their singers, the wonderful Australian Girls Choir, our marvellous emcee Matt Noble (who also sang very well), and of course there was the special appearance by Santa Claus (who was built a lot like Colin Shirmer) and his elf (who looked a lot like Ken Daly) who provided lovingly packed bags of lollies to the kiddies.

The crowd was fed by an enticing sausage sizzle washed down with soft drinks efficiently vended by our own Rotarians and their partners.

Thanks and kudos to David and Farida Mackrell who made a magic movie of the event, which can be viewed on **YouTube** at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMHio9I4KPU>.

Janet Singh was everywhere with her camera making sure we had a pictorial record of this year's event; thank you Janet. Here are just some of her photos from the Carols.



Some of the Carols spectators being very well behaved in the mosh pit.



The Ticklish Allsorts performing for the children



John and Heather serving sausages.



The Australian Army Band performed.



Reno Elms narrated the nativity play



Little angels were part of the story.



Pres. Sheila and David Pisoni presented the Schools Colouring Competition prizes.



The Australian Girls Choir sang beautifully.



Santa tried very hard not to frighten the children.

Guest Speaker

Ray McGhee: Surviving the Media and Communications Revolution

Our guest speaker, Ray McGhee, was introduced by Chairperson Rohan Singh. Ray McGhee was one of South Australia's most experienced television journalists with his career in both radio and television spanning four decades. For nearly 30 years, Ray was a member of Adelaide's Channel Nine news service where he reported all aspects of news ranging from terrible tragedy to inspirational human achievement. He is an honorary member of the Australian Journalist Association. In 2007, Ray established his own home loan business.

Ray's professional presentation dealt with traditional media (television, radio and print) and social media (Blogs, Twitter, YouTube Facebook etc.). Just a couple of statistics gleaned from his talk; last year we sent 247 billion emails, 25 billion tweets and there are well over 700 million Facebook users!

His informative and humorous presentation addressed the impact of this rapidly changing technology on all of us. His insight into how the Australian media operates provided useful information for organisations, like Rotary, on how to maximise their media exposure.

Ray was asked many interesting questions, and Rotarians and guests thanked Ray for his excellent presentation in the customary manner.

Rotary News

Rotary partners with world's largest postgraduate water education institution

Rotary International News – 28 November 2011

Rotary clubs will be helping train engineers and scientists to solve problems in water and sanitation, particularly in developing countries, through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education.

Through the partnership, the Foundation will offer packaged grants that Rotary clubs may use to select and sponsor scholarships for professionals in the water sector. Up to eight students a year may be chosen for any of three Master of Science programs at the institute in Delft, the Netherlands.

Both the institute and Rotary share a vision of making water and sanitation more accessible and more sustainable for all people, particularly the poor. The partnership directly supports Rotary's water and sanitation area of focus.

"This strategic partnership with UNESCO-IHE enables Rotary to work with a globally recognized leader in the training of water professionals at a time when such experts are desperately needed in many parts of the world," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. "By identifying high-quality, high-potential candidates for these scholarships, Rotary clubs will play an important role in addressing a serious global problem."

"Eighty percent of diseases in the developing world are caused by the lack of water and appropriate sanitation," said UNESCO-IHE rector András Szöllösi-Nagy. "The cooperation with Rotary is an important milestone in the large-scale, global capacity building required to tackle this crisis."

Since 1957 UNESCO-IHE, the world's largest postgraduate water education facility, has provided master of science degrees and promoted PhDs to more than 14,500 water professionals from over 160 countries. The institute also promotes research and capacity building projects, manages a worldwide network of educational institutions and organizations in the water sector, provides professional expertise on water education, and plays a role in setting international standards for postgraduate water education and continuing professional training.

Sustainability

By focusing on postgraduate degree programs, The Rotary Foundation is making a long-term investment in water and sanitation, helping equip students with the research, managerial, and technical skills they will need to solve domestic problems by thinking globally. Working with the institute is a particularly good investment for the Foundation: most of the institute's students are from developing and emerging countries where the need is the greatest, and 87 percent of the program's graduates are still active in the field a decade later.

Rotary Foundation packaged global grants support large, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Because the initial work of finding a strategic partner and designing the general framework of the project has already been done, Rotarians can focus their talents and energies on the implementation.

One hundred Rotary districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the Foundation's streamlined grant structure, which began 1 July 2010. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.



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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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December Program

06/12/11	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

January Program

03/01/12	Roger Lush (Daw House Hospice Foundation)	Palliative Care
10/01/12	Rtn Arch Boonen (Prospect)	Project Vietnam
17/01/12	DGE Roy Armstrong (Marion)	The Business Breakfast
24/12/11	Rtn Marian Lesnicki (Onkaparinga)	Return of the GSE Team from Denmark
31/01/12	Rtn Margaret Blake (Hyde Park)	The Pitstop Project

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
21/12/11 Wednesday	Flinders Lodge Motel	7am	Joint Christmas Breakfast with Eastwood and Hyde Park Clubs	Scribe J Reed	R Elms	Emcee: G McLeod	A Jonson
10/1/12	The Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Petanque	B Mullins			
17/1/12	Tiffins	6 for 6.30	Georgia Margonis: "NZ Youth Exchange"	S Baker	J Newell	J Casburn	A Jonson & M Martin

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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
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

Beer, fishing, golf & sex...



A man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and said, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked.

"No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!"

"Will you spend the money on a woman in the red light district instead of food?" the man asked.

"What disease would I get for ten lousy bucks?" exclaimed the homeless man.

"Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting too."

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up beer, fishing, golf and sex."

Vatican Humour

After getting all of Pope Benedict's luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn't travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb.

'Excuse me, Your Holiness,' says the driver, 'Would you please take your seat so we can leave?'

'Well, to tell you the truth,' says the Pope, 'they never let me drive at the Vatican when I was a cardinal, and I'd really like to drive today..'

'I'm sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! What if something should happen?' protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

'Who's going to tell?' says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 205 kph. (Remember, the Pope is German.)

'Please slow down, Your Holiness!' pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

'Oh, dear God, I'm going to lose my licence -- and my job!' moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

'I need to talk to the Chief,' he says to the dispatcher.

The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going 205 kph.

'So bust him,' says the Chief.

'I don't think we want to do that, he's really important,' said the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, 'All the more reason!'

'No, I mean really important,' said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, 'Who do you have there, the Mayor?'

Cop: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'A senator?'

Cop: 'Bigger.'

Chief: 'The Prime Minister?'

Cop: 'Bigger.'

'Well,' said the Chief, 'who is it?'

Cop: 'I think it's God!'

The Chief is even more puzzled and curious, 'What makes you think it's God?'

Cop: 'His chauffeur is the Pope!'



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity