

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3793 – 21st December 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



Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3793
Date	21 st December 2011
Venue	Flinders Lodge
Guest Speaker	Dr Kerry Ettridge
Chairperson	Greg McLeod
Guests	Joint meeting with Eastwood and Hyde Park; Briony Lyon
Visiting Rotarians	DG Bruce Richardson and his wife Kathy and AG Mark Huddleston and his wife Debra
Apologies	Not available
Returning Rotarians	Stephen Westgarth

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila welcomed the other clubs and asked the respective Presidents to open their meetings. .
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.
3. Pedal for a purpose. John McRostie from the Mitcham club is involved in this project he has sent information to President Sheila as follows:

"End of January 2012 12 riders are riding from Melbourne to Adelaide to raise funds for Bedford group to build disabled housing I am part of that ride through the Rotary Club of Mitcham. They are a sponsor of the ride .In the next two weeks I would like to come to your club and spend five minutes explaining the ride and how your club could help with some sponsorship. In addition there will be functions that rotary will be involved with in terms of BBQs, the group leaving and returning to SA etc. I am also approaching clubs on the way in terms of support for meals and sponsorship. I would be delighted to hear from you in relation to this matter. I am hoping to raise Rotary's awareness in the area as part of this ride and raise \$100,000 towards this building project."



President Sheila

Spots

Lindsay England: Culling dates for the Thrift shop have been corrected from last week's bulletin Apologies from the editor. The dates are **Wednesday 4th Jan 2012 & Thursday 12th Jan 2012 from 10am to 1pm. Please mark in your diaries.**

DG Bruce and AG Mark both wished the clubs all the best and highlighted the fact that Group 6 clubs work very well together.



Guest Speaker – Dr Kerry Ettridge: “Cancer Research”

Dr Kerry Ettridge is the Acting Manager of Research at Cancer Council SA. She has a background in psychology and behavioural research, and her research interests include the factors that influence the uptake of healthy behaviours and the cessation of risk behaviours to prevent cancer. This includes research in the areas of sun protection, bowel cancer screening, diet and physical activity and alcohol consumption.

Kerry indicated that one-third of cancer deaths could be prevented by:

- stopping smoking/not smoking
- maintaining a healthy weight
- sun protection
- sufficient physical activity
- following a healthy diet
- limiting alcohol consumption
- appropriate screening

Her research includes determining whether and to what extent the community knows about links between lifestyle related risk factors and cancer risks and determining what the barriers are to adopting healthier behaviours. Much survey work is undertaken and evaluation of existing health campaigns and policy to ascertain their effectiveness in informing the community on how to become more aware of and better prepared to deal with matters affecting health. Education of the young on the importance of sun protection is very important, as is the monitoring of trends in smoking and the development of alternative strategies to reduce the availability of tobacco products.

President Sheila thanked Kerry and provided her with a cheque for the amount of the meeting's profits (\$330.00) to advance the good works of Cancer Council SA.



Emcee Greg McLeod with Pres. Sheila presenting a cheque to the Cancer Council's Dr Kerry Ettridge.

Rotary News

India presses its advantage against polio

Rotary International News – 23 November 2011

With just one case of polio reported in the last 10 months, India is more determined than ever to ensure eradication of the disease.

As part of that effort, Rotarians helped administer bivalent oral polio vaccine to more than 35 million children during a Subnational Immunization Day on 13 November. The vaccine is effective against the two remaining types of the virus.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the Rotarians also helped organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, as well as distribute banners, caps, face masks, comic books, and other items to the children.

On 20 November, a team of Rotarians from District 3700 (Korea) served in a health camp in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, which included immunization of children against polio. The camp was organized by Indian Rotarians in cooperation with local health officials and UNICEF.

The following day, the team took part in a door-to-door mop-up campaign, administering vaccine to children who otherwise would have missed receiving it. A TV news crew from Korea accompanied the Rotarians throughout their visit, taking the End Polio Now message back to their country.

And in Mumbai, Rotary leaders John Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee; Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan; and RI General Secretary John Hewko joined Indian Rotarians in immunizing children.

“This year, there have been just over 500 cases worldwide. The fact that only one of those cases is in India is a tremendous achievement that reflects the determination of the nation's leaders and its citizens to finally rid their country -- and the world -- of this terrible scourge,” Hewko wrote in an article published earlier this month in the Hindu Business Line.

India's next National Immunization Days are scheduled for January and February, and a series of supplementary activities are planned through June. At the same time, intensive surveillance for the wild poliovirus is continuing throughout the country.

“Rotary has invested heavily in surveillance in India over the last 12 months,” said Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's assistant director-general for polio eradication and related areas, at a September meeting of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. “That's the reason we can say with confidence that we think we're getting close to zero [cases] in India.”



John Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee, holds a child as Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan administers drops of polio vaccine, part of a Subnational Immunization Day in Mumbai, India, on 13 November.

The comeback of Comely Bank

The Rotarian – December 2011

For nearly 40 years, Paul and Jean Harris hosted Rotary board meetings and entertained visiting dignitaries in their home on Chicago's South Side, which they affectionately called Comely Bank after the street where Jean grew up in Edinburgh, Scotland. Today, the house stands in disrepair, its walls stripped to bare studs, as the group of Rotarians that owns it struggles to raise the money for a restoration.

“Comely Bank is the Mount Vernon of Rotary – it's the home of our founder, and it's too important an asset to not do something about it,” says Robert Knuepfer, 2010-11 governor of District 6450 (Illinois) and president of the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation.

After Paul Harris died in 1947, Jean sold the home. It remained in private hands until the spring of 2005, when the Harris Home Foundation, headed by local Rotarians who had frequently inquired about the house, purchased it with \$500,000 borrowed from the charitable foundation of the nearby Rotary Club of Naperville. The group made some immediate structural repairs to the century-old, Tudor-style home, such as putting in a new basement floor and shoring up the old stone foundation, so the site would be safe for Rotarians visiting during that centennial year.

The Harris Home Foundation's vision for the future is to restore the house to the way it looked in 1947, but with a few "special technical surprises," as Knuepfer puts it. The foundation plans to digitize archival materials including videos, recordings of Harris' speeches, and still photographs, and to install digital monitors in each room to show visitors what life was like there.

But without the money to complete the repairs, the restoration project has been at a standstill, the rooms littered with bundles of insulation and construction debris.

Rotarians of the Harris Home Foundation have embarked on a campaign to raise \$3 million to pay off the debt and interest on the house, complete the renovations, and establish an endowment to pay for maintenance in perpetuity. When the restoration is complete, Knuepfer says, the home could be used as a meeting place for the RI Board and local or visiting clubs, and as a venue for Rotary Foundation functions. The Harris Home Foundation board also envisions creating a Rotary history trail, with stops at Comely Bank, the nearby gravesite of Paul Harris, and Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in Evanston – a re-creation of the office where the first Rotary meeting was held.

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

27/12/11	Rtn Lynton Nicholas (Campbelltown)	Rotary Youth Wellbeing (RYWEL)
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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
10/1/12	The Orphanage	6 for 6.30	Petanque	B Mullins			
17/1/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	Georgia Margonis: "NZ Youth Exchange"	S Baker	J Newell	J Casburn	A Jonson & M Martin

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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: November – December 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
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

Clean the mirror

According to a news report, a certain private school in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs was recently faced with an unusual problem. A number of the girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally the Headmistress decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses, the precious dears).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet bowl, and cleaned the mirror with it. The silence was broken by a large number of gasps, a few girls vomited and apparently someone fainted. Since then there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers . . . And then there are educators.

The night before Christmas Down Under

'Twas the night before Christmas; there wasn't a sound.
Not a possum was stirring; no-one was around.

We'd left on the table some tucker and beer,
Hoping that Santa Claus soon would be here;

We children were snuggled up safe in our beds,
While dreams of pavlova danced 'round in our heads;
And Mum in her nightie, and Dad in his shorts,
Had just settled down to watch TV sports.

When outside the house a mad ruckus arose;
Loud squeaking and banging woke us from our doze.
We ran to the screen door, peeked cautiously out,
snuck onto the deck, then let out a shout.

Guess what had woken us up from our snooze,
But a rusty old Ute pulled by eight mighty 'roos.
The cheerful man driving was giggling with glee,
And we both knew at once who this plump bloke must be.

Now, I'm telling the truth it's all dinki-di,
Those eight kangaroos fairly soared through the sky.
Santa leaned out the window to pull at the reins,
And encouraged the 'roos, by calling their names.

'Now, Kylie! Now, Kirsty! Now, Shazza and Shane!
On Kipper! On, Skipper! On, Bazza and Wayne!
Park up on that water tank. Grab a quick drink,
I'll scoot down the gum tree. Be back in a wink!

So up to the tank those eight kangaroos flew,
With the Ute full of toys, and Santa Claus too.
He slid down the gum tree and jumped to the ground,
Then in through the window he sprang with a bound.

He had bright sunburned cheeks and a milky white beard.
A jolly old joker was how he appeared.
He wore red stubby shorts and old thongs on his feet,
And a hat of deep crimson as shade from the heat.

His eyes - bright as opals - Oh! How they twinkled!
And, like a goanna, his skin was quite wrinkled!
His shirt was stretched over a round bulging belly
Which shook when he moved, like a plate full of jelly.

A fat stack of prezzies he flung from his back,
And he looked like a swaggie unfastening his pack.
He spoke not a word, but bent down on one knee,
To position our goodies beneath the yule tree.

Surfboard and footy-ball shapes for us two.
And for Dad, tongs to use on the new barbeque.
A mysterious package he left for our Mum,
Then he turned and he winked and he held up his thumb;

He strolled out on deck and his 'roos came on cue;
Flung his sack in the back and prepared to shoot through.
He bellowed out loud as they swooped past the gates-
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and goodonya, MATES!

The eye

A man was dining alone in a fancy restaurant and there was a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table..He had been checking her out since he sat down, but lacked the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezed, and her glass eye came flying out of its socket towards the man. He reflexively reached out, grabbed it out of the air, and handed it back.

'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman said, as she popped her eye back in place. 'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you.'

They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they went to the theatre followed by drinks... They talked, they laughed, she shared her deepest dreams and he shared his. She listened to him with interest.

After paying for everything, she asked him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooked a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy was amazed. Everything had been so incredible!

'You know,' he said, 'you are the perfect woman.. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?'

'No,' she repliesShe said'You just happened to catch my eye.'

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity