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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.	3795
Date	17 January 2012
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Georgia Margonis and Trish Margonis
Chairperson	Greg McLeod
Guests	Briony Lyon, Vangelis (Van) Margonis
Visiting Rotarians	None
Apologies	Lindsay England
Returning Rotarians	None
Departing Rotarians	None

President's Announcements

1. A big thank you to Lindsay England and his team for all the work and imagination in revamping the **Thrift Shop**, when I walked in yesterday to do my duty it looked wonderful. All of your work is very much appreciated.
2. The **Board Meeting** scheduled for tomorrow night has had to be postponed to a later date due to the non-availability of a number of Board members.
3. The **AGM** will be held on 24th January. Please think seriously about how you can best use your skills and experience in the service of RCU.
4. Our first Group 6 **Community Link** newsletter has been received from the printers and our stock of **Humanity in Motion** books has now been found, so it should be possible to deliver the two publications at the same time. John Peacham will make arrangements with you to do this.
5. There will be a **Combined Group 6 'The Rotary Foundation' Meeting** at Belair Park Country Club on 13th March.
6. As David Mackrell resigned from the club on 31st December, we have a need for someone to continue his **Public Relations** work. We will also need a replacement for him in the Thrift Shop for the late shift on the fourth Saturday of the month.
7. Again, I would remind you of the need to get in soon if you want reasonably local accommodation for the upcoming District Conference in Mildura from 26th to 29th April.



President Sheila

Spots

Mavis Martin reminded members that next week's meeting is not just the AGM but also an International Quiz night in conjunction with our twin club, the Rotary Club of Aireborough (near the Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds, Yorkshire). Each club will provide 30 questions on topics relating to cricket (10), The Rotary Foundation (10) and things that the Brits think Australians should know about Britain (10), and vice versa.

Mavis reported that she had been to the Casino for lunch and bumped into Norm Wallace who looked very well.

Wendy Andrews reminded members that we will be assisting with catering arrangements for the City of Unley citizenship ceremony on Australia Day, to be held at the Unley Civic Centre. Those RCU members who have indicated they can help are need at the Civic Centre at 9.30am to set-up and then pull down the trestles for serving drinks and the barbeque.

Joan Reed asked if another Rotarian could sub for her at the Thrift Shop on Saturday 21st January. David Middleton obliged and has swapped his shift with Joan's.

Guest Speakers

Georgia Margonis: 'Short Term Exchange Student to NZ'

Georgia Margonis, supported by her parents Vangelis and Trish, spoke to the Club about her imminent trip to New Zealand as part of the Rotary Australia New Zealand Youth Exchange.

Georgia will this year commence Year 10 at Concordia College. In April, she will be travelling to Auckland NZ for three months on student exchange.



Chairman Greg McLeod with Georgia, Trish & Van Margonis

She used the Club members as the test bed for her speech that she intends to give in New Zealand. In her speech, she paints a picture of her family, her home environment, her school, South Australia and its primary and secondary industries, the vibrant food and wine culture enjoyed in South Australia, the wildlife, the relaxed way of life enjoyed by the people and their willingness to help others, her own sporting activities and her family's affection for the Crows in the AFL. She is excited at the prospect of enjoying new and different experiences while in New Zealand and immersing herself in the local culture. She has travelled overseas before which has reinforced her belief that we are very lucky to live in a country such as Australia. She is very much looking forward to the exchange. Georgia will return with a New Zealand student who will have the reverse opportunity to spend time in another country and enjoy all that it can offer.

Georgia aspires to be a firefighter, or failing that, a midwife or an ambulance officer, clearly wishing to be engaged in a vocation where she can help others.

Georgia thanked the Club for its sponsorship of her application.

Georgia's speech was warmly received by the members and she was wished all the best by the members. We look forward to hearing further from Georgia upon her return.

Trish Margonis: 'The Value of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program'

Georgia's mother Trish spoke briefly about her own experiences as a Rotary Exchange student to Argentina in 1981 and how lessons learned during that time have resonated through her life in the subsequent years. She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tailern Bend, having grown up in the Jervois area.

She arrived in Argentina to a country led by a military government. The atmosphere was confronting, the Falklands War was looming, the living conditions among many of the people were poor or substandard and she found it hard to be a foreigner in that country at that time. She was greeted warmly by her host families and the Rotary members and enjoyed great hospitality during her stay. She was proudly welcomed into the homes of members who, notwithstanding the prevailing political conditions, were immensely proud of their country. It was quite apparent to her that Rotary as an organisation enjoyed great respect and that her status as a Rotary Exchange student benefited her in her daily life. She recognised the strong bond of family and how precious are the concepts of democracy and freedom and a high standard of living that are enjoyed without a second thought by Australians.

Trish became a teacher and encourages her students to adopt a broad outlook on life, to be flexible, to be part of the solution, to think globally while acting locally, to enjoy and experience all that life has to offer but to remember their humanity, much of this philosophy finding its basis in her Rotary experience.

Rotary News

Rotary clubs worldwide meet US\$200million fundraising challenge

Rotary International News – 17 January 2012

Rotary International has succeeded in meeting the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's US\$200 million match in funding for polio eradication, raising more than \$202.6 million as of 17 January.



Jeff Raikes, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"We'll celebrate this milestone, but it doesn't mean that we'll stop raising money or spreading the word about polio eradication," Rotary Foundation Trustee John F. Germ told Rotary leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "We can't stop until our entire world is certified as polio-free."

The fundraising milestone was reached in response to \$355 million in challenge grants awarded to The Rotary Foundation by the Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where the vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

"In recognition of Rotary's great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partnership," said Jeff Raikes, Chief Executive Officer of the Gates Foundation. "Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers." Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly.

The new \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation is not a challenge grant.

Since 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from about 350,000 cases annually to fewer than 650 cases reported so far for 2011. The wild poliovirus is now endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, India on 13 January marked a full calendar year without a case, paving the way for its removal from the endemic list.

But other countries also remain at risk for polio cases imported from the endemic countries. In Africa in 2011, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo had significant outbreaks. Also in 2011, a small cluster of polio cases in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced to Pakistan.

Rotary club members not only reached into their own pockets to support the Gates challenge, but also engaged their communities in a variety of creative fundraising projects, such as a fashion show in California that raised \$52,000, benefit film screenings in New Zealand and Australia that netted \$54,000, and a pledge-supported hike through Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, that brought in \$38,000. Many events were planned around 24 October, widely observed as World Polio Day.

To date, Rotarians worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In 1988, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention joined Rotary as spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. More recently, the Gates Foundation has become a major supporter. In 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012.

Reaching children with the oral polio vaccine in the disease's remaining strongholds is labor- and resource-intensive due to a host of challenges, including poor infrastructure, geographical isolation, armed conflict, and cultural misunderstanding about the eradication campaign.

Rotary Scholar aims to link small farmers to international food markets

Rotary International News – 4 January 2012

Alex Dalley believes that impoverished communities in developing countries can sustain economic and social growth if small farmers are connected to global agricultural supply chains.

Dalley, a Rotary Scholar from Australia, is earning his master's degree in business administration at the Erasmus University Rotterdam School of Management in the Netherlands. His scholarship, funded by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant, supports Rotary's economic and community development area of focus.

"My studies have formalized my business skills, which will enable me to build better businesses that link small farmers to local and global food supply chains," says Dalley, whose scholarship is sponsored by districts 9600 (part of Queensland, Australia; Papua New Guinea; and Solomon Islands) and 1600 (The Netherlands). "The program has given me a fantastic opportunity to practice leadership skills, further preparing me for my professional role."

Reducing poverty

Dalley says the resurgence of private-sector interest in small-farm agriculture will help lower poverty levels in emerging markets.

"The function of economic and community development has always been a public-sector issue. [But] the private sector and big businesses are beginning to take over," he says. "If you can establish a modern, sustainable distribution and supply chain between small farmers and various food markets, governments will be more inclined to improve roads, power, and infrastructure."

Before his scholarship, Dalley worked as an agribusiness adviser on private-sector development programs in East Timor funded by USAID and AusAID, identifying and developing market opportunities for small farmers.

His most rewarding project, he says, was creating a small vegetable distribution business within a Singaporean supermarket chain called Kmanek, which has a large presence in East Timor's capital, Dili. By replacing expensive imported vegetables, the supermarket was able to buy cheaper and better-quality produce locally, he says.

"The East Timor experience opened my eyes to the power supermarkets have in our food supply chains," says Dalley. "In a small country like East Timor, you really get a sense of how a supermarket, which controls access to the consumer, can be a positive force for change."

Student of the year

After he graduates, Dalley, who won the 2011 Student of the Year Award from the Association of MBAs, hopes to work with large global agricultural retailers to help build relationships with small farmers in developing countries.

Dalley had originally applied for an Ambassadorial Scholarship, before District 9600 began participating in the pilot of the Future Vision Plan, a new grant-funding structure for the Foundation. Shaughn Forbes, chair of the district's Rotary Foundation Scholars subcommittee, says Dalley was very patient throughout the process. "It was clear from the beginning that Alex was an outstanding candidate, regardless of the program he was applying for."



Alex Dalley, a Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholar, visits a small vegetable farm in East Timor. Dalley created business relationships between farmers in East Timor and a large supermarket chain.

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

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
24/01/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	Annual General Meeting & Quiz Night	S Evans	P O'Neil	J Casburn	M Martin & G McLeod
31/01/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	TBA	TBA	D Payne	J Casburn	G McLeod & D Middleton
07/02/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	Jane Lister: "Red Cross Blood Service"	R Singh	J Peacham	J Casburn	D Middleton & R Mills
14/02/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30	Dr Nhiem Lu: "Roving Lifestyles"	TBA	J Reed	J Casburn	R Mills & R Mullins

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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: January-February 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	21/01/12	Glenys Ferguson & David Middleton (sub for Joan Reed)	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	28/01/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	TBA & Sheila Evans
5	N/A	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & TBA
1	04/02/12	Jerry Casburn & Joan Reed (sub for David Middleton)	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	11/02/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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On the Back Page

Thoughts on Exercise

- ❖ Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.
- ❖ My grandfather started walking five kilometres a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the hell he is.
- ❖ I like long walks, especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.
- ❖ The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
- ❖ I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
- ❖ I joined a gym last year, spent about \$250. I haven't lost a gram. Apparently you have to go there!
- ❖ Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.
- ❖ I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
- ❖ The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'
- ❖ If you're going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.
- ❖ I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years,.....just getting over the hill.
- ❖ Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a pub with a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity