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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.	3798
Date	7 February 2012
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Darren Birbeck - ECH
Chairperson	Mavis Martin
Guests	DGE Roy and Marilyn Armstrong, ADG Mark Huddleston, Briony Lyon, Jerry's grandson Tyler, Glenyss Steadman
Apologies	Heather Kilsby, Nathan White
Returning Rotarians	Peter O'Neil, Geoff Hill, Reno Elms
Anniversaries	Sheila Evans (induction 8 years ago on 10 February) and 70 th birthday last week

President's Announcements

1. The next Board Meeting will be held on 23 February at Sheila's home.
2. There will be a Combined Group 6 TRF Meeting at Belair Park Country Club, March 13.
3. The Australia Day citizenship ceremony at Unley Council Chambers went very smoothly – participating Unley Rotary members were thanked.
4. Our container was being unpacked by the Rotary Club of Dili with great relish
5. Unley Council is holding its *Parks Alive* program to encourage greater use of local recreational facilities and parks – our club has been asked to provide a barbeque.
6. *The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)* was again promoted - Dates; 14/4, 12/5, 2/6.
7. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 9520 CONFERENCE - MILDURA, VICTORIA 26TH – 29TH APRIL, 2012 - accommodation is becoming scarce.



President Sheila

Spots

Mavis Martin reported that the Aireborough Club had scored 2 more points (12) than the Rotary Club of Unley (10) in the international quiz. She proposed and it was accepted that the annual challenge should be for the Ned Kelly certificate.....some members suggested that our English counterparts may have already displayed Ned Kelly tendencies.

Bob Mullins successfully swapped his Thrift Shop shift with Sheila Evans.



Roy moonbooting

Joan Reed called for volunteers to assist with catering for the DGE training session at Unley City Council on 26 February – some members suggested that they should starve.....she also was keen for everyone to hang around for the wedding-of-the-century photos.

Lindsay England amazingly predicted that there would be a Thrift Shop Committee meeting next week and that a new member would join the committee.

DGE Roy Armstrong told of his time in Orlando US with a small group of other DGEs from around the globe. The International Assembly in San Diego had been a great experience....particularly when participants were required to talk about their magical *Rotary Moment* which basically defined their commitment to Rotary.



Guest Speaker – Darren Birbeck from ECH

Mavis Martin, Chair for the night introduced Mr. Darren Birbeck, General Manager, Corporate Services, Elderly Citizens Homes (ECH). Darren has a B. Economics and MBA, has worked at ECH for the past seven years and is married with two children. He has a diversity of roles and skills relating to information technology, professional development for staff, and succession planning in order to enable ECH to provide care that reflects contemporary service provision to our elderly citizens.

Elderly Citizens Homes of SA Incorporated was registered on July 2nd 1964 and is a non-denominational, non-for-profit charity providing care services for older people. Since its inception ECH has diversified and now consists of 1625 Independent Living Units across 96 locations, 7 Residential Care Centres with 794 bed licences, 4 Community Service Sites, 4 Therapy Service Locations, 5 Day Programs and 2 Living Well programs. There are over 1300 employees. The focus of ECH is to provide quality affordable homes and support to enrich the lives of older people; its values are focused around integrity, respect and empathy. The older models of care provision based on rigid medical and organisational routines that created resident dependence have gone. In their place are models for flexible care and service delivery and resident choices enabling promotion of resident independence. Examples are home like environments that have had resident input to presentation, sleep ins for people who are not early risers and exercise programs that focus on 'can do' as opposed to 'cannot do'. For people suffering memory loss and confusion there are programs linking them with the community enabling them to re-acquaint themselves with previous skills and share their attributes with others. An example is the Art Project with students of Pembroke School. Staff are involved in retreats focusing on how want to be treated when older, to try and put them in the shoes of those they care for.

There are various active programs in place for ongoing site upgrades and unit refurbishment including kitchen and bathroom renovations as determined by residents and aesthetically and more user-friendly outdoor areas.

Darren answered a variety of questions from members that further added to the excellent insight he gave us to the ultra-contemporary provision of care and services for older people in South Australia.



Mavis presenting the pen to Darren

Member Induction – Briony Lyon

Jerry Casburn proposed Briony Lyon to become a member of the Rotary Club of Unley. Briony had been educated at the Cabra Convent. She has spent much of her adult life in retailing. Initially, and when married to a member of the armed forces, she had been involved in selling clothing and had established fashion stores. She has 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Her interests include philanthropy, athletics and the theatre. She is very keen and committed to Rotary. President Sheila inducted Briony into the club and was warmly welcomed. Her classification is *Retail Children's Clothing*, she is to be mentored by Jerry (mmmmm) and will join the Thrift Shop Committee.



Lindsay (most), Briony, Sheila, Tyler and Jerry



The tie and... John Russell's hands

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Jerry Casburn told lousy jokes but did nail some serial offenders in his fine session. Anne Wehr won the diabolical squares.

Mark Huddleston displayed highly questionable taste (just check the tie out) when he presented a chocolate delight to Briony.....but of course Jerry had supplied it, hadn't he!

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Rotary News

Robert Pennicott – Keynote Speaker at District Conference in April 2012

District Governor's newsletter February 2012



Rtn Robert Pennicott

Rotarian Robert Pennicott together with Mick Souter and cameraman Zorro Gamarnik recently became the first people to achieve a very Australian record; the circumnavigation of Australia (including Tasmania) in two 5.4 metre yellow rubber dinghies propelled by twin 60 horsepower outboards.

Robert will present highlights of the journey including details of some of their travelling companions.

The trip raised nearly \$275,000 for Rotary's PolioPlus. Robert's two children, Mia and Noah, came aboard for the final leg from Hobart to Sydney. "I'm very proud of them, it can be rough. They did 14 or 15 hours across Bass Strait.

Robert, entrepreneur, environmentalist, adventurer, philanthropist and multi-award-winning pioneer of Tasmania's eco-tourism industry was named as Tasmania's 2012 Australian of the Year for Rob's achievements in a range of areas over a number of years.

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 (Burnside) ; Tel: (08) 8379 4633; Mob: 0418 835 977 and Wendy Gaborit (Moblong);

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February Program

14/02/12	PP Lindsay Cheers (formerly Solomon Is.)	Rotary in the South West Pacific
21/02/12	Rtn Anthea Walker (Salisbury)	The Rotahomes Project , Fiji
28/02/12	Pres Mike Stevens (Playford)	Playford and its projects



Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
February	Sunday	26 th	District Team Training Seminar (see Jerry Casburn)	Unley Civic Centre
	Sunday	26 th	TRF Movie: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"	Piccadilly Cinema
March	Friday	2 nd	Mildura Longest Lunch (RC Mildura Deakin)	Mildura Grand Hotel
	Sunday	18 th	Presidents Elect Training Seminar (Metro)	Flinders University
April	Thu-Sun	26 th – 29 th	District Conference	Mildura
May	Thu-Sun	6 th – 9 th	International Convention	Bangkok
	Sunday	20 th	District Assembly	Unity College, Murray Bridge

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
14/2/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Nhiem Lu - 'Roving Lifestyles'	W Andrews	R Elms	J Casburn	R Mills R Mullins
21/2/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Jane Lister - 'Red Cross Blood Service'	R Singh	L England	J Casburn	R Mullins J Newall
28/2/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club consultations	Scribe S Baker	Glenys Ferguson	J Casburn	J Newall P O'Neil
6/3/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Frances Bedford – "Murial Matters"	J Reed	Geoff Hill	J Casburn	P O'Neil D Payne

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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: February 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	11/2/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	18/2/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	25/2/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	TBA & Sheila Evans
5		Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & the RAH cavalry
1	3/3/12	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth

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

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Lawsuits

It's time again for the annual 'Stella Awards'!

Those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would think that one could be burnt doing that? That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the Stellas for this past year –

FOURTH PLACE

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th place in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the bum by his next door neighbour's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

THIRD PLACE

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument. What happened to people being responsible for their own actions?

SECOND PLACE

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the toilet window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000.... Plus dental expenses.

Here is the winner! This year's First Place Stella Award winner was:

FIRST PLACE

Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's' manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are.....

You sitting down?

\$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home.

Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity