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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.	3800
Date	21 February 2012
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guest Speaker	Max James - Australian Red Cross Blood Service
Chairperson	Rohan Singh
Guests	Former member Bridget Youngs and brother Stephen Youngs
Apologies	Jerry Casburn, Lindsay England, Heather Kilsby, Briony Lyon, Mavis Martin, David Payne
Anniversaries	Lindsay England – Induction (25 February); Janet Singh – Birthday (27 February)

President's Announcements

1. The next Board Meeting will be held on 23 February at Sheila's home at 7pm.
2. There will be a Combined Group 6 TRF Meeting at Belair Park Country Club, March 13.
3. The Rotary Club of Mitcham is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on 23 March.
4. *The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)* was again promoted (see diary dates).
5. The Unley Rotary - DIK container to Dili arrived and has been unpacked.
6. The District Team Training Seminar is on 26 February at Unley Civic Centre.
7. The Rotary Foundation film fundraiser 'The best exotic marigold hotel' is being held at the Piccadilly Cinema on 26 February
8. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 9520 CONFERENCE - MILDURA, VICTORIA 26TH – 29TH APRIL, 2012 - early bird registration closes on 29 February.



President Sheila

Congratulations Major Reno Elms on your Certificate of Appreciation from the Unley City Council and Australia Day Council on Australia Day!

Guest Speaker – Max James *from the Australian Red Cross Blood Service*

Chairman Rohan Singh introduced Max James. Max finished high school in Mt. Gambier and joined the Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd, where he worked for twelve years. He spent three years with TNT in Victoria before managing the express freight and security businesses at Mayne Nickless. He then took up a senior management role with Australian Air Express. He is currently in his fifth year with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, where he works in the Business and Community Relations Section.

As an aside, Max is a decorated sportsman having played Australian Rules football with the Port Adelaide Football Club in the SANFL and the South Melbourne Football Club/Sydney Swans in the VFL. In 1977, he was a member of Port Adelaide's premiership team, and was awarded the Simpson Medal for his on-ground performance for SA against WA. He represented SA in a total of eight interstate matches.

Max's presentation dealt with the on-going demand for blood. One in three Australians will require blood products during their lifetime, yet only one in 30 Australians donate. Thirty-four percent of the red cells from a donation goes to people with cancer and blood diseases, while only 2% is used to treat trauma patients (e.g. road accident victims). Platelets are used to help clot blood and seal wounds in surgical and cancer patients. Leukaemia and chemotherapy treatments can reduce an individual's platelet count. Plasma



Max and Rohan

donations are used to prepare 17 different products and contain important components, which help prevent and stop bleeding. The need for a constant blood supply is due to the short shelf lives of all blood components; red cells – 42 days, platelets - only 5 days and plasma - up to one year when stored frozen.

Each time you give blood, the laboratory staff test the donation for ABO (blood type), Rh group (i.e. positive or negative) and red cell antibodies. The Service notifies donors of any abnormal results on infectious disease and red cell antibody screening once testing is completed, and the donor is advised about the health implications of a positive test. The stringent screening of donated blood has meant that the Australian Red Cross Blood Service has one of the safest blood supplies in the world. The Blood Service is funded almost entirely by the State and Federal Governments, who manage the health system. In Australia, greater than 27,000 donations are required each week. With the need for blood expected to double in the next ten years, Max urged all present to encourage the younger members of their family and circle of friends to seriously consider becoming a blood donor. To find out more about donating blood either visit <http://www.donateblood.com.au> or telephone the Service on 1314 95.

He concluded his presentation by talking about the new city Donation Centre, due to open in Regent Arcade in July/August 2012.

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

Spots

Joan Reed provided catering details for the aforementioned Training Day on 26 February for helpers Sheila, Alex, Mavis and Wendy.

Stephen Baker announced the topic chosen by the Rotary Club of Hyde Park for the great debate was "That men are more complicated than women." Members voted unanimously to oppose the proposal.

Reno Elms presented two certificates of appreciation to the Club for its support of the Salvation Army's Christmas Day luncheon and play area respectively. He also revealed that he and Roslyn would shortly be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary

Sergeant's Session

A/g Sergeant Greg McLeod again enjoyed a profitable fine session – the largest revenue came from fining those planning to travel interstate or overseas over the next year. His jokes were of lower quality than last week's effort but passable. Bridget Youngs conveyed greetings from the Rotary Club of Norwich and St Edmund.

Joan Reed won the infernal squares.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Rotary News

Folk singer turned peace fellow is changing the world

By Arnold R. Grahil - Rotary International News – 20 January 2012

Rotarians who support the Rotary Peace Centers program are helping to change the world by investing in young people with a track record of good works.

That's what David LaMotte, a 2008-10 Rotary Peace Fellow, told attendees at the International Assembly, a training session for incoming district governors. He thanked Rotary leaders for giving him the opportunity to broaden his skills and become part of the network of peace fellows.

Unlike many academic scholarships, LaMotte said, Rotary Peace Fellowships require applicants to be more than promising young leaders. "Rather, it targets people who are midcareer and already have a track record of doing good work."

He added that Rotarians "are making a big investment, and it is wise of you to make it carefully, in order to maximize the return. Based on the peace fellows I know, you have been choosing very well."

LaMotte described himself as an unlikely candidate for the program. A folk singer, he has performed 20,000 concerts on four continents and released 10 CDs. But because of his interest in working for peace, he took a break from his singing career to pursue a master's degree at the University of Queensland as a Rotary Peace Fellow.

"I never let go of my passion for peace," he said. "I continued to look for opportunities to learn and to contribute."

One opportunity had arisen in Antigua, Guatemala, in 2004, when he and his wife visited a school that served 218 children, with no running water. He was told that the facility did not have the US\$125 it needed for the water. Lacking government funding, the school relied on parents to raise money for basic necessities like electricity and plumbing.

That day, he said, he came up with the idea for PEG Partners. The nonprofit organization, which he directs as a volunteer, collects small donations, mainly at his concerts, to help schools in Guatemala. In the last two years, it has distributed almost \$100,000.

"That's not a lot of money in the United States, but it is a great deal in Guatemala," he said. "We built a one-room schoolhouse for \$2,500."

LaMotte conceded that when he'd told people he was suspending his musical career to pursue a master's in peacemaking, many scoffed at his desire to change the world. But, he said, "change the world" does not mean "fix the world."

"The fact is that you can't be *in* the world and *not* change it," he said. "Everything you do changes the world, whether you like it or not, and the small changes often add up to big ones. The question for us, then, is which changes we are going to make."

"What you're doing through the Rotary Peace Fellowship is leveraging change," LaMotte added. "This isn't about changing my life, though it certainly has. It's about changing the lives of everyone I can reach on your behalf."



David LaMotte

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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February - March Program

28/02/12	Pres Mike Stevens (Playford)	Playford and its projects
6/3/12	Rtn Peter Fowler (Burnside)	Rotary in the Northern Territory
13/3/12	Rtn Darrol Magor (Mt Barker)	The Health of the River
20/3/12	PDG Arthur Manser (St Peters)	The Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians
27/3/12	Rtn Greg Love (Kent Town)	The First 10 Years



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
28/2/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club consultations	Scribe S Baker	G Ferguson	J Casburn	J Newall P O'Neil
6/3/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Frances Bedford – Muriel Matters	J Reed	G Hill	J Casburn	P O'Neil D Payne
14/3/12	Reade Pk Bowling Club	6 for 6.30pm	The annual bowls competition with Mitcham Rotary Cnr Flinders Ave/Salisbury Cres, Colonel Light Gardens	Scribe S Baker	n/a	n/a	D Payne J Peacham
20/3/12	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Commissioner for Human Rights	tba	A Jonson	J Casburn	J Peacham J Russell

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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: February - March 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
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
2	10/3/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17/3/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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

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OLD BUTCH

John was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers (hens), called 'pullets,' and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs.

He kept records, and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced. This took a lot of time, so he bought some tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so he could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing.



Now, he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells. John's favourite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen, but this morning he noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all!

When he went to investigate, he saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To John's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

John was so proud of old Butch, he entered him in the Saint Lawrence County Fair and he became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the "No Bell Piece Prize," but they also awarded him the "Pullet Surprise" as well.

Clearly old Butch was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the unsuspecting populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity