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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at the Unley Park Sports Club (Barton Building) 8 Northgate St Unley Park at 6.30pm. Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3803
Date	20 March 2012
Venue	Unley Park Sports Club
Guest Speaker	Michael O'Connell - Victims of Crime
Chairperson	Mavis Martin
Apologies	Jerry Casburn, Reno Elms, Briony Lyon, Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Colin Schirmer, Janet Singh, Chandra Sluggett
Anniversaries	Induction - David Middleton (March 27)

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila welcomed members to our new meeting venue.
2. The Rotary Club of Mitcham is celebrating its 50th Anniversary at Glenelg Golf Club on 23 March.
3. The Rotary Club of Broken Hill South celebrates its 40th Anniversary on 21 April.
4. ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 9520 CONFERENCE - MILDURA, VICTORIA 26TH – 29TH APRIL, 2012.
5. Flagstaff Hill RC will be shortly holding its 22nd Art Exhibition.
6. Entertainment Books are becoming available on 2 April.
7. There will be a Board meeting on Thursday.



President Sheila

Spots

Wendy Andrews (a) mentioned her intention to ask members for early indications as to meeting attendance and (b) asked for volunteers to assist with the BBQ for Parks Alive on April 1 – there is a need for 3 chefs plus someone to distribute Rotary literature

Stephen Westgarth informed members that a major issue arising from the recent PETS day was the need for stronger risk management legislation to occupational health and safety of volunteers should legislation pass the State Parliament.

Stephen Baker mentioned the upcoming debate against Hyde Park; members to be asked about the food and venue at the end of the meeting: potential for a group booking for Beckett; and a Dance Party + Quiz being organised by Hyde Park Rotary on April 21.

Lindsay England received permission to re-register the Thrift Shop trailer.

Guest Speaker

Chairman Mavis Martin introduced Michael O'Connell, the first Commissioner for Victims' Rights in South Australia. Prior to that Michael was the inaugural Victims' of Crime Coordinator and Victim Impact Statement Coordinator. He teaches victimology to undergraduate and postgraduate students. He is a life member of the World Society of Victimology and a member of its executive committee. In 1995 he was awarded the Australian Police Medal for his victimological work.

Commissioner Michael began by reflecting on history relevant to the criminal justice system from the Babylonian, Anglo-Saxon and William the Conqueror eras. The common thread was that offenders that committed crime had to compensate the victims in some way, eg replacement of goods stolen, and cash compensation to families of murdered people according to their social status. He also reflected on the role of The Magna Carter of 1215 in engendering legal fairness.

In 1969 South Australia became the third state in Australia to compensate victims of crime. Following



Michael and Mavis

the Truro Murders in the 1970's mothers of the victims got together and could find solace with like people, hence the establishment of the Victims of Crime Support Group.

1985 saw the then Attorney General, Chris Sumner, announce the Declaration of Victims Rights. The courts had to take into account harm done to the victim, hence 'Victim Impact Statements'. The concept of victim compensation by offenders was being re-examined.

In the 1990s the then Attorney General, Trevor Griffin reviewed the legislation. The outcome was a fresh Declaration governing all victims of crime, and domestic violence was included... all victims were to be treated with compassion and dignity by GP's, hospital staff and all involved personnel.

During his term in office, the Declaration was further amended by Attorney General, Michael Atkinson. It covers four broad areas: 1) entitlement to services and compensation, 2) right to information, eg names of defendant(s), prosecution, court outcomes and offenders escape/release from custody, 3) discussion with victims prior to the Department of Public Prosecutions taking action, 4) bail conditions and impact conferences.

Over the past 40+ years there have been significant changes in the role and support for victims in the criminal justice system

Commissioner O'Connell concluded by summarising his role, which is essentially to investigate complaints and represent victims in courts and coronial enquiries.

Sergeant's Session

Bob Laws won the infernal squares. A/g Sergeant Greg McLeod fined the true sinners (Nana Joan, Glenys and Mavis...a truly worthy trifecta) and neatly connected everyone to St Patrick's Day. His story telling..... mmmmm

Members were introduced to Barry Haydon and his Unley Park catering team of Jenny, Jan and Derek

Members were appreciative of the effort made and the quality of the food and service.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm



Barry, Jenny, Jan & Derek

Rotary News

Rotary clubs have water projects on tap

Rotary International News -- 22 March 2012

Villages in four regions of Ghana are being equipped with ventilated pit latrines, showers, and boreholes featuring hand pumps and mechanized pipes through the efforts of dozens of Rotary clubs in Latin America, North America, and Ghana.

The effort is part of the The International H2O Collaboration, an alliance between Rotary International and USAID, a centerpiece of Rotary's emphasis on water and sanitation issues. Launched in 2009, the alliance works to implement long-term, sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world. The first phase of the partnership has focused on three countries: Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic.

In 2011, The Rotary Foundation also established a strategic partnership with UNESCO-IHE, a United Nations institute in The Netherlands that is the world's largest postgraduate water education facility. The Rotary Foundation will provide grants to Rotary clubs and districts to select and sponsor eight students each year for scholarships leading to master's degrees in specified program areas.

Collaboration is key if Rotary is to help the world achieve the water and sanitation improvements called for in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, said Ron Denham, chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group and a member of the Rotary-USAID Steering Committee. "We realize that the challenge of meeting the development goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own," Denham said. "Not even Rotary, with its 34,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members. To be successful we need leverage, the leverage that comes from collaboration with others who share our goals."

To draw attention to the need for action, the United Nations has designated 22 March as World Water Day. Each year since 1993, it has selected a different theme. This year's summit addresses the connection between hunger and water resources. The number of people in the world living in chronic hunger puts an additional strain on the supply of water. Rotarians are engaged in many water and sanitation projects year-round. Here's a sampling:

- In Uganda, a very successful relationship between World Vision and the Rotary club of Gulu is improving the lives of up to 50,000 villagers through a joint bore-hole and behavior change program.
- Rotarians in District 5420 (Utah, USA) are working with Rotarians in Colombia and Ecuador on a series of global grant projects to build bathrooms for schools, provide clean drinking water, and teach students better hygiene practices. They also have reached out to the general public through billboard, radio, and television public service announcements.
- The Rotary club of La Molina Vieja, Peru, supported by The Rotary Foundation, embarked on a program to help local Indian villagers build, install, operate, and maintain a bio-sand filter program. The program has benefited from the help of a local NGO and technical support from the Center for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology in Calgary, Canada.
- In Lima, Peru, Rotarians with support from the Foundation have provided water filters to 5,000 families living along the Rimac River, which is polluted with high levels of cadmium, copper, lead, zinc, and arsenic.
- In Ghana, a coalition of more than eighty clubs from the U.S., Canada, and Switzerland, together with the host clubs of Sunyani Central, Tamale, and Bolgatanga Goodwill, Ghana, have drilled boreholes, repaired wells, and installed water systems in remote areas. Rotarians have also played an instrumental role in eradicating Guinea Worm Disease in the country.



A child drinks clean water from a spigot in Haiti. A US\$64,566 contribution from the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund is supporting a project of the Rotary Club of Mirebalais, Centre, to construct 80 rainwater collection tanks, each with a 2,500-gallon capacity.

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 John Cox (Nth Adelaide); Email: emandcee@bigpond.com

March - April Program

27/3/12	Rtn Greg Love (Kent Town)	The First 10 Years
3/4/12	Pres Mike Reilly (Brownhill Creek)	The Club's Car Boot Sales
10/4/12	Liam Gage-Brown	Participation in the Evatt Trophy
17/4/12	Rtn Royce Linke (Adelaide South)	A Pipe Dream
24/4/12	Rtn Chris Dodsworth (Mitcham)	The Club's First 50 Years



Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
April	Thursday	12th	GSE Team Dinner (Denmark)	Belair Country Club
	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	Set up & Bar	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
28/03/12 WED	Hyde Park Tavern	6 for 6.15pm	The Big Debate: "That men are more complicated than women"	Scribe J Reed	n/a PB - SB	n/a	J Russell C Schirmer
03/04/12	Unley Park Sports Club	6 for 6.30pm	Dr Andrew Southcott: "Cancer Centre - Flinders Medical Centre"	W Andrews	L England	J Casburn	R Singh C Sluggett
10/04/12	Unley Park Sports Club	6 for 6.30pm	Stuart Heal: "The Winds of Change"	S Westgarth	G Hill	J Casburn	C Sluggett A Wehr
17/04/12	Unley Park Sports Club	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly; 77th Anniversary	Scribe J Singh	A Jonson	J Casburn	A Wehr S Westgarth

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Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: March 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	24/03/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	Sheila Evans & Courtney
5	31/03/12	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed
1	03/03/12	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/03/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17/03/12	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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Why Americans Should Never Be Allowed To Travel

The following are actual stories provided by travel agents:

I had someone ask for an aisle seats so that his or her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

A client called in inquiring about a package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

I got a call from a woman who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information when she interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts." Without trying to make her look like the stupid one, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa." Her response ... click.

A man called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that is not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, "Don't lie to me. I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state."

I got a call from a man who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?" I said, "No." He said "But they look so close on the map."

Another man called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. When I pulled up the reservation, I noticed he had a 1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and I need a car to drive between the gates to save time."

A nice lady just called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20am and got into Chicago at 8:33am. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

A woman called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, "No, why do you ask?" She replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said FAT, and I'm overweight, is there any connection?" After putting her on hold for a minute while I "looked into it" (I was actually laughing) I came back and explained the city code for Fresno is FAT, and that the airline was just putting a destination tag on her luggage.

I just got off the phone with a man who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?" I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these darn planes have numbers on them."

A woman called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-cola on one of those computer planes." I asked if she meant to fly to Pensacola on a commuter plane. She said, "Yeah, whatever."

A businessman called and had a question about the documents he needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded him he needed a visa. "Oh no I don't, I've been to China many times and never had to have one of those." I double checked and sure enough, his stay required a visa. When I told him this he said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express."

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity