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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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.	3808
Date	8 May 2012
Venue	Unley Park Sports Club
Guest Speaker	Roger Rees 'Out of Calamity'
Chairman	Jerry Casburn
Guests	DGE Roy Armstrong and Marilyn, Ken Haines
Apologies	Bob Laws, Mavis Martin, , Bob Mullins, John Russell, Janet Singh, Chandra Sluggett, Nathan White
Anniversaries	A barren period

President's Announcements

1. Members were reminded of POOTY on May 15.
2. The District Conference in Mildura was a success.
3. The joint meeting with Prospect Rotary will be on Wed 23 May.
4. The Red Shield Appeal is starting in a week.
5. The District Assembly will be held 20 May in Murray Bridge.
6. Entertainment Books are on sale at a cost of \$65.
7. Rotarians around Australia are supporting Macular Degeneration Awareness Week, which begins on 27 May.



President Sheila

Spots

Stephen Westgarth informed members that Mavis Martin is recovering from shoulder surgery.

DGE Roy Armstrong expressed his satisfaction at the conduct of the District Conference at Mildura last weekend, urged members to start planning for next year's conference in the Barossa and reminded about the District Assembly on May 20.

Greg McLeod informed members that Unley Council intended to name a local playground in McLeay Park in honour of former councilor and Unley Rotarian Robert Birnie; the ceremony commences at 2pm next Tuesday, 15 May.

Stephen Baker explained that, for POOTY, members should attend the Rundle Mall ceremony by 12.15pm for a 12.30pm start, and the dinner is 7 for 7.30pm at Glenelg Golf Club.

Reno Elms explained that the Red Shield Appeal in Unley had raised a very satisfactory \$45,000 last year, of which over \$2000 had come from member's donations. This year the collection will take place on 19/20 & 27/28 May – all assistance would be much appreciated.



DGE Roy Armstrong on song

Guest Speaker Roger Rees – Out of Calamity

Jerry Casburn took great delight in introducing Dr. Roger Rees. Roger is the Emeritus Professor of Disability Studies and Research in the School of Medicine at Flinders University. He is a graduate of London and Monash Universities and the University of New England. He was the founding director of the Community Re-entry and Rehabilitation programme for people with brain injury based at Flinders University. Roger has published eight non-fiction books, held teaching and research positions in US and UK universities, written six scripts for the ABC Science Show and published fifty works in scientific, educational and literary journals.

All of this comes to naught as his main contribution to the human race is that he was the form master and geography teacher for PP Jerry Casburn, which may account for why Jerry (Jeremy to his teachers) now resides in Australia rather than America which was where he asked to go.

Roger gave a powerful and emotional talk on the trauma faced by victims of brain injury. He highlighted the ability of the brain, the most complex unit in the known Universe, to repair and recover from even the most horrendous injury. With many anecdotes he was able to show how unlikely treatments can have a significant benefit to victims of such injury. He was able to cite a case where one patient who through injury had not had facial expression or laughed for many years, using the ridiculous, which involved cross dressing (now I know where I got it from), he had the patient both laughing and on a road to recovering some functionality. Roger used passages from his latest book "Out of Calamity" to bring home the reality of the effect of these injuries, which have many penalties aside from pain and trauma, for instance being shunned by the community as being odd.

Roger obviously has strong emotional ties to his chosen career, giving up free time through "Sailability" to give victims experiences which may help recovery. The proceeds from his book also fund further care.

The club appreciated Roger's time given to talk to us and showed its appreciation in the usual way."



Old mates Jerry and Roger and the Rotary pen

Sergeant's Session

Stephen Baker deservedly won the much loved squares. Acting Sergeant Greg McLeod conducted a refined fine session and told the occasional good joke.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Rotary News

Rotary news in brief from around the globe

The Rotarian -- April 2012

Rotary clubs around the globe have many things in common, including a commitment to service. All year long, clubs are taking action to make a difference in their communities. Here's a roundup of recent club activities worldwide:

Australia

More than 200 children with disabilities played modified cricket during the second annual Dream Cricket Day in October. The Rotary clubs of Bowral-Mittagong, Berrima District, and Moss Vale worked with the Movement Disorder Foundation and the Bradman Foundation to organize the event, which took place in Bowral, home to Sir Donald Bradman, one of Australia's best cricketers.

Canada

Hospital visits can be frightening for children. To help provide comfort, the Rotary Club of Ajax, Ont., has donated stuffed animals to the Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering hospital for the past eight years. In November, the club presented 463 plush toys, bringing its total to 10,000. The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and local Walmart stores and Canadian Tire locations have contributed funds to the program.

England

The Rotary Club of New Milton hosts families in need for weeklong vacations in the bungalow it maintains by the English Channel. The families enjoy access to pools, tennis courts, and the nearby New Forest national park. Other Rotary clubs sponsor the guests, and members of the New Milton club are on hand to greet them and provide help during their stay. Over the past 45 years, 945 families – 21 each summer – have vacationed in the bungalow.

Guatemala

As part of a project to improve care for newborn babies in Santiago Atitlán, the Rotary clubs of Guatemala Norte and Sunnyvale, California, USA, distributed an educational DVD in Tz'utujil, the language of the municipality's Maya community. The video, which touches on nutrition, common illnesses, maternal and child health, hygiene, alcoholism, and domestic violence, is shown in the hospital waiting room and will air on the local cable television station. The clubs have provided the video to another Maya community as well.

India

The U.S. government estimates that 893 girls are born in India for every 1,000 boys, as compared with 955 girls in the United States. Although sex-selective abortion is illegal in India, many experts believe the disparity is a result of that practice. In response, the Rotary Club of Chandigarh renewed its campaign against female feticide in July by joining with Punjab University's School of Communication Studies to present a radio series entitled *Hamari Beti*. The show focuses on issues such as the societal reasons for sex-selective abortion and the role of doctors in preventing it.

Nigeria

Last spring, the Rotary clubs of Lagos Central and Dunwoody, Georgia, USA, began implementing water and sanitation projects in 12 schools in the states of Lagos and Ogun. While assessing community needs, the Rotarians discovered that sanitation systems would be as vital as clean water, as waterborne diseases were rampant. The US\$62,000 effort – supported in part by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant – has provided renovated toilet facilities as well as training on efficient water use and hygiene.

North Korea

The Rotaract Club of Shanghai, China, led a project to renovate the South Pyongan Pediatric Hospital in North Korea, which experienced severe flooding in 2008. The club donated US\$11,300 and, in partnership with Rotaractors in Hungary, collected additional funds from donors in Canada, China, France, and the United States. The contributions will help replace damaged windows and floors, and provide new surgical equipment for the pediatric operating room, where doctors perform 1,200 procedures every year.

USA

More than 1,000 Rotarians from three Southern California districts bought discounted tickets to an Anaheim Angels baseball game in August as a fundraiser for polio eradication. A tailgate chili cook-off and the sale of rally towels and End Polio Now T-shirts brought in extra funds. In three years of working with the Angels, Rotarians in District 5320 have raised \$65,000 to help end polio.

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

May Program

15/5/12	PP Ron Watts (Elizabeth)	Modern Communication
22/5/12	PP Bob Brigden (Norwood)	International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians
29/5/12	Rtn Milton Lewis (Campbelltown)	Rotary Against Malaria



Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
May	Tues	15th	POOTY	12.15pm Rundle Mall and 7pm Glenelg Golf Club
	Sunday	20 th	District Assembly	Unity College, Murray Bridge

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Bar	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
15/5/12	Glenelg Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Police Officer of the Year	MC: G McLeod Ch: S Baker	n/a	n/a	W Andrews R Elms
23/5/12 WED	Snooty Fox Quality Inn Nth Adelaide	5.45 for 6.15pm	Combined Meeting with Prospect Rotary Club GS Sean Judge – Strike Fighter	Scribe: J Reed	n/a	n/a	R Elms L England
29/5/12	Unley Park Sports Club	6 for 6.30pm	Weather proofing the South	TBA	B Laws	J Casburn	L England G Ferguson

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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: May - June 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	12/5/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19/5/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	26/5/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	Sheila Evans
5		Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed
1	2/6/12	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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Noah Today

In the year 2011, the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Unley and said: "Once again, the earth has become evil and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans." He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have six months to build the ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard – but no ark. "Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the ark?"

"I need a building permit. I've been arguing with the boat inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbours claim that I've violated the Council's by-laws by building the ark in my back yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal for a decision."

"The local Council and Electricity Authority demanded a boat load of money for the future cost of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage of the ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it. Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local tree species in order to save the yellow tailed black cockatoo. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the cockatoos – but no go!"

"When I started gathering the animals the RSPCA took me to court. They insisted I was confining wild animals against their will and keeping native animals without a licence. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space."

"Then the Environment Protection Authority ruled that I couldn't build the ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood."

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Anti-Discrimination Commission on how many women and older workers I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. The Immigration Department is checking the visa status of most of the people who want to work. The trade unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union members with ark building experience."

"To make matters worse, the Tax and Customs Offices have seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species. So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky."

Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?"

"No," said the Lord, "Governments have beaten me to it!"



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity