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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.	3812
Date	5 June 2012
Venue	Unley Park Sports Club
Event	Club Consultations
Chairman	Rohan Singh
Visiting Rotarians	AG Mark Huddleston
Apologies	Jerry Casburn (late), Anne Wehr, Nathan White
Anniversaries	Induction – Geoff Hill (35 years in Rotary)

President Sheila's Announcements

1. Returning Rotarians Bob Laws and Mavis Martin were welcomed back.
2. Entertainment Books are on sale through Joan, Jerry and Briony at a cost of \$65....more effort is required.
3. The Paul Harris Dinner is scheduled for 9 June at the Morphettville Entertainment Centre.
4. The Calperum visit is happening tomorrow.
5. Community Links has again been produced by Mark Huddleston and needs to be distributed into prominent places.
6. Volunteers for the Yellow Brick Road at the Royal Adelaide Show in September are being sought.



President Sheila

Spots

AG Mark Huddleston praised the efforts of Stuart Heal to revitalise Rotary clubs and apologised for his inability to attend the club's Change Over.

Reno Elms thanked the club for its support of the Red Shield Appeal which had gone well in Unley and presented President Sheila with a certificate of thanks

Lindsay England reported that the air-conditioning had not been turned off at the thrift shop on Saturday, that savings were vital given the downturn in revenue, and there were spaces to be filled during the week.

Stephen Baker mentioned he was looking for the most recent club banner (new ones have to be ordered) - Bob Laws said he could provide one.

Stephen Westgarth reminded members that the Change Over would be 7 for 7.30pm at the Kooyonga Golf Club on 26 June at a cost of \$50 per head.

Club Consultations

Stephen Westgarth introduced our Club Consultation session, which focussed on Stuart Heal's "The Winds of Change" DVD. Prior to the meeting, Stephen had prepared notes from the DVD. These notes were circulated to members, and they served as the framework for the evening's discussion. Prepared comments were heard from Geoff Hill (GH) and Mavis Martin (MM) and then the discussion was opened to all present to comment on.

Geoff Hill commenced by stating that Unley Rotary must change. The current meeting format is unattractive to prospective members and it holds no appeal to younger business people. He proposed more casual gatherings rather than weekly sit-down dinner meetings. Committee meetings could be held on a monthly basis away from the Club gathering (e.g. committee members could take it in turns to host home meetings). He also suggested a change of venue to improve the profile of the Club (e.g. Bazaar/Cremorne Hotel). He cited

that the Thrift Shop is the Club's main source of finance and that a plan needs to be developed to address the issue of our aging volunteers (e.g. each member to perform two shifts per month). He also considered that as Chairman of the Thrift Shop Committee, Lindsay's role was not to run the shop roster. He proposed that the Club form a sub-committee to deal with this matter.

Mavis Martin: At an earlier meeting on this same topic, Mavis spoke about membership. Rotary Down Under (RDU) has over the past 12 months featured articles on how other clubs attract new members. She spoke of her disappointment that a list of references she had prepared on this topic was never included in the weekly bulletin. Furthermore, in this month's RDU (p.10) there is an article from the Rotary Club of Macquarie on how it has inducted 20 new members in the past year. She said that our Club doesn't need to "reinvent the wheel" to secure new members because there is plenty of documented evidence in RDU that the strategies employed elsewhere can be used successfully here. She concluded by stating that the time for talking was over and that action was required now.

Comments from other members included;

Bob Laws - Take care of those matters important to members.

Wendy Andrews - Target the newly retired with features in print media (e.g. the Bridge Bulletin).

Chandra Sluggett - Move to an engagement culture using the wealth of knowledge and experience of Rotarians and the establishment of a Friends of Unley Rotary group to better showcase the activities of the Club.

Sheila Evans - Talk about the activities of Rotary through retirement seminars run by the Public Service Association SA. Also, the formation of a committed membership team to help grow the Club. "Be and act" as Rotarians through working bees which foster fellowship and deliver useful outcomes.

Stephen Baker - The Club has been great, but now faces some serious problems. There has been a lot of talk, but little action. The Club is known by what it does. Need to prioritise our Club activities, identify what we do well and crack in and do it.

David Middleton - Take action to address the shortcomings of the Club. Decide to do something and give it a go. If it isn't working, address it.

Heather Kilsby - Club needs to change completely. Currently, a massive amount of time is devoted to Club administration.

Stephen Westgarth thanked all for their contribution to this important discussion. He stated that the Board for the upcoming year would compile a list of things the Club might do and investigate additional supporters of Club activities. He concluded that the Board would soon make a recommendation on the meeting venue.



This is definitely not Sheila!

Sergeant's Session

Greg McLeod took on the sergeantial (excellent choice of word) role.

Guest AG Mark Huddleston fluked the infernal Lucky Square...how this could be allowed to happen defies belief.

David Middleton told a Bob Mullins joke to avoid Greg McLeod being admonished in the bulletin – a successful effort.

For a person suddenly thrust into this position of power with little warning, Sergeant Greg did remarkably well extracting penance from royalists, football supporters and others – the beneficiaries of the fine session were the Salvos.....well done GM.

One of the highlights of the session was Briony declaring Jerry had exhausted her with scrabble.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Rotary News

New Rotarian Action Group helps countries grow food that suits their nutritional needs

By Diana Schoberg and Katie Hills - The Rotarian -- June 2012

When Australian Bruce French went to Papua New Guinea as an agriculture instructor 40 years ago, his students asked him to teach them about native edible plants. "I knew nothing about Papua New Guinea food plants," he recalls. "So I had to start learning."

The result was a series of books on indigenous food plants, and the not-for-profit Food Plants International, which maintains a database of 25,000 edible plants that includes descriptions, lists of countries and climates where they grow, photos and drawings, and cooking methods. "There are thousands of nutritious plants, but people don't have any information about them," says Buz Green, an agriculturalist and member of the Rotary Club of Devonport North, Australia. "We're trying to bridge some of the gaps."

"Rotarian teams in developing countries inevitably identify hunger, malnutrition, and food security as critical issues," Green explains. "They tend to look to Western solutions to address food production issues."

Nutritional profile

The problem, he says, is that Western crops don't have the right nutritional profile for people in the developing world, whose diets often have little variety. Indigenous crops can allow them to eat more nutritiously and are already adapted to local pests, diseases, and climatic conditions.

The "green revolution" of the 1950s and '60s, for example, led to increased agricultural productivity in Asian countries, but also to unforeseen effects. The weeds that grew in rice paddies had served as the primary source of vitamin A for villagers in India, and when those



Bruce French at a market in the Solomon Islands, where Learn Grow launched a local foods project.

weeds were eradicated, the people became deficient. "Virtually every woman in the tropical world is anemic," French adds. "We go there with cabbages and make the situation 10 times worse."

Learn Grow

French and Green launched the Learn Grow project in June 2007 to help people in developing countries grow local food that suits their nutritional needs. Early last year, the RI Board recognized the Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group, whose 195 members will help Rotarians implement Learn Grow efforts, according to its chair, Past RI Director John Thorne, of the Rotary Club of North Hobart, Australia.

In August 2010, Learn Grow launched a pilot project in the Solomon Islands, producing a compendium of local edible plants, field guides for growers, and a book on crops for schools and community groups. Local organizations provide support and distribute information. The project team has received inquiries from 20 developing countries; another effort is underway in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

The principles of eating locally are gaining momentum in the Western world, French says. "My children and lots of other people thought I was eccentric for 35 years. Now I've become fairly trendy in my old age."

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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June Program

12/06/12	PP Wes Miles (Burnside)	Rotary Peace Scholarships
19/06/12	DGE Marie Dorrington (Adelaide West)	District 9500 – The coming year
26/06/12	DGE Roy Armstrong (Marion)	District 9520 – The coming year



Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
June	Tuesday	26 th	Change Over	Kooyonga Golf Club

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Bar	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
12/06/12	Unley Park Sports Club	6 for 6.30pm	Ben Hall – "Water proofing the South"	TBA	R Mills	J Casburn	G Hill A Jonson
19/06/12	Unley Park Sports Club	6 for 6.30pm	Peter Heyworth – "Northern Volunteering SA"	J Peacham	R Mullins	J Casburn	A Jonson R Laws
26/06/12	Kooyonga Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Change Over	Scribe: S Baker	N/A	J Casburn	R Laws B Lyon

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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: June – July 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	09/06/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16/06/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	23/06/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	Sheila Evans
5	30/06/12	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed
1	03/07/12	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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The Back Page

I swear that this is a true Bundy Rum Fishing Story.....

BUNDY RUM (Bundaberg Rum)... Queensland 's famous product! Forget Jamaica or any other rubbish!

I finally got around to going fishing this morning, but, after a while I ran out of worms. Then I saw a King Brown (one of the deadliest snakes on earth) with a frog in his mouth and frogs are good bass bait. Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog and put it in my bait bucket.

Now, the dilemma was how to release the snake, without getting bitten. I grabbed my bottle of Bundaberg rum and poured a little rum in its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp, I released him into the lake without incident, and carried on my fishing with the frog.

A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot.

There was that same snake and, bugger me, it had two frogs in his mouth.

Sheila's Favourite Joke - Irish Birth Control

Mrs. Donovan was walking down O'Connell Street in Dublin when she met up with Father Flaherty.

The Father said, 'Top o' the morning to ye! Aren't ye Mrs. Donovan and didn't I marry ye and yer hoosband two years ago?'

She replied, 'Aye, that ye did, Father.' The Father asked, 'And be there any wee little ones yet?'

She replied, 'No, not yet, Father.'

The Father said, 'Well now, I'm going to Rome next week and I'll light a fertility candle for ye and yer hoosband.'

She replied, 'Oh, thank ye, Father...' They then parted ways.

Some years later they met again. The Father asked, 'Well now, Mrs. Donovan, how are ye these days?'

She replied, 'Oh, very well, Father!' The Father asked, 'And tell me, have ye any wee ones yet?'

She replied, 'Oh yes, Father! Two sets of twins and six singles, ten in all!'

The Father said, 'That's wonderful! And how is yer loving hoosband doing?'

She replied, 'E's gone to Rome to blow out yer bloody candle.'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity