

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3815 – 26 June 2012

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at 6.30pm - Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3815
Date	26 June 2012
Venue	Kooyonga Golf Club
Chairman	Jerry Casburn
Guests	Roy and Marilyn Armstrong, Beverley Baker, Pauline Daly, Leah and Grant Eastwood, Glenyss Steadman, Richard Taylor, Sue Middleton, Maria Mills, Genese Mullins, Catherine Pettinger, Barbara Russell, Susan Westgarth
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Lindsay England, Glenys Ferguson, Alex Jonson, Jim Newall, David Payne, John Peacham, Colin Schirmer, Chandra Sluggett, Anne Wehr

Change Over

MC Jerry Casburn opened proceedings at the Kooyonga Golf Club at 7.30pm and welcomed DG (almost) Roy Armstrong and Marilyn. **President Sheila** welcomed all the guests and returning Rotarian Nathan White.

MC Jerry Casburn gave segments of the club's history throughout the night, beginning with the Charter of 17 April 1935 by Sir Angus Michael. He later related how many important projects had been instigated by RCU including the Rotunda, POOTY, Memorial Gardens improvements, the Thrift Shop, initiation of OSSAA and contributions of over \$120,000 to RI. Unley has been a prolific mother....7 daughters (Prospect, Murray Bridge, Port Pirie, Mitcham, Mt Barker, Glen Osmond and Hyde Park.....which clubs spawned 15 grand-daughters and 5 great grand-daughters. Unley has provided 5 out of 54 District Governors.

He mischievously set everyone the challenge of completing the origami test on the tables.

Greg McLeod gave the toast to Rotary International.

In his response **DGE Roy Armstrong** informed members of the San Diego training he experienced last year, the ongoing challenge of Polio Plus, and the importance of the Rotary Foundation and GSE. His main goals under the umbrella of RI President Sakuji Tanaka's theme of "Peace through Service" are to *strengthen clubs, enhance humanitarian service and lift Rotary's public image*. Specific initiatives would include:

- training programs,
- the Peace Forum in February 2013,
- establishment of on-line Rotary Club Central,
- address the challenge of change,
- create Rotary moments, and
- have fun by celebrating success.

President Sheila in her 2011-12 report thanked Board members, AG Mark Huddleston and DG Bruce Richardson for their assistance during the year. She recounted how the club had performed well in a number of areas of service (including the Carols and Carers), International Projects, POOTY and successes in the annual grudge matches of bowls (by default) and debating. Briony Lyon and Ken Haines were welcome additions to the club. Briony has also signed up to be a Centurion. Val and Denis Wasley had recently received further recognition with the Diamond and Crystal awards at the recent Paul Harris dinner.

The following awards were made by the President:

- **Jerry Casburn** – Paul Harris Sapphire Pin
- **Joan Reed** – Paul Harris Fellowship
- **Heather Kilsby** – The Noble Prize

President Sheila then inducted Stephen Westgarth as President of the Rotary Club of Unley for 2012-13.



MC Jerry about to fly



DG Roy and Marilyn



The Sapphire kid



Two living dolls –
Joan and Sheila



Heather and Sheila comparing
fashion and finance



Sheila presenting flowers to
Susan Westgarth

Stephen Westgarth thanked DG Roy Armstrong, PP and DGN Jerry Casburn and IPP Sheila Evans. He related that it was but 6 years since his last term in office and then made the following comments:

"DG Roy said at the recent Presidents Elect Training Seminar that peace is better defined not by what it is but rather by what it is not. Peace can mean the absence of hunger and thirst, the absence of debilitating or fatal disease, the absence of fear, the absence of the threat of violence, the absence of exposure to the elements, the absence of ignorance, the absence of isolation and the absence of hopelessness.

Since 1935 Unley Rotary has consistently shown that it can make a difference in alleviating threats to peace by helping to improve agriculture, provide access to clean water, foster education, facilitate access to expert health care, eradicate disease, provide shelter to victims of disasters, and alleviate poverty, not just in countries overseas but also here at home.

I believe that Unley Rotary this year will make a solid and valuable contribution to the realization of peace around the world through the service we deliver. What we can achieve will be limited only by our imagination, our stamina and our resolve, which means together we can achieve a great deal.



The new team

As we go into this new year we should be under no illusion that some changes in the way we do Rotary will be necessary and inevitable. The world and the community in which we live and serve is not standing still; they are changing and we too must change if we are to be relevant, appealing to new members and friends, and able to relate to and engage the younger generations and perhaps even the older age groups.

But I believe that we can make and adjust to those necessary changes and that Unley Rotary can remain relevant and effective for many more years to come, well beyond our 80th Anniversary in April 2015.

I look forward to us together making a real contribution to Peace Through Our Service in 2012-13."

Stephen introduced his team of President Elect – **Greg McLeod**, IPP – **Sheila Evans**, Secretary – **Mavis Martin**, Treasurer – **Heather Kilsby**, Membership Director – **Geoff Hill**.

Sheila Evans presented flowers to **Susan Westgarth**, and **PP Joan Reed** presented flowers to Sheila. **Stephen Westgarth** remarked on the significance on the origami Peace Cranes, and presented **IPP Sheila Evans** with her dinner plaque, PP plaque and pin, and the International banner for her year.



The new boss



The new origami champ

President Stephen's Announcements

1. The President will be consulting with individual members over the coming days to (re)gauge their interest in serving the club in leadership roles as Chairs of Committees or Club Service sub-committees.
2. The club's meeting on Tuesday 3rd July will be held at the Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide at the usual time of 6 for 6.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Andy Robertson who will talk to us about the Adelaide Central Market.
3. Our meeting on Tuesday 10th July will be held at BarZaar, 166 Unley Road, Unley at the usual time of 6 for 6.30pm. This will be a Committees meeting night to enable the new committees to begin formulating plans for the new Rotary year and to develop their budget submissions to the Board.
4. After our meetings at both the Public Schools Club and BarZaar he will be seeking further feedback from members as to their preferences for meeting venues.

President Stephen thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Rotary News

Sintra, just one of many attractions awaiting you during the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal

By Susie Ma - The Rotarian -- July 2012

Perched in the hills 20 miles from Lisbon, Portugal, is the village of Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site that Lord Byron called "a glorious Eden."

Rotarians attending the 2013 RI Convention, 23-26 June, will find enough cultural attractions and stunning scenery to make the 40-minute train ride worth their while.

Pena Palace, a former summer residence of Portuguese royals, offers million-euro views of the coast. Spend an afternoon touring the yellow, purple, and pink castle and wandering the trails through the parklike grounds.

The 9th-century **Moorish Castle** was taken over in the 12th century during the Christian reconquest of Portugal. After a 1755 earthquake caused serious damage, it fell into romantic ruin. The **National Palace** in Sintra's historic center offers a better-preserved example of a Moorish-style castle.

At the turn of the 20th century, a Portuguese millionaire decided to turn his mystical dreams into reality. The result is the **Quinta da Regaleira**, or Regaleira Estate, whose strange and wonderful grounds are full of winding paths leading to delightful hideouts, lush gardens, grottoes, fountains, and towers. The adventurous visitor can traverse the property via a pitch-black tunnel system. (Bring a flashlight.)

The **Sintra Museum of Modern Art**, which offers a respite from climbing castle stairs, houses part of the collection of millionaire Joe Berardo, including works by Picasso, Mondrian, Warhol, de Kooning, Calder, and many Portuguese artists.

Editor's Note -----This is not the Frank Sinatra Museum!



Pena Palace, Portugal

The Voice of Rotary

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July Program

03/07/12	Rtn Briony Lyon (ours)	New to Rotary
10/7/12	PDG Eric Russell	District 9520 – The year that was
17/7/12	PDG Bruce Richardson	District 9500 – The year that was
24/7/12	PDG John Rowe (Port Pirie)	Club Project – Bowel scan
31/7/12	Joanna Giles (Helping Others Grow Foundation)	Greening Nepal with Rotaract



Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
April 2013	3 days	25-28	District Conference	Tanunda
June	4 days	23-26	RI Convention	Lisbon

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Bar	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
3/7/12	Public Schools Club 207 East Tce Adelaide	6 for 6.30pm	Andy Robertson – Central Market	Nathan White	D Payne	R Mullins	B Lyon M Martin
10/7/12	BarZaar 160 Unley Rd Unley	6 for 6.30pm	Committees	S Baker scribe	J Peacham	R Mullins	M Martin D Middleton
17/7/12	TBA	6 for 6.30pm	Police Officer of the Year – Sergeant Caroline Bristow	S Baker	J Reed	R Mullins	D Middleton R Mills

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

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: July 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
5	30/06/12	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed +
1	03/07/12	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/07/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17/07/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	24/07/12	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	Sheila Evans

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

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The Back Page

Pocket Taser Stun Gun, a great gift for the wife

A guy who purchased his lovely wife a pocket Taser for their anniversary submitted this:

Last weekend I saw something at Larry's Pistol & Pawn Shop that sparked my interest. The occasion was our 15th anniversary and I was looking for a little something extra for my wife Julie. What I came across was a 100,000-volt, pocket/purse-sized Taser.

The effects of the Taser were supposed to be short lived, with no long term adverse affect on your assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety...??

WAY TOO COOL! Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home... I loaded two AAA batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button. Nothing! I was disappointed. I learned, however, that if I pushed the button and pressed it against a metal surface at the same time, I'd get the blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs.

AWESOME!!! Unfortunately, I have yet to explain to Julie what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave.

Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two AAA batteries, right? There I sat in my recliner, my cat Gracie looking on intently (trusting little soul) while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh & blood moving target.

I must admit I thought about zapping Gracie (for a fraction of a second) and then thought better of it. She is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong?

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and Taser in another.

The directions said that:

A one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant;

A two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; and

A three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water.

Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries.

All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about 5" long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference (loaded with two itsy, bitsy AAA batteries); pretty cute really, and thinking to myself, 'no possible way!'

What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best.

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side so as to say, 'Don't do it stupid,' reasoning that a one second burst from such a tiny lil ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad. I decided to give myself a one second burst just for heck of it.

I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button, and..... HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. WHAT THE... !!!

I'm pretty sure Hulk Hogan ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the foetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, testicles nowhere to be found, with my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs! The cat was making meowing sounds I had never heard before, clinging to a picture frame hanging above the fireplace, obviously in an attempt to avoid getting slammed by my body flopping all over the living room.

Note: If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a Taser. One note of caution:

There is NO such thing as a one second burst when you zap yourself! You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor! A three second burst would be considered conservative!

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up and surveyed the landscape. My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace.

- The recliner was upside down and about 8 feet or so from where it originally was.
- My triceps, right thigh and both nipples were still twitching.
- My face felt like it had been shot up with Novocain, and my bottom lip weighed 88 lbs.
- I had no control over the drooling.
- Apparently I had crapped in my shorts, but was too numb to know for sure, and my sense of smell was gone.
- I saw a faint smoke cloud above my head, which I believe came from my hair.
- I'm still looking for my testicles and I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return!

PS: My wife can't stop laughing about my experience, loved the gift and now regularly threatens me with it! If you think education is difficult, try being stupid!!!!

Our Rotary theme for the past year has been:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity