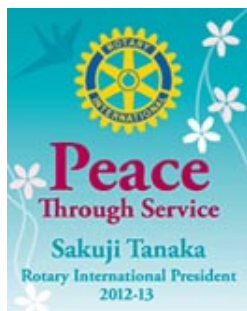


THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3822 – 14 August 2012

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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at 6.30pm - Fellowship at 6.00pm
Venue – Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3822
Date	14 August 2012
Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speakers	Rajini Vasan and Matthew Carey
Chairman	Mavis Martin
Guests	Kate and Reza Nazari (Rotarians from Victoria)
Anniversary	Bob Mullins inducted 31 years ago (29 August)
Returning Rotarians	Reno Elms and Chandra Sluggett
Attendance	19 members and 4 guests

Sergeant Matron Joan Reed was in charge.

President Stephen's Announcements

1. President Stephen welcomed our guests and returning Rotarians.
2. **Insurance and Risk Management Seminar:** A further reminder of the Insurance/Risk Seminar being held on Sunday 19th August at the Glenelg Community Centre, Colley Terrace, Glenelg. Registrations at 8.45am start 9am and finish 12 noon. Please let Jerry Casburn know a.s.a.p. if you will be attending.
3. **Rotary Peace Forum – Districts 9500 & 9520:** The joint Districts will be holding a PEACE Forum in Adelaide on February 23rd, 2013. The event will be held at the University of Adelaide from 1-4pm on the Saturday followed by a Peace Dinner at Adelaide Oval. There will be 3 international Rotary peace forums held around the world this year.



President Stephen

Spots

Mavis Martin reported that there would be face to face contact on Skype with our sister club of Aireborough in Yorkshire next week at 8.15pm – being organized by Jerry Casburn.....*Ed Note* - may be an opportunity to ask them a few more quiz questions.

Jerry Casburn admitted that the club's participants in the grand quiz last week had performed below their potential [but a most enjoyable night because losing is the new Rotary Olympic gold] and informed members that there were few seats left on the bus to the Stockport observatory on 25 August – members need to sign up now or miss out.

Lindsay England organized Chandra to replace Neesha on her Saturday shift at the Thrift Shop. He had received an email from Geoff Hill from Port Douglas explaining how much he missed us and also thanked Bob Mullins for his ongoing effort with the carpet tiles at the Thrift Shop, most recently filling in gaps.

Guest Speakers – Rajini Vasan & Matthew Carey

from the Blind Sporting Council.....Turning Disability into Possibility.

Mavis Martin, chair for the evening, introduced Ms. Rajini Vasan (Raj) Chief Executive Officer of the Blind Sporting Council and Matthew Carey who works there and is blind/vision impaired. Raj spoke first, providing a summary of the work of the Blind Sporting Council. Nationally there are half a million people who are blind/vision impaired. South Australia has 35,000 and each state is responsible for its own recreational and fund raising activities. There are twelve to fourteen organisations that exist for people who are blind/vision impaired but none that focus specifically on sporting and recreational opportunities. Raj named some of the recent successes of our sports people, eg. The National Blind Cricketers won the Ashes in the UK and are going to India for the 20/20 World Cup in November. Western Australia won blind sailing events held in Italy; a person from Naracoorte won the Dressage Championship

in Canberra; and Kieran Modra and Phillipa Robinson are representing Australia in tandem cycling in the Paralympics soon to be held in London. Other responsibilities of the organisation for blind/vision impaired people are to provide fitness camps, art therapy programs at the Women's and Children's Hospital for children/young people that may suffer as a result of chemotherapy, and to partner with relevant organisations as appropriate.

Raj concluded by outlining the funding challenges being faced by the Council. At 34 years of age, Matthew is in his first paid job with the Blind Sporting Council and more than "over-delivers" job wise.

Matthew explained that he was born blind with an incomplete retina. He was born into a sporting family - his father Peter Carey played more than 400 games with Glenelg Football Club and his mother played squash, netball and tennis. He was encouraged in all areas including sports and several times referred to his good fortune with the opportunities provided and encouraged by his parents. From a young age he excelled sports wise. He attended the Pan Pacific Games several times. The first was at age 7, in Sydney and winning 7 gold medals, the second at age 10 in Darwin and winning 8 gold medals and the third at age 12 in New Zealand and winning 9 medals, 8 of them gold. Matthew continued by stating that sports enabled him to develop social skills, self-confidence and self-belief; sports also reduce the sedentary lifestyle and potential for obesity that can be a result of being blind/vision impaired. After starting at Townsend House, he was the first student in SA to be integrated with his age group in a primary school and then into a high school. Matthew concluded that he was fortunate to get so many opportunities from his parents.

His employment at the Blind Sporting Council enables him to promote opportunities for blind/vision impaired people whose parents are unable to provide those same opportunities.

Raj and Matthew answered numerous questions. Club members were unanimous in their admiration for Matthew's skills, achievements and humour.



Matthew, Mavis and Raj with the fabulous Rotary pens

Sergeant's Session

Bob Mullins won the won the infernal squares....ONYA Bob – reward for outstanding carpet effort.. SM (Sergeant Major) Joan Reed rightly fined those who had attended the quiz night and just about everyone else. Her 'I'm Just Kidding' joke hit the right spot. but after that....

The game of heads and tails was won by guest Kate Nazari who kept her hands strictly in tune with the odds. The SALA pictures in the venue were a neat change.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm

Rotary News

Rotarian Action Group expands maternal health project in Nigeria

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas - Rotary International News -- 6 July 2012

In Nigeria, one out of every 18 women dies as a result of childbirth. The country has the second-highest maternal mortality rate in the world. That's why the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development targeted the northern Nigerian states of Kaduna and Kano with a pilot program aimed at reducing maternal mortality by preventing and treating obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury.

From 2005 until 2010, the project, partly supported by a grant from The Rotary Foundation, reduced maternal death by 60 percent in participating hospitals, reached 1 million women of childbearing age, and repaired obstetric fistulas for 1,500 Nigerian women.

"We have to empower women, and women cannot be empowered if they can't make their own choices in antenatal care and child spacing," says Dr. Robert Zinser, CEO of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development and member of the Rotary Club of Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze, Germany.

Zinser has been to Nigeria nearly 20 times to work on maternal and child health projects, including the northern Nigeria pilot focused on the prevention and treatment of fistulas. An obstetric fistula is a birth injury that can cause stillbirth and, in the mother, chronic incontinence, infection, nerve damage, or death. The primary cause is labor that goes on for too long, often for days. Because 70 percent of Nigerian women deliver at home, often without access to proper medical care, long labors that would be prevented in the developed world are more common.

According to the World Health Organization, "prevention is the key," Zinser says. "We insisted on a comprehensive approach of better antenatal care" that includes training, equipment, quality, hygiene, and benchmarking.

The project also included surgery to repair damage from fistula. Many women with the injury don't know it can be repaired, so Rotarians created a series of radio programs that explained the condition, its causes, and the available treatment.

"People listened, and village women found out their fistulas could be repaired at the Rotary center. We repaired 1,500 fistulas, 500 more than our goal," Zinser says.

The action group is now preparing to replicate the project in the states of Abuja and Onoda, with plans to eventually establish the model in other central and southern Nigeria states.

Zinser is adamant that the project can be implemented in other areas with high maternal mortality. "We must save the mothers so that the mothers can save the world," he says.



Former fistula patients in Nigeria

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);

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August - September Program

21/8/12	PP Mike Reilley (Brownhill Creek)	Fencing Project at Monarto Zoo
28/8/12	Rtn Frank Orlando (Campbelltown)	Rotary – A Good Choice
4/9/12	PP Terry Lewis (Walkerville)	Visit of Chor-Farmer (Japanese Male Voice Choir)
11/9/12	Linda Jacobssen (TUTTI)	“Do it for Dougie” City Bay Fun Run
18/9/12	Rtn Geoff Pullan (Burnside)	New to Rotary
25/9/12	PDG Dick Cuttle (Onkaparinga)	Health of the River Forum – Calperum

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
October 2012	Tuesday	30	DG visit (partners night)	Public Schools Club
February 2013	Saturday	23	9500/9520 Community Peace Forum	University of Adelaide – dinner at Adelaide Oval
April	Thursday to Sunday	25-28	District Conference	Tanunda
June	Sunday to Wednesday	23-26	RI Convention	Lisbon, Portugal

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
21/8/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Simon Lee – Asthma Foundation	tba	A Wehr	RM/JR	C Schirmer J Singh
28/8/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Michelle Hickey – Adelaide Repertory Theatre	N White	W Andrews	RM/JR	R Singh A Wehr

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: August - September 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	18/08/12	Jerry Casburn (replacing Glenys Ferguson) & Joan Reed	Chandra Sluggett (replacing Neesha Nandasena) & Nathan White
4	25/08/12	Chandra Sluggett + ?	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & David Pisoni
1	01/09/12	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	08/09/12	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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The editor's favourite image

