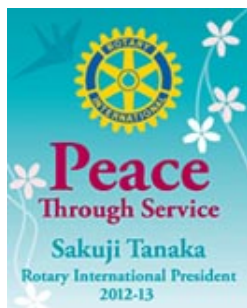


THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3831 – 16 October 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
Venue – Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3831
Date	16 October 2012
Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Robyn Paterson
Chairman	Briony Lyon
Guests	Andrew and Manjula Watts
Visiting Rotarians	Ken Carter (RC Encounter Bay)
Apologies	Lindsay England, Ken Haines, Mavis Martin, Bob Mills and David Payne
Returning Rotarians	Geoff Hill
Anniversaries	Birthday – Ken Haines (22 October); Induction – Joan Reed (22 October)
Attendance	18 members and 4 guests

President Stephen's Announcements

1. **Federation of Cricketing Rotarians:** The bi-annual Australian Festival is to be held in Adelaide next week with 2 games being played at the Kensington Cricket Club (Norwood Parade) on the 22nd and 24th October and 2 games scheduled at Park 25 (Port Road – opposite the old Adelaide Jail) on the 23rd and 25th October.

We have visiting International Rotarians from England, India, Pakistan and New Zealand with Australian Rotarians from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and from many parts of South Australia who will participate in this Festival. There are various functions arranged for the visiting Rotarians and their partners to attend and the Adelaide organising committee wishes to extend an invitation to all Rotarians to attend any or all of the planned activities.

Sunday 21st – Cocktail Evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm – Mercure Grosvenor North Terrace - \$30/person

Wednesday 24th – BBQ Kensington Cricket Club, 6.30 – 8.00pm Norwood Parade - \$20/person

Friday 26th – Gala Dinner at the Mercure Grosvenor, North Terrace - 6.30pm – 10.30pm \$75/person

If you would like to come and play a game of cricket with modified rules against Rotarians with all the gear provided which includes lunch, ground fees, cricket gear etc. @ \$35/person. If you would like to come and watch fellow Rotarians at play and join us for lunch @ \$10/person. Or just come out and join in the fellowship and have some fun watching at no cost.

The games are scheduled to commence at 9.30am and conclude at 4.30pm.

A special guest speaker has been arranged for the Gala Dinner as well as entertainment so we can finish the Festival with plenty of fun and fellowship.

Contact Bob Brigden with name/s at bobbbrigden@adtransgroup.com.au or phone 0418 895 647 (M) 83320842 (H) if you wish to attend any of the catered events so bookings can be made.

2. **Prospect Rotary – 3,000th Meeting:** We have received late notification from the Rotary Club of Prospect that they will be celebrating their 3,000th meeting tomorrow night, 17th October, at the Snooty Fox, Old Adelaide Hotel, O'Connell Street, North Adelaide.
3. **Thrift Shop Carpet:** The recently laid carpet tiles in the Thrift Shop have shown an increasing tendency to creep and buckle, creating a potential safety hazard for our Thrift Shop customers and volunteers. As the club has no desire to see anyone suffer an injury or even embarrassment on Rotary property, an executive decision has been made that the carpet tiles must be lifted as soon as practicable. This will no doubt be a great disappointment to the Rotarians who laboured long and hard to put the tiles down in the first place; however, safety and prudent risk management dictate that the tiles come up.



President Stephen

Bob Mullins, John Russell and David Payne met late last week with Mr. Zappia from Zappia Carpets in Goodwood Road who confirmed that only lifting the tiles could remedy the safety risk.

It will now be up to the Thrift Shop Committee to decide whether to stick with the original carpet or to arrange to have the carpet tiles professionally laid. A quote for doing this has already been obtained from Zappia's carpet laying contractor, who also prepared the floor and laid the carpet tiles at David Middleton's new offices.

Consequently we will be holding a working bee **this weekend, starting at 3pm on Saturday** and continuing through Sunday if necessary, to move shop fittings as required and to lift all the tiles and stack them neatly in the stock room at the back of the shop. But all being well we should complete this work on Saturday. We need as many Rotarians as possible, including the ladies, to help with this task.

Guest Speaker – Robyn Patterson on the 2H Project

Chairperson Briony Lyon introduced Robyn Patterson who is a volunteer with the 2H project in Cambodia. 2H was established by the inspirational South Australian Kate Taylor 11 years ago to give a helping hand to the poor and disadvantaged of Cambodia. Robyn gave a short background on Kate.

There are 4 programs being managed by 2H and its teams of SA and local volunteers in some of the poorest areas of Cambodia.

1. Beyond Business - small interest free loans (microfinance) are provided to villagers to start small businesses; as an example, money was provided for a woman to purchase a weaving machine from which a healthy profit is now being made.
2. Family Futures – this is a farming project designed to improve farming practices and returns; under this program additional land has been purchased, a dam established, better crop rotations of corn and potatoes initiated and lychee trees are to be planted.
3. Safe Arrivals - pre and post natal death rates are very high in Cambodia, particularly in rural areas (hundreds of times higher than in Australia); a special program has been instituted to train 1458 Traditional Birth Attendants to date in key midwifery techniques using volunteer SA nursing staff.
4. Sight for Life – it is estimated that 150,000 Cambodians suffer from avoidable cataract blindness; a partnership has been developed with a local optometrist for testing and treatment.

2H relies on the goodwill of donors and numerous fund raising efforts. One of the reasons for its success has been the strong bond forged with local people and Robyn gave examples of the quite primitive sleeping conditions 'enjoyed' by the visiting volunteers.

Members thanked Robyn with applause.



Briony (clapping), Robyn, the highly valued Rotary pen and Adelaide water

Spots

Nathan White neatly cancelled the Vocational Service and New Generation Committee meeting scheduled for after the general meeting.

Greg McLeod had received a very recent request to provide 10 people for dishwashing (et al) at a Variety Club function this coming Friday (19th) – Members felt that while this had merit as a fundraiser, too few could attend at such short notice.

Briony Lyon is organizing a Christmas Hamper with raffle revenue to benefit Operation Cleft – Each member is to select a Christmas Card from the basket and donate the nominated goody for the hamper next week.

Alex Jonson announced that there would be a handover on 19 October of equipment for the Brazilian disabled children's project which had been assisted by the club....an air fare for him to attend would be a nice gesture.

Jerry Casburn mentioned that he had advised members about the open forum with Police Commissioner Gary Burns, organized by RC Blackwood, on November 13 (in place of our normal meeting) and really wanted to know why so few had responded to his email.....
Jerry should appreciate that its tough planning for even a week in advance.

Sergeant's Session

Justice finally prevailed and the winner of the well loved squares was none other than the bulletin editor. However he was not allowed to bask in his triumph, being severely (and unwarrantedly) fined by Sergeant Matron Joan Reed. SM Joan told one of the worst jokes on record but redeemed herself and lashed out with considerable dexterity to relieve members of their hard earned. Just a bit tart-like that Sergeant Bob loudly observed that Joan had not reached the same heights in fine revenue as had been achieved last week.

After doing all the good wind-up items including the announcement of the Thrift Shop Committee meeting, President Stephen closed the meeting at 8pm sharp (*and the Public Schools Club staff breathed a sigh of relief*).

Rotary News



A snapshot of Unley Rotary's International projects

Provided by Chandra Sluggett

Project 1: Project APAE (Association of Parents and Friends of Exceptional Children)

TRF approved this project (total cost \$23,951) in 2011-12 Rotary year, a partnership between RC Pinhais, Brazil, District 4730 and the Association of Parents and Friends of Exceptional Children, (APAE), in Curitiba, Brazil. APAE is a philanthropic and non profit organization founded on 6 October 1962 – it is the oldest organization providing human care for people with disabilities in the state of Parana and sponsors five schools for people with intellectual disabilities. Currently, it provides services for 742 students per day. APAE needs various rehabilitation equipment which will be used by allied health staff (physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychologists, social workers, neurologists and psychiatrists), plus other assisting staff (e.g. physical education teachers and diversion therapists - through music & arts).

Provision of such equipment will enhance students' psychomotor functions, well being and learning. Many students come from low socio-economic backgrounds. We aim to complete the project within 1 year.

Project 2: Sustainable Farming – Land Clearing Project

A week ago TRF approved the project (2012-13) in Sholayapalem and Nehrunagar Thanda in Bollapalli Mandal of Guntur District, with RC Chilakaluripet, India, D3150.

Agriculture, upon which hundreds of millions of people in India depend, suffers from low productivity, and serious problems with credit, marketing and transport. The Rotary Club of Chilakaluripet identified two remote villages – Sholayapalem and Nehrunagar Thanda – where significant land is not being utilised due to poverty. The project target is to bring 229 acres (91.6 hectares) of wasteland belonging to 126 target families of both these villages on stream. Outside help is needed.

The project of land reclamation has three main activities:

- Land clearing - a mini dozer (proclainer) has to be hired to clear the land of its forest of bushes (at an average of 4 hours per acre).
- Stone picking - once the land is rid of bushes, the stones need to be cleared. This will be done by the respective families as their contribution.
- Land levelling – a tractor will be used to deep plough the land to make it tractable for cultivation.

Once the land is cleared Rotarians will assist the families to cultivate the land.

Project 3: Renal Care project in Sri Lanka being funded by Val Wasley and recently outlined to the club

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
23/10/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	S Westgarth	D Middleton	R Mullins	G Hill A Jonson
30/10/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	District Governor Roy Armstrong's Official Visit	Chair: S Westgarth Scribe: J Casburn	R Mills	R Mullins	A Jonson R Laws
07/11/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	NA	J Newall	R Mullins	R Laws B Lyon
13/11/12	Belair Park Country Club	6 for 6.30pm	Community Forum: "Police Commissioner Gary Burns"	TBA	NA	R Mullins	NA

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Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Nathan White 0424 608 699 or email to unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up/Bar Enquiries To: Bulletin Editor - Stephen Baker on 8379 7105

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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

October Program

16/10/12	PP Margaret Blake (Hyde Park) and PP Graham Fussen (Tea Tree Gully)	The Pitstop (Men's Health) Program
23/10/12	PP Margaret Northcote (Campbelltown)	Polio Plus – News Update
30/10/12	Pres. Peter Poulton (Norwood)	RYLA and RYPEN Awards

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2012	Oct	Tue	30	DG Visit (Partners Night)	Public Schools Club
	Nov	Thu	29	RI Pres Elect Ron D Burton	Adelaide Oval luncheon
2013	Feb	Sat	23	9500/9520 Community Peace Forum	Adelaide University + Dinner at Adelaide Oval
	Apr	Thu to Sun	25-28	District Conference	Tanunda
	Jun	Sun to Wed	23-26	RI Convention	Lisbon, Portugal

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: October – November 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	20/10/12	Glenys Ferguson & Bob Laws	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	27/10/12	Chandra Sluggett & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & David Pisoni
1	03/11/12	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/11/12	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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The Back Page

Nathan's Musings on job challenges

Smith goes to see his supervisor in the front office. "Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff."

"We're short-handed, Smith," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off."

"Thanks, boss," says Smith, "I knew I could count on you!"

A lawyer phoned the governor's mansion shortly after midnight. "I need to talk to the governor, it's an emergency!" exclaimed the lawyer.

After some cajoling, the governor's assistant agreed to wake him up. "So, what is it that's so important that it can't wait until morning?" grumbled the governor.

"Judge Pierson just died, and I want to take his place," begged the attorney.

"Well, it's OK with me if it's OK with the mortuary," replied the governor.

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asked a young engineer fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"

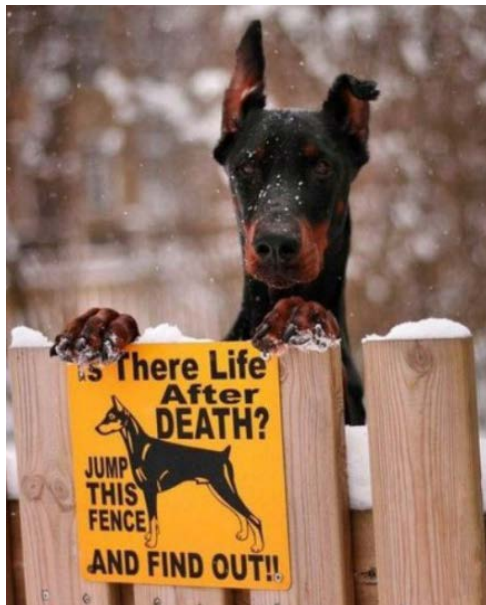
The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer enquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks' vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

And the interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

The Prez thinks these are funny



Two old boys having a great laugh

Two old guys talking.

One said to the other: "My 85th birthday yesterday. Wife gave me an SUV".

Other guy: "Wow, that's amazing! Imagine, an SUV! What a great gift!"

First guy: "Yup. Socks, Underwear and Viagra!"

