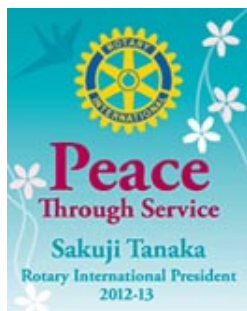


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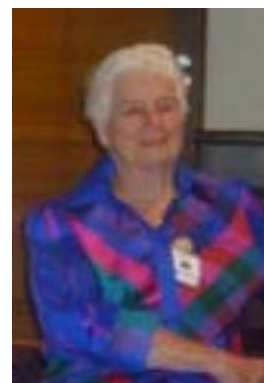
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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at 6.30pm - Fellowship at 6.00pm
Venue – Public Schools Club, 207 East Terrace, Adelaide

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3834
Date	6 November 2012
Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speakers	Andy Poad & Leanne Madison
Chairman	Jerry Casburn
Guests	Ken Haines
Apologies	Sheila Evans, Heather Kilsby, Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Jim Newall, Stephen Westgarth, Anne Wehr & Nathan White
Returning Rotarians	Stephen Baker and Mavis Martin
Departing Rotarians	Reno Elms
Anniversaries	Induction – Rex Martin (7 November)
Attendance	15 members and 3 guests

Vice President Wendy's Announcements

- Emergency Management:** The District has a role in assisting the State's Emergency Management when a state emergency is declared. Housing SA has the lead responsibility for establishing emergency relief centres. Rotary has agreed, under a Memorandum of Understanding, to undertake a role within the emergency centres along with Lions, Red Cross and Pastoral Ministry.
- Shelter Boxes** – A newsletter was received from Mike Greenslade, Communication Officer for Shelter Box Australia. He writes that he is currently deployed in Nigeria. As the media is filled with the tragic consequences of Super Storm Sandy, it's easy to forget that here in Nigeria, over 1m people have been made homeless by the worst floods in 50 years. In Iraq, Syrian refugees fleeing the terrible violence that is tearing their country apart urgently need shelter and warmth as winter approaches.
ShelterBox is responding and as boxes go out, we need money to replenish stock, continue training and fund boxes for the next disaster, to provide shelter, warmth and dignity to those who have lost everything.
- District Conference** – to be held in Tanunda in April next year. Lindsay England was interviewed by VP Wendy - the conference in Mildura was the first he had attended. His wife, Linda, was at first reluctant to attend, as she thought she would not have enough to do, but enjoyed joining in the sessions and activities. Lindsay found the speakers inspirational, mixing with other Rotarians enjoyable, as well as attending the social activities and tours. He recommends we all attend and bring our partners.



VP Wendy Andrews

Guest Speakers-Andy Poad and Leanne Madison from AA

Chairman Jerry Casburn introduced Andy Poad and Leanne Madison, guest speakers for the evening. Both are members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Andy is Treatment and Correction Facilities Officer and Leanne is Public Information Officer for the area. Andy is a builder by trade and is married with two step-children and one son residing in the UK. Leanne is a Senior Constable with SAPOL, has been part of the force for 25 years, and has an 18 year old son.

Andy began the presentation with that familiar expression "I am Andy Poad and I am an alcoholic". He continued by familiarising the club with the book Alcoholics Anonymous, explaining that the first pages contain the means for an alcoholic to survive and become free of the illness of alcohol addiction. In explaining AA and how it functions, he went on to describe the organisation which meets frequently as a fellowship, designed to help people to free themselves from addiction. There are no fees or charges, members give what they can to support costs. The organisation is also non-sectarian and bi-partisan in structure. Its primary purpose is to stay sober and help others to achieve sobriety. Starting in the 1930s it was preceded by an American organisation, the Oxford Group.

Andy described his own life with 20 years of drinking and substance abuse.....his drinking escalated when he joined the merchant marines at 17 and became a 'member of the society of fellow drinkers'. At one point he contemplated suicide; AA helped him survive. He found himself reluctantly at an AA meeting but realised that he had an illness and set about correcting the issue. He gave up drink on August 24th 1999.

Andy explained that alcoholism is an illness of the body and mind. Cravings were generated with no control. It was a constant internal battle to avoid drinking.....alcohol won. The illness cost Andy his marriage, his wife warning him of the suffering caused by his drinking and the danger of continuing. Andy will always be an alcoholic but he will not suffer from alcoholism because he will not take that first drink.

The AA solution embodies 12 steps to recovery which generate permanent change.

Leanne then described her own different situation. She has been sober for six years. In her case she binge drank, remaining drink free for the days she was working and then letting it all go when she was not. Surrounded by a family of heavy drinkers she also had a fiancée who attended rehab. When she attended an AA meeting and found that what members described was her own situation, she sought the cure. She also said that she would be attending AA meetings for the rest of her life.

The club acknowledged the bravery of Leanne and Andy for tackling their illness, also for having the courage to tell others. An illuminating evening and one in which it could be easily believed "there but for the grace of God..."



Leanne, Jerry and Andy

Spots

Briony Casburn thanked members for their contributions to the Xmas Hamper raffle with proceeds to *Operation Cleft*; a roster is being prepared to baby sit the Salvation Army Xmas Tree at the Unley Shopping Centre; members to provide toiletries for the Salvos at the Christmas dinner on December 11.

Jerry Casburn reminded members of the wine tasting at Koppamurra Wines at 1pm next Sunday, and then joint meeting with RC Blackwood at the Community Forum with Police Commissioner Gary Burns on November 13th.

Greg McLeod mentioned that planning for the Christmas dinner at the Middletons was progressing well. He instructed members not to bring anything.....presumably clothing was not covered by this instruction. The cost including drinks will be about \$40pp – help will be hired for serving and clearing up.

David Middleton provided an update on the Carols at the Rotunda on December 9. The colouring-in competition has been scrapped. There will be advertising through the local schools' bulletins and 4000 pamphlets are being run off, to be distributed by members.

Lindsay England mentioned that Jim Newall's wife Anne had been hospitalised - he is seeking replacements for their Tuesday Thrift Shop shifts. He wanted as many members as possible to attend a meeting at the Thrift Shop at 3pm on Saturday 1 December to sort out pricing principles. The Thrift Shop carpet is to be relayed from the afternoon of 17 – 20 November and the store will reopen on Wednesday 21. Members will be required to move the goods on each of those days, other than the Sunday.

Mavis Martin briefed the club on her visit to UK sister club Aireborough.

David Payne informed members that PP Jim McLachlan had died on 26 October.



The Christmas Hamper

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Matron Joan Reed presided.....and guess who won the infernal squares?! Joke making improved. Everyone was fined for some atrocity or other by the 'Nanna from Hell'. The highlight of the session was provided by Mavis Martin who presented Jerry Casburn with his socks (21pairs) and jocks (16) bought from Marks and Spencer...Jerry and Mavis have a lot of explaining to do...particularly why JC changes his socks more often than his jocks.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm

Rotary News

Interact clubs celebrate the program's golden anniversary

By Daniela Garcia Rotary News -- 5 November 2012

The very first Interact club, formed at Melbourne High School in Melbourne, Florida, USA, is joining Interact clubs and their sponsors around the globe in celebrating the program's 50th anniversary during World Interact Week, 5-11 November.

The Melbourne club received its charter in November 1962, under the guidance and sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida, USA. In celebration of the golden anniversary, charter members of the club joined current Interactors and Rotarians from District 6930 for a night of reflection and fellowship.

"What makes Rotary great is what makes Interact great," says Michael Welch, president of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, who helped plan the anniversary event. "For a person -- especially a young person, an Interactor -- to appreciate the concept of Service Above Self, and then put it to work on their own time, it's a special experience that can change a lot of lives."

As part of the celebration, Melbourne Interactors gave a presentation on the history of Interact. District Governor-nominee Juan Ortega explained how his experiences with Interact in Colombia led him to join Rotary.

The Interact Club of Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown, Texas, USA, which was chartered just months after the club in Melbourne, is celebrating the anniversary with various events, including a roundup on 15 September that was attended by more than 320 Interactors from across District 5890.

The Texas Interactors created a video showing photos and projects from the past five decades, in addition to networking with fellow Interactors and Rotarians.

The celebrations continued 27 September as RI President Sakuji Tanaka spoke at an all-club meeting held by the district. Garrett Kneese, a district Interact leader, discussed the importance of Interact and Rotary.

The Interactors are also conducting service projects to mark the anniversary. District Interactors went door-to-door with their Rotary sponsors on 31 October collecting nonperishable food for the district's Interact Hungry Harvest program. The club set a goal of donating 3,000 cans to local food pantries and issued a challenge to other Interact clubs to match their efforts.

As an ongoing service project, the Interactions sort and pack used textbooks for Rotary Books for the World, a literacy project that collects reading and writing materials for schools in the developing world.

Tommie Buscemi, a member of the Rotary Club of Kingwood, Texas, USA, and co-chair of the district's Interact committee, says she's seen how Interact has benefited its members by showing them how valuable they are to their community. "They're the future of our country and the future of Rotary," she says. "The program rewards them for being great leaders. They step up and do what's important."

Buscemi adds that Rotary clubs can also benefit by working with Interactors. "They inspire Rotarians to look at things differently," she says. "They're teaching us, through social media, how we can change the way we're doing things and how we can make a bigger impact."

Other celebrations

In San Antonio, Texas, District 5840 is holding its third annual New Generations Interact Conference at The Winston School San Antonio on 10 November. Tom Thorfinnson, a past RI director and vice president, will be the keynote speaker.

Five Interact clubs are working with Habitat for Humanity on a building project in January, and 12 Interact clubs are raising money for wells in Honduras. Interactors are holding fundraisers, including a golf tournament and a 5K run, in an attempt to raise US\$11,500. The district has also created pins commemorating the 50th anniversary for Interactors.

As a child growing up in Montreal, Ryan Rowe resented his parents' requirement that he learn a second language. "I hated having to learn French," says the 2010-12 Rotary Peace Fellow, who earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May, along with a certificate in peace and conflict resolution. "I never expected that I would come to love learning new languages."

Rowe, 34, now speaks Spanish and Portuguese in addition to English and French, and he's recently taken up Mandarin Chinese. Learning new languages is something Rowe does as a hobby. His official line of work – the stuff he's really serious about – is water and sanitation. That was his specialty at UNC, where he studied at the internationally acclaimed Water Institute. Today he is a part-time communications officer at the institute and quenches his thirst for volunteer opportunities on water projects in Africa, with Rotary and other organizations. Ryan Rowe *Photo by Anne-Marie Di Lullo/Tabasamu Education Fund*

"A lot of people think the water crisis is just too daunting," he says. "I believe if we work together and remain committed to investing our energy, our skills, and our money, we can have a positive impact."



The present-day Melbourne Interactors and sponsors re-created an iconic photo of their club that appeared in *The Rotarian* in 1962.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
13/11/12	Belair Park Country Club	6 for 6.30pm	Community Forum: "Police Commissioner Gary Burns"	TBA	NA	NA	B Lyon G McLeod
20/11/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Shane Mitchell: "When You Need a Plumber in the Antarctic"	S Westgarth	D Payne	J Reed	G McLeod D Middleton
27/11/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Danial Rahman, Lulu Hails & Kharisma Surtani: "RYLA 2012 Experience"	N White	J Reed	R Mullins	D Middleton R Mills

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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

November Program

13/11/12	PP Oleh Bilyk (Brownhill Creek)	Roger Woodward's Concert for ROMAC – November 25
20/11/12	Rtn John Sandham (Coromandel Valley)	Indigenous Health Scholarships
27/11/12	Speaker to be confirmed	Rotary's Macular Degeneration Project

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2012	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: November - December 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	10/11/12	(Greg McLeod &) Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17/11/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	24/11/12	Chandra Sluggett & Stephen Westgarth	(Sheila Evans &) Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Joan Reed & David Pisoni
1	01/12/12	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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On the Back Page

A long tale

Two Irishmen were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up.

A blonde walks by and asked them what they were doing.

Paddy replied, 'We're supposed to be finding the height of this flagpole, but we don't have a ladder.'

The blonde took out an adjustable spanner from her bag, loosened a few bolts and laid the flagpole down.

She got a tape measure out of her pocket, took a few measurements, and announced that it was 18 feet 6 inches. Then, she walked off.

Mick said to Paddy, 'Isn't that just like a blonde!'.

'We need the height, and she gives us the bloody length.'

What really counts!

Four guys have been going on an annual camping and fishing trip together for many years.

This year, Ron's wife put her foot down and told him he wasn't going.

Bitterly disappointed, he phoned and told the others the bad news.

Two days later, the others arrived at the camping site, only to find Ron sitting there with his tent already erected and his rods and fishing gear out.

"Ron, how did you talk your missus into letting you go?"

"Well, yesterday evening, after my wife finished reading "Fifty Shades of Grey," she dragged me into the bedroom.

On the bed she had handcuffs and ropes! She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed, so I did.

Then she said, "Do whatever you want..."

And so here I am!

Education time



The stunning green vine snake
(Ed Note – very effective steamroller)

