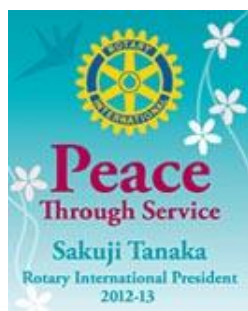


THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3835 – 13 November 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.	3835
Date	13 November 2012
Venue	Belair Country Club
Event	Community Forum with Police Commissioner Gary Burns
Chairing Club	RC Blackwood
Guests	Beverley Baker, Pauline Daly, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Richard Taylor
Apologies	Ken Haines, Sheila Evans, Heather Kilsby, Bob Mills,
Almoner's Report	Bob Mills has been hospitalised at St Andrews for a bypass and aortic valve replacement operation
Attendance	17 members and 5 guests

Reminder – working bee at the Thrift Shop 3pm next Saturday to move stock and ready for carpet laying

President Stephen's Announcements

- 1. Blackwood Community Forum:** It was great to see twenty two Unley Rotarians and partners venture up to Belair Park Country Club this week for Blackwood Rotary's Community Forum for which the guest speaker was Police Commissioner Gary Burns. Stephen Baker and I spoke to Commissioner Burns about our desire to raise the profile of the SA Police Officer of the Year award and he is keen to discuss with us the ways in which that can be done. We hope that a meeting with the Commissioner can be arranged for this purpose very soon.
- 2. Lunch with RI President Elect Ron D Burton:** It looks like there may still be some seats available for the lunch with RI President Elect Ron Burton on Thursday 29 November. Currently five of our members are attending but if any more would like to attend, please let me know as soon as possible and I'll email you a booking form.
- 3. Risk Management Seminar:** A number of clubs and Rotarians who expressed an interest in the Risk Management Seminars held at Glenelg and Mildura were unable to attend. There is an opportunity to run the seminar for interested parties on December 16th at the SA Housing Offices at 245 Sturt Road, Sturt. To enable planning District would like to get an idea of numbers, maximum 20. Please advise District Secretary Jerry Casburn at jerry@thecasburns.com.au as soon as possible if you are interested.
- 4. Bond, James Bond; Skyfall:** The Rotary Club of Noarlunga East has extended an invitation to a Movie Fundraiser in aid of local Community Grants at the Wallis Cinemas, Noarlunga on Friday 30th November at 6pm for 6.30pm. The movie is James Bond - Skyfall starring Daniel Craig and Judi Dench. There will be a raffle drawn on the night. Tickets are \$18 adult \$15 child.
- 5. The Rotary Foundation:** Doing good just got easier. [Rotary Direct](#), Rotary's recurring giving program, saves time, money, and lives. Contributions go directly to The Rotary Foundation, resulting in faster processing and quicker achievement of your club and personal charitable goals. Enrolment is as easy as one, two, three: (1) Select your fund, (2) choose your amount, and (3) indicate how often you wish to contribute. [Sign up](#) once to give continuous support.



President Stephen

Community Forum with Police Commissioner Gary Burns hosted by Blackwood Rotary Club.....a joint meeting for RC Unley

Over a 100 people, mainly Rotarians and guests, attended the Community Forum and were welcomed by the RC Blackwood sergeant and President John Lewis. A special welcome was given to DG Roy and Marilyn Armstrong and DGN Jerry and Briony Casburn. Stephen Westgarth quietly opened our meeting. There was a presentation on Calperum. Their weekly 'heads and tails' competition

which raises funds for the Aboriginal Health Scholarship nearly saw Pauline Daly grab the wine prize.....Ken must have advised her before she made her last choice. Great to have Ken and Pauline with us.

Chairman and former senior police officer Graham Lough introduced the Commissioner. The Commissioner joined the force in 1969 and after serving on metropolitan patrols and in the country, he went on to lead the Star Force. In 2000 he was made Assistant Commissioner; in 2001 he worked with the Canadian Mounties; in 2003 he guided counter terrorism procedures with the State Government; in 2007 he became the Deputy Commissioner; and became Commissioner in June of this year. Gary is a recipient of the Royal Humane Society gold medal, the Australian Bravery Medal and the Australian Police Medal.

The Commissioner paid tribute to the Mal Hyde legacy. The same core values and priorities will prevail during his own term, aimed at reducing victims of crime, but there will be some change in style and approach. The main issues are as follows:

- Managing a reduced budget – planned recruitment has been scaled back and new cost saving measures are to be instituted.
- Implementation of legislation, particularly relating to bikie crime clubs, will be pursued.
- Other key challenges to be given priority are cyber crime (bullying and fraud), and alcohol fuelled violence.
- While serious crimes against people and property have declined by 40% over the last decade, people feel less safe than they did (particularly with the recent drug related home invasions) and this needs to be better managed.
- Traffic enforcement is driven by benchmarking rather than the oft mentioned revenue raising – considerable improvement has been achieved in road trauma using this approach.
- State emergency responses appear to be working well but are continually under review.
- While confidence in SA Police is the highest of any State, more work needs to be put into public transport passenger safety.
- The increasing complexity of evidentiary requirements and disclosure is chewing up more and more police resources.
- Improving community engagement is a priority – measures include community forums (the first in Elizabeth shortly), greater use of social media (facebook and twitter) and publication of up-to-date crime statistics.
- Workforce management changes will include a return to Metropolitan and Country Divisions, greater emphasis on training by Sergeants, increased visibility in 'hot spots', and the Commissioner taking personal responsibility for HR.



Graham Lough and Commissioner Gary Burns



Where the power actually resides Nathan



And there is more

New uniforms, the same for male and female officers, are being successfully testedbamboo fibre T-shirts are effective in summer and winter.

A range of questions followed.

The Commissioner was thanked with a standing ovation, and presented with wine and a Rotary pen.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm....our meeting followed suit.

Lunch and wine tasting at Koppamurra Wines

Twenty six members, family and friends met at Koppamurra Wines for Sunday lunch, all courtesy of our hosts Di and Dean. The lunch was accompanied by a selection of their fine wines, and some took the opportunity to purchase them after sampling. The food and wine was exceptional and the fellowship fantastic. We shall definitely look for other opportunities in the New Year. It was great to see Neesha join us again - we look forward to a return to Rotary.



The table with absolute class



Dean – you do not need all these lawyers!



Great job Di! Excellent!



Wendy, Stephen and friends just sorting out the next tasting

Rotary News

Rotarians respond in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

By Ryan Hyland - Rotary News -- 9 November 2012

Rotary districts in New York and New Jersey have mobilized to provide relief for communities affected by Hurricane Sandy, which slammed into the northeastern United States on 29 October.

More than 160 people in the United States and the Caribbean were killed by Sandy's powerful wind gusts and storm surges, which left tens of thousands without shelter and millions without electricity. Some areas remain without power more than a week later.

"The destruction is unthinkable," says Bonnie Sirower, governor of District 7490 (New Jersey). "There are towns up and down the coast that have been completely wiped away. Several Rotary districts, including mine, have suffered immense damage."

Sirower's district and five other affected districts (7230, 7250, 7260, 7500, and 7640), which include parts of New Jersey, New York, and Bermuda, are coordinating much of the Rotarian relief effort by collecting funds and supplies for hard-hit communities. The aid will be distributed equally among the six districts to use where they feel the most need is, says Sirower.

Sirower says truckloads of clothes, blankets, cleaning supplies, and ready-to-eat meals and other nonperishable food have been arriving in the affected districts. Teams of Rotarians have worked around the clock since the storm hit to sort the items and determine where to deliver them.

Mario Moran, governor of District 7250 (New York), was shocked by the devastation in his district.

"Cars have been totally inundated, homes destroyed, furniture, and appliances scattered on muddy streets," says Moran. "It brought tears to my eyes seeing the look of so many people walking in despair after five days of sudden homelessness."

But Moran says he's also seen incredible acts of selflessness. "People in the streets with barely anything for themselves were offering me the very little food they had. Such generosity was amazing to witness."

Rotarians act quickly

"The response from Rotarians is nothing short of amazing," says Sirower. "The day before the storm hit, I was receiving calls from clubs around the world asking what they could do to help. We have three warehouses in my town full of supplies that Rotarians have sent to us."

Governor John Andrews of District 7640 says his neighborhood in Ocean City, New Jersey, looks like a war zone.

"It was heartbreaking to see blocks and blocks of homes destroyed," says Andrews, whose home suffered minor damages but lost electricity. "I was very lucky, but you have to pay back that luck, and that's what Rotarians all over this region are doing."

Andrews says he's received emails and phone calls from clubs and districts worldwide offering help.

"All of our districts are so used to giving in emergencies like this, it feels so different to be on the receiving end," says Andrews. "The support shown to us throughout the Rotary world shows we're not alone during this recovery."



Rotaractors at the Rotary-UN Day distributed 350 boxed lunches to the Bowery Mission in New York City

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
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 J Newall
4/12/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	AGM and Andrew Benson: ARHRF	tba	J Russell	R Mullins	J Newall D Payne
11/12/12	The Middletons	6 for 6.30pm	CHRISTMAS DINNER				

Apologies To: Wendy Andrews by **e-mail** to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on 8377 7830

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

November Program

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
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
2	8/12/12	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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Cancel credit cards prior to death

True Story - A lady died last January, and the bank billed her for February and March for their service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance had been \$0.00, but then increased to around \$60.00.

A **family member** placed a call to the Bank: 'I am calling to tell you that she died in January.'

Bank: 'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member: 'Maybe, you should turn it over to collections.'

Bank: 'Since it is two months past due, it already has been.'

Family Member: So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?

Bank: 'Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!'

Family Member: 'Do you think God will be mad at her?'

Bank: 'Excuse me?'

Family Member: 'Did you just get what I was telling you . . . The part about her being dead?'

Bank: 'Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor.'

Supervisor gets on the phone:

Family Member: 'I'm calling to tell you, she died in January.'

Bank: 'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member: 'You mean you want to collect from her estate?'

Bank: (Stammer) 'Are you her lawyer?'

Family Member: 'No, I'm her great nephew.' (Lawyer info given)

Bank: 'Could you fax us a certificate of death?'

Family Member: 'Sure.' (fax number is given)

After they get the fax:

Bank: 'Our system just isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help.'

Family Member: 'Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care.'

Bank: 'Well, the late fees and charges do still apply.'

Family Member: 'Would you like her new billing address?'

Bank: 'That might help.'

Family Member: 'Rookwood Memorial Cemetery, 1249 Centenary Rd, Sydney - Plot Number XXXX.'

Bank: 'Sir, that's a cemetery!'

Family Member: 'Well, what do you do with dead people on your planet?'

