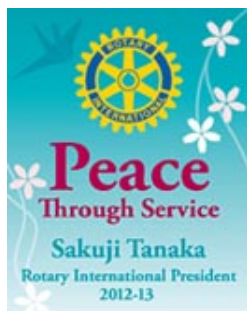


THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3836 – 20 November 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.	3836
Date	20 November 2012
Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Shane Mitchell
Chairman	Stephen Westgarth
Guests	Ken Haines, Pam Trimmer and Simon Westgarth
Apologies	Sheila Evans, Bob Mills, David Payne, David Payne, Joan Reed and Nathan White
Returning Rotarians	Colin Schirmer
Almoner	Bob Mills has had successful open heart surgery and will be returning home Thursday 22/11
Anniversaries	Birthdays – Chandra Sluggett, 15/11, Bob Laws, 19/11; Wedding Anniversaries - John Russell, 17/11 and Bob Mullins, 18/11.....a very busy week
Attendance	19 members and 4 guests

President Stephen's Announcements

1. **Thrift Shop Working Bees:** I'd like to express my appreciation of fine team of Rotarians and friends who turned up last Saturday afternoon to move the displays and goods from the front of the Thrift Shop to the back. What I think we all thought would be a long hard job was actually completed in just over an hour, which was most impressive. Thanks also to all who came along this morning to help move everything from the back of the shop to the front so the rest of the carpet tile laying could be completed. This time the job was done in less than an hour. I think the new floor is looking terrific, and Thrift Shop Chairman Lindsay England will have a spot to report on more about the project.

2. **RI Peace Forum & Dinner:** Rotary Districts 9500 and 9520 will be holding a Peace Forum on Saturday 23 February 2013. As you know, World President Sakuji Tanaka has a theme "Peace through Service." Rotarians throughout the world are being asked to show that Rotary and Rotarians world wide support Peace in all of its forms, nationally, locally and in personal lives. Berlin, Hiroshima, and Pearl Harbor have been chosen as sites for internationally recognised Peace Forums. Our local forum is supported by all Rotary clubs in South Australia as well as selected clubs in Victoria, NSW and Northern Territory.

The Forum program includes a short march to Adelaide Oval after which participants will have the opportunity to hear leading authorities speak about aspects of Peace which have affected their lives.

The Forum Venue is Adelaide Oval Members Dining Room, overlooking the oval; from 1.00 to 4.00 pm.

There is a limit of 400 people and, even though there is no cost to attend the Forum, participants will be asked to register on-line. Information on how to register will follow later.

That evening a Peace Dinner will be held at Adelaide Oval, also in the Members Dining Room, from 6.30 to 10.00pm. The cost is \$55 per head with a cash bar operating.

Participants will be asked to register on-line. Information on how to register will follow later. There will be a Guest speaker at the dinner; again, this will be advised later.

District Governor Roy Armstrong has asked all Rotary Clubs to support this international demonstration of the commitment of Rotarians and Friends to the process of Peace in our community. Through our attendance and learning about how others are involved it is hoped that as an organisation we can demonstrate our commitment to peace in all of its different forms.

3. **Tutti Christmas Concert:** Those Rotarians and friends who are followers or supporters of the Tutti organisation may be interested in Tutti's 15th Annual Christmas Concert being held at 2.30pm on Sunday 16th December at Clayton Wesley Uniting Church, corner of The Parade and Portrush Road, Norwood. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 concession. Bookings can be made through Trybooking at www.trybooking.com/BYHS or call Tutti on 8433 6511.



President Stephen

4. **Community Link:** We have just received our copies of the November 2012 issue of Community Link, the quarterly newsletter published by the Unley, Mitcham, Hyde Park, Brownhill Creek and Eastwood clubs which comprise Group 6 of District 9520. Our Assistant Governor, Mark Huddleston, has produced a proposed approach to distributing Community Link in our area so that the five clubs can avoid doubling up on distribution. As Community Link contains material pertaining to all five clubs there is no benefit in say Unley covering the entire City of Unley for example.

Mark's distribution ideas and the map are available now on the club's website; to view them [Ctrl + click here](#).

5. **District Conference 2013:** It is important that Unley has as many participants as possible at the next District Conference in Tanunda on 25-28 April. Please commit now! Not only is a good time guaranteed but it will also be important for planning for 2015 when Jerry will be the District Governor and our club will be responsible for the organization of the DC. Through a brief Q&A session, Heather Kilsby explained how last year's event in Mildura had exceeded her expectations. The quality of speakers was very high, the social events most enjoyable and the camaraderie was great. She urged all members to participate. Alex Jonson has already attended 17 if not 18 DCs.....what can one say!



Onya new member Ken

Induction of Ken Haines

President Stephen inducted former member and now new member Ken Haines into the club.

Guest Speaker - Shane Mitchell:

When you need a plumber in the Antarctic

Stephen Westgarth introduced Shane, who is a close friend of Simon Westgarth, to the club. He was born in Adelaide, educated in Banksia Park, gained his plumbing qualifications (4th generation) and headed off around Australia to various remote localities. He loves the outdoors and rock climbing. In 2010 after a year of assessment he boarded the Australian icebreaker 'Aurora Australis' bound for the Davis Station in the Antarctic. This station was established in 1957 and currently carries out 4 major functions:

- the LIDAR project - weather monitoring to assist world forecasting
- Geotech measurement of ground movement
- Marine science project - monitoring of marine life
- Tagging and satellite tracking of penguins.

His job as the Mechanical Services Plumber was to keep the station and its mechanical equipment (particularly heating) running smoothly. Other tasks included fire team duties, medical support and survival training. During the more benign months (more precisely 8 weeks when temperatures get over zero), the station has 100 personnel; during the tougher months (temperatures of -30C with strong chill factor the team) is reduced to 24.

Shane provided a marvelous insight into the challenges and highlights of living in this environment including getting badly sunburnt at midnight, playing with the happy penguins, warding off elephant seals which often weigh over a tonne and threaten vital equipment, visiting the meteorological huts, shooting the magnificent scenery and having fun during the 2 months of 'warmth'. He has been asked to return but would only do so on a short term basis.....too many living opportunities in the world beyond the Antarctic. Shane answered numerous questions and was applauded for his presentation (+ pen rewarded).



'Twas the Rotary pen that attracted Shane

Spots

Jerry Casburn advised that:

- Volunteers are needed for the Detmold Packaging Christmas BBQ for their Christmas celebrations on Friday December 21st. The BBQ will be held on Ethelbert Square, Brunswick and commence at 11.30am (set up from 10am) and conclude by 2.30pm. We will be given a \$300 donation for our efforts with Detmold meeting the cost of supplies. Please respond by December 1.
- Help is needed for the BBQ at the Carols on December 9 and for preparing lolly bags. Please respond by December 4.
- Bunnings Mile End – Through the endeavours of Ken Daly and his daughter we have been given the opportunity to provide the BBQ/Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings at Mile End *on the last Monday of every month*, commencing January 2013... a public holiday when we could make \$1000. On the other occasions it is more likely to be about \$400. We can operate from 7am to 5pm, but we have to operate as a minimum from 9am to 4pm. Two 4 hour shifts (8am-12pm and 12pm-4pm) are suggested.
- Support is still needed for the Salvation Army Christmas Tree Appeal. Please fill in the roster which is being circulated and support Reno who is depending on us.

Lindsay England thanked all those who had assisted, and particularly supervisor Bob Mullins (note the crowbar), in moving the material at the Thrift Shop for the carpet laying. Work is to resume on Wednesday to reopen the shop on Thursday. A short TS Committee meeting will be held.

Briony Casburn advised that:

- The club has been successful in getting a District Simplified Grant of \$1,400 to put towards the 2H Program in Cambodia; this has been increased to \$2,000 with the club adding \$600. A cheque will be presented at a future meeting to support projects such as providing sewing machines and looms to develop small businesses among the poorest families.
- Members were thanked for their contributions towards the Christmas hamper which looks fantastic, with proceeds going to Operation Cleft. Tickets are 50c. Rotarians are asked to promote the raffle when making sales at the shop.



The Saturday moving team + Briony

David Middleton reported that planning for the Carols on December 9 was progressing well. Wendy Andrews would be arranging for the distribution of Carols 'postcards' and John Russell the posters. Numbers for the Christmas Dinner at the Middleton's on December 11 were being collected by Greg McLeod.

Mavis Martin presented the certificate she had received from RC Aireborough to President Stephen.

Sergeant Bob Mullins conjured a number in the infernal squares which was deservedly won by Chandra Sluggett. Can someone get those cupboards unlocked to find our prized marbles or the editor may be quizzing our guest speakers as to their lucky numbers before making a selection. Another fine job of fining member's atrocities followed.

Rotary News

Spotlight on sanitation for World Toilet Day

Aid agencies and international groups are using this year's World Toilet Day to highlight the risks to women and children from poor sanitation. Since 2001, November 19 has marked World Toilet Day, drawing attention to issues of toileting and sanitation worldwide. The United Nations says more than 2.7 million people die each year due to lack of sanitation, with almost 2,000 children dying each day from unsanitary conditions.

In her latest report to the UN General Assembly, Catarina de Albuquerque, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation, has called for the elimination of inequalities in access to water and sanitation. She's told Radio Australia's Connect Asia program the problem extends beyond the right to sanitation, to other rights including health, education, work and the right to lead a life in dignity.

"It is a crisis that we are facing, and since sanitation is a taboo issue, it's something dirty that we want to hide, we don't want to talk about it."

Catarina de Albuquerque

So if we don't talk about and if we make a taboo around it, obviously it's very difficult for governments to prioritise it in their policy and address this problem," she said.

The United Nations says a lack of access to toilets remains an important source of global inequality, with poor sanitation almost exclusively a burden of the poor. It says lacking sanitation not only made poor people sick; it also shrank their already limited possibilities by forcing them to stay away from school and work.

Each year, children miss a total of 272 million school days due to water-borne or sanitation-related diseases. "Each time I go on a mission for the UN, I always visit a school, and I always talk with the girls, and not having sanitation - not having girls' only toilets - means after they reach puberty, they don't go to school - especially if they have their period" she said. "And I met some girls who tell me they miss school for one week a month...so you see the dimensions of the tragedy." Jane Caro from international NGO WaterAid says, "The aim of World Toilet Day is to bring the issue of sanitation out into the open." Each year, children miss a total of 272 million school days due to water-borne or sanitation-related diseases.

"As long as we keep it hidden - partly because it's such a taboo, shameful kind of subject still, shamefully - there isn't the same kind of pressure to provide this kind of infrastructure as there is perhaps for other things," she said. "...it is that silence that has allowed this to go on, and avoid thinking about it, and avoid...actually raising awareness, increasing pressure...and generally just being more open about the issue, which is I think the first step towards doing something about it."

WaterAid says 1 in 3 women and girls do not have access to toilets, and unsafe or open toilets increase the risks of physical and sexual violence. Ms Caro says they've found World Toilet Day events such as 'Big Squat' flash mobs help to raise awareness of the dangers through humour.

"When I started...to think about what it would be like to be a woman in a village where there was no toilet - or only one - and where it was not only embarrassing to reveal my needs, but possibly dangerous? It made me think."

Jane Caro, Water Aid

"There's an obvious way to get people to talk about it, and that is our tendency to have 'toilet humour' as part of the way we joke with one another," she said.

"I actually think using some humour...[makes] people think, because that's what it did for me when I started to know about this, was actually to think about what it would be like to be a woman in a village where there was no toilet - or only one - and where it was not only embarrassing to reveal my needs, but possibly dangerous. "It made me think."

One organisation working on the ground in Papua New Guinea is A-T Projects, which uses local materials to develop toilets for schools and communities in Goroka Province. Director Miriam Layton says while some foreign aid helps in setting up proper sanitation, more needs to be done by the local and PNG governments to improve facilities.

She says she hopes the new female governor of Eastern Highlands province will help drive the push to improve sanitation needs for women. "In our urban centres, as well as rural centres, there are no proper facilities to cater for women's needs as well," she said.

"So when women come for business in town or for markets as well, they face problems when looking for toilets, and that is when they are arrested and there's violence.

"At the moment we are still getting support from outside, not our own government - so we need to do a lot more work to convince the Papua New Guinea government, as well as the donors, to do more in this area."



So many unsanitary toilets



Sanitary public toilets in Burundi



Sanitary public toilets in South Africa

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
27/11/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Lulu Hails & Kharisma Surtani: "RYLA 2012 Experience"	N White	J Russell	R Laws	D Middleton J Newall
4/12/12	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	AGM and Andrew Benson: ARHRF	S Westgarth	J Reed	R Mullins	J Newall D Payne
11/12/12	The Middletons'	6 for 6.30pm	CHRISTMAS DINNER	S Baker	N/A	N/A	D Payne J Reed
19/12/12	Public Schools Club	7 for 7.30am	Joint Christmas Breakfast Meeting with RC Hyde Park and RC Eastwood	S Westgarth	C Schirmer	R Mullins	J Reed J Russell

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 - December Program

27/11/12	Speaker to be confirmed	Rotary's Macular Degeneration Project
4/12/12	Rtn Patrick Bagot (Regency Park)	Rotary – An Overseas Perspective
11/12/12	PP Ary van Klef (Modbury)	Baz's Fishing Project
18/12/12	PP John Banfield (Adelaide South)	Safe Water Saves Lives
25/12/12	Rtn Rob Handley (Hyde Park)	Youth Driver Awareness Program

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2012	Nov	Thu	29	RI Pres Elect Ron D Burton	Adelaide Oval luncheon
	Dec	Sat	9	Carols at the Rotunda	Unley rotunda
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
4	24/11/12	Chandra Sluggett & Pam Trimmer	Stephen Westgarth (sub for Sheila Evans) & Ken Haines
5	N/A	Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Joan Reed & David Pisoni
1	01/12/12	David Middleton & Greg McLeod (sub for Jerry Casburn)	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	08/12/12	Stephen Baker & Jerry Casburn (sub for Greg McLeod)	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	15/12/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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

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On the Back Page

Another good death story

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor. The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery...

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asked.

He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"

He replied, "No money in the bank."

Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun.

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, **"Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."**

The best of politics

A little boy goes to his dad and asks 'What is Politics?'

Dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way. I am the head of the family, so call me the Prime Minister. Your mother is the administrator, so we can call her the Government. We are here to take care of your needs, so we'll call you the People. The nanny we will consider her the Working Class. And your brother we will call him the Future. Now think about that and see if it makes sense."

So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what Dad has said.

Later that night he heard his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check him.

He finds that the baby has badly soiled his nappy.

So the little boy goes to his parent's room and finds his mother asleep.

Not wanting to wake her he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks through the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed.

The next morning the little boy says to his father, 'Dad, I think I understand the concept of politics now.'

Father says, 'Good son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about.'

The little boy replies, *'The Prime Minister is screwing the Working Class while Government is sound asleep. The people are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit.'*

