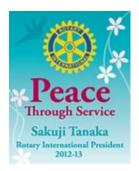
# THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3837 - 27 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.	3837		
Date	27 November 2012		
Venue	Public Schools Club		
Guest Speaker	Kharisma Surtani		
Chairman	Nathan White		
Apologies	Jerry & Briony Casburn, Sheila Evans, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin, Bob Mills, David Payne, and Joan Reed		
Returning Rotarians	Ken Daly		
Almoner	Bob Mills is recovering from heart surgery; Mavis Martin is in hospital for knee replacement		
Anniversaries	iversaries Birthday: Norm Wallace – 27 <sup>th</sup> ; Wedding Anniversary: David & Margaret Payne – 27th; Induction: Joan Ree 30 <sup>th</sup>		
Attendance	16 members and 1 guest		

#### President Stephen's Announcements

- 1. Thrift Shop Working Carpet: I'd like to congratulate all the Rotarians, partners and friends who helped with the huge job of clearing the Thrift Shop floor so the new carpet could be laid and then returning the shop to retail normality. The new floor looks superb and is obviously going to be much safer and more pleasant to work on.
- 2. The RYDA District Committee Needs Your Support: Trevor Andrews has stood down as chair of this important committee after long service on this programme. The District wants to thank Trevor for his commitment but we need your support to find a new chair. If you are interested, please contact District Secretary Jerry Casburn on 0407 646 396 (Mobile) or jerry@thecasburns.com.au (Email).
- 3. East Timor Support for Education and Work Training Assistance: Rotary has been approached by the Deputy at Keith Area School. Currently they have a parent and family who are interested in bringing over a girl or two from East Timor as a "hardship assistance" type exchange. The mother has close connections with East Timor as she was a swimming instructor there. She would like to bring over an orphan girl for a year of education and work training (e.g. hairdresser) to give her a chance next year when she will have to leave the orphange. These kids have nothing hance her desire to try to help their line.



President Stephen

- when she will have to leave the orphanage. These kids have nothing, hence her desire to try to help their lives, and she would like to make it a yearly thing and involve other families. The family are paying the airfare and accommodation but are looking for support either in kind or financially to assist with the education and training component. If any Unley Rotarians may be able to help, please contact District Secretary Jerry Casburn on 0407 646 396 (Mobile) or jerry@thecasburns.com.au and he will put you in touch with the school.
- **4. Christmas Trees:** Coromandel Valley Rotary is selling Christmas Trees!!! Prices start at \$45 for a 1.5m tree rising to \$170 for a 3.0m tree. For an Order Form, please see Pres. Stephen and ask him to email you a copy.
- 5. Unley Business Breakfast: The next Unley Business Breakfast organised by Hyde Park Rotary will be held at 7.00 for 7.30am concluding at 8.30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at the Unley Civic Centre. The Guest Speaker will be David Simmons, Chairman of Ronald McDonald House Adelaide. For more information please contact: Matt Grant 0423 783 463 or lan Stewart 0412 094 477.

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## Guest Speakers - Kharisma Surtani: "My RYLA Experience"

Chairman Nathan White explained that our other RYLA guest speaker Lulu Hails was unable to attend due to sickness. He introduced Kharisma who is an international student from Hong Kong she is studying Health Science at Flinders University with the aim of becoming a nutritionist. Her involvement with RYLA came through involvement with Rotaract on the University campus and with the encouragement of Jerry Casburn.

The most confronting but ultimately very comforting initiative taken by the RYLA organizers was the collection of all mobile devices (phones and i-pads etc). It took a number of participants some time to adjust to this lifeline loss.

She found the whole experience as life changing. The quality and range of speakers were of high quality, with all aimed at building self confidence and broadening horizons.....even the thoughts of the (in) famous Dale Carnegie were discussed. Group dynamics in the seminar sessions were fascinating, with her group dominated by a strong willed individual.....but this was sorted through by other members of the group to allow everyone to participate...and to take leadership roles. Kharisma now feels more capable of taking on new challenges, both local and international, with the increase in self confidence, the enhanced ability to think through problems both simple and complex, and better understanding of the value of team work. This was a very enthusiastic uplifting presentation.



Vivacious Kharisma Surtani

Following a number of questions, Kharisma was thanked by acclamation and presented with the valued Rotary pen.

#### **Spots**

Wendy Andrews advised that there are more Christmas Carol postcards for distribution in letterboxes and at the Salvos Christmas Tree in the Unley Shopping Centre. Father Christmas (aka David Middleton) posed for publicity shops....the children did not quite seem to get it...or perhaps meeting DM was scary!

Lindsay England thanked Rotarians, spouses and volunteers for the magnificent effort with the carpet relaying at the Thrift Shop and reminded members of a meeting at BarZaar 3pm next Saturday to sort out policy and pricing issues.

David Middleton provided an update on planning for the Carols in the Rotunda – all helpers to be there by 4pm for a 5pm start.

#### Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Laws dreamed up a number which suited Jim Newall to win the infernal squares. Editor has decided no more entries in this comp until we locate or renew the marbles.....clairvoyance is not one of his stronger suits. Bob almost redeemed himself with a sharp punitive session (but fining John Russell for being John Russell is quite inadequate when he has a whole range of other misdeeds to incur a fine) .....top fine was for Lindsay England hogging the aircon. Great jokes!

President Stephen reflected on the success of RYLA and the dynamism of the participants as demonstrated at the graduation dinner. He closed the meeting at 7.55pm after reminding all that packaging of lollies for the children at the Carols would follow next week's meeting.

## Rotary News

#### Ride to End Polio raises more than US\$375,000 for polio eradication

Rotary News -- 19 November 2012

Ninety Rotarian cyclists from clubs throughout the United States took part in the El Tour de Tucson on 17 November in Arizona, raising more than US\$375,000 for polio eradication.

RI General Secretary John Hewko and his wife, Marga, were among the Rotarians, friends of Rotary, and family members who hit the pavement along with 9,000 riders from around the world in the charity bike ride, sponsored by the University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona, completing distances of 42, 60, 85 or 111 miles. The Hewkos also exceeded their goal of \$111,000 in pledges, raising more than \$200,000 for the ride.

Rotarians have been taking part in the ride since 2009, when the End Polio Now campaign was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary to enroll cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign. In that first year, 27 cyclists raised \$35,000. The number has grown steadily since.

This year's festivities included a pre-ride dinner the night before. Rotarians also staffed a water station along the route, and a booth at the finish line where finishing cyclists could gather and learn more about Rotary and polio eradication.

Rotarians, General Secretary John Hewko, and his wife, Marga, gather in downtown Tucson, Arizona, at 6 a.m. 17 November before the start of the race.

Since 1985, Rotary and its global polio eradication partners have spearheaded the effort to rid the world of the crippling disease. Cases have dropped to an all-time low -- there were fewer than 200 worldwide in 2012 as of 31 October - and only Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria remain polio-endemic.

But a \$700 million funding shortfall for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative threatens to impede progress. Already the funding gap has curtailed scheduled immunization activities in polio-affected countries. If eradication fails and polio rebounds, up to 200,000 children per year could be paralyzed.

Rotary is ramping up its advocacy work in the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs exist to encourage every national government to commit to help meet the shortfall. Visitors to www.endpolionow.org can lend their voice to the advocacy efforts by signing a petition for world leaders. Supporters can also upload their photos to be part of the World's Biggest Commercial, a new initiative to promote polio eradication launched on World Polio Day.

#### Our Upcoming Meetings

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

#### December Program

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	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: December 2012

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	01/12/12	David Middleton & Greg McLeod (for Jerry Casburn)	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	08/12/12	Jerry Casburn (for Greg McLeod) & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	15/12/12	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	22/12/12	Chandra Sluggett & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Joan Reed & David Pisoni

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

Lindsay England: 8445 8552; (M) 0408 857 775; e-mail: lengland@senet.com.au

## The Back Page

The novel "Fifty Shades of Grey" has seduced women - and baffled blokes. Now, Fifty Sheds of Grey, offers a treat for the men. The book has author Colin Grey recounting his love encounters at the bottom of the garden. Here are some extracts...

# Fifty Sheds Of Grey

We tried various positions - round the back, on the side, up against a wall... but in the end we came to the conclusion the bottom of the garden was the only place for a good shed.

She stood before me, trembling in my shed.

"I'm yours for the night," she gasped, "You can do whatever you want with me."

So I took her to McDonalds.

She knelt before me on the shed floor and tugged gently at first, then harder until finally it came. I moaned with pleasure. Now, for the other boot.

Ever since she read THAT book, I've had to buy all kinds of ropes, chains and shackles. She still manages to get into the shed, though.

"Put on this rubber suit and mask," I instructed, calmly.

"Mmmm, kinky!" she purred.

"Yes," I said, "You can't be too careful with all that asbestos in the shed roof."

"I'm a very naughty girl," she said, biting her lip. "I need to be punished." So I invited my mum to stay for the weekend.

"Harder!" she cried, gripping the workbench tightly. "Harder!"

"Okay," I said. "What's the gross national product of Nicaragua?"

I lay back exhausted, gazing happily out of the shed window.

Despite my concerns about my inexperience, my rhubarb had come up a treat.

"Are you sure you can take the pain?" she demanded, brandishing stilettos.

"I think so," I gulped. "Here we go, then," she said, and showed me the receipt.

"Hurt me!" she begged, raising her skirt as she bent over my workbench.

"Very well," I replied. "You've got fat ankles and no dress sense."

"Are you sure you want this?" I asked. "When I'm done, you won't be able to sit down for weeks." She nodded. "Okay," I said, putting the three-piece suite on eBay.

"Punish me!" she cried. "Make me suffer like only a real man can!"

"Very well," I replied, leaving the toilet seat up.

"Pleasure and pain can be experienced simultaneously," she said, gently massaging my back as we listened to her Coldplay CD

