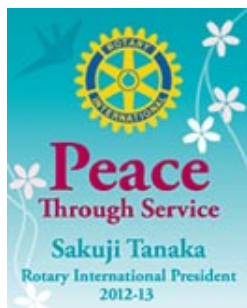


THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3840 – 19 December 2012

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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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. 3839

Date	19 December 2012
Venue	Public Schools Club
Event	Combined Christmas Breakfast with Rotary Clubs of Hyde Park & Eastwood
Chairman	Robert Handley
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Stephen Baker, Ken Daly, Lindsay England, Sheila Evans, Glenys Ferguson, Alex Jonson, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin, David Middleton, Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Jim Newall, Joan Reed, Anne Wehr, Nathan White
Guests	District Governor Roy and Marilyn Armstrong, Assistant Governor Mark and Debra Huddleston, Hon. Member Unley Mayor Lachlan Clyne, Hon. Member David Pisoni MP
Attendance	10 active and 2 honorary members



President Stephen's Announcements

1. **Disaster Aid for the Philippines:** Both Shelterbox and Disaster Aid are in the Philippines working to help communities in trouble, see the links below for more information:

http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/deployment_details.php?id=199

<http://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au/>

A donation form for Shelterbox is available to download in the Members Area of the Club's website.

2. **United Airlines Charity Miles:** You will no doubt be aware of the promotion currently under way in the USA where charities such as ours stand to win free 'air miles' from United Airlines. We have been asked to vote for Rotary International on a daily basis in an attempt to win the biggest share of miles available and your support, and that of your Rotarian colleagues would be invaluable. This is a great opportunity to further reduce the cost of our operation and it would be helpful if you could quickly send out a message to all clubs asking for their support. The object is for every Rotarian to vote every day until December 25th. To vote you can go to the voting web page at <http://10millioncharitymiles.com/charity/39>.
3. **District Conference:** If you have tried to book your place at the conference using the District website you may have encountered problems. These have now been resolved and you can either view the information and/or book at: <http://www.d9520conf2013.rotaryaust.org/index.php>.
4. **Joint District Marketing – Time for Rotary:** Next time you are at the cinema you may see a 15 second commercial showcasing Rotary projects locally, nationally and internationally - in and by Districts 9500 and 9520. The CineAD will direct viewers to our www.TimeForRotary.org website to explore more, to learn more, to get involved, to make Time for Rotary.

The Aim is to inspire the public to get involved with Rotary - maybe as a new • Member • Donor • Sponsor • Supporter • Volunteer • Customer • Event Attendee.



President Stephen

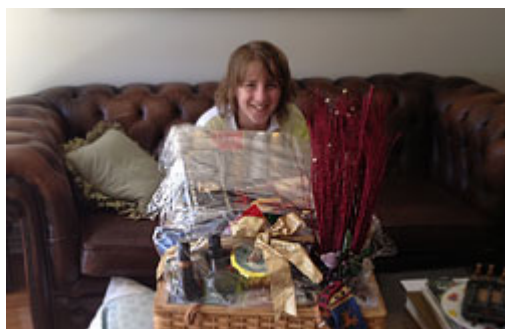
News Spots

Detmold Christmas Barbeque

On 21 Dec. Alex Jonson, Ken Daly, Briony and Jerry Casburn spent from 11am until 3pm supporting the Detmold Christmas Barbeque in Brompton. The event was held on the square outside the Detmold plant and the staff members were offered a variety of fare: the usual Rotary snag with onions, chicken satays, rissoles and vegetarian patties, all served with a variety of salads and bread. More than 300 team members from Detmold were served without any hold ups. The event earned the club \$300. The Detmold management were so pleased that they told us we would be back there in March for their next Insights staff update. Thanks go to the team for supporting the event.



Reno Elms drawing the Operation Cleft Christmas Raffle



Happy raffle winner Jennifer Bracht of Highgate

Operation Cleft Christmas Raffle

On Saturday 22nd December our own Reno Elms drew the raffle while at the Mitcham shopping centre. The lucky winner was Jennifer Bracht of Highgate who was delighted to receive the winning prize. Results will be published later but we are confident that in excess of \$250 was earned, enough for an operation on one child with this disfigurement.



Alex Jonson, Ken Daly and Briony Casburn cooking the Christmas barbeque at Detmold (photo by Jerry Casburn)



Detmold staff enjoying Unley Rotary cooking

Sergeant's Session

This week our Sergeant took the morning off and slept in.

Combined Breakfast Meeting

This week's meeting was our annual Combined Christmas Breakfast with the Rotary Clubs of Unley, Hyde Park and Eastwood held at the Public Schools Club. Hyde Park's President Robert Handley opened the meeting and welcomed guests and Rotarians including District Governor Roy and Marilyn Armstrong and Assistant governor Mark and Debra Huddleston. Presidents Ann Davis (Eastwood) and Stephen (Unley) opened their clubs' respective meetings.

Guest Speaker – Reno Elms: "A Long time Ago in Bethlehem"

Pres. Robert introduced guest speaker, Major Reno Elms, pastor of Unley Salvation Army. Reno spoke about his recent visit to the Holy Land including, Israel, Bethlehem in the West Bank and Jordan. He described the sense of awe he felt in being in the very places where Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, was born and had walked, taught, counseled, died and had risen again.

Showing just a few of the thousands of photos he took on the trip, Reno described how the cities of Jerusalem and Bethlehem had changed dramatically since the time of Jesus. For example, the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem can still be walked upon, but it is now 10 metres below ground level, and Jerusalem and much of Israel are separated from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip by a 10 metre high concrete wall.

Reno focused on the Church of the Nativity, the oldest basilica in the world, and built over the stable grotto where Christians believe Jesus was born. For many years the early Christians venerated the site and



Presidents Robert Handley (Hyde Park), Ann Davis (Eastwood) and Stephen Westgarth (Unley) with guest speaker Unley's own Major Reno Elms

met there regularly to worship. In 135 AD, Hadrian is said to have had the Christian site above the Grotto converted into a worship place for Adonis, the Greek god of beauty and desire, in an attempt to wipe out the memory of Jesus. He failed as the Christians defiled the temple by using it as a rubbish dump and eventually tore it down. The original church of the Nativity was built 327 AD by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, and was subsequently burnt down and destroyed in 529 or 556 AD. The church was rebuilt in its present form in 565 AD by the Emperor Justinian. When the Persians under Chosroes II invaded in 614, they did not destroy the structure. According to legend, their commander Shahrbaraz was moved by the depiction in mosaics inside the church of the Three Magi wearing Persian clothing, and commanded that the building be spared. The Grotto of the Nativity, an underground cave located beneath the basilica, enshrines the site where Jesus is said to have been born. Another altar in the Grotto marks the site where traditionally Mary laid the newborn Baby in the manger.

Reno pointed out that the reason the site of Jesus' birth was known was because the early Christians had kept faith with their beliefs and had continued to worship at the site passing on the knowledge of its location to their descendants and converts. The same thing happened with other Christian sites throughout the original Israel and Judea with the followers of Christ retaining the knowledge of the location of events such as the Sermon on the Mount and the feeding of the multitude.

Reno likened the faith of the early Christians to the faith that Rotarians have in the value of service and the persistence Rotarians demonstrate in continuing to be of service where there is need in our local communities and internationally.

He concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Safe New Year.

Rotary News

Fiji and Samoa Disasters

The decision has been made to allocate \$5,000 of the District 9520 Designated fund to District 9920 to help relieve some of the suffering being undergone in this part of the world. The following report was received from our colleagues in New Zealand:

"Cyclone Evan has struck Samoa causing havoc and destruction. Emergency Response Kits (ERKs) prepositioned in Apia are being distributed to those most affected and back up supplies are being shipped from Fiji.

Cyclone Evan will hit Tonga and Fiji in the coming days and reportedly is intensifying.

We have prepositioned ERKs in Fiji and Rotarians and their supporters are on standby. Rotary is working with Disaster Management Agencies in all three countries and we anticipate that as well as ERKs, food, water and clothing will be needed."

District Governor Roy would like all clubs to consider donating funds, via District, to increase support. Contributions may be sent to District Treasurer Darrell Wise at Post office Box 37, Oaklands Park, SA 5046. If each club were to donate \$300 or more, we would be able to send a further \$16,000.

Newtown Connecticut Massacre

Ashlee Leach (supported by the Rotary Club of Campbelltown, and the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan, NSW) is currently collecting letters of compassion and support for the students whom have survived the massacre at Sandy Hook Schools. The letters will be from same aged children.

At this stage, these will be sent to the Rotary Club of Newtown, Connecticut at the end of this year. This would be a good activity for local schools, holiday care, children, grand-children etc.

For further information, the Facebook page is www.facebook.com/shslettersoflove.

Coverage in Canberra can be seen here: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/students-reach-out-to-shattered-town-20121220-2bpyw.html>

Rotarian Action Group expands maternal health project in Nigeria

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas - Rotary International News -- 6 July 2012

In Nigeria, one out of every 18 women dies as a result of childbirth. The country has the second-highest maternal mortality rate in the world.

That's why the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development targeted the northern Nigerian states of Kaduna and Kano with a pilot program aimed at reducing maternal mortality by preventing and treating obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury. From 2005 until 2010, the project, partly supported by a grant from The Rotary Foundation, reduced maternal death by 60 percent in participating hospitals, reached 1 million women of childbearing age, and repaired obstetric fistulas for 1,500 Nigerian women.

"We have to empower women, and women cannot be empowered if they can't make their own choices in antenatal care and child spacing," says Dr. Robert Zinser, CEO of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development and member of the Rotary Club of Ludwigshafen-Rheinschanze, Germany.



Former fistula patients in Nigeria. Photo courtesy of the Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth and Sustainable Development

Zinser has been to Nigeria nearly 20 times to work on maternal and child health projects, including the northern Nigeria pilot focused on the prevention and treatment of fistulas. An obstetric fistula is a birth injury that can cause stillbirth and, in the mother, chronic incontinence, infection, nerve damage, or death. The primary cause is labor that goes on for too long, often for days. Because 70 percent of Nigerian women deliver at home, often without access to proper medical care, long labors that would be prevented in the developed world are more common.

According to the World Health Organization, "prevention is the key," Zinser says, "We insisted on a comprehensive approach of better antenatal care" that includes training, equipment, quality, hygiene, and benchmarking.

The project also included surgery to repair damage from fistula. Many women with the injury don't know it can be repaired, so Rotarians created a series of radio programs that explained the condition, its causes, and the available treatment.

"People listened, and village women found out their fistulas could be repaired at the Rotary center. We repaired 1,500 fistulas, 500 more than our goal," Zinser says.

The action group is now preparing to replicate the project in the states of Abuja and Onoda, with plans to eventually establish the model in other central and southern Nigeria states.

Zinser is adamant that the project can be implemented in other areas with high maternal mortality. "We must save the mothers so that the mothers can save the world," he says.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
25/12/12			Christmas Day - No Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
01/01/13			New Year's Day - No Meeting	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
08/01/13	President Stephen's	6.30 for 7.00pm	Kick-off Barbeque	S Westgarth	N/A	N/A	N/A
15/01/13	Public Schools Club	6.00 for 6.30pm	David Bell: "A Photo Journey into Life, Love, Money and Gardens"	TBA	R Singh	R Mullins	J Russell C Schirmer
22/01/13	Public Schools Club	6.00 for 6.30pm	TBC	TBA	C Sluggett	R Mullins	C Schirmer A Wehr

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

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

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

25/12/12	Rtn Rob Handley (Hyde Park)	Youth Driver Awareness Program
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Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
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 - January 2013

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	22/12/12	Chandra Sluggett & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Joan Reed & David Pisoni
1	05/01/13	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	12/01/13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19/01/13	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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

Christmas Crackers

It wouldn't be Christmas without them so, just in case miss(ed) out on Christmas cracker jokes this year, here is a selection:

Q. What do you call Santa's helpers?

A. Subordinate clauses.

Q. What do you call a multi-storey pig pen?

A. A styscraper.

Q. What is the fastest thing on water?

A. A motor pike.

Q. What music do ghosts dance to?

A. Soul music.

Q. What do you call a man with a seagull on his head?

A. Cliff.

Q. Why did the doughnut seller retire?

A. He was fed up with the hole business.

Q. Why did the man sleep under the car?

A. So he could wake up oily in the morning.

Q. What did the alien say to the garden?

A. Take me to your weeder.

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. He was pulled in by a strong current.

Q. What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A. A fsh.

Q. What is the best thing about deadly snakes?

A. They've got poisonality.

Q. What do you get if you cross a pig and a centipede?

A. Bacon and legs.

Q. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

A. Deep pan, crisp and even.

Q. What do you call someone who is afraid of Santa?

A. Claustrophobic.

Q. Why did the rocket lose his job?

A. He was fired.

*...and to all a
Merry Christmas
& a
Happy New Year*

