

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3854 – 13 April 2013

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Our Last Meeting

Venue	Adelaide Meridien, North Adelaide	
Event	<i>Intercity Peace Forum</i> with Unley & Adelaide West Rotary Clubs	
Guest Speakers	Graham Brown, Peter Greeneklee and Christopher Moore	
Chairman	Stephen Westgarth	
Apologies	DGs Roy Armstrong and Marie Dorrington, DGE Wendy Gaborit, DGN John Campbell, AG Mark Huddleston and too many other Rotarians to list	
Guests	Marta Greeneklee, Kerrie Moore, Glenyss Steedman, Susan Westgarth, Nino Malvetti and Michael Whitrow	
Anniversaries	Birthday: Bob Mills (14/4)	
Attendance	13 members and 12 guests	

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Adelaide

President Stephen's Announcements

Rotary District 9520 District Conference: April 25th – April 28th - Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, Tanunda SA. Not to be missed - Still time to register; only 11 days before the conference commences - Register NOW!

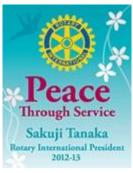
Stirling Rotary- Photographic Exhibition 2013: Stirling Rotary Club is staging their third photographic exhibition in the Coventry Library, Stirling from 30th April to 5th May 2013. Entries Close 17 April 2013. A special showcase of the region featured at the Adelaide Hills Autumn Garden Festival, Stirling 5 May 2013. Entries cost \$10 per photograph entered (\$5 student and concession) and close on Wed 17th April at 5pm. All details in flyer.

There will also be 'Know Thy Camera' workshops held on Saturday 4th May in the Coventry Library. The times are 10am to 1.30pm and, if filled, a second one from 1.30 to 4pm and facilitated by photographer and educator Jim Filmer. The workshop cost will be \$50 per person and half of the proceeds will be for fundraising for RC Stirling. For enrolments in workshop call Susanne Marie on 08 8370 8557 or email vitalharmony@hotmail.com

Somerton Park Rotary's Quiz Night will be held on Friday 19th April at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start at Somerton Park Bowling Club, 18 King George Avenue, Somerton Park. The cost is \$12 per person; BYO nibbles and bar facilities will be available. For bookings contact Barb - 0438 717 166 or Carolyn - 0459 555 522. Proceeds go to Hutt Street Homeless and School of St Judes.



President Stephen



Intercity Group 6 Meeting

Adapted from the RC Hyde Park Newsletter - 15 April 2013

Representing Unley Rotary at the Intercity Group 6 Meeting on Wednesday 10th April were President Stephen, DGN Jerry Casburn, Briony Casburn, Mavis Martin, Joan Reed and Chandra Sluggett.

Barely 24 hours after leaving Taiwan and arriving in Adelaide the visiting Group Study Exchange Team treated the 80 or so Rotarians and guests at the Intercity Group 6 Meeting to an animated, interesting and fact-filled presentation about themselves their families and their country. These energetic and engaging visitors charmed us with their vivacious personalities and eagerness to learn about Australia and swap cultural mores.

Taiwan is a country about 1/2 the size of Tasmania supporting a population slightly more than the whole of Australia. Can you imagine all Australians squeezed into a space 1/200th the size? It makes a telephone booth seem large by comparison. Yet there is space to live and grow in Taiwan. A net importer of food, the country still manages to export a

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wide range of tropical fruits, mainly to Japan and Korea. In addition there is a vibrant electronics industry exporting world-wide: HTC (mobiles), Asus and Acer (computers) being outstanding examples.

The latest tourist motto is "Taiwan, The Heart of Asia" and it is easy to see why that was chosen, as you will see. Tracy Chang, the youngest member of the group, introduced her family and spoke of her studies as a PhD student in Green Buildings and sustainable urban design. She contrasted the picturesque mountainous and seismically active East coast with the relatively flat and productive west, where most Taiwanese live. Her PowerPoint presentation showed some of the 1257 animal species and 370 species of butterfly many of which are featured on the country's stamps. Her brief look at the history covered the first arrivals, around 15,000 years ago, through the Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch colonial expansion through Japan's occupation in the 20thC to the island refuge from Mao's post-war conversion of mainland China.

Pitt Lee, the lawyer in the group and the key IT creator of the superb PowerPoint presentation, covered his education as a typical example, his hobbies of football and baseball, and his interest in



Visiting GSE Team from District 3470 Taiwan. (L to R) Jung Tang (Pitt) LEE, Yu-Chen (Jamie) OH, Su-Chen (Betty) YANG (Leader), I-Na (Ina) CHEN, Yun-Tsui (Tracy) CHANG.

travel and photography. The quality of the presentation was no doubt due in large part to his excellent artistic style. Along with HTC, integrated circuits, biotechnology and optoelectronics, Taiwan exports the range of "Giant" bicycles for competition and recreational use. He spoke briefly about famous people from D3470: Ang Lee, who won Academy awards for Best Director of Life of Pi and Brokeback Mountain; the star baseball pitcher, Hong-Chih Kuo; and fashion designer for Michelle Obama, Jason Wu.

Jamie Ou is also a PhD candidate in Architecture in her final year, with a particular interest in Green Buildings. She was particularly keen to visit Adelaide and its Universities because of their international reputation in the area. Unlike the rest of the team, Jamie comes from Peng-Hu a small group of islands 70 km off the East coast of Taiwan. She listed her hobbies as: swimming, hiking, painting/design and travel. Jamie's role was to describe the main festivals: Dragon Boat Festival (5th day of the 5th month of the lunar calendar), Lunar New Year, Orchid Exhibition (Here again, she chose the destination wisely as Adelaide is recognised as the orchid capital of Australia), National Day (double 10th - Oct 10), Lantern Festival (15th day of the 1st lunar month) and Moon Festival (Aug 15th of lunar calendar). She included the Chinese Zodiac and explained that fireworks play a significant part in all festivals.

Ina Chen is a Social Worker. Experienced in public speaking, she described her work with welfare agencies, her hobbies, interests and family connections. It was Ina who mentioned the famous export fruits: Sugar Apple, Bell Fruit, Litchi, Star Fruit, Mango, Pineapple, Guava and Jujube. Clearly eating and food are an interest for all Taiwanese. Team members expressed a desire to try kangaroo meat (an opportunity they had the following evening) and dared us try strange foods like Snake Soup and Stinky - an odd concoction impossible to describe, but is reputedly delicious!

Rotarian leader Betty Yang coached her team well. She rounded off the presentation with a dynamic overview of her work as a secondary school teacher. Although now retired, she still works part-time where needed. She is proud of her daughter and extended family and concluded the outstanding presentation with an exchange of banners with the many clubs represented at the meeting were Blackwood, Eastwood, Henley Beach, Hyde Park, Brownhill Creek, Burnside, Campbelltown, Edwardstown, Marion, Mitcham, Mobilong, Murray Bridge and Unley.

Intercity Peace Forum

On Saturday 25 members and guests of the Rotary Clubs of Unley and Adelaide West attended the Intercity Peace Forum held at the Meridien Adelaide in North Adelaide. While the number of Rotarians attending was disappointingly small the quality of the presentations given by our guest speakers was very high indeed.

President Stephen welcomed Rotarians and guests, in particular President Sioux Christiansen and members of Adelaide West Rotary, and opened the Forum.

Three guest speakers explored the lack of peace felt by so many people both here in Australia and in overseas countries. Our speakers also made



Intercity Peace Forum attendees enjoying lunch.

suggestions on ways in which service clubs like Rotary can make a difference in the lives of people who are enjoying peace in their lives. After each presentation our speakers answered a number of probing questions from the floor. Between speakers the forum attendees enjoyed an excellent lunch.

Graham Brown: "Responding to Homelessness"

Graham Brown has been the CEO of Southern Junction Community Services (SJCS) since 2005. He holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration and has broad experience in organisational development, strategic planning and project management. He has held senior management roles in three non-government organisations over the last 13 years. Southern Junction Community Services is an independent not-for-profit, community organisation with a proud heritage of responding to the needs of marginalised and disadvantaged children, young people and families in South Australia that spans almost 35 years.

Graham outlined the background and work of SJCS and the integrated model the organisation uses to take people from "Crisis to Connectedness". He described how the value of all groups and individuals is actively demonstrated by the way they are included and enabled to participate in the community.

He says that Homelessness equates to "Peacelessness" and cited eight reasons why homelessness is a concern.

Graham quoted national and state statistics to provide an understanding of the scale of homelessness and to show who made up the major proportions of homeless people in Australia. The highest rates of use of specialist



Pres. Sioux thanking Graham Brown and presenting him with an Unley pen and Adelaide West spirits glass.

homelessness services are among young people under the age of 19, and the highest rate of use by any one age and sex group was females aged 15-19, the equivalent of 1 in 40 Australians aged 15-19 using these services. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are significantly overrepresented relative to their population size.

To illustrate how SJCS responds to homelessness, he told the true story of "Beth", a 14 year old girl who had been ejected from her dysfunctional household where she suffered emotional abuse by her single mother, following the same experience of her two older sisters. Prior to coming to the attention of SJCS, "Beth" had spent 18 months living on the street and 'couch surfing' and having to give sexual favours for shelter and food. Graham described how SJCS worked with "Beth" to help her obtain secure income support and transitional housing and then an 'Interim House'. SJCS enabled her to furnish and equip her house, how to budget her income and how to shop and cook for herself. Beth is now waiting for Transitional Housing, will need further financial assistance to purchase her own furniture, and is now seeking a stable job as a hairdressing apprentice. Now, rather than being the victim of her past, "Beth" has the opportunity to be the author of her own future.

Graham listed some ways Rotary could assist organisations like SJCS and homeless people like "Beth", including:

- Help set-up more Interim Houses
- 'Forward Favours' Concept
 - Promote 'Socially Responsible Business'
 - Business Breakfast 9th May Nigel McBride
 - Marshaling and BBQs at the Opening the 'Southern Gateway' Early 2014
 - Work Experience and Mock Interviews
 - 'Courageous Conversations' with SJCS's Home and Family Support Service

Adelaide West President Sioux Christiansen thanked Graham for his enlightening talk and presented him with an Unley Rotary pen for writing grant submissions and an Adelaide West engraved glass for drinking a toast to SJCS's success.

Peter Greeneklee: "Progress of Reconciliation - APY Lands"

Peter Greeneklee is a retired electrical engineer who for many years has worked in a voluntary capacity in our local and remote communities. In 1970-71 while on a Rotary Foundation Technical Training Award sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier, Peter spent a year at Clemson University in South Carolina, USA. He says this experience had a major impact on his life. He has been involved with the Scouts movement as a Scout leader and Rover scout leader.

Peter and his wife Marta have done voluntary work in the APY aboriginal lands and other outback areas; some with Frontier Services (the outback arm of the Uniting church) and some at the request of various organisations and individuals in places such as Amata, Ernabella, Mimili, Mintabie, Alice Springs, Cape York Peninsula, Echo Island and Tom Price. They did some work a few years ago for the Rotary Club of Canberra at Kintore (550km west of Alice Springs) where they put huge energy into establishing a Dialysis Unit for the community.

Peter has recently worked on missions with the Salvation Army's Denis White, a past member of Unley Rotary and Reno Elms' predecessor, to take an eight tonne truck full of furniture, electrical goods, home wares and other donated items to the various communities in APY lands as a kind of mobile Op Shop, which was very successful.

Peter began his talk by describing how his and Marta's visits to most of the communities in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yunkunitjatjara Lands (or APY Lands) doing volunteer work, along with reading and discussions with people who have had a long association with the Lands, had enabled them to learn quite



Peter Greeneklee with Pres. Stephen during Question time

a bit about the situation and to form some opinions about the general situation there. While the focus of Peter's talks was on the APY Lands.

He summarised the issues facing the aboriginal people in the APY Lands, comparing and contrasting them with aboriginals living in urban settings. A comprehensive outline of the location, geography, demography and governance of the APY Lands was provided.

Peter described the problems he sees with the current, legislated Permit System which are issued by officials operating under authority delegated by the Community Councils. If you are not an aboriginal person you must apply for a permit to enter the Lands. He believes the Permit System, while aimed at preventing bad white people bringing booze, drugs and pornography into the Lands, instead strangles tourism and passing trade and denies proper access to commercial opportunities, business competition, employment and freedom of the press. Peter feels that while most aboriginal people support the Permit System, they do not realize that it effectively excludes them from exposure to, and participation in, the wider economy which we enjoy.

The history of white contact with aborigines is one of dispossession, disadvantage, trauma and frontier violence, discrimination, domination, exclusion, exploitation and patronising control, leaving a legacy of a people deeply scared, vulnerable to breakdown of their traditional culture, and unaccustomed to many mainstream social norms.

Peter quoted some disturbing statistics, which are general and not specific to the APY Lands as statistics for particular areas are not available:

- Aboriginal inmates in prisons are overrepresented relative to their proportion of the population by a factor of about 15.
- Indigenous women experience non-fatal hospitalisation assault by spouse/domestic partner at a rate 35 times higher than non-indigenous women.
- The annual homicide rate per 100,000 for indigenous victims is 13.7 in remote areas and 16.3 for <u>very</u> remote areas, compared with rates of 1.2 and 1.4 for non-indigenous victims in the same areas.
- Head Injury Hospitalisation rate per 100,000 in rural and remote areas is 1500 for indigenous compared with 160 for non-indigenous.
- Indigenous persons completing year 12 is 21% compared with Non-indigenous persons of 54%; note the figure of 21% for Indigenous would be heavily skewed upwards by city indigenous achievement.

The scene is set to suggest that the recent policies and practices are not working out too well!

In a very comprehensive talk Peter expanded on the problems facing the aboriginal people in the APY Lands and how the underlying attitudinal issues are rolling on from generation to generation and how the people are, perhaps inadvertently, marginalising themselves, and raising their children to follow in their footsteps.

Where to next? They are people in deep trouble, many of them innocents. We should continue to provide support systems to them. But, we should also think to the future about changes which can alter the social environment to give these people hope and the ability to make meaningful decisions about their future. Education, health and employment come to mind.

Peace is said to be the absence of violence, conflict, hunger, disease, discrimination, homelessness, and injustice.

To Peter it appears that there is some considerable way to go on almost all of these in the APY Lands of the north of this State. I would add to the requirements listed for Peace, the requirement for freedom, in the sense of every individual having an education and life-skills and health to enable them to make meaningful decisions about their lives

How can they be at peace without this freedom?

Christopher Moore: "Peace Through Service - Containers of Hope"

Christopher Moore is the Managing Director of Optimum LifeFocus Financial Planning based here in Adelaide. Chris has had a varied career and has undertaken a considerable amount of tertiary and professional study.



Pres. Stephen inviting the first of several questions asked of Christopher Moore.

Chris worked in banking for Westpac for 24 years, served in the Army for 10 years doing National Service and serving in the Army Reserve in which he attained the rank of Captain. For 9 years he was a Director of KPMG here in Adelaide. He then worked for Bank SA's Private Bank as State Director for 6 years. Subsequently Chris established his financial planning firm which he continues to own and operate. Chris has also had to face some serious health challenges in recent years.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Salisbury and is a member of the Donations In Kind Committee. Chris's motivation to serve others is based on his and Kerrie's strong Christian faith.

Chris' began his talk with a brief video containing statements for peace by some very recognizable people from around the world. He then went on to show how service is fundamental to Rotary and repeated the statement by RI President Sukuji Tanaka that, "I realized that by helping others, even in the simplest of ways, I could help to build peace."

The story of the starfish thrower was used to illustrate how we can all make a difference even if it is only for one person. Yet often we are unaware of how what we do to help one person can have knock-on benefits for many, many

more.

Chris gave us the background to why and how he and his wife Kerrie got involved in being of service to others. Against serious health issues and motivated by their strong Christian faith, they have sought to use their talents and resources to help others in need. Chris said, "True Religion is caring for widows and orphans, prisoners; those less fortunate than ourselves." He urged us all to "Stand in the Gap for those who do not have a voice." But how?

Chris advocated the "Pay It Forward" approach using coins or marbles in our pocket to remind us each day when we have done a service for someone else, even if we're not actually paying it forward. Service Above Self is an important ethos for Rotarians to adopt, as is a commitment to being a servant to all.

Following a recounting of the many causes that Chris and Kerry Moore have and continue to support, he talked about the Containers of Hope project they initiated. The project came about after the nursing home where Kerry was working was intending to scrap a number of older hospital style beds. Rather than see them cut up for scrap, Kerrie felt that they should be rescued and sent to a country where there was a need for them, as they had seen for themselves when Chris had to go to a poorly equipped hospital for treatment while on a visit to Vanuatu. A good friend found them a disused shipping container that could be used to store and then transport the beds.

This experience led to other people wanting help to send containers of donated goods overseas to be referred to Chris and Kerrie for help with all the shipping arrangements, and Containers of Hope was born. It was now that Chris and Kerrie began to collect other unwanted items; computers, toys, clothing, medical supplies, tools, teaching aids, sports equipment, machinery, etc. Working closely with Rotary Salisbury, a distribution and sorting area was kindly allocated. Good news spreading fast saw Chris having discussions with several big companies who were keen to generously support the cause.

Chris related the experience of sending container of donated goods including a 300kW generator to Burundi and another container to Uganda and the way in which the recipients responded to the donation and worked together to unpack and distribute the contents of the containers. The shipping containers are sent on a one-way journey and remain at their destination to be used in whatever way they are needed.

In conclusion, Chris left us with an intriguing blessing:

May God Bless you with Discomfort – and easy answers, half truths and superficial relationship so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God Bless you with Anger – at injustice oppression and exploitation of people so that you may work for Justice Freedom and Peace.

May God Bless you with Tears – for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And May God bless you with enough Foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.



Pres. Sioux thanked guest speakers Peter Greeneklee and Christopher Moore for their talks and presented Marta and Peter and Christopher and Kerrie with memento pens and glasses.

Set up &

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2013	Apr	Thu to Sun	25-28	District Conference	Tanunda
	May	Fri	3	GSE Team Returning from Taiwan	Norwood Town Hall
		Tues	21	Police Officer of the Year	Glenelg Golf Club
	Jun	Sun to Wed	23-26	RI Convention	Lisbon, Portugal

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
23/04/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Debate with Hyde Park 'That on-line shopping poses a serious threat to retail therapy'	S Westgarth Scribe S Baker	A Jonson	N/A	J Newall D Payne
30/04/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz night with Aireborough Rotary Club	M Martin	H Kilsby	R Mullins	D Payne J Reed

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Bunnings Mile End Barbeque Dates

ALL the Bunnings Mile End Barbeque dates are the **last Monday** of the month from 8am to 5pm. **NEXT 29 April Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm** Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

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



April 2013 Program

23/4/13	Pres Max McSorley (West Torrens)	School Projects in East Timor
30/4/13	PDG Peter Rostron (Tea Tree Gully)	A Sanitation Project in the Philippines

On the Back Page

The Taxman

The local pub was so sure that its bartender was the strongest man around that they offered a standing \$1000 bet.

The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and hand the lemon to a patron.

Anyone who could squeeze one more drop of juice out would win the money.

Many people had tried over time (weightlifters, wharfies, etc.), but nobody could do it.

One day this scrawny little man came in, wearing thick glasses and a polyester suit, and said in a tiny, squeaky voice, "I'd like to try the bet."

After the laughter had died down, the bartender said OK, grabbed a lemon, and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little man.

But the crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass.

As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the \$1000, and asked the little man, "What do you do for a living? Are you a builder's labourer, a weightlifter, or what?"

The man replied, "I work for the ATO."

Prison vs. work

In prison, you spend a majority of time in an 8x10 cell. At work you spend most of your time in an 8x10 cubicle. In prison you get three meals a day. At work, you only get a break for one meal and you have to pay for that one.

In prison you get time off for good behaviour. At work you get rewarded for good behaviour with more work.

In prison you can watch TV and play games. At work you get fired for watching TV and playing games.

At work you must carry a security card to unlock and open all the doors yourself. In prison, a guard locks and unlocks all the doors for you.

In prison you get your own toilet. At work you have to share.

In prison they let your family and friends to come and visit. At work you're not even supposed to speak to your family and friends.

In prison all expenses are paid by taxpayers with no work required. At work you get to pay all the expenses to go to work and they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for prisoners.

At prison there are sadistic warders. At work you have managers.

