# unley rotary



THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3865 – 25 June 2013

Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

### Our Last Meeting

Venue	Kooyonga Golf Club	
Event	Club Changeover	
MC	Stephen Baker	
Apologies	Heather Kilsby, Bob Laws, John Russell, and Pam Trimmer	
Guests	PDG Euan & Jill Miller, AG Mark Huddleston, PE Sandy Matz (Hyde Park), Honorary Member Ken & Pauline Daly, HM David Pisoni MP, HM Tom & Sharron Tirrell, Beverley Baker, Roslyn Elms, Linda England, Jill Hill, Vera Holt, Rose Howland, David, Maree, Lachlan & Laura McLeod, Sue Middleton, Maria Mills, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Rosemary & Wilhelm Ruff, Sandra Schirmer, Kate Taylor, Richard Taylor, Susan Westgarth	
Returning Rotarian	Rex Martin	
Milestones	Inductions – Ken Daly (29/6) Anniversaries – Janet and Rohan Singh (23/6) David and Sue Middleton (30/6)	
Attendance	26 members and 29 guests	

# Rotary Club of Unley Inc. District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club

207 East Terrace, Adelaide

#### Changeover Dinner

**MC Stephen Baker** called the meeting to order at 7.30pm and **President Stephen** welcomed Rotarians and guests.



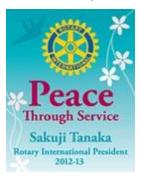








President Stephen









**David Middleton** provided the toast to Rotary International stressing that Rotarians were capable of making anything possible and **PDG Euan Miller** responded by outlining breakthroughs that had been achieved with the Chicago Council in relation to E-Clubs and the greater emphasis on service (cf attendance).

Joan Reed proposed the toast to partners of Rotarians and Pauline Daly responded.

President Stephen inducted Vera Holt as a member of Unley Rotary. Vera was born in the Czech Republic. In 1968 her family fled to Vienna and then to Australia, settling in Canberra. Vera later worked, studied (Business and Accounting Degree) and married in Melbourne. She built an impressive record with Deloitte in company reconstructions; as an owner of several businesses; leading a privatisation team in Czech Republic and financial reconstruction in Thailand after the Asian Financial Crisis; and leading an Executive Search firm in Dubai; working at Melbourne and Monash Universities in chief financial/managerial roles and a number of other achievements. Vera was a Finalist in Telstra Business Woman of the year in SA and Victoria. Vera is currently a School manager at the School of Education at UniSA. She sees Rotary as the vehicle to 'give back' and assist young women here and overseas to be financially independent.



Stephen, Mavis, Vera, Briony & Joan

Vera's vocational designation is Financial Management, and she will join the Community Service Committee and be mentored by Joan Reed.

Previously awarded PHF **Lindsay England** was presented with a PHF medallion following the Board's decision that recipients of all PHF awards from Unley Rotary should receive medallions.

President Stephen presented two Paul Harris Fellows:

- Reno Elms, for his selfless assistance to those in need and also cited the efforts of Reno's sons in financing a bus for the needy of Bali.
- **Kate Taylor** the founder of The 2H Project in Cambodia which is dedicated to poverty alleviation through lifting local employment skills and opportunities, improving birth survival through trained midwifery and improving eyesight.

**PDG Euan Miller** presented a PHF Sapphire Pin to **Chandra Sluggett** for her successful efforts to lift engagement of 9520 clubs in international projects – this year 14 clubs engaged in major overseas projects, a record effort.



Stephen & PHF Lindsay with his new medallion



PHF Reno Elms & Stephen



PHF Kate Taylor & Stephen



PDG Euan Miller & PHF Sapphire Pin Chandra Sluggett

President Stephen presented his 2012-13 report as follows.

You'll be pleased to learn that tonight I won't be reading my full report on Unley Rotary's past year. For those of you who wish to see your names in print or to see the detail of what the club has been doing and has achieved over the past year, then the report will be available for you to view in the Members' Area of the club's website.

Tonight I would prefer to recall the past year by thanking the Rotarians and others through whom so much has been achieved in our local community and in communities overseas.

I would like to begin by thanking the Board for their commitment to empowering our committees to do their best in their particular avenues of services. The Board's ability to keep its hands off the decisions and initiatives of the committees has, I believe, led to more creativity being injected into our projects and fundraising.

I wish to thank each and every one of the Board members for the work that they have put into their areas of responsibility. It has been a pleasure to have been working with you and I thank you all for the support and encouragement you have extended to me.

So thank you to Wendy Andrews for leading Club Service, Alex Jonson for leading International Service, Briony Casburn for leading Community Service, Nathan White for leading Vocational & Youth Service and Geoff Hill for leading Membership.

Particular thanks go to Immediate Past President Sheila Evans for her work on the Board over many years. Sheila was Club Secretary the last time I was President back in 2006-07 and she has served on the Board in various capacities, including President, ever since. I especially admire the way she took the initiative to stage the first Unley Rotary Art Exhibition in June this year to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation. Given the present economic climate, the Art Show went even better than could have been expected.

Congratulations go to Greg McLeod for organising an excellent Changeover Dinner and our thanks to Bob Mullins for facilitating the use of the Kooyonga Golf club's facilities.

Thank you to all the Past Presidents I have leaned on from time to time for advice and guidance during the year. In particular I'd want to acknowledge the support I've received from Past Presidents Jerry Casburn, Greg McLeod and Bob Mullins.

Thank you to Vice President Wendy Andrews for stepping in when I have been unable to attend club meetings.

Thank you Secretary Mavis Martin for keeping the minutes, the mail and the reminders of things I had to do as President.

An a big thank you to Treasurer Heather Kilsby who has found us a marvellous new external auditor and for producing what is probably the best presented set of financial statements the club has seen to my knowledge. In this regard I'd like to acknowledge Steven Russo from Kennedy & Co., the accounting firm located on the corner of Unley and Greenhill Roads.

One of the most difficult jobs we have in the club is keeping you lot in line during meetings, a job that falls upon our team of Sergeants-at-Arms. Our Sergeants were also successful in extracting a healthy sum in fines to go to project funds. And occasionally we heard some crackers of jokes. So my thanks go to Sergeant Major Bob Mullins, Sergeant Matron Joan Reed and Sergeants Greg McLeod, Bob Laws and Ken Haines.

Stephen Baker has done a superb job of editing and publishing the club's weekly newsletter this year. It might have been sent out from my email address because Stephen's email couldn't cope with the size of the mailing list but, be under no illusion, Stephen Baker has done all the work.

On the subject of newsletters, I want to express my appreciation of District Secretary Jerry Casburn's work in producing the Weekly Herald which has been a rich source of information about the events and goings on in our district and in Rotary International. I hope all members have taken the opportunity to follow the link that comes with your weekly club newsletter email and had a look through the Herald. But if not, you can always read the President's announcements.

Mark Huddleston, you've been a prime source of encouragement and support to me over the last year and an inspiring leader of Group 6. And we are especially grateful and full of admiration for the work you have done in editing and publishing the quarterly Community Link Newsletter.

Chandra Sluggett has been a most valuable resource for our club over the last few years. As a member of the District Grants Committee and an expert on the mysteries of Rotary Foundation World Matching Grants and District Simplified Grants, she has smoothed the way for us in expediting the processing of grants against sometimes excruciating deadlines. Thank you so much for your help, Chandra, and for your work at the District level.

This year the Thrift Shop has thrown us some challenges that Lindsay England and his Committee have met head on and overcome. We have seen the shop floor recarpeted and the displays transformed to create a pleasing environment for our customers to shop in and for our volunteers to work in. The debate continues as to whether the place looks too schmick to be a Thrift Shop, but there's no doubt that the committee has nots stood still in trying to maximise the earnings from the shop. I particularly want to thank all those Rotarians and partners who got down on their knees to clear the shop floor, lay the carpet tiles, put back the shop, clear the shop, take up the tiles, and then put the shop back together again. A terrific job well done.

The issues of policy, procedures and workplace health and safety emerged dramatically during the year and caused considerable angst for volunteers and Rotarians alike. But you have come through all of that with an excellent set of policies, procedures and safety measures in place, for which I thank you.

I especially want to acknowledge the contributions made over the past year by our wonderful Thrift Shop volunteers, including most of our Rotarians, and in particular by Lindsay and Linda England and Bob Laws and Glenyss Steadman.

Other people who have made this club tick are:

- · Joan Reed and her Public Relations crew,
- Nathan White who has delivered a diverse program of interesting speakers,
- Janet Singh who has helped us to manage the risks involved in Rotary projects,
- Bob Mills who has kept a paternal eye on our club records and relentlessly pursued anyone tardy in providing the required historical records; after today, Bob, I hope to have a bit more time to put into doing my bit to help update some of the record.

To every member of the club, thank you for time and resources you have given to making this past Rotary year one that we can be proud to look back on, and thank you for supporting the spirit of our theme for the year, "Peace through Service".

#### President Stephen Westgarth inducted Greg McLeod as Unley President 2013-14

**President Greg McLeod** thanked Stephen Westgarth for his leadership which had seen a boost in membership and in club activities. He highlighted the 78 year old charter of the club, the forthcoming role of DGN Jerry Casburn, the 40 year service of Ken Daly with Unley and the new theme of ENGAGE ROTARY — CHANGE LIVES. He thanked family members for their support. His three main aims over the year ahead are to engage the club in a sustainable long term international project, to strengthen membership and to 'help our fellow men and women'.



Stephen, Bob & Greg

The **Noble Prize** for outstanding club service was presented to **Bob Mullins** by Stephen Westgarth and Greg McLeod.

President Greg thanked former President Stephen for his promised involvement with the Rotary Foundation, the production of the club bulletin and the management of Police Officer of the Year....and presented Stephen with his PP badge and a gift. Flowers were then presented to Susan Westgarth, Pauline Daly, Vera Holt and Sandy Matz. Ken



President Greg and IPP Stephen

Haines and Nino Malvetti were again acknowledged for pledging their support through membership.

Board members IPP Stephen Westgarth (Rotary Foundation), PE Joan Reed (Fundraising & Fellowship), VP Wendy Andrews (Club Administration), Secretary Mavis Martin, International Director Alex Jonson, Vocational & Youth Director Nathan White, Community Service Director Briony Casburn, Membership Director Stephen Baker [Treasurer Heather Kilsby in Tasmania] were presented to the club and 'pinned'.

President Greg thanked everyone for their attendance and the Kooyonga Golf Club for its food and service.

He closed the meeting at 10.20pm.



The talented Board (Heather aw ay)

#### **Rotary News**

# Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards winners recognized during preconvention meeting

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary News – 22 June 2013

Rotaractors in Mumbai, India, most of them medical doctors, are providing vision screenings and comprehensive eye care to thousands of schoolchildren in poor neighborhoods of the city, through a series of medical camps aimed at improving the children's performance in school.

Vision Six by Six, a project of the Rotaract Club of the Caduceus, Mumbai, raised US\$15,500 through a variety of creative fundraisers, including a stand-up comedy event, to fund the medical camps. Club members bought supplies in bulk to cut the cost of the screenings to \$1 per child, and worked with three nonprofit hospitals to provide surgeries for cataracts and squinting problems.

A student's vision is tested during one of

A student's vision is tested during one of the health camps in Mumbai. The project screened 10,000 students.

The initiative was chosen as this year's Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards international winner, one of seven projects singled out for honors. Representatives

from the clubs presented their projects and received their awards during the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting 22 June in Lisbon, Portugal.

RI President Sakuji Tanaka encouraged the Rotaractors to make a difference in the world.

"Through Rotaract, hundreds of thousands of talented and motivated people have made a difference in their world, through projects that are innovative and inspiring," Tanaka said. "Rotaract and Interact are, in part, a bridge to Rotary membership. I hope very much, that every Rotaractor here will choose to become a Rotarian, when the time is right."

Representatives from the Caduceus Rotaract club explained how Vision Six by Six treated a number of conditions, including refractive errors [vision problems], infections, eye allergies, and Vitamin A deficiency. In the program's first seven months, 10,000 children were screened and 1,520 of them received some form of correction, from surgery to corrective lenses.

"We wanted to do something to help the 15 percent of children in government-run, low-resource schools in Mumbai who have undiagnosed refractory error," said Pankaj Jethwani, president of the club. "Young children develop an aversion toward going to school because they can't see sharp images on the blackboard and don't realize this is not normal or treatable. Most of the children we treat have never met an eye doctor before."

The Rotaractors received support from their host Rotary Club of Bombay Central in planning, implementing, and evaluating the project and in fundraising for it.

For the comedy fundraiser, club members worked with a nonprofit consulting firm to book four of India's leading stand-up comedians, who performed free of charge. The Rotaractors also used the Internet to solicit donations through crowd-sourcing.

In addition to providing medical assistance, the Rotaractors started a teacher training program, enlisting the support of educators to ensure that the children follow through with their care. They found that 92 percent of the children were adhering to their suggested treatment -- for example, wearing their glasses -- two months after the camps.

"More children can now see clearly, potentially impacting their future," says Jethwani.

Regional winners: The regional Rotaract projects recognized were:

- Africa: Rotaract Club of Cairo Royal, Egypt (District 2450) for Tanweer el Heiz. Club members installed solar power systems in 16 homes in el Heiz, a village in Egypt, enabling villagers to store food safely and providing light so that children can study in the evening. The club is fundraising to provide solar power for 350 other houses in the village.
- Asia Pacific: Rotaract Club of the Illawarra, New South Wales, Australia (District 9750) for The Urban Grown City Farm. Club members worked with other community organizations to create and operate an organic farm that provides employment for youth and sells produce to local businesses.
- Europe: Rotaract Club of Bari, Italy (District 2120) for Rotaract and UNICEF for Afghan Women and Children. Club
  members collaborated with UNICEF to train 10 midwives in Afghanistan and provide them with medical supplies to
  enable them to assist with childbirth.
- Latin America: Rotaract Club of the University of Guyana (District 7030) for Victoria Literacy Project. Club members
  created a weekly literacy program at a local primary school that focuses on teaching 50 students basic literacy and
  numbers skills to prepare them for a national assessment. In addition to providing weekly instruction, the Rotaractors
  obtained supplies and furniture for the classroom.
- South Asia: Rotaract Club of H.R. College, Maharashtra, India (District 3140) for "I" for an "Eye." Club members held numerous school and community events to spread awareness about eye donation and encourage people to sign eye-donation pledge cards. The Rotaract Club of H.R. College also collaborated with the Rotaract Club of the Caduceus, this year's international Outstanding Project Award winner, to raise US\$14,000 for treatment of eye disorders. United States, Canada, and the Caribbean: Rotaract Club of Yale College, Connecticut, USA (District 7980) for Vocational Training for the Tribal Community of Potkhal and Baste Villages, India. The club has partnered with the Rotary Club of Bombay Midtown, Maharashtra, India, to launch a vocational training center for a tribal community in Maharashtra. The center offers courses to men and women in vocations such as tailoring and welding, helping them to improve their quality of life.

#### **Diary Dates**

Year Month Day	Date Activity Details	Venue	
2013	Watch this space		

# 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 July Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm** Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

#### **Our Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion		Plaque Board	Sergeant	Desk
02/07/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Emily - O2 Foundation	TBA	N White	K Haines	G Ferguson
							G Hill

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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: <a href="mailto:emandcee@bigpond.com">emandcee@bigpond.com</a>



#### July 2013 Program

02/7/13	Rtn Brett Dalton (Burnside)	Back to Rotary
09/7/13	PDGs Marie Dorrington & Roy Armstrong	Our Year as District Governor
16/7/13	Rtn Jeff Candy (Noarlunga East)	An ambulance for Tonga
23/7/13	PP Bill Spraggs (Coromandel Valley)	Tagalong Tours
30/7/13	Pres Conrad Melvaine (Prospect)	ShelterBox Update

# Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

#### **June – July 2013**

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
5	29/06/13	Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Jerry Casburn (for Joan Reed) & David Pisoni
1	06/07/13	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/07/13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	20/07/13	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	27/07/13	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or as a very last resort contact: Lindsay England: 8445 8552; (M) 0408 857 775; e-mail: lengland@senet.com.au

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