



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Sergeant John Illingworth
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Reno Elms, Nino Malvetti, Bob Mullins, Nathan White
Guests	Pam Trimmer
Departing Rotarians	Sheila Evans
Attendance	21 members and 2 guests

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide

President Greg's Announcements

President Greg advised that there would be a brief Board meeting after this meeting.

Guest Speaker - Sergeant John Illingworth: "Police Officer of the Year 2012"



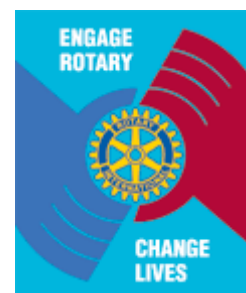
SA Police Officer of the Year
Sergeant John Illingworth, Stephen
Baker and the Rotary pen

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced John to the meeting. He joined the SA Police in 1979 as a 17yo cadet and graduated in 1981. His early days in the force were spent as a patrolman in Port Adelaide. He was deeply affected by the task of pulling mangled bodies out of cars and it was this experience which influenced his ambition to become involved in road safety. The key theme of his speech was that our driving habits are mainly influenced by our parents and our peers....which is not all that good, and needs to change.

In 1974 there were a record number of road fatalities - 382 in South Australia. Baby boomers were a large contributor to this statistic. By comparison, last year there were only 6 deaths (3 in the 16-19yo age group) of P-plate drivers out of 100 deaths. There are now many more deaths in the 60+ age group.



President Greg



South Australian drivers are poor even though they believe they are excellent. There are in-built prejudices against young and elderly drivers. There is a lack of courtesy and high levels of impatience prevail. To change the way we drive we need to change our thinking. That is why, as part of a raft of road safety measures, attention is being paid to early education particularly as it relates to core social skills and attitudes (eg neutralize the influence of some of Dad's bad driving habits). At the Road Safety Centre last year there were 262 sessions (with up to 60 children per session) conducted. Humphrey B Bear programs have been developed for the young children, schooling in Reception to year 2, and for Years 3-6, which emphasize safety at home, on and near the roads, and on their bicycles. Other programs are being used for older primary and secondary students. Special effort is required with overseas migrants such as those from Sudan who have had little or no experience with road management.

While the death rates among younger drivers has continued to fall, due in no small part to the restrictions placed upon them, there is a spike in injuries in the 16-19 age group. A new initiative is being taken with year 10 students as part of the school curriculum to educate them on a scientific basis (eg using Newton's Laws) as to the relationship between speed and collision force. A 10% increase in speed will result in a 20% higher impact. Teenagers are not frightened by the thought of death but are more receptive to what effect a serious road accident which leaves them severely disabled can have on their lives. A lot of attention is focused on fatalities but more needs to be done to expose the trauma of disabling motor accidents.

Drug and alcohol abuse has been a major issue for many years. Now the problem of distractions through use of mobile devices while driving is also becoming a major problem. In 2005, there were 3,600 instances of this detected; last year this had soared to 10,600.

John was thanked by acclamation.

Spots

Jerry Casburn recruited his team for the Bunnings BBQ on 29 July.

Sheila Evans is to hold a meeting of the Art Exhibition group after this meeting.

Mavis Martin read a letter from Graham and Patsy Beckett expressing appreciation and their intention to join the club when they return from NSW.

Lindsay England is to hold a joint meeting of current and previous Thrift Shop Committee members after next week's meeting.

Joan Reed needs a replacement for her Thrift Shop duties with David Pisoni on the 5th Saturday (4 times a year).

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Ken Haines employed our guest speaker to draw out Joan Reed's marble for the despicable squares. Happy news abounding during the fine session, including David M's fast recovery from computer hacking with the aid of PP Stephen W, the engagement of Colin Schirmer's daughter, another grandchild for Joan Reed, forthcoming overseas trips, diving for gold in Russia and much, much more. **Excellent**

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

Rotary News

Responding to disaster comes naturally for New York Rotarian

By Stephen Yafa - The Rotarian -- July 2013

As Jim Kushner sees it, there's no choice, not for him. Others may dither when a tsunami hits Japan, an earthquake levels parts of Haiti, or a hurricane like Irene or Sandy demolishes a vast swath of homes and businesses along the U.S. northeast coast. For Kushner, past president of the Rotary Club of Inwood, Manhattan, in the borough's northernmost neighborhood, natural disasters present no options: They demand and deserve immediate and effective action. How could anyone *not* drop everything and respond? he wonders.

Trained in emergency relief, and resourceful and unimpeded by the ties that bind, Kushner is typically out the door, equipped with supplies, and on his way to a disaster area before you and I have even begun to fathom the extent of the devastation.

Within a couple of days after Hurricane Sandy tore through the Rockaway Peninsula last October, he'd rented a truck and loaded it up with 55-gallon plastic drums. He'd planned to fill them with gas but there was none to be had in the city, where power outages had rendered the pumps inoperable. No problem. Driving up to Mamaroneck in Westchester County, he called in a favor from a former state assemblyman, who got him right to the front of a long line at an open station. Kushner knew from experience that with no electricity available in the stricken areas, generators were the only way to keep hospitals and relief centers functioning. He also knew that generators need to be continually refueled, and that gas would not be easy to find.

In times of need

Making his way down flooded streets and around trees uprooted by furious wind gusts, he arrived two hours later at St. Francis de Sales Church in Belle Harbor, New York. FEMA and Red Cross workers had set up an emergency center in the area. Kushner recognized two volunteers who had also arrived to help, both of whom he'd worked with in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake. Like Kushner, they seemed to materialize on the spot in times of dire need, no explanations required. All three immediately began to address critical tasks, such as transferring the gas to jerry cans.

Kushner also worked with teams of local volunteers. "You learn to trust the locals. They're the ones who own the shovels," he says. They'd have a quick meeting each morning, then be off. Kushner also got in touch with past and present Rotary district governors and filled them in on the needs of the day. "The people from the afflicted neighborhoods were the ones



Members of the Rotary Club of Murray, Kentucky, USA, fill a truck with relief supplies following Hurricane Sandy.

who were sustaining this relief effort,” he says. “Meanwhile Rotary clubs and other groups from all over were arriving every hour, it seemed, with clothes, food, blankets, the works. All good, but the size of the operation alone could’ve overwhelmed anyone. We were lucky, though; we’d seen it before. I was on the ground after Katrina for six weeks. I think this was worse, the sheer destruction.”

Kushner’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training kicked in. So, too, did something less tangible: his instinct to stay focused and calm, no matter what. “I block out my feelings, I turn them off to do the work that needs to be done,” he says. “Otherwise it’s too much.” And afterward? “I try to keep it out of my conscious mind, but I have nightmares, every night.”

Now 64 and a Rotarian for more than 30 years, Kushner has made a practice of showing up in disaster areas and trouble zones around the world for over a decade – skirting danger, bucking bureaucracies, and shrewdly assessing priorities in his quest to provide meaningful aid. A Rotarian version of Zelig, Woody Allen’s famous “human chameleon,” Kushner has somehow gotten himself to Pakistan just after a massive earthquake, to Haiti, Japan, and Tanzania to lend a practiced hand after natural calamities, terrorist attacks, and kidnappings by pirates. When tectonic plates suddenly shift, where tsunamis gather lethal force or tropical storms morph into devastating hurricanes that target urban centers, Kushner will likely be on the scene, ready to spring into action. It helps that he is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, an ex-Marine who works closely with the 82nd Airborne, and a translator fluent in French who has worked with U.S. embassy staff members in former French African colonies. He knows who to call if he needs to jump on a C-130 military cargo plane or Coast Guard cutter, but even if he didn’t, you get the feeling he’d strap himself to the wing of an osprey or grab hold of a bottleneck dolphin’s dorsal fin to hitch a ride to quake-ravaged Port-au-Prince or tsunami-flattened Ishinomaki. Whatever it takes.

That’s been Kushner’s mantra from a young age. He embodies Albert Einstein’s belief that you never fail until you stop trying. When Kushner discovered that his own community, Inwood, didn’t have a Rotary club, he started one himself and became its first president. When a man with disabilities and his wife, both HIV positive, had no place to live after their basement Rockaway apartment was flooded to the ceiling, Kushner helped them move into a small condo he owns for three months, rent free. “You do what you gotta,” he says.

Kushner received the RI Service Above Self Award, but perhaps it should be changed to Service Way Above Self. Even then it would fail to capture his compassionate compulsion to do good. “The world is such an insane place,” he says. “I can’t just sit around and watch.”

Born and raised in New York City, Kushner joined the Marines at age 18 and was assigned to Administrative Intelligence – “pencil-pushing,” as he calls it. He contracted a severe case of pneumonia at Parris Island in South Carolina. It recurred throughout his three years in the service and led to his discharge with a lifetime disability. He decided to continue his education and won a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at University College in London, an opportunity that forged his bond with Rotary.

If you’re in Kushner’s company long enough, you’ll find that narrative cohesion may elude him, but a thematic unity will take shape. A moment after delving into the earlier phases of his life, Kushner leaps to a lengthy anecdote about rescuing dogs with a Zodiac boat crew in flooded New Orleans, post Katrina. Then, just as abruptly, he’s in a makeshift hospital in Pakistan. A minute later, he’s flying doctors into Haiti. He’s proved himself repeatedly as a first responder who values systemic organization and the logical deployment of resources, so you’re inclined to cut him some slack if his anecdotal thought processes don’t follow a similar path. You begin to trust that he will make landfall within reach of where he took flight.

Dropping everything to help

In time, Kushner’s reminiscences lead to a clearer understanding of his current status as a Rotarian with the will and wherewithal to drop everything and go where he’s needed. In 1991, he and two other ex-military men wrote a state law to help veterans with disabilities to work as New York street vendors; his friend Joseph Kaswan had discovered an obscure 19th-century version written to support Civil War veterans. Together they updated it and lobbied the state legislature to get the new law passed, against fierce resistance from politicians defending brick-and-mortar retailers. The process took 10 years. By then Kushner had assembled a group of disabled vets – a committee, in his words – who, along with him, sold high-end jewelry on the street for bargain-basement prices. “I made a deal with the main importer for Macy’s, Bloomingdale’s, those places, to buy end-of-season overstock, stuff they have to move out, for pennies on the dollar,” he says.

This enterprise provides Kushner with a living and a flexible schedule. “We’re the only stands that make money,” he announces with pride as you stroll with him across a Midtown hotel lobby. He stops you in front of the hotel gift shop and points to a row of bracelets encrusted with semiprecious jewels in the display window. “Those, there, \$50 each? We sell exactly the same ones for \$5.”

Kushner’s street savvy carries over to every aspect of his volunteer work. He’s quick to offer well-meaning clubs advice based on his experiences around the world: “Before you write a check, you gotta know where that money ends up. Send somebody down there to see who’s who, what’s what, where the money’s really going. It costs a little, but it can save a lot. You want to help out an orphanage in the Dominican Republic? All well and good, but do the due diligence.”

They’re words of wisdom from a Rotarian who’s seen some donations disappear into the pockets of corrupt individuals while other contributions reach their intended recipients. The hard-won knowledge of a weathered veteran who’s battled floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, and tornadoes with a single purpose in mind: to leave things in better shape than he found them. Right now, at this very moment, you can be sure that whatever Jim Kushner is up to, he’s also preparing for the next calamity.

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2013	Aug	Saturday	10	The Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner	Stables at Morphetville 7 for 7.30pm \$45pp
		Wednesday	28	90th Anniversary of Rotary in SA Hosted by Rotary Club of Adelaide	National Wine Centre 12–2pm \$55pp
	Sep	Tuesday	3	Visit of District Governor Wendy Gaborit	Public Schools Club
		Friday	20	Detmold BBQ	Detmold Group, Brompton
		Tuesday	24	Quiz with RC Brownhill Creek	Public Schools Club

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
23/7/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Joan Reed: "Tuberculosis and Migration"	TBA	W Andrews	K Haines	H Kilsby R Laws
30/7/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Vera Holt	M Martin	S Baker	K Haines	R Laws D Middleton

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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: emandcee@bigpond.com



July 2013 Program

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
3	20/07/13	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Wendy Andrews(sub for Nathan White)
4	27/07/13	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Mavis Martin (sub for Sheila Evans) & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	vacancy & David Pisoni
1	03/08/13	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/08/13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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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 DATE: 29 July**
Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

On the Back Page

Bob Hope in Heaven.....genius

ON TURNING 70

'I still chase women, but only downhill.'

ON TURNING 80

'That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing.'

ON TURNING 90

'You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.'

ON TURNING 100

'I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.'

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER, BOXING

'I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them.'

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR

'Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover'.

ON GOLF

'Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees.'

ON PRESIDENTS

'I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six.'

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER

'When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, "Congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."'

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

'I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it.'

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY

'Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother.'

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS

'That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom.'

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES

'I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me.'

ON GOING TO HEAVEN

'I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality.'

