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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3870 – 30 July 2013 Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

#### Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club	
Guest Speaker	Vera Holt	
Chairman	Wendy Andrews	
Apologies	Reno Elms, Sheila Evans, Nino Malvetti, Mavis Martin, Bob Mullins, Stephen Westgarth	
Guests	Pam Trimmer	
Attendance 18 members 1 guest		

# **President Greg's Announcements**

- 1. Feedback will be provided as to the Board's deliberations last Thursday.
- 2. The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Adelaide in SA will be held on 28 August. The Board decided that the club's meeting on 27 August will be cancelled and members encouraged to attend the RC Adelaide celebrations. Stephen Baker offered to collect names with the object of forming a table or two for the occasion.

### Guest Speaker - Vera Holt: "Life and times"



Vera and Wendy but no Rotary pen

Chairman Mavis Martin introduced Vera who was born in Pilsen in Czech Republic. Her father was tortured during the Russian occupation post WW2. In 1968, Vera and her family fled to Vienna where they were accepted as refugees and then emigrated to Australia. Following their arrival in the Villawood detention centre, the family settled in Canberra and began to rebuild their lives. The entire family went to work and in less than 12 months Vera's parents had their own home and almost everything they needed for their new life in Australia. Once her parents were set up, Vera moved to Melbourne to expand her horizons in work and social life. Vera worked two jobs and later was accepted as a student at the RMIT.

It was a challenge to work full-time, be married and study part time and renovate houses but she was driven to succeed and show her parents that their sacrifice was worthwhile. Vera progressed to manager position with a Big 4 accounting firm. She finally completed her business/accounting



degree and became a Director with Deloitte in Corporate reconstructions and development. She became the first female registered liquidator in SA. She also owned and operated a number of businesses including a hotel, a providore company and an antique shop. Business losses strengthened her financial understanding and resolve. She returned to her native country as a Head of Privatisation in Prague following the velvet revolution. She led a team of specialists in Thailand during the 'Asian Financial Crisis' in the 90s, restructuring financial institutions. Vera's achievements were recognised by reaching the finals of the 'Telstra Business Woman of the Year' awards in SA and Victoria.

Subsequently, Vera left the accounting profession and joined the Executive Search Business in Sydney which resulted in a two year posting in Dubai. Vera returned to Adelaide approximately 4 years ago to look after her mum and rejoined the tertiary sector (she had also worked for two other Victorian universities – Melbourne and Monash) as a School Manager with the School of Education at UniSA. Her experience in corporate reconstructions across many industries enables her to manage companies in financial difficulty and turn them it into viable enterprises.

After many years in the corporate sector and the tertiary environment, Vera is looking to give back and help others, in particular young woman in Australia and possibly overseas. Vera believes Rotary will be the vehicle which will enable her to fulfil her objective.

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club

207 East Terrace, Adelaide



#### **Spots**

**Jerry Casburn** reported a profit of about \$850 from the July Bunning's BBQ. It was mentioned that PP Stephen did not make it for the set up, and that a heavy fine should be applied.

Heather Kilsby announced that membership fees would remain at \$110 per 6 month.

**Briony Casburn** asked for a volunteer to attend and assess the quality (i.e. potential for our Carols) of the Caring Choir which will be performing 1.30 – 2.30pm next Tuesday 6 August at the Mitcham Community Centre.

Briony and Jerry Casburn will be attending The Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner on 10 August.

Bob Laws organised Joan Reed to cover his afternoon shift at the Thrift Shop on 3 August.

#### Induction of Pam Trimmer

Briony Casburn introduced Pam Trimmer for induction. Pam was born and educated in Adelaide. She spent many years with SABCO, working her way up to local and overseas sales manager before the firm folded. Pam worked in a voluntary capacity teaching English and also taught English in a Vietnamese school. Briony extolled Pam's attributes as a talented artist, gardener and story teller. Pam is currently employed in an accounting firm. Her family included 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.

Upon induction Pam was assigned to the International Committee. Her classification is Office Management.



President Greg, Pam & Briony

#### Sergeant's Session

**Sergeant Ken Haines** used Vera (who demonstrated how not to operate the infallible bingo wheel) to draw out Chandra's marble for the infernal squares. Top fine for the night was for Jerry's failure to pick up Vera's coffee table. The meeting closed at 8.01 pm.

#### **Rotary News**

#### Matthews begins term as first woman vice president

By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary News -- 2 July 2013

As Rotary clubs continue to promote diversity in their membership, Rotary is marking a milestone. **Anne L. Matthews**, a Rotarian from South Carolina, USA, began her term on 1 July as the first female vice president of Rotary International.

"Women have contributed significantly to Rotary initiatives, and will continue to do so," says Matthews, who is also the first woman to serve as both a Rotary Foundation trustee and an RI director. "No doubt, the unfortunate and sometimes misleading image of 'an old boys' club' will be buried for good.

"Whether the job is done by a male or female is immaterial," she adds. "What is important is that the individual who serves is effective in that role. With that said, I am extremely proud to be the first woman vice president and am thankful for the California pioneers who pursued membership of women in Rotary."

A member of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, Matthews has served Rotary in numerous capacities. In addition to her service as trustee and director, she has been a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, RI president's representative, lead seminar trainer for the International Assembly, Future Vision Committee member, RI training leader, and district governor.



New RI VP Anne L Matthews

She is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Matthews is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Bequest Society member, Major Donor, and Paul Harris Society member.

She has a long and distinguished career outside Rotary as well. President of Matthews and Associates, an educational consulting firm, she has degrees in business, economics, and educational administration, including a doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

She has served as a trustee of Coker College, on the Advisory Education Board of the National Federation of Independent Business, as president of the National Business Education Association, and as a member of the Southern Regional Education Board of Directors for High Schools That Work. She has also served on the board of the Center for Occupational Research and Development in Texas and the Commission on Occupational Education, a national accreditation agency, among others. She is a member of Leadership South Carolina.

Matthews says she began attending Rotary club meetings in 1989, on the recommendation of her minister. It wasn't long before she became actively involved in her club. Her most satisfying moments, of which she says there have been many, include immunizing children against polio in India, digging wells in the Amazon jungle, and preparing food for the hungry.

"I feel especially peaceful when simply sharing stories and facts with Rotarians about the good Rotary is doing in pockets all over the world," Matthews says. "Seeing and hearing their reactions is particularly satisfying."

#### **Diary Dates**

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2013	Aug	Saturday	10	The Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner	Stables at Morphettville 7 for 7.30pm \$45pp
		Wednesday	28	90 <sup>th</sup> 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	& Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Desk
06/08/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	<b>DGE Jerry Casburn –</b> The Role and Duties of District Governor	Scribe S Baker	B Casburn	K Haines	D Middleton R Mills
13/08/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Unley City Council TBA	D Middleton	R Elms	K Haines	R Mills J Newall

Sat up 8

Chairman

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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>



Attondance

**August 2013 Program** 

6/8/13	PP Sheila Evans (Unley)	Art Exhibitions	
13/8/13	PP Andrew Benson (Encounter Bay)	Australian Rotary Health	
20/8/13	DG Barbara Wheatcroft (Adelaide Parks)	The Yellow Brick Road	
27/8/13	Pres Judy Shipp (Holdfast Bay)	Operation Cleft	

## Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

#### August 2013

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	03/08/13	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Joan Reed (for Bob Laws) & Stephen Westgarth
2	10/08/13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Joan Reed (for Wendy Andrews) & Mavis Martin
3	17/08/13	Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	24/08/13	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	vacancy & David Pisoni

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: <a href="mailto:lengland@senet.com.au">lengland@senet.com.au</a>

# **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: 26 August Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm** 

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#### Wendy's favourite joke

Two blondes walk into a bar and announce free drinks for everyone.

- 'What's the big occasion?' asks the barman.
- 'We just finished a jigsaw puzzle in only 4 months announces the first blonde.'
- 'That doesn't seem such a big deal,' comments the barman.
- 'Oh, yes?' said the second blonde, 'On the box it said 2-4 years.'

#### Greg's favourite joke

A guy asked a girl in a university library: "Do you mind if I sit beside you?"

The girl replied with a loud voice, "I DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOU!"

All the students in the library started staring at the guy. He was truly embarrassed.

After a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy's table and said, "I study psychology, and I know what a man is thinking. I guess you felt embarrassed, right?"

The guy responded in a loud voice: "\$500 FOR ONE NIGHT? THAT'S TOO MUCH!"

All the people in the library stared at the girl in shock.

The quy whispered in her ear, "I study law, and I know how to screw people".

#### Alex's favourite joke

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. The next day, the kids came back and one by one, began to tell their stories.

There were all the regular types of stuff: spilled milk and pennies saved. But then the teacher realised much to her dismay, that only Janie was left.

"Janie, do you have a story to share?"

"Yes ma'am. My daddy told me a story about my Mummy. She was a Marine pilot in Desert Storm and her plane was hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a flask of whisky, a pistol and a survival knife. She drank the whisky on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break and then her parachute landed her right in the middle of 20 Iraqi troops. She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, till the blade broke and then she killed the last Iraqi with her bare hands."

"Good Heavens,' said the horrified teacher. What did your Daddy tell you was the moral to this horrible story?"

"Don't muck with Mummy when she's been on the piss."

#### Bob's (Laws, Mills & Mullins) favourite joke

A man had two of the best tickets for the Augusta Masters...

As he sits down, another man comes along and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him..

"No", he says, "the seat is empty."

"This is incredible!" said the man, "who in their right mind would have a seat like this, the biggest golfing event of the whole world, and not use it?"

He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away.

This is the first Masters we haven't been to together since we got married."

"Oh... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. I guess you couldn't find someone else...a friend or relative or even a neighbor to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head..." No. They're all at the funeral."

