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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3874 – 3 September 2013

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Event	Visit of District Governor Wendy Gaborit
Chairman	Greg Mcleod
Apologies	Ken Daly, Glenyss Ferguson, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin, Bob Mullins
Guests	DG Wendy Gaborit and John Jury, AG Mark Huddleston, Margaret Payne
Returning Rotarians	Sheila Evans, Bob Laws, Nino Malvetti
Attendance	22 members 4 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 thanked Board members for their attendance at the meeting with the DG......read out an Irish postcard from Sheila......informed a happy audience that he would be away next week...welcomed the return of the partner's badges.....and pointed to the Club Charter on display.

At Greg's invitation, Nathan White reported on the RC Adelaide 90th birthday celebration.

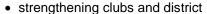


President Greg

District Governor Wendy Gaborit

President Greg introduced DG Wendy. Wendy's speech revolved around the Rotary theme of *Engage Rotary – Change Lives*. The turnover of Rotarians is far too high and can be attributed to failure to engage. New members need to be speedily involved and older members have their passions for Rotary revived. All clubs need to engage their alumni and work for a cause that has wide appeal. Engaging families is important for younger members.

Wendy stressed the importance of the G-TRAIN...herself, the DGE and DGN working in concert with the aims of:



- enhancing humanitarian service
- · improving Rotary's public image



DG Wendy and the beautiful flowers



In relation to this last point, we have a big task to change the perception that Rotary excludes females, lacks ethnic diversity and comprises old 'fuddy duddies'.

Rotary needs to be technologically up-to-date and Wendy referenced the websites of RC Kent Town and Crawley (WA).

Each club must have a plan that can be articulated and performance measures that are regularly reviewed. We must bring people to share the Rotary passion. A Legion of Centurions (Centurion Clubs) is her aim to build The Rotary Foundation. ROMAC is a great cause...which can be assisted by Rotarians hosting children from overseas. District Conference 2014 in Warrnambool should be a priority on everyone's agenda in March next year as should the International Rotary Convention in Sydney in June. 'Don't miss the voyage of a lifetime by making a difference!' There will be a special event on 24 October – End Polio Day – when community leaders will be engaged and Rotarians exhorted to participate.

DG Wendy was thanked by acclamation but failed to receive the Rotary pen.

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Spots

Wendy Andrews supplied samples of Rotary T-shirts to get the correct sizing for the club's order – pockets are available for those with many pens.

Stephen Westgarth canvassed an option to run a sausage sizzle at the Unley Town Hall on election day, but it was decided to defer. The next opportunity will be the State election in March.

Jerry Casburn announced that at the next meeting he would be canvassing for volunteers for the Detmold BBQ on 20 September. Trinity Sessions at Goodwood Rd, Kings Park will be holding a service 6.45-7.30pm on Sunday 15 September followed by a barbecue (to be run by our club), with proceeds to help Lifeline.

Sergeants Session

Sergeant Bob Mills somehow elegantly drew Pam Trimmer's marble for the infernal squares. Top fine for the night goes to David Middleton who declared happiness at attending a school reunion......... Geoff Hill admitted to forgetting his wedding anniversary.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm.....only 4 minutes late.

Rotary News

Couple venture outside comfort zone to bring aid

By Stephen Yafa

Seated in a circle of men, women, and children at the base of a sprawling fig tree in the remote Ugandan village of Oduworo, Rotary members Steve and Vicky Wallace ask the villagers about their needs. At least a thousand people have come together at this "meeting tree," and agree that everyone wants clean water, better food, medical care, and vocational training, especially for the young.

The journey that led Steve and Vicky to Oduworo began with a polio immunization trip to northern Nigeria in 2005. The Wallaces—members of the Rotary Club of Lake Elsinore, California, and Rotary Foundation Major Donors—had rarely traveled outside the United States, but the experience would change their lives. "We were not ready for it in any way," Vicky recalls, "Polio sufferers crawling in the dirt, children digging through garbage for something to eat." When they returned to their sunny California suburb, they stayed home for four days and revised their plans for the future.



A young man installs a solar panel on a thatched roof, which when connected to solar lights inside the hut, will extend the villagers' day by three to four hours.

"We knew we were going to downsize our lives," explains Steve, past governor of Rotary District 5330, "and do humanitarian service from then on."

Two years later, the district's multiyear project committee asked the Wallaces to get the district involved in an international service effort. There was a single stipulation: They had to choose a village that had never received any outside help.

After seeing five other potential project sites in four countries, the couple traveled to Oduworo, where the need was great.

The villagers were sick, malnourished, and so lethargic, Vicky says, "They just sat there all day with their heads in their hands." Malaria was rampant. The villagers existed on scraps of food and drank from a contaminated water supply. The nearest potable water source was two miles away on foot. They had no farming tools and no livestock. The village still had not recovered from devastating raids of the past decades, after which anyone who knew how to raise crops either had been killed or had run off. The Wallaces learned that the survivors of Oduworo called their home "the forgotten village."

Tapping into local knowledge: "Vicky and I were determined to respect and to help preserve the culture of people wherever we went, and to not rush to impose solutions," says Steve. "Our first goal for Oduworo was a fresh water supply, but the elders had to decide on it, not us. In time, I offered a proposal: If they'd dig 10 latrines, we'd provide two boreholes for new wells. The elders met for half a day, then came back and announced, 'We accept your deal."

So began Oduworo's transformation. With support from Mark Howison, 2007-08 governor of District 5330, the Wallaces helped start a Rotary Community Corps in the village, which has advised the Rotary members on local needs. Clubs in the district have raised about \$23,000 for projects in the village. A portion has gone toward agricultural training; villagers have learned how to use farm tools and 40 people enrolled in an organic farming class last year. "When we arrived in Oduworo," Steve recalls, "they were digging seed furrows with sticks and twigs."

Throughout the process, the Rotary Club of Kampala-West has provided critical support. Club members have worked with District 5330 to obtain Rotary Foundation grants for water and sanitation projects, including one to repair nine broken borehole wells and to provide vocational training to villagers so they could construct water tanks.

The Wallaces return to Oduworo every year. In 2009 when they arrived with Howison and his wife, Barbara, and Rotary members Gerry and Paula Porter, over 1,500 people turned out to greet them. A party erupted. An elder told the Wallaces that he had never expected to see a celebration in his village. And he had something to say about the numerous villager projects under way: "You didn't bring us a fish," he told them with a broad smile. "You brought us a fishing line. We thank you."

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2013	Sep	Friday	20	Detmold BBQ	Detmold Group, Brompton
	Oct	Tuesday	15	Quiz with RC Brownhill Creek	Public Schools Club

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
10/9/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Andrew Reilly – Youth Opportunities	M Martin	G Fergusson	One of 3	J Reed J Russell
17/9/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	William Russell – <i>Billy</i> Teen Support Network	V Holt	K Haines	One of 3	J Russell C Schirmer
24/9/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Amanda Mur – Novita Services for Youth	M Martin	G Hill	One of 3	C Schirmer C Sluggett
01/10/13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Adrian Vorbach – Australian Investors Assn	D Middleton	V Holt	One of 3	C Sluggett P Trimmer

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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



September 2013 Program

10/9/13 PP Don Law (Yankalilla)		Youth Drivers Awareness Project
17/9/	13 Rtn Akhtar Rahman (Burnside)	A Musical Psychologist
24/9/	13 Pres Catherine Macleod (Adelaide Uni Rotaract)	A New Rotaract Club

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

September 2013

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	07/09/13	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	14/09/13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Joan Reed & Mavis Martin
3	21/09/13	Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	28/09/13	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	S Westgarth & 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: lengland@senet.com.au

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: 30 September Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm**

The Back Page

A True Golf Story

Wife - "Where the hell have you been? You said you'd be done with golf by noon!

"Husband - "I'm so sorry Honey...but you probably don't want to hear the reason.

"Wife - "I want the truth, and I want it NOW!

"Husband - "Fine. We finished in under four hours, quick beer in the Clubhouse, I hopped in the car, and would have been here at 12 on the Button.

"On the way home, I spotted a girl half our age struggling with a flat tyre. I changed it in a jiffy, and next she's offering me money.

"Of course I refused it - then she tells me she was headed to the bar at the Sheraton - and begs me to stop so she can buy me a beer.

"She's such a sweetie, I said yes. Before you know it - one beer turned to three or four, and I guess we were looking pretty good to each other.

"Then she tells me she has a room at the Sheraton less than 50 steps from our table.

"She suggested we get some privacy while pulling me by the hand. Now I'm in her room....clothes are flyingthe talking stopped....and we proceeded to have sex in every way imaginable.

"It must have gone on for hours, because before I know it the clock says 5:30.

"I jumped up, threw my clothes on, ran to the car, and here I am. There. You wanted the truth....you got it." Wife - "Bullshit. You played 36 holes, didn't you!

A Bewdiful Tap Adjustment



Tis only money and imagination that stops you!!

