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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3876 – 17 September 2013

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## **Our Last Meeting**

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# 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

- 1. The Annual Quiz Challenge with Brownhill creek is not far away. We are in the need of a Quizmaster. Briony has some contacts, also David Middleton mentioned the committee that raises funds for Birthing Kits who did our last Quiz night.
- 2. Hat Day to raise funds for Australian Rotary Health is on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Perhaps we could have our Hat Day on the night of the Quiz night and include Brownhill Creek.
- 3. DG Wendy would like to make End Polio Now day a big Rotary event this coming 24th October.
- 4. This year's RYLA presentation dinner is on 26th September at Belair Park Country Club.
- 5. Nathan White emailed members asking if there was an interest in sponsoring Bob Laws and himself in the City to Bay with funds going to Australian Rotary Health. \$227 was raised on the night with a few members having IOU's for next week.



President Greg

# Guest Speaker - William "Billy" Russell: "Teen Support Network"

Guest Speaker William "Billy" Russell was introduced by Vera Holt. Billy is a year 12 student at Urrbrae High school and he has created a support group for students who are being or have been bullied or harassed. He has also created a support website called Teen Support Network. All of his time is volunteered. He had a stroke in Utero and was not expected to survive and if he did Doctors gave him little chance of walking and talking.

Below is the article from the Sunday Mail August 17th which summarises his talk to us.



"Doctors gave little hope William 'Billy' Russell would survive his birth after he suffered a stroke in his mother's womb.

Even if he did survive they gave him a slim chance of ever walking or talking properly.

But proving people wrong has been a crusade for Billy, 19 this week, and he is now dedicating his life to putting bullies in their place.

The Urrbrae Agricultural High School student has created Teen Support Network, a social media organisation to help those suffering from harassment at school, the work place and at home.

Figures from the National Crime Prevention Council reveal an astonishing 160,000 kids miss school every day in Australia because they're scared of being bullied.

The Australian Human Rights Commission, has declared bullying "endemic" in the nation, which has been ranked worst in the world for social network bullying.

"I strongly believe that everyone should have the right to be themselves without having to worry about being bullied, put down, or harassed," the inspirational teenager said.

"It all started back in 2011 when one of my friends, Tony, made me promise to set up and run a website to support bullied youth. I had the usual name calling and stuff at school, nothing too serious, but he was bullied for real."

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'Tony' is a pseudonym for a boy Billy met in Year 2 at Reynella Primary School.

They regarded each other as brothers so it was only natural Tony would share his biggest secret with his inseparable friend.

"When we were about 12, Tony told me he was gay," Billy said. "I was cool about it - and said I'd continue to look out for him. But he confided in a group he thought were friends and they let him down badly."

The bullying of Tony intensified. Last year a mutual friend rang Billy to tell him Tony had taken his own life.

"Sometimes when I think about it too much I get emotional," Billy said, shaking. "I remembered my promise to Tony and I launched the Teen Support organisation and set up a Facebook page 18 months ago."

The website gives detailed information for bullied youth and same sex attracted teens. There are links to services such as Lifeline, Kids help line and Beyond blue and there is a forum for people to share their stories. The Network has over 500 Facebook friends and Twitter followers.



"Some kids are in crisis which can be stressful," he said. "I just think about, what would I do if I was in their shoes?"

Urrbrae special education teacher, John Kemp, said Billy was "very much supported" by his school community but was pushing boundaries. 'The issues around homophobia in particular are often at their worst in adolescence and that has been a big part of Billy's focus," he said. "That can be a bit confronting for some people."

Billy chose Urrbrae because of his affinity with animals but is now hoping to work as a youth counsellor. "One in three teenagers will be bullied and that's a figure I want to help to change," he said.

For crisis support contact Lifeline on 13 11 14. See Billy's website at www.teensupportnetwork.org.

A truly inspirational young man who now wishes to become a youth counsellor on leaving school.

## **Spots**

**David Middleton:** Carols at the Rotunda is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Please mark in your calendar. Looking at doing a light show this year.

Bob Laws would like someone to work the 5th October Thrift Shop late shift for him. Pam Trimmer volunteered.

**Jerry Casburn** needs helpers for the Detmold BBQ morning shift start at 5am; please see Jerry. Jerry gave a big thank you to those that helped at the Trinity BBQ on Sunday. Raise \$417.15 which was donated to Lifeline.

Briony Casburn: A Quiz Night for 'Can do for Kids' is being held at Campbelltown Uniting Church.

There will be a meeting of the Community Committee after the meeting next week.

Joan Reed raised the issue of our club getting our own BBQ trailer.

## Sergeants Session

**Sergeant Ken Haines**' commanding presence kept order tonight. Ken Daly won the square (yet again??!!), and there was a lucrative variety of punitive, happy and cross fines levied.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm and was followed by the Skype session with the Rotary Club of Aireborough.

# Rotary News Rotary's fight to End Polio Now

As a key partner in the global effort to eradicate polio, Rotary has vowed to end this crippling disease.

Since 1985 Rotary has led the battle against polio, and kept the pressure on as worldwide cases plummeted from 350,000 per year to several hundred.

When India went off the list of endemic countries in 2012, we took one more step toward eradicating a human disease from the earth for only the second time in history. Now, Rotary and its partners are 'This Close' to making that dream a reality.

Watch a video about the PolioPlus project.



## **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 & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
24 Sep 13	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Amanda Muir: Novita Services for Youth	M Martin	G Hill	K Haines	C Schirmer C Sluggett
1 Oct 13	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	<b>Adrian Vorbach:</b> Australian Investors Association	D Middleton	V Holt	K Haines	C Sluggett P Trimmer
8 Oct 13	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Alex Jonson & Mavis Martin: Member Profiles	J Reed	A Jonson	K Haines	P Trimmer A Wehr
15 Oct 13	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz vs RC Brownhill Creek	ТВА	R Laws	K Haines	A Wehr S Westgarth

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

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## Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

## September-October 2013

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	21 Sep 13	Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	28 Sep 13	Wendy Andrews (sub for Bob Laws) & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	S Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	5 Oct 13	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Pam Trimmer (sub for Bob Laws) & Stephen Westgarth
2	12 Oct 13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Joan Reed & Mavis Martin

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



#### September 2013 Program

24 Sep 13	Pres Catherine Macleod (Adelaide University Rotaract)	A New Rotaract Club	
October 2013 Program			
1 Oct 13	Pres. Rob Eley (Gawler Light)	A Motor Cycle Expo	
8 Oct 13	Pres. Judy Shipp (Holdfast Bay)	The Helping Hands Project	
15 Oct 13	PP Don Law (Yankalilla)	The Yankalilla Car Cruise	
22 Oct 13	PP David Adamson (Elizabeth)	The Science Experience	
29 Oct 13	PP Dale Manson (Mobilong)	District 9520 Conference 2014	

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## Les affaires d'amour

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A married man was having an affair with his secretary.

One day they went to her place and made love all afternoon.

Exhausted, they fell asleep and woke up at 8 PM.

The man hurriedly dressed and told his lover to take his shoes outside and rub them in the grass and dirt.

He put on his shoes and drove home.

'Where have you been?' his wife demanded.

'I can't lie to you,' he replied, 'I'm having an affair with my secretary. We had sex all afternoon.'

She looked down at his shoes and said: 'You lying bastard! You've been playing golf!'

#### **Deux**

A middle-aged couple had two beautiful daughters but always talked about having a son.

They decided to try one last time for the son they always wanted.

The wife got pregnant and delivered a healthy baby boy.

The joyful father rushed to the nursery to see his new son.

He was horrified at the ugliest child he had ever seen.

He told his wife: 'There's no way I can be the father of this baby.

Look at the two beautiful daughters I fathered! Have you been fooling around behind my back?'

The wife smiled sweetly and replied, 'No, not this time!'

### **Trois**

Jack was dying. His wife sat at the bedside.

He looked up and said weakly: 'I have something I must confess.'

'There's no need to, 'his wife replied.

'No,' he insisted, 'I want to die in peace. I slept with your sister, your best friend, her best friend, and your mother!'

'I know,' she replied.

'Now just rest and let the poison work.'

