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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3883 – 5 November 2013

Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club		
Guest Speakers Jerry and Briony Casburn			
Chairman	Vera Holt		
Apologies	Nino Malvetti, Pam Trimmer, Nathan White		
Returning Rotarian	Heather Kilsby		
Departing Rotarian	Mavis Martin		
Attendance	22 members		

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 opened the meeting with the thought that everyone should have had a good Melbourne Cup Day.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be on December 3.

Christmas Dinner at 6.30pm on December 10 will be at BarZaar - cost \$35.

Guest Speakers - Jerry and Briony Casburn



Briony & Jerry Casburn with Vera Holt (but no AD and no Rotary pen)

Chairman Vera Holt introduced Jerry and Briony.

Jerry related his experience when visiting the Rotary Club of Patong Beach in Thailand. He was particularly struck by the project being undertaken by the club to help the Good Shepherd Sisters who operate the Banjo Learning Centre for children of migrant construction workers.

Such children often live in very poor circumstances and are alienated unless they can speak the Thai language. The Sisters aim to teach the children to allow them to fit in with the local Thai population and to receive a broader educational. The centre needs money to buy teaching aids, to hire teachers with Thai and other language skills, to provide nutrition (particularly milk) for the underfed, and transportation to and from the camps. Older students



President Greg



become volunteers for the newer intakes.

RC Patong Beach a fundraising target of \$16,800. Jerry and Briony offered to help.

Briony ran a highly entertaining 'milk money' session with proceeds for the centre. Not only were members charged a dollar to guess the weight of and number of lolly milk bottles in two milk bottles, but were challenged to answer a range of milk-related questions. The superstars in the quiz were Stephen W and Sheila who appeared to be overly eager to claim the Milky Way prizes.

Vera thanked Jerry and Briony for a highly enjoyable session.

Spots

Bob Laws was looking for a replacement for his Thrift Shop shift on 26 November

Wendy Andrews reminded members that the new club T-shirts were available for collection and payment.

Lindsay England asked members to assist with a cull at the Thrift Shop.

Joan Reed is seeking nominations for the Committee positions to be determined at the AGM.

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Stephen Baker reported that an enjoyable weekend at Calperum was had by the Casburns, the Laws, Wendy A, Stephen B, Rotaractors Michelle and Cecilia plus Cecilia's visitors from Norway (mum Lilly and aunt Anne). Some successfully took out scotch thistles and others identified cacti for destruction. It was very helpful to have Michelle and Cecilia who managed to find a host of small cacti missed by ancient eyes.



Glenyss & Bob after scotch thistles



Like a mob of Brown's cow with Jerry leading

misguided souls (no names Jerry) put ribbons around and hugged totally dead trees. Wendy cooked up a storm. A count of possums was undertaken. About 85 hours of volunteer effort was provided. Our visitors headed back to Adelaide via Banrock Station. 'Twas a great time out in the country.

Briony Casburn scooped the spots pool with the following announcements:

- In 1947 Paul Harris visited Australia and during his time here he inducted Bob Laws' uncle Sid Laws into Rotary. At that time there were 30,000 Rotary members around the world.
- The Christmas Dinner at BarZaar will feature Australian nosh and Ken Haines' cake.
- Thank-you Ken Haines, Mavis Martin and Pauline Daly for providing goodies for the senior citizens last Sunday.
- Members' contribution to the Christmas hamper shall be via a lucky dip of cards which show the good(s) required. A
 raffle price of \$1 per ticket was agreed.
- 54 Christmas puddings were delivered to the Italian Meals on Wheels.

Alex Jonson announced that there would be a meeting of the International Committee following this meeting.

Sergeant Ken Haines managed to make a brilliant selection for the much loved squares – Stephen Baker.

A range of fines followed and the meeting closed very close to the appointed time......at 8.01pm.

The assessment of the health of

trees was a hoot - some

Rotary International News

Scholarship recipient reflects on his journey to Rotary

By Daniel Mai, as told to Katya Cengel -- The Rotarian November 2013

My father moved us from Vietnam when I was a child to provide us with more than what we'd had under the communist regime. We ended up in a ghetto in Oakland, California, USA. I went to Fremont High School, one of the worst schools in a neighborhood plagued by violence, poverty, and high dropout rates. Our house was on a busy street, and every night we heard gunshots.

The spring of my junior year, a group of Rotarians visited my class. They told us about the Rotary Club of Oakland's Enterprise Institute, a three-day camp that allows students to develop and test their business skills. Spending time in the Santa Cruz Mountains, creating a business plan with my peers, didn't appeal to me so much as escaping the projects for a few days. In my world, the only businesses I saw were funeral homes, liquor stores, and drug dealers.

The Enterprise Institute exposed me to a new reality. I met teenagers who talked about Plato and Shakespeare, not drive-by shootings and AK-47s. It was at camp that I heard the word "entrepreneur" for the first time. Surrounded by high school students from schools that were far superior to my own, I learned just how little I knew. As we considered case studies and came up with our own business plans, I also saw a future that didn't involve assault rifles and prison cells. These kids talked about going to college and starting their own companies, and I realized I wanted the same things. Coming from the streets, I knew I was at a disadvantage and would have to work even harder to achieve the same goals. That was one of the most important lessons I took away from the Enterprise Institute—not a business outline, but a sense of ambition and self-motivation.

Landing on firm ground

We didn't have much money, so I applied for every college scholarship I could. I filled out 20 applications and received 19 rejections because I was not a U.S. citizen. Only one scholarship program accepted me: the Rotary Club of Oakland's. The Rotarians met with me and my family and listened to what I had been through and where I wanted to go. I know they had many applicants, and when they awarded me the \$5,000 scholarship, it proved they believed in me. The scholarship, along with financial aid, allowed me to go to college.

At the University of California, Davis, I used the scholarship money to pay for rent and books. The first three years I was in school, the scholarship meant that I didn't have to work and could concentrate solely on studying. Whenever I would talk to my Oakland club counselor, Terry Turner, he would always ask how I was doing, and I would tell him truthfully that I was struggling. Fremont High School had not prepared me for UC Davis. Terry offered me advice, and I listened to it. I started at Davis at the same time as three other Fremont High School graduates. By my second semester, I was the only one left. The Enterprise Institute had jump-started my future. The Rotary scholarship kept it in motion.

I spent several years working for a series of small companies before striking out on my own with Novateck PC in 2004. As soon as I opened my business, I joined the Oakland club. Its members became some of my first clients. Novateck has grown since then and now has three employees. My family has also grown; I now have a wife and two young daughters.

Last year I took my wife and oldest daughter to Vietnam. The little fishing village I left as a child 30 years ago is now a bustling metropolis. My childhood home in Oakland has also morphed into something else; the basketball court where I used to play has been replaced with apartment complexes. The Rotary Club of Oakland's Enterprise Institute is one of the things that remain unchanged. Now in its 30th year, the institute continues to take dozens of high school juniors to the mountains and teach them how to make their own future in the business world. I have helped with the institute for the last seven years and am now co-chair of the committee that runs the whole thing. I know that the camp experience will help other teenagers change their way of thinking and give them hope for a better future. That's what it did for me.

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2013	2013 Dec Tuesday		10	Christmas Dinner	6.30 for 7pm at BarZaar, Unley Road
		Sunday	15	Carols at the Rotunda	Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Unley Road

Our Upcoming Meetings

•				Chairman	Set up &		Attendance
Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	& Scribe	Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
12 Nov 13	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Stephen Westgarth The Rotary Foundation	A Jonson	R Mullins	K Haines	S Baker B Casburn
19 Nov 13	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	TBA		J Newall	K Haines	B Casburn R Elms
26 Nov 13	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Sandy Morey Rotary Peace Scholarship Experience in Cambodia	S Evans	D Payne	K Haines	R Elms L England

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

Apologies To: Wendy Andrews by e-mail to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on 8377 7830

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Venue Set-up/Bar Enquiries To: Bulletin Editor - Stephen Baker on 8379 7105

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

November - December 2013

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	9 Nov 13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Joan Reed & Mavis Martin
3	16 Nov 13	Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	23 Nov 13	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	30 Nov 13	Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	7 Dec 13	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth

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: 25 November 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: emandcee@bigpond.com



October – November 2013 Program

12 Nov 13	PP Val Kirk (Walkerville)	Child Slavery
19 Nov 13	Pres Frank O'Neill (Adelaide)	90 Years of Rotary
26 Nov 13	RI President 2013/14 Ron D Burton (Norman, Oklahoma)	Voice of Rotary Broadcast No.1000

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The best of manners: Tips from the Redneck Book of Good Etiquette

General

- 1. Never take a beer to a job interview.
- 2. Always identify people in your yard before shooting at them.
- 3. It is considered poor taste to take a cooler to church.
- 4. If you have to vacuum the bed, it is time to change the sheets.
- 5. Even if you're completely certain that you are included in the will, it is still considered tacky to drive a U-Haul to the funeral home.

Dining Out

- 1. If drinking directly from the bottle, always hold it with your fingers covering the label.
- 2. Avoid throwing bones and food scraps on the floor as the restaurant may not have dogs.
- 3. Belching "to make room for dessert" is frowned upon.

Entertaining In Your Home

- 1. A centrepiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
- 2. Do not allow the dog to eat at the table no matter how good his manners are.
- 3. Waking the children to come out so you can show guests "they ain't got no birth defects" is impolite. (And bringing them out to show guests that they do have them is considered very rude.)

Personal Hygiene

- 1. While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this is a job that should be done in private using one's own truck keys.
- 2. Proper use of toiletries can forestall bathing for several days. (However, if you live alone, deodorant is a waste of good money.)
- 3. Dirt and grease under the fingernails is a social no-no, as they tend to detract from a woman's jewellery and alter the taste of finger foods.

Dating (Outside the Family)

- 1. Always offer to bait your date's hook, especially on the first date.
- 2. Establish with her parents what time she is expected back. Some will say 10:00 p.m.; others might say 'Monday.' If the latter is the answer, it is the man's responsibility to get her to school on time.

Weddings

- 1. Livestock, usually, is a poor choice for a wedding gift.
- 2. Kissing the bride for more than 5 seconds may get you shot.
- 3. Though uncomfortable, say 'yes' to socks and shoes for this special occasion.

Driving

- 1. When sending your date down the road with a gas can, it is impolite to ask her to also bring back beer.
- 2. Never relieve yourself from a moving vehicle, especially when driving.
- 3. Do not lay rubber while traveling in a funeral procession.

