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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3885 – 19 November 2013

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Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Sean Ea
Chairman	Pam Trimmer
Apologies	Briony & Jerry Casburn, Glenyss Ferguson, Alex Jonson, Nino Malvetti, Mavis Martin, Nathan White
Guests	Rtn Graeme and Patsy Beckett, Brian Thompson
Birthday	Bob Laws (19/11)
Anniversaries	<i>Wedding</i> Bob Mullins (18/11), John Russell (17/11). <i>Induction</i> Chandra Sluggett (15/11)
Attendance	18 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

District Conference Warrnambool 2014 – members were reminded of Jerry's wish that as many members as possible attend and early registration is open (see JC email of 14 November).

Christmas Hamper Raffle – there is a need to complete the filling of the hamper and raffle it....donations still being accepted.

Salvation Army Christmas Tree at Unley Shopping Centre – Briony will be looking for volunteers to tend it.

William Russell, who spoke to our club on teen support, has been nominated for Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Award.

Annual General Meeting will be on December 3.....this is to include our annual gift giving.

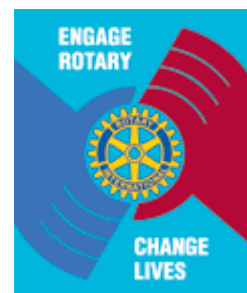
Christmas Dinner at 6.30pm on December 10 will be at BarZaar – cost \$35 per person.

Joint Christmas Breakfast with Hyde Park and Eastwood Clubs will be on 18 December – Unley is to host.

Christmas Carols are on 15 December – report provided last week by David Middleton.



President Greg



Guest Speaker – Sean Ea: 'Shen Yun Performing Arts'

Chairman Pam Trimmer introduced guest speaker Sean Ea and friend Brian Thompson. Brian's interest in Chinese culture and Buddhist philosophy stemmed from his service in Vietnam during the 1960s. Sean was born in Cambodia and a number of his family members were killed by the Pol Pot regime. He escaped with other members of his family in 1981. He is a qualified electrical engineer and a promoter of the Shen Yun Performing Arts.

Shen Yun is a display of dance and music drawn from 5000 years of Chinese culture. Inspirational aspects of this culture are often found in the old Chinese paintings such as the famous 'Along the River'. Chinese dance has 3 main elements, namely technical skill, form/movement, and bearing and involves the total integration of the body, rounded and whole. It is regarded as the richest, most expressive and most difficult in the world. Shen Yun focuses on pictures and stories from 1000 - 2000 years ago such as the story of Mula.

China has had over 20 dynasties and comprises more than 50 ethnic groups each with their own dialects, costumes and cuisines. The seasons and the elements are important ingredients. Sean showed a picture of Mongolian dancers and told the story behind their alluring dance. SY orchestras combine modern instruments with older stringed instruments like the Pipa and Erhu.

Shen Yun was formed in the USA. It is a non-profit organisation dedicated to reviving authentic Chinese culture. There are four tours simultaneously across the world. Each has a crew of 45 dancers and 45 musicians. There are to be four performances over the Easter weekend next year at the Adelaide Festival Theatre.

Sean was thanked by applause.



Pam, and Sean

Spots

Ken Haines needs further help for the afternoon shift at Bunnings BBQ next Monday.

Lindsay England reported that Rose Howland's family in the Philippines had survived typhoon Haiyan but there is considerable need for clothing. Members endorsed Lindsay's initiative to supply Rose from the Thrift Shop.

Joan Reed had contacted Unley Councillor Michael Hewitson to amend a report in his newsletter that our club was receiving \$10,000 each year to run the Carols at the Rotunda (actual amount is \$3000).

Joan is still awaiting nominations for next year's committee. The 'ladies' (secret women's business) luncheon on 10 November was a success.....maybe time for a not-so secret men's luncheon.

Stephen Westgarth will be emailing everyone and collecting numbers for the Christmas Dinner and the Joint Breakfast.

Sergeant's Session

Master Sergeant Ken Haines managed with the help of Sean Ea to select Anne Wehr's marble for the infernal squares...Anne is a repeat offender. Ken captivated the audience with his Toy Boat tongue twister that got a bit twirled. Top fines of the night go to Joan Reed who questioned what Sheila was doing on Facebook at 5am and Graeme Beckett for actually remembering Patsy's birthday.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

International News

Bill Gates – excerpts of an interview by Richard Waters (FT Magazine 1 November 2103)

The internet is not going to save the world, says the Microsoft co-founder, whatever Mark Zuckerberg and Silicon Valley's tech billionaires believe. But eradicating disease just might.

"I certainly love the IT thing," he says. "But when we want to improve lives, you've got to deal with more basic things like child survival, child nutrition."

Mark Zuckerberg outlined a plan for getting the world's unconnected 5 billion people online, an effort the Facebook boss called "one of the greatest challenges of our generation". But asked whether giving the planet an internet connection is more important than finding a vaccination for malaria, the co-founder of Microsoft and world's second-richest man does not hide his irritation: "As a priority? It's a joke."

"Fine, go to those Bangalore Infosys centres, but just for the hell of it go three miles aside and go look at the guy living with no toilet, no running water," Gates says now. "The world is not flat and PCs are not, in the hierarchy of human needs, in the first five rungs."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which he set up with his wife in 1997 and where he has been working since leaving his full-time role at Microsoft five years ago, gives away nearly \$4bn a year. Much of the money goes toward improving health and fighting poverty in developing countries by tackling malaria or paying for vaccination drives against infectious diseases. This is nearly half as much as the US government spent on global health initiatives in 2012.

Since he threw his organisation behind the effort, polio has been eradicated in India. But it remains rooted in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan, spilling over sporadically into their neighbours. That these three countries remain among the world's most difficult to operate in – in Pakistan, the Taliban has taken to bombing vaccination teams, accusing them of being in cahoots with the CIA – provides a clue about why, nearly 30 years after the eradication campaign began, polio persists. Eradication has little to do with making advances in science and technology – though work on new vaccines targeted more directly at the strains of the disease that remain has helped in the fight.

With more than 1,000 staff members and the ambition to shape the broad strategies directed at solving the problems it takes on, the foundation does much more than simply hand over money. It relies on partnerships with a wide range of government agencies and other bodies to have any effect – and that has forced Gates, the uncompromising and impatient tech leader, to apply the human touch.



Bill Gates

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2013	Dec	Tuesday	10	Christmas Dinner	6.30 for 7pm at BarZaar, 166 Unley Road
		Sunday	15	Carols at the Rotunda	Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Unley Road
		Wednesday	18	Christmas Breakfast Meeting with RCs of Hyde Park & Eastwood	Public Schools Club

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
26 Nov 13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	Sandy Morey: Rotary Peace Scholarship Experience in Cambodia	S Evans	D Payne	K Haines	R Elms L England
3 Dec 13	Public Schools Club	6 for 6.30pm	AGM & Club Assembly	G McLeod Scribe S Baker	J Reed	K Haines	L England S Evans
10 Dec 13	BarZaar 166 Unley Rd	6.30 for 7 pm	Christmas Dinner 166 Unley Rd, Unley	TBA	J Russell	Santa	S Evans G Ferguson
18 Dec 13 not Dec 17	Public Schools Club	7am	Combined Christmas Breakfast Meeting	G McLeod Scribe S Baker	C Schirmer	K Haines	V Holt A Jonson

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

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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
4	23 Nov 13	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Bob Laws (for 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
2	14 Dec 13	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Joan Reed & Mavis Martin
3	21 Dec 13	Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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: 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
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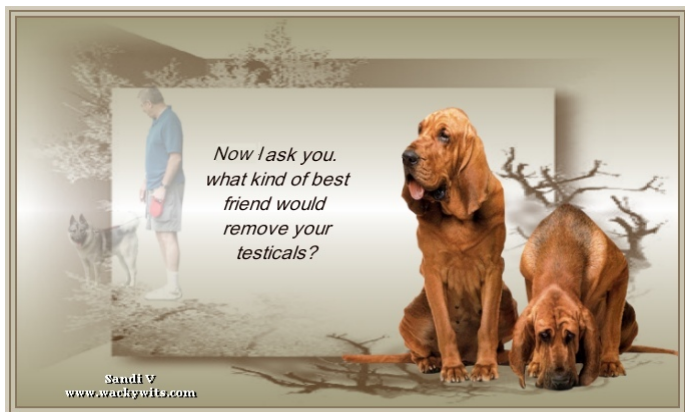


November – December 2013 Program

26 Nov 13	RI President 2013/14 Ron D Burton (Norman, Oklahoma)	Voice of Rotary Broadcast No.1000
3 Dec 13	Rtn Sandy Morey (Hyde Park)	Peace Scholar, 2012
10 Dec 13	Pres Elec Peter Neal (Adelaide)	Rotary and Meals on Wheels
17 Dec 13	Hannah Watson (c/- Brownhill Creek)	Ambassadorial Scholarship, Leiden & Nepal
24 Dec 13	Rtn Roshni Thattengat (Prospect)	The Battle Against Malaria
31 Dec 13	Pres Russell Green (Walkerville)	Cycling Rotarians

The Back Page

A walk in the park



Eternal Life

I met a fairy today who said she would grant me one wish.

"I want to live forever." I said.

"Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant wishes like that!"

"Fine," I said, "then I want to die after a Labor government brings in enough budget surpluses to pay off the Commonwealth government's debt!"

"You crafty bastard," said the fairy.

