

# unley rotary



THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3890 – 7 January 2014

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## Our Last Meeting

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| Venue               | BarZaar                                                                                                                                                    |
| Event               | <b>Pasta, Plonk &amp; Poetry</b>                                                                                                                           |
| Chairman            | Ken Haines                                                                                                                                                 |
| Apologies           | Vera Holt, Heather Kilsby, Nino Malvetti                                                                                                                   |
| Guests              | Beverley Baker, Tracey Blakey, Pauline Daly, Roslyn Elms, Genese Mullins, Richard Taylor, Susan Westgarth, and the Harmer family – Chloe, Debbie and Kylie |
| Departing Rotarians | Briony and Jerry Casburn                                                                                                                                   |
| Attendance          | 21 members and 10 guests                                                                                                                                   |

## Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

**District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935**

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**Meetings:** Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

**Venue:** Public Schools Club  
207 East Terrace, Adelaide

## NAPPY YEW HEAR GIRLS & BOYS

**President Greg** opened the meeting at 7.45pm, and welcomed all guests.

**Bunnings BBQ** on 30 December was a great success with \$1800+ being raised. **Jerry Casburn** emphasised the need to have 5 on each shift for Bunnings on the holiday Monday 24 February.

**Carols at the Rotunda** on 15 December was a great success and David Middleton and those helping were thanked.

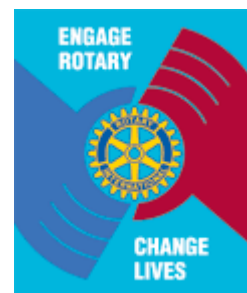
**Australia Day Ceremony** at the Unley City Council Chambers on 26 January will be followed by an awards ceremony. While the event details are as yet unclear, it is likely that we will be assisting RC Hyde Park with food serving. The club's resources will need to be managed carefully given the BBQ on the following day.

**Vera Holt** has proposed that the club cater with tea and cakes at a Sunday concert on 23 February at the Tabor College, being organised by dog owners and Orphanage Park users - the meeting felt it was worthy of consideration.

**Briony and Jerry Casburn** are off to San Diego for two weeks for DG training.



President Greg



## Poetic Photos

Below are the action shots of those delivering prose – it should be clearly noted that performance ratings have been omitted.....editorial kindness.



Bob having accidents with candles



Briony reading from her Mum's bush tales



Sheila with a gentle Oirish lilt



John with humpy camels



Ken with a niece recitation



Stephen with a selfie  
Mary had a little something



Joan at her wits end with  
AA Milne



Jerry's assault on English  
poet John Betjeman



David trying hard



Greg with a Frosty version  
of an untaken road



Reno back to 1896 with the  
Henry Lawson Pub Poem



Stephen's dodgy agricultural  
caress - Betyouraman



Wendy's version of Henry  
(Lawson) agogo



Lancashire Mavis giving her  
gradely prayer

## Spots

**Joan Reed** presented Sheila Evans with her 2008 trophy from the inaugural debating competition in which Sheila starred.....JR had tried for 5 years to get it engraved but failed.

**Briony Casburn** announced that the Salvos would be celebrating their 130<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1 February – the club should assist where needed.

**Reno Elms** won the much coveted booby prize.

In closing the meeting at 8.15pm, President Greg thanked the poetry contributors, our visitors and the staff of BarZaar.

## Rotary International News

### A dangerous idea offers hope for girls in Afghanistan

Megan Ferring Rotary News 30-Dec-2013

More than 400 girls, including these seven-year-old best friends, attend the Zabuli Education Center outside Kabul. Razia Jan (far right), a U.S. Rotarian who returned to her native Afghanistan, opened the school in 2008.

In 2005, Razia Jan came up with a dangerous idea: to start a free private school for girls in her native Afghanistan. The Taliban were using extreme violence to keep girls from learning. In 2008, the year she opened the school, terrorists in the country -- armed with bombs, poison gas, guns, grenades, and acid -- killed 149 teachers, students, and employees in Afghan schools.

But Jan did not intend to let terrorists stop her. She approached Afghan Ministry of Education officials and persuaded them to donate a piece of land in a village 30 miles outside Kabul. Today, the Zabuli Education Center is in its sixth year and has a roster of more than 400 girls in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Without the school, many of the students never would have had the chance to receive an education. "I can feel a change happening in these girls and in this community," says Jan, who moved back to Afghanistan after building a successful tailoring business in Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA. "Knowledge is something nobody can steal from them."

The Rotarian magazine talked with her about her experience launching the school.

**The Rotarian: What made you return to Afghanistan to start a school for girls?**



Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation

**JAN:** I had seen the conditions and how badly the girls were treated. I had to do something. I thought, "There are no schools for girls here. Why not build one?" At that time, I was the president of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, and we decided to hold a fundraiser. We raised \$65,000 in one night. This was in 2005. In 2008, we held two events featuring Khaled Hosseini, author of the novels *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, which helped us raise more than \$120,000. The place where we decided to build the school was a community of seven villages, a poor area, and they had never seen a girls' school. My hope was that this school could help break the cycle of poverty.

#### Did you encounter any resistance?

**JAN:** When I first came to this village, a man came up to me and stared at me strangely. He said, "Sister, why are you standing here? Please go inside and sit with our women and have a cup of tea." I replied, "I'm going to build this school. And I'm going to be standing here to build it. You have to get used to it. I don't think I'm going to sit inside." That was one of the first times a woman had challenged these men. The day before we opened the school, more men approached me. This time, there were four of them. "I hope you realize you still have a chance to change this school into a boys' school," they said to me. "Boys are the backbone of our community." I replied, "Unfortunately, you are all blind. I want to give you some sight." They turned around, and I never saw them again.

#### What changes has your school brought about in the girls and in the community?

**JAN:** One of the first things we do is to teach the girls how to write their father's name. Then they take it home to show their parents. The fathers have come up to me, crying: "These girls can write my name, and I can't." That is a big moment. I have proved to the men of these seven villages that this is the best thing that's happened for their daughters -- to become educated. The girls are more independent. They can talk to their father or talk to their mother and share their opinions. They can speak for themselves now. We were having a discussion in class one day and one of them stood up and said, "You shouldn't worry about what the world thinks." They couldn't say this before.

#### What does the future look like for these girls?

**JAN:** I don't want their education to end here. I would like them to go to college, but I see the difficulty in that. Next year, when the oldest girls reach 10th grade, I want to have a plan to extend their education by building a computer science center or a nursing facility. I will bring education to them if they can't attend college. I will continue to give them as much freedom as I can, and a place in society where they can speak out. Gently but surely, we will give them a more promising future.

## Diary Dates

| Year | Month | Day      | Date  | Activity Details                | Venue                   |
|------|-------|----------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2014 | Feb   | Wed      | 26    | <b>Annual Bowls Challenge</b>   | Reade Park Bowling Club |
|      | Mar   | Thur-Sun | 20-23 | <b>9520 District Conference</b> | Warrnambool             |

## Our Upcoming Meetings

| Date      | Venue               | Time         | Occasion                                | Chairman & Scribe          | Set up & Welcome | Sergeant | Attendance Desk       |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 14 Jan 14 | Public Schools Club | 6.30 for 7pm | <b>Club Consultations</b>               | G McLeod<br>Scribe S Baker | P Trimmer        | K Haines | V Holt<br>A Jonson    |
| 21 Jan 14 | Public Schools Club | 6.30 for 7pm | <b>Sue Dansie – Labs n Life Program</b> | TBA                        | A Wehr           | K Haines | A Jonson<br>R Laws    |
| 28 Jan 14 | Public Schools Club | 6.30 for 7pm | <b>Member profiles</b>                  | TBA                        | N White          | K Haines | R Laws<br>D Middleton |

**Venue:** PSC = Public Schools Club

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## Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

### January - February 2014

| Week | Dates     | Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm    | Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm    |
|------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2    | 11 Jan 14 | Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker     | Joan Reed & Mavis Martin         |
| 3    | 18 Jan 14 | Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews | Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White  |
| 4    | 25 Jan 14 | Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer          | Sheila Evans & Ken Haines        |
| 5    |           | Bob Mullins & Reno Elms         | Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni |
| 1    | 1 Feb 14  | 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:**

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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](http://www.rphadelaide.org.au)  
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### January 2014 Program

|           |                                                |                         |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 14 Jan 14 | <b>Jeremy Urquhart</b>                         | The Big Issue           |
| 21 Jan 14 | <b>Pr Elect Peter Kennedy</b> (Noarlunga East) | White Ribbon Ambassador |
| 28 Jan 14 | <b>Roy Ramon</b> (Rotaract Singapore)          | Rotaract International  |

## 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: 27 January**

**Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm    Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm**

## The Back Page.....extended as a yew near treat

To start the year off on a positive note, the editor has decided (under extreme pressure) that three of our members need to have their jokes aired in public ..... surnames omitted to protect identities.

## Success - Stephen W

At age 4 success is not peeing in your pants.  
At age 12 success is having friends.  
At age 16 success is having a drivers license.  
At age 20 success is having sex.  
At age 35 success is having money.  
At age 50 success is having money.  
At age 60 success is having sex.  
At age 70 success is having a drivers license.  
At age 75 success is having friends.  
At age 80 success is not peeing in your pants.

## Wendy A.....completely finished

No English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between the two words “**complete**” and “**finished**”.

In a recent linguistic competition held in London, a Guyanese man named Samsundar Balbogin was the clear winner. He got a standing ovation for 5 minutes. His compelling answer resulted in an invitation to dine with the Queen, a trip around the world, and case of 25 year old Eldorado Rum.

His final question was, “Please explain the difference between the two words **complete** and **finished** in a way that is easily understood.” This was his answer:

When you marry the right woman, you are **complete**. When you marry the wrong woman you are **finished**. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one you are **completely finished**.

## Jerry C - Lions and pylons



## Editor's contribution

Q. What do you get if you cross the English cricket team with an OXO cube?

A. A laughing stock.

Q. What is the height of optimism?

A. English batsman putting on sunscreen.

Q. What is the difference between an English batsman and a Formula 1 car?

A. Nothing! If you blink you will miss them both.

Q. What do English batsmen and drug addicts have in common?

A. Both spend most of their time wondering where their next score will come from.

Q. What does an English batsman who is playing in The Ashes have in common with Michael Jackson?

A. They both wore gloves for no apparent reason.

Q. What is the difference between Cinderella and the Pommies?

A. Cinderella knew when to leave the ball.

Q. What's the difference between the Pommies and a funeral director?

A. A funeral director isn't going to lose the ashes.

