



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Event	Club Consultations
Chairman	Greg McLeod
Apologies	Briony and Jerry Casburn, Lindsay England, Nino Malvetti, Bob Mills, Joan Reed
Departing Rotarian	Heather Kilsby
Returning Rotarian	Heather Kilsby
Attendance	17 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 opened the meeting at 6.40pm and did two major things:

- He declared there would be no announcements, and then made some; and
- He enriched our vocabulary by uttering rarely used words – namely **apposite**, **libations** and **segue**.

The Thrift Shop has been closed by Lindsay for the rest of this week until Saturday due to the extreme heat which will affect patronage and volunteer travel. Greg observed that:

- The outside light box sign is long overdue to be fixed; and
- Our five year lease expires in February 2015 (with 5 year right of renewal).

Australia Day Ceremony at the Unley City Council Chambers on 26 January will be a 'cultural event'. Unley will be assisting RC Hyde Park with food serving but details are yet to be provided by UCC. **Ken Haines** confirmed that he had sufficient volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ on the following day.

Catering for the concert with tea and scones on Sunday 23 February at the Tabor College (being organised by dog owners and Orphanage Park users) will be pursued.

Club Consultations

President Greg explained that there were three themes (relating to local and international projects and attracting young members) forthcoming from the last two Board deliberations and worthy of club consultation.

Local projects – the last two major local projects undertaken by the club were provision of a bus for the War Veterans Home at Myrtle Bank and the gardens improvement at the Goodwood Orphanage. Money is available and there is an urgent need to identify another major local project, particularly to celebrate our 80th birthday (actual date coincides with District Conference in Ballarat in April 2015).

Members agreed with this priority and some suggestions were made including work on the Parklands, helping the homeless, joining in a literacy or help program in a poorer area, and student mentoring.

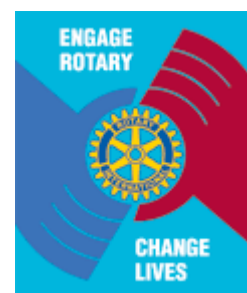
International projects – Unley has, particularly through the efforts of Chandra (and the Wasleys) and Alex, achieved much in recent years. Examples were provided of substantial assistance to East Timor, numerous borehole projects, 2H, OSSAA establishment, India and Sri Lanka education, health and land projects. Currently the club is committing to the second stage of the Andhra Pradesh project which involves land improvement following scrub clearing. It has now been suggested that the club should concentrate its effort in one area and "adopt a village".

Members agreed with this approach and Mavis suggested we could also involve RC Aireborough.

Attracting young members is a Board priority and ideas being considered include signing them up as Friends of Unley Rotary, providing project opportunities and other initiatives. Greg emphasised the need to grow the club and connect with young people.



President Greg



Spots 'n Fines

Stephen Westgarth announced that Mayor Clyne had sent him an invitation for two to attend a cocktail reception for the Tour Down Under on 23 February – there is a Board meeting scheduled that night which rules out Board members, so other members were invited to take up the invitation, but none did.

Mavis Martin on behalf of Jerry Casburn urged more members to sign up for the Warrnambool District Conference in March. Attendees at this stage are the Casburns, Bakers, Greg, Sheila, Joan, Alex, Mavis, Heather, Stephen W, and David M. Ken H also indicated he would attend.

The club won the diabolical squares...a crude justice.

Happiness abounded – Alex was having a forgettable birthday, David Middleton had become a great grand dad, Bob Mullins was celebrating 32 years in Rotary and Mavis expressed appreciation for the editor's magnificent photography.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm.

Rotary International News

Philippines: New Year, new homes, new hope

Shelter Box News 8 January 2014

ShelterBox teams have continued working over the holiday season providing shelter to families made homeless by Typhoon Haiyan, and reaching out to those on remote islands.

At the time of year when thoughts turn to renewal and resolution, ShelterBox's response teams have witnessed first-hand the resolve of Filipino islanders to rebuild their lives after Typhoon Haiyan.

ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) member Anne Seuren from the Netherlands said, 'Being in the Philippines during the holiday season has been an interesting experience. Our 'Christmas team' is great! We work hard although temperatures go up to 40 degrees Celsius. We have a lot of local volunteers helping set up the tents, so each of us works in different areas with our own team of volunteers. This makes the numbers go up, and hundreds more families were able to greet Christmas and New Year in a new home.'

ShelterBox has made a commitment to help around 7,800 families who lost their homes, possessions and livelihoods when 195 mph Haiyan, and its subsequent 13 foot storm surge, razed to the ground almost every building in its path on 8 November. By Christmas Eve the international disaster relief charity had distributed enough ShelterBoxes, tents and toolkits to help over 1,800 families.

Now over 3,000 families have a tent protecting them against the sporadic heavy rainfall. The rest of ShelterBox's committed aid will continue to arrive in regular shipments over the coming weeks and months of the New Year.

Whilst much international aid effort was necessarily focused on devastated cities such as Tacloban, ShelterBox's readily portable aid was also able to bring shelter to families on outlying smaller islands. SRTs have been working continually with colleagues from other organisations, such as global children's charity Plan International and the Australian Navy and Air Force, on distribution to these hard-to-reach isolated communities.

Houses swept away: Anne continued, 'Yesterday my team and I visited the most northerly province of Bantayan Island, Probacion of Madridjos. Most of the houses had been completely swept away. The fishermen's families in this area make their living from the sea, and have no money to buy materials to rebuild their homes. They were extremely grateful when we gave them new homes.'

'One of the families had a young mother who gave birth on 8 November, during the typhoon! She and her daughter Mariana Yolanda were living in a shack. Now they live with the rest of her family in a ShelterBox tent.'

Anne and her ShelterBox colleagues have worked continuously across the holiday season, in difficult conditions and searing temperatures. But they are spurred on by the gratitude of recipients, and the hospitality of these damaged communities. She explained, 'Today we visited another area, Malbaga. Although it was 39 degrees my team and I put up another 47 tents. The community was so grateful they bought sodas for the whole team of volunteers. So nice!'

'A new beginning': ShelterBox Chief Executive Alison Wallace said, 'I am so glad that we are able to help, and immensely proud of our response teams and other professionals who are giving people a new beginning. If you have helped us by donating or fundraising, a sincere thank you for your generosity.'



Anne Seuren (NL) helping a family with their ShelterBox tent on Kinatarcan Island, Philippines, January 2014.

Elsewhere in the world: ShelterBox has also been busy elsewhere in the world over Christmas and into 2014. The work to shelter families fleeing the conflict in Syria continues in earnest, with a major shipment of tents and boxes recently arrived in Lebanon. Many of the tents are specially 'winterised' for protection against sub-zero temperatures and winter storms.

The Operations Team at ShelterBox's Helston headquarters are also monitoring heavy rains and landslides in Brazil, and families displaced by conflicts in South Sudan and the Central African Republic.

Diary Dates

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

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
21 Jan 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Sue Dansie – "Labs n Life Program"	M Martin	A Wehr	K Haines	A Jonson R Laws
28 Jan 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Member Profiles	D Payne	N White	K Haines	R Laws D Middleton
4 Feb 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	David Pisoni MP – "Education Challenges"	S Baker	W Andrews	K Haines	D Middleton R Mills
11 Feb 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Vocational Visit	TBA	S Baker	n/a	R Mills

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
3	18 Jan 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Stephen Westgarth (for 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 & Nathan White (for Stephen Westgarth)
2	11 Jan 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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January 2014 Program

21 Jan 14	Pr Elect Peter Kennedy (Noarlunga East)	White Ribbon Ambassador
28 Jan 14	Roy Ramon (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

Cheers - Buffalo Theory

One afternoon at *Cheers*, Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm, and here's how it went:

"Well ya see, Norm, it's like this... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

"In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

A little knowledge

An atheist was seated next to a little girl on an airplane and he turned to her and said, "Do you want to talk? Flights go quicker if you strike up a conversation with your fellow passenger."

The little girl, who had just started to read her book, replied to the total stranger, "What would you want to talk about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the atheist. "How about why there is no God, or no Heaven or Hell, or no life after death?" as he smiled smugly.

"Okay," she said. "Those could be interesting topics but let me ask you a question first. A horse, a cow, and a deer all eat the same stuff - grass. Yet a deer excretes little pellets, while a cow turns out a flat patty, but a horse produces clumps. Why do you suppose that is?"

The atheist, visibly surprised by the little girl's intelligence, thinks about it and says, "Hmmm, I have no idea." To which the little girl replies, "Do you really feel qualified to discuss God, Heaven and Hell, or life after death, when you don't know shit?" And then she went back to reading her book.

Fading recent fond memories

