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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3893 – 28 January 2014

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#### Our Last Meeting

Public Schools Club
Jerry and Briony Casburn
David Payne
Glenys Ferguson, Heather Kilsby, Lindsay England, Joan Reed, Anne Wehr
Briony and Jerry Casburn
20 members

# **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

# **President Greg**

**President Greg** attended the Australia Day ceremony and festivities at Unley City Council on January 26.

The Board met last Thursday (but was not quorate) at Mavis's manor and will meet again in February at Vera's villa.

**Bunnings BBQ** on Monday 27 January was successful with takings of \$2100 and net profit of \$1300 – 1400, but this was less than last year when the weather was more benign. Due to the hot weather it was a taxing day, and more thought needs to be given as to how best to manage the BBQ on such occasions.

President Greg

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# Guest Speakers - Jerry and Briony

Chairman David Payne introduced Jerry and Briony with an address on the Rotary International Assembly held recently in San Diego. Training is provided for the DGEs and their partners of the 537 Districts (in over 200 countries) across the globe. About 1300 people participated in the Assembly at the Hyatt Grand Manchester Hotel.

Jerry provided a snapshot of how the Assembly with its 11 plenary sessions followed by breakout sessions was managed. Training comprised five themes: The Year Ahead; Membership Growth; Rotary Moment; Promoting Rotary; Administration.

Briony attended the partner (spouse) training sessions which were helpful but overly female oriented, which was disappointing with the growing number of female DGs.



Jerry and Briony looking splendid



The fabulous

The theme for his year is 'Light up Rotary'...and has been drawn from a Confucian saying which urges us to ignite a candle and light up the

darkness [Ed note: Easy to remember but subject to interesting interpretation]. RI President-elect Gary Huang has developed a Rotary song and has bestowed a bright red, diamante encrusted tie......mmmmmmm.

There were many highlights beyond the training sessions, some of which had outstanding presenters. The Australian contingent dumped 'Waltzing Matilda' in favour of 'We are Australian' for its presentation – koalas and kangaroos abounded. The international stalls, home hosting segment and entertainment all went down well, as did the Sundowner reception hosted by an ex-pat. Briony had brought along a basketful of

material from the Assembly and presented President Greg with flags. Both Jerry and Briony were impressed with the excellent organisation of the Assembly and with the ability to communicate and form friendships across so many different cultures. Jerry related how Bob Mills had prepared a magnificent cheese board from centuries' old huon pine to thank their expected home hoster.

Jerry and Briony were thanked by acclamation.

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#### **Spots**

**Vera Holt** - Devonshire Tea catering for the concert on the afternoon of Sunday 23 February at Tabor College (being organised by dog owners and Orphanage Park users) requires 6 helpers, tables and chairs, and top class scone makers to produce 150 of the best. Volunteers are to email Vera. Coffee and tea may be provided by the RC West Lakes van.

President Greg presented Jerry Casburn with his Paul Harris triple sapphire pin.

Briony Casburn thanked Glenyss Steadman for her assistance in selecting and packing appropriate linen for Rufus.

Briony also displayed a Certificate of Appreciation from Operation Cleft - \$266 was raised at the Carols at the Rotunda with the Christmas happy face biscuits.

#### Sergeant's Session

**Sergeant Ken Haines** chose Briony to spin the wheel for the infernal squares and, after not knowing which way to turn, selected Mavis's marble. Briony was also fined for failing to spell Unley correctly on the board at Bunnings.

Mavis had earlier sent an email to the editor pleading that her bikini-clad picture appear in this bulletin – imagine the surprise when the editor opened the picture to find that Mavis was fully clothed with bikini placed over. The really nice part of this story is that Mavis raised a total of \$140 for TRF through her well fed and watered friends at an Australia Day celebration by wearing this attire as a bet to the Bunnings BBQ – onya Mavis. Joan Reed is now a grand mum for the second time.....Kaylee was born last Sunday.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm.



Mavis as a hot BBQ maiden

# Rotary International News Malala is one of us

By Kevin Cook - The Rotarian -- January 2014

Malala Yousafzai was shot in October 2012 for defying the Taliban by speaking out for girls' education.

The Swat Valley of northern Pakistan, in the highlands between Kashmir and the Khyber Pass, was once a lush, peaceful place. It was ruled by Miangul Abdul Haq Jahanzeb — the Wali, or absolute monarch, of Swat. A modernizer, the Wali built schools for his subjects — girls as well as boys — and toured remote regions where no one had ever seen an automobile. In 1969, Swat relinquished its sovereignty to the government of Pakistan. So began a 40-year period of decline that led to the rise of the Taliban in 2008. For two years, the people of Swat endured a reign of terror as the Taliban imposed their brutal version of Islamic law.



Malala Yousafzai

They rounded up political opponents, beheaded some, and flogged others. They held public executions, beat women, blew up schools.

Zebu Jilani granddaughter of the Wali moved to America in 1979 to escape but during return visits noted the continuing dramatic deterioration. She raised money and was soon opening schools, delivering shelter and medicine to Swati refugees, and founding Swat's first **Rotary** club. Among the first people she asked to join was Ziauddin Yousafzai, an educator and activist who had a teenage daughter named Malala. Malala was a star student at the Khushal School and College in the Swat Valley town of Mingora. A voracious reader of everything from Pashto poetry to the Twilight saga, she wore a navy blue school uniform to her classes in science, math, Islamic studies, English, and Urdu, the language in which she wrote a blog about life under threat from the Taliban.

She blogged about battles between Pakistan's army and the Taliban ("The night was filled with the noise of artillery fire"), about helicopter gunships buzzing overhead, about book shortages, her dreams, her favorite pink dress, and about the possible end of her schooling: "The Taliban have issued an edict banning all girls from attending school."

In 2010, after Pakistan's army restored partial order in Mingora, Yousafzai helped his Rotary club stage the first public musical performance in the town since the Taliban takeover. "We Rotarians were proud to arrange such a show. It was a brave thing to do, since the Taliban influence was still there," says Yousafzai, a member of the Rotary Club of Mingora Swat. "Things were uncertain, with many threats and frequent assassinations. But we put on a good show."

On a Tuesday in October 2012, Yousafzai was in Mingora, leading a rally of more than 300 principals and teachers to promote education for all when he received a call that his daughter had been shot at point blank range after the school bus had been stormed by a gunman. Six days after her shooting, the comatose patient was flown to a hospital in Birmingham, England, that specializes in treating wartime casualties. It was there that she opened her eyes.

Malala stayed humble. She referred to Jilani as "Bi Bi Sahiba" (Revered Madam). And she stayed resolute. "The Taliban thought they would stop me," she said from her hospital bed. "But they won't."

In March, Malala reported to her first day of school in Birmingham, a city with the second-largest Pakistani population in Britain. She had a custom-made titanium plate covering the hole in her skull and an electronic hearing device in her left ear, but otherwise she was like any other teen. She wore a green sweater and a pink backpack. "I am one girl among

many," she says. During her first days of classes in England, she gathered signatures for a petition supporting the right of every child to go to school.

Her father now serves as an adviser to former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the UN special envoy for global education. And while Malala stepped onto the world stage, she kept her focus on Swat and stepped up her day-to-day efforts to restore some of its former glory.

Jilani continues to carry out the often unglamorous task of getting necessities — from tents to antibiotics to bulldozers and steamrollers — to the people of Swat. "Malala's suffering was horrible, but it made the whole world listen to her," Jilani says. "Her fame became a great gift to her cause. I hope that one day she can return to her home and find that our combined efforts have made a difference." That's Malala's goal too.

"I dream of a time when we will go back to Swat, our dream valley," Yousafzai says. "And I will ask Malala to join our Rotary club."

# **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
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

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

Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Nathan White 0424 608 699 or email to unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au

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

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#### Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

#### February 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	1 Feb 14	David Middleton & Wendy Andrews (for Jerry Casburn)	s Bob Laws & Nathan White (for Stephen Westgarth)
2	8 Feb14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Jerry Casburn (for Wendy Andrews) & Mavis Martin
3	15 Feb 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	22 Feb 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni

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>

### 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>



#### February 2014 Program

4 Feb 14	PP Neville Sharp (Walkerville)	Campaign for Rabbit Eradication
11 Feb 14	Valerie Volk (author)	Obermmergau Pilgrim Tales
18 Feb 14	PDG Eric Russell (Adelaide Parks)	The Monuments of Men
25 Feb 14	PP Joe Meuris (Flagstaff Hill)	Building in Fiji

#### **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: Monday 22 February; Morning shift 8.30am - 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 - 5pm

#### The Back Page

#### The Gold Urinal

Several days after President Obama was re-elected president, he went over to see Bill and Hillary Clinton for dinner at their spacious home.

After drinking several glasses of iced tea, he asked his host if he could use his personal bathroom.

When he entered Bill Clinton's private toilet, he was astonished to see that Clinton had a golden urinal! Wow!

The next day, Obama told his wife, Michelle, about the urinal in Clinton's private lavatory.

"Just think,' he said, 'maybe I should get a gold urinal too.

But on the other hand I think that it may be just a bit too self-indulgent... Even for a guy like me!"

Later in the week, when Michelle had lunch with Hillary, she told Hillary how impressed her husband had been at his discovering that Bill had a gold urinal in his private bathroom.

Later that day, when Bill got home, Hillary smiled and said to Bill, "I found out who pissed in your saxophone."

#### Getting the last 10c

A father walks into a restaurant with his young son. He gives the young boy three 10c coins to play with to keep him occupied.

Suddenly, the boy starts choking and going blue in the face.... The father realises the boy has swallowed the coins and starts slapping him on the back. The boy coughs up 2 of the 10c's but is still choking.

Looking at his son, the father is panicking, shouting for help.

A well dressed, attractive, and serious looking woman, in a blue business suit is sitting at a coffee bar reading a newspaper and sipping a cup of coffee. At the sound of the commotion, she looks up, puts her coffee cup down, neatly folds the newspaper, places it on the counter, gets up from her seat and makes her way, unhurried, across the restaurant.

Reaching the boy, the woman carefully pulls down his pants; takes hold of the boy's' testicles and starts to squeeze and twist, gently at first and then ever so firmly, tighter and tighter!!!

After a few seconds the boy convulses violently and coughs up the last of the 10c's, which the woman deftly catches in her free hand.

Releasing the boy's testicles, the woman hands the coin to the father and walks back to her seat at the coffee bar without saying a word.

As soon as he is sure that his son has suffered no ill effects, the father rushes over to the woman and starts thanking her saying, "I've never seen anybody do anything like that before, it was fantastic. Are you a doctor?"

'No,' the woman replied. I'm with the Australian Tax Office.'

