



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	David Pisoni MP
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Apologies	Alex Jonson, Heather Kilsby, Joan Reed, Anne Wehr
Guest	Glenyss Steadman
Returning Rotarian	Geoff Hill
Attendance	20 members and 2 guests

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide

President Greg splendidly attired, free of the weight of the ceremonial badges of office.

The Board will be meeting briefly after this meeting.

RC Murray Bridge has issued an invitation to attend its 60th anniversary on Saturday 22 February.

Guest Speakers - David Pisoni MP on Education Challenges

Chairman Stephen Baker introduced local member David Pisoni. David has been the Member for Unley since 2006, and is currently Shadow Minister of Education, Families and Training. He has been Shadow Minister of Education for 6 years and has noted an emerging trend of neglect.

David cited cases of unreported sexual assaults which led to the DeBelle enquiry. He had first learnt of the original case in 2010 during the *Save our Schools* campaign, but it did not emerge until 2012 with parents of children at the particular school still being kept in the dark. Leadership has been an issue and led to the departure of CEO Ken Bartley – a senior Police officer is now in charge.

The Allen review criticised the operations of the Education Department. It identified silo mentality, disobedience, failure to follow up on policies, and grossly excessive time spent in meetings as issues that needed to be fixed.

A Liberal Government would:

- Introduce independent school management. WA was one of the worst education performers and was now at a level equal to the better eastern states through this initiative. In the meantime SA had tumbled from being one of the better performers.
- Introduce school based apprenticeship changes at year 12 to assist in the training and employment of apprentices.
- Scrap the compulsory requirement to do a research project as part of the Year 12 curriculum.
- Introduce an entrepreneurial curriculum.
- Expand the campus (upwards) at Adelaide High.
- Pursue STEM learning priorities.
- Move Year 7 from primary to secondary.

During question time, David reflected on other examples of deterioration and the difficulty in dealing with an Enterprise Bargaining arrangement which was acting as too much of a straight jacket.

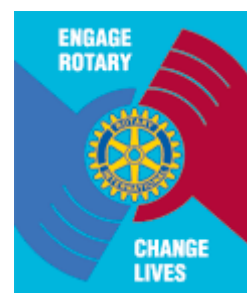
David was thanked with applause.



Little David, big Stephen and the Rotary pen



President Greg



Spots

Stephen Baker asked members in the suburbs of Unley, Malvern and Parkside to check for the membership insert in this week's Eastern Courier, and thanked David Pisoni MP for his assistance with its printing.

Jerry Casburn: announced a profit of \$1403 from the last Bunnings BBQ; asked if any further members wished to take up a home hosting offer from RC St Ives for the RI Conference in Sydney; enquired whether members would be interested in joining in a group booking for David Suchet's *The Last Confession* in August.

Vera Holt enticed Ken and Wendy to assist with scone making for the concert at 1pm on Sunday 23 February at Tabor College (being organised by dog owners and Orphanage Park users), confirmed that RC West Lakes would provide its coffee van, and asked for more chairs.....DM has renamed the event as Doggy Doo.

David Payne announced that PP Ray Emmett had died last week.

Mavis Martin asked everyone to check the bulletin as the proposed vocational visit may not proceed next week and, if that happens, we will be back at PSC with Geoff Thomas as guest speaker.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Ken Haines had David Pisoni select Stephen Westgarth's marble for the infernal squares. Happiness prevailed in various forms, perhaps most notably that Stephen W had become a grand-dad for the 7th time.....maybe cyberspace is more productive than we thought. Bob Mullins and David Pisoni duelled for the title of worst joke teller.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Rotary International News

Taking ethical debates from the ivory tower to the town pub

By Jennifer Conlin - The Rotarian -- January 2014

For many people, thorny ethical questions can be difficult to swallow. For one nonprofit in Michigan, USA, and the Rotarians who support it, moral ambiguity is a dish best served with a cold beer. In February, A2Ethics.org hosted the third annual Big Ethical Question Slam at Conor O'Neill's Irish Pub in Ann Arbor, drawing a diverse crowd of students, retirees, professionals, and academics to weigh life's dilemmas over a few pints.

An entertaining dilemma

During this spin-off of a pub trivia night or poetry slam, teams compete by responding to hypothetical questions drawn from a hat. Subjects include the theoretical -- How do we quantify ethical dilemmas? -- and the topical -- Can doping athletes like Lance Armstrong redeem themselves? -- with some broaching sensitive territory -- Should drone warfare be prohibited on moral grounds? A three-judge panel critiques and rates the teams' two-minute responses, while about 75 onlookers fill out scorecards to determine the "people's choice."

"We conceived of the slam as a 'think-off' version of 'Dancing With the Stars' or 'American Idol,'" explains Jeanine DeLay, president of A2Ethics, which aims to promote ethics through education, social networking, and community events. (A2 is a nickname for Ann Arbor.) "We didn't want it to be too highbrow. The point is to engage people in ethics discussions in a fun way."

"Rotarians look to The Four-Way Test when we're ethically evaluating whether to do something, but people come from different perspectives and have their own moral yardsticks," says Karen Kerry, one of several Rotarians in the audience at Conor O'Neill's. Kerry is the 2014-15 president of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, which hopes to enter a team in the next contest.

"People have gotten away from this long history of gathering in places for issue-based discussions: The Greeks had their acropolis, and the Romans had their forum. At least we can do it here in our Irish pub." Kerry's husband, Brad Chick, an Internet entrepreneur and former philosophy student, agreed to be a judge for the competition.

Asking the tough questions

The atmosphere in the bar is congenial; after all, it's a snowy Thursday night in a college-town pub. People whisper to one another and jot down notes over fish and chips. Erin Mattimoe, an A2Ethics board member and the evening's master of ceremonies, keeps the crowd on task as she reads the question at hand, anonymously submitted through the organization's website before the event: In an election, is it unethical to vote for a candidate you feel isn't qualified -- if you agree on one key issue?

Teri Turner steps up to the microphone as the sounds of conversation and clinking glasses fade. She represents a team of staff from the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. "I would argue that voting on one key issue is not unethical," she says. "For example, I might be a pacifist who does not want her children to go to war, and I might find a candidate who's unacceptable in every way except that he's antiwar."

"Having spent most of my life voting for the lesser of two evils, I think that was a great answer," responds judge Peter Jacobson with a laugh. "Nicely argued." Jacobson is a professor of health law and policy at the University of Michigan and director of the Center for Law, Ethics, and Health at the School of Public Health.



Brad Chick a judge at the Big Ethical Question Slam, tallies his scores

A showcase for new ideas

Teams come from a range of institutions and groups, including a liberal-arts-focused prep school, an integrated marketing communications agency, the clinical research administration program at Eastern Michigan University, and the League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area, a nonpartisan political organization that promotes civic engagement.

"Bringing together this many people to talk about ethically focused questions -- all from different backgrounds, from organizations with different mission statements -- you're going to hear something new," Mattimoe says.

"The slam gives people who are not in the same professional orbit a chance to come together for an evening and talk in a setting that isn't confrontational, that doesn't encourage taking sides," DeLay says. "We're providing a new showcase to people like Rotarians who are working to make their communities places that value, support, and celebrate ethics and civic-minded practices."

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	Feb	Sun	23	Concert Catering	Tabor College (old Orphanage)
	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
11 Feb 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Geoff Thomas 'Farming – past, present & future	M Martin	S Baker	K Haines	R Mills R Mullins
18 Feb 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Aileen Jeffris	TBA	R Elms	K Haines	R Mullins J Newall
Wed 26 Feb 14	Reade Park	6 for 6.30pm	The Bowling Challenge with RC Mitcham at Reade Park Bowling Club	Scribe S Baker	n/a	n/a	J Newall D Payne

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

February – March 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	8 Feb14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	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
1	1 Mar 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
Information available from Rotarian Chris Hughes (Burnside); Tel: (08) 8379 4633; Mob: 0418 835 977 and John Cox (Nth Adelaide); Email: emandcee@bigpond.com

February 2014 Program

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 24 February; Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

The Back Page

Teachers and Cops

These are actual comments made on students' report cards by teachers in the New York City public school system. All teachers were reprimanded (but, boy, are these funny!)

1. Since my last report, your child has reached rock bottom and has started to dig.
2. I would not allow this student to breed.
3. Your child has delusions of adequacy.
4. Your son is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.
5. Your son sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
6. The student has a 'full six-pack' but lacks the plastic thing to hold it all together.
7. This child has been working with glue too much.
8. When your daughter's IQ reaches 50, she should sell.
9. The gates are down, the lights are flashing, but the train isn't coming.
10. If this student were any more stupid, he'd have to be watered twice a week.
11. It's impossible to believe the sperm that created this child beat out 1,000,000 others.
12. The wheel is turning but the hamster is definitely dead.

These are actual comments made by Police Officers, taken off police car videos around the US:

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them awhile."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1,200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't! Sign here!"

