

unley rotary



THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3895 – 11 February 2014

Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Geoff Thomas
Chairman	Mavis Martin
Apologies	Briony Casburn, Geoff Hill, Vera Holt, Pam Trimmer
Guest	Graham and Patsy Beckett
Returning Rotarian	Heather Kilsby, Joan Reed, Nathan White
Attendance	22 members and 3 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

President Greg

Pat Limbert PHF, widow of Harvey Limbert (who was a Past President of the club) passed away last Thursday.

Vera Holt has provided a list of helpers for the function on 23 February at the Orphanage and full support is requested.

Group 6 Presidents meeting is to be held on Thursday evening – Mark Huddleston will be providing copies of Community Links for our club and it has already been posted on the club's website.

Next scheduled Board meeting will be on 27 February – Chandra Sluggett is to attend to explain a new *Adopt a Village* initiative.

The annual bowling match against RC Mitcham will be in 2 weeks time.

Treasurer Heather Kilsby has issued the six month membership dues.



President Greg

Guest Speaker – Geoff Thomas:

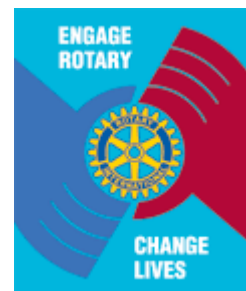
Farming – past, present & future

Chairman Mavis Martin introduced her next door neighbour Geoff Thomas. Born and raised on his family's sheep and wheat farm at Pinnaroo in the Mallee, Geoff was educated at Mildura High School in Victoria before graduating with a Bachelor in Agricultural Science in Adelaide in 1964. He later achieved a Post Graduate Diploma in Agricultural Extension, and worked in a range of advisory, research and extension services roles in SA and Vic. Geoff has been honoured on a number of occasions for his commitment to and advocacy of agriculture; e.g. he was made a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Agriculture, Science and Technology and given the *Seed of Gold* award. He is a PP of Blackwood Rotary.

The challenge for the world is to be able to feed 9 billion people by 2050. This will require a 50% increase in food production, but less land and less water will be available to assist that task. Further, farm productivity had been increasing by 3% per annum for decades but was now slowing down.

The family farm was purchased in Pinnaroo by his father in the 1920s, went bust in the 30s and later prospered. Originally it was of 634 acres compared with 18,000 acres today. The land is now worth \$9m, the plant \$1m and the annual inputs \$1m pa. Only large scale operations can now survive – 10 times as much acreage can now be sown with a machine in a day as was possible 60 years ago. Farmers cope with seasonal uncertainty, using the surpluses from the good years to carry them through the more difficult ones. For many years his farm shared the telephone with 8 others on the party line.....bush telegraph at its best.

With larger farms, and greater mechanisation, towns like Pinnaroo struggle – there is now no resident doctor, hospital, police station, or high school.



Neighbourly Geoff,
marvellous Mavis and the pen

There were a number of themes to Geoff's anecdote-filled and highly entertaining contribution:

- Agriculture is taken for granted by governments of both persuasions and by city slickers
- Australia is at the forefront of providing quality agricultural produce
- Our farmers will continue to adapt to climate changes
- There has been a decline in the funds made available for agricultural research and development, at a time when there is a growing need for innovation
- Genetic modification offers considerable scope for further improving yields and defending livestock and crops from diseases

Geoff was thanked by acclamation and presented with an Unley Rotary pen.

Spots

Stephen Baker reported that the membership insert had been placed in the Eastern Courier last week – it seems to have increased donations to the Thrift Shop but no membership enquiries have yet been received.

Members will be canvassed by next meeting for their attendance at the bowling match on February 26 – we need a lot of help!

Lindsay England had received a letter of thanks from the Philippine family who had been helped by our donations from the Thrift Shop after the Haiyan disaster.

There is a growing shortage of volunteers for the Thrift Shop and closures would become more prevalent.

Mavis Martin announced that an Australian Directory of Australian Rotary club meeting venues and times is now on sale for \$2.50.

Alex Jonson had been advised that the two shelter boxes purchased by the club had been allocated to Niger after widespread flooding. Greg McLeod mentioned that providing a shelter box at Club events was being looked into.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Ken Haines somehow managed to have Bob Laws' marble again extracted for the infernal squares. Happiness abounded. Graham Beckett informed that he and Patsy are now on the SA Electoral Roll and that he had won a trailer of goods being raffled by RC Hyde Park.....the excellent outcome of his good fortune was that the Salvos were enriched by the trailer and its contents (less the alcohol) and Reno reported that the Christmas stocking from the trailer provided presents during an unexpected visit by a needy family of 6. Joan Reed was successful in clearing unwanted metal and tricking her son-in-law into trimming her hedge. Bob Mullins is still looking for a decent joke

The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Rotary International News

U.S. commits \$205 million to polio eradication

President Barack Obama signed an omnibus appropriations bill in January that provides \$205 million to support polio eradication in 2014, through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U. S. Agency for International Development.

The largest government donor to polio eradication, the U.S. has contributed more than \$2.3 billion since the mid-1980s, when 125 countries were polio endemic and the disease afflicted 350,000 people annually. Today, only Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria are endemic, and in 2013, the combined incidence of polio in those countries fell to a record-low 157 cases. Last month India reached a three-year milestone without polio, paving the way for the entire Southeast Asia region to be certified free of the disease.

"Eradicating polio will leave a lasting legacy of health care infrastructure, experience, and expertise that is already being used to benefit a broad range of global public health efforts," says James Lacy, chair of Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States and past president of Rotary International.

The task force leads Rotary's efforts to inform the U.S. government and other funding sources of the urgency and benefits of supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

One of Rotary's chief responsibilities in the GPEI is advocacy. In addition to contributing more than \$1.2 billion to the initiative, Rotary has helped secure over \$9 billion from donor governments since the GPEI was launched in 1988.



A child is vaccinated against polio in Côte d'Ivoire, which has been free of the disease since 2011

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
18 Feb 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Aileen Jefferis - Homelessness	B Casburn	R Elms	K Haines	R Mullins J Newall
Wednesday 26 Feb 14	Reade Park	6 for 6.30pm	Annual Bowls Challenge v RC Mitcham at Reade Park Bowling Club	Scribe S Baker	n/a	n/a	J Newall D Payne
4 Mar 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	G McLeod Scribe S Baker	L England	K Haines	D Payne J Reed

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
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
2	8 Mar 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

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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February 2014 Program

25 Feb 14	PP Joe Meuris (Flagstaff Hill)	Building in Fiji
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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: Monday 24 February; Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

The Back Page

Ever thrifty

A Scottish soldier, in full dress uniform, marches into a pharmacy. Very carefully he opens his sporran and pulls out a neatly folded cotton bandana, then unfolds it to reveal a smaller silk square handkerchief, which he also unfolds, to reveal a condom.

The condom has a number of patches on it.

The chemist holds it up and eyes it critically.

"How much to repair it?" the Scot asks the chemist.

"Six pence," answers the chemist.

"How much for a new one?"

"Ten pence," says the chemist.

The Scot painstakingly folds the condom into the silk square handkerchief and the cotton bandana, replaces it carefully in his sporran, and marches out of the door, shoulders back and kilt swinging.

A moment or two later the chemist hears a great shout go up outside, followed by an even greater shout.

The Scottish soldier marches back into the chemist's shop and addresses the proprietor, this time with a grin on his face.

"The regiment has taken a vote," he says, "we'll have a new one!"

I don't care who you are, this is good advice.



When you are in deep st, look straight ahead,
keep your mouth shut and say nothing.**

