

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3903 – 8 April 2014

Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club	
Guest Speakers	Associate Professor Dr. Susan Hall and Dr. Ann Darwin	
Chairman	Vera Holt	
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Briony & Jerry Casburn, Glenys Ferguson, Mavis Martin, Nino Malvetti, Joan Reed, Pam Trimmer,	
Guests	District Trainer Rotarian Damian Leach, Valerie Bonython, Liz Christie	
Returning Rotarians	Wendy Andrews, Stephen Westgarth	
Departing Rotarian	Stephen Baker	
Attendance	17 members and 5 guests	

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club

207 East Terrace, Adelaide

President Greg's Announcements

Unley Debating Team of Pam, David M and Stephen B was successful against Hyde Park last week.....it was a pleasure to collect the trophy and hand over Ned Kelly.

District Assembly will be held at Waikerie on Sunday May 4 – an excellent opportunity for committee chairs to exchange ideas and learn about successful techniques for program improvements.

Hyde Park Rock and Roll Quiz next Saturday night – support would be appreciated.

Unley's 79th birthday celebration, a partner's night, is next week.

Anne Wehr's family had sent a thank-you card to the club – donations to the Cancer Council were appreciated.

Rotary subs are now overdue.

Detmold BBQ will be held Thursday 29/5/14 at 8pm and Friday 30/5/14 at 6am and noon..... Bunnings BBQ will be on the previous Monday so much help is needed that week.

Board meeting held last Thursday had failed to make quorum – the next will be May 1 at Vera's.

A NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF UNLEY ROTARY CLUB FOR 2015/16 HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR VERA HOLT. VERA WAS DECLARED DULY ELECTED.



President Greg



Guest Speakers - Assoc. Professor Dr Susan Hall & Dr Ann Darwin: Taking action with struggling readers

Chairman Vera Holt introduced colleague Susan and Ann to the meeting. Susan first worked as a primary school teacher, became a reading consultant and more recently an Associate Professor at the University of SA. Her field of specialisation is early language, early reading and writing development. She is an author of several practical books for researchers, teachers and children. She has been a consultant providing advice to publishers of reading programs designed for early reading development.

Ann began her career as a teacher and reading consultant and manager of the English Language Curriculum Services. She initiated and managed the Early Literacy In-Service Course, she has a PhD from the University of British Columbia in Canada and is regarded as one of the leading thinkers in



Ann, Vera and Susan

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mentoring from around the world. Ann teaches at the International Graduate Schools of Business at the University of SA and is the co-ordinator of the MBA Connecting mentoring program.

Ann said her interest in helping kids to read was stimulated by her daughter wanting to give up teaching because she felt that she was not making enough headway with her 7yo students in their learning and in managing difficult behavioral problems. Susan offered to help and found that 60% of these children could not read and, rather than try, they developed effective evasion techniques. A review of materials and teaching methods revealed that the books on offer were inappropriate and there was no 'scaffolding' to build reading ability – simply disjointed presentations. A consistent approach was needed which engaged the attention of students and worked through a story, with an underlying commitment to helping the kids feel good about themselves. Year 7 students were trained as mentors/buddies for the younger ones and that had a positive impact on morale. A number of the aboriginal students receive a disjointed education because their families move often. There needs to be a consistency of books and language operating under a special program. One-on-one attention is important and can be managed by retirees and other volunteers spending as little as one hour per week in the reading program. Key elements are commitment from the school principal, dedicated teachers, relevant books and consistency.

Through the changes initiated by Susan and Ann, reading ability in all but one of the 5 students taught lifted from Level 3 (basically illiterate) to Level 14 (equivalent to what is expected at that age).

They were thanked by acclamation.

Spots

Heather Kilsby asked for outstanding membership dues to be paid and presented an update on the club's accounts.

Stephen Baker will be away for the next two meetings and Vera and Wendy offered to act as scribes.

John Russell secured Bob Laws to take Briony Casburn's Monday morning shift at the Thrift Shop.

Damian Leach addressed the club on the importance of attending District Assembly on May 4. The focus of the Assembly will be on avenues of service. It will be inspiring for all attendees and new Rotarians would particularly benefit. Nicki Vincent will be a guest speaker.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Ken Haines judiciously managed to have guest speaker Susan Hall draw out three blanks (and his own) for the infernal squares.....proceeds to the club. Top happy fine for the night.....and perhaps the year to date......was for Wendy who, on her Queen Mary cruise, received a request from a 21.5yo waiter for Wendy to be his "cougar".

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Rotary International News

Southeast Asia declared polio free

Dan Nixon - Rotary News - 28 March 2014

The World Health Organization certified on 27 March its 11-country Southeast Asia region has eradicated polio, a long-awaited declaration given that five years ago India represented nearly half of all polio cases worldwide. The region's last wild polio case was reported in West Bengal, India, on 13 January 2011.

"This achievement is an important milestone for the <u>Global Polio Eradication Initiative</u> [GPEI]," said Rotary Foundation Trustee chair Dong Kurn Lee at the WHO's South-East Asia Regional Certification Commission for Polio Eradication meeting in New Delhi, India, on 27 March. "We have beaten polio in Southeast Asia, and now we must do the same in the rest of Asia and Africa."

The region includes Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Timor-Leste. Its more than 1.8 billion people represent over 25 percent of the world's population.



Schoolchildren participate in a rally organized by Rotary members in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India, celebrating the country's achievement of polio eradication.

Southeast Asia joins WHO's Region of the Americas (1994), Western Pacific Region (2000), and European Region (2002) in eradicating polio, marking another vital step toward a <u>polio-free world</u> by 2018.

Densely crowded cities, migrant populations, and poor sanitation posed daunting challenges to eliminating the disease from Southeast Asia.

India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur called eradicating polio in his country "a monumental task, demanding an extraordinary effort by all levels of government and partners involved. Backed by more than 100,000 Rotarians across the country, we helped to ensure maximum support for everything from National Immunization Days (NIDs) to mop-up immunization rounds." Also crucial were "the extensive efforts we made to build goodwill and acceptance of polio immunization in the Muslim community and among religious leaders," said former Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan. Rotary clubs created additional support by conducting free health camps to meet basic needs such as measles immunization, free checkups, medicines, vitamin A supplements, and eyeglasses.

In Sri Lanka, ceasefires during the country's civil war were pivotal to carrying out NIDs in the 1990s. As a first step, Rotary leaders and UNICEF established contact with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

"Our war is not with the children," replied the group's leader, stating that if Rotary and UNICEF could persuade the government to stop the war for two days, they would be willing to lay down their arms too. Subsequent NIDs became known as Days of Tranquility.

In Bangladesh, Rotary, WHO, and UNICEF boosted public awareness of the need to eradicate polio, motivating parents to have their children vaccinated during NIDs. In Nepal, Rotary, the national government, WHO, and UNICEF worked hand in hand to make the country polio free. Nepal held its first NIDs in 1996 and recorded its last indigenous wild polio case just four years later.

More than 1,500 Rotary members will be celebrating India's and the region's achievement at the Polio Free Conclave in New Delhi 29-30 March. The event also focused on strengthening the commitment of the GPEI partners to ending polio globally, including sharing lessons learned in India with other polio-infected countries.

The GPEI's challenge now is to eradicate polio in the three countries where the disease has never been stopped: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria. And recent outbreaks in the Middle East and Horn of Africa are stark reminders that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere.

"It is India's responsibility now to share our lessons and best practices with our colleagues in the countries still fighting polio in order to protect their children, and ours as well," said former Rotary International President Rajendra Saboo. "We already are doing this, assisting in any way we can... India's victory over polio and the certification of Southeast Asia occur at just the right moment to provide a resounding rallying cry for the final push needed to wipe polio from the face of the earth."

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	May	Sun	4	Special Bunnings BBQ	Bunnings
		Thurs/Fri	29/30	Detmold BBQ	Detmold - Thursday 29/5/14 at 8pm and Friday 30/5/14 at 6am and noon
	June	Sun-Wed	1-4	International Conference	Sydney

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	& Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
15 Apr 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	RCU 79 th Birthday Gerry Greenway: "Anecdotes"	D Payne Scribe TBA	H Kilsby	K Haines	G Beckett P Beckett
22 Apr 14	Repat Hospital	5.45 for 6pm	Vocational Visit to Repatriation Museum Veteran History (Entrance off Goodwood Rd)	G McLeod Scribe TBA	R Laws	n/a	n/a
29 Apr 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Dr J Hartigan: "Haematology/Oncology"	A Jonson	D Middleton	K Haines	P Beckett R Elms

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Apr - May 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	12 Apr 14	(Greg McLeod) & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Stephen Westgarth (for Mavis Martin)
3	19 Apr 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	26 Apr 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	3 May 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: Lindsay England: 8445 8552; (M) 0408 857 775; e-mail: lengland@senet.com.au

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 28 April; Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

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



April 2014 Program

	15 Apr	Rtn Geoff Wake (Port Adelaide)	White Lion
	22 Apr	PP Brian Wall (Burnside)	Rotary – A Long Term Plus
Ī	29 Apr	Rtn John Illingworth (Blakiston)	The LIFEPAK Project

On the Back Page

Pedestrians

Paddy was in New York.

He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing.

The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay, pedestrians." Then he'd allow the traffic to pass. He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted, "Pedestrians!" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

Avocados

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get six?"

A short time later the husband comes back with six cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy six cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

Water in the Carburettor

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "Water in the carburettor? That's ridiculous!"

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburettor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburettor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?

WIFE: "In the pool"

