



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Repatriation General Hospital Museum & "The Goody"
Event	Vocational Visit
Chairman	Mavis Martin
Apologies	Bob Laws, Stephen Baker, Nino Malvetti, Lindsay England, Briony Casburn, Jerry Casburn, Ken Haines and Pam Trimmer
Guests	Marlene Small, Valerie Bonython, Maria Mills and Genese Mullins, Hon. Member Ken Daly
Attendance	18 members and 5 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's Announcements

President Greg reminded members of a number of upcoming events:

District Assembly being held at Waikerie High School on Sunday 4 May. See Joan Reed for registration forms which need to be submitted by 25 April.

Bunnings BBQs for which there are two upcoming dates on Monday 28 April and Sunday 4 May, the latter being an opportunity for members who can't do Mondays due to work commitments to participate in this valuable fundraising project.

Blind Sporting Council has appealed to members of the club for pledges of support. Details of their appeal are provided in this week's Bulletin and pledge forms can be obtained from either Stephen Westgarth or President Greg.



President Greg

Vocational Visit: Repatriation General Hospital Museum

Chairman Mavis Martin instructed members of Unley Rotary and their guests to be assembled at the Repatriation General Hospital Daw Park (RGH) Museum by 6.00pm sharp, and they were!

Our tour of the museum was opened by Museum President Ray Pittman who introduced David Ennis, our tour guide for the evening and the founder of the museum.

The RGH dates back to 1942 when it was commissioned as the 105 Australian Military Hospital. During its service with the army from 1942 to 1947, the hospital received battle casualties from all theatres of war.

In 1947 control of the hospital was transferred to the Repatriation Commission which managed the facility for veterans, war widows and a small percentage of community patients, until March 1955. The State Government then accepted control of the hospital, today an acute care general hospital.



Mavis Martin flanked by David Ennis (L) and Ray Pittman

and the POWs themselves, mainly as prisoners of the Japanese. The museum's exhibits include letters and postcards,

The museum was opened on 24 April 1992 in the hospital's former Post Office building. Its opening coincided with the 50th anniversary of the hospital. It moved to its current site in April 2012. The aim of the museum is to preserve and exhibit objects of historical importance to the hospital and veterans. It is resourced entirely by volunteers.

We were guided through the museum's collection of fascinating curios, artefacts and memorabilia, accompanied by stories David Ennis told about characters of the POW period and putting many of the exhibits in their historical context. Some particular items he pointed out were the padlock from the gate of Changi Prison, World War II rations and Cheer Up club memorabilia.

There were mementos of prisoner of war camp experiences

wartime uniforms, campaign and service medals, hospital medical equipment, weaponry, models of warships and aircraft, and the Bill Schmidt Library where school children can do project research into Australia's wartime history.

Mavis Martin expressed the club's sincere thanks to David Ennis and Ray Pittman for hosting the club and providing an interesting and evocative guided tour of the museum.

After the museum tour, members and guests moved down Goodwood Road to the "The Goody" (a.k.a. the Goodwood Hotel) for dinner.

President Greg thanked Mavis for organising the vocational visit and dinner booking.

Rotary International News

Alumni award winners turn heads with unique accomplishments

Dan Nixon - Rotary News 18 April 2014

Maya Ajmera founded the [Global Fund for Children](#) in 1993 to provide seed money to community-based organizations that help at-risk children across the world. Since then, GFC has awarded more than \$32 million in grants to over 600 organizations in 80 countries, improving the lives of millions of children – from educating AIDS orphans in Uganda to conducting so-called [curbside classrooms](#) for waste pickers in Cambodia.

"Education is the key to getting human beings out of poverty," says Ajmera, whose studies at St. Xavier's College in Mumbai were sponsored by the Rotary Club of China Lake in California. "Community-based organizations are probably the most creative in being able to find the most marginalized children and provide education that is meaningful and makes sense in their lives."

In recognition of her work, Ajmera was chosen by The Rotary Foundation Trustees to receive the 2013-14 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. She will receive the honor at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney on 3 June.

Ajmera credits extraordinary leadership at the grassroots level, combined with the ability and willingness to work as partners, for GFC's success. "Trust is really important," she says. "You also need good ways of measuring outcomes: how many kids got educated, how many were kept off the streets, how many got psychosocial counseling."

"For me, Rotary was an incredible inspiration," says Ajmera, adding that without the scholarship there wouldn't be a Global Fund for Children. "The scholarship fed my soul."

Alumni association helping to end polio

The alumni association of District 3020 in India can take pride in knowing they helped make history. On 27 March, the World Health Organization certified that Southeast Asia, which includes India, had eradicated polio.

"[The association's] members actively participated in National Immunization Days and contributed liberally to The Rotary Foundation and polio eradication," says S.R. Yogananda, a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator.

In recognition of their humanitarian work, the association has been selected to receive the 2013-14 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of the Year Award. The award will be presented to K. Soma Sundera Sai, founder and longtime president of the association, and other association members at the [Rotary Alumni Celebration](#) in Sydney on 31 May.

Many of the members are Rotarians who have been involved in grant-funded service projects, from establishing an orphanage in India to creating a sustainable health care program for schoolchildren in Thailand.

Blind Sporting Council Seeks Pledges of Support

Eye Support a Star is an initiative of the Blind Sporting Council. Our unique role is to provide grants to assist blind and vision impaired children and adults to participate in a sporting or recreational activity of their choice. Blind and vision impaired people wishing to participate in sport and recreational activities require supervision, specialised equipment and more extensive training than their sighted counterparts, and this all costs a considerable amount of money.

Eye Support a Star allows businesses and individuals to sponsor a blind or vision impaired athlete or sporting/recreational activity of their choice. You can sponsor an athlete or sport for just \$45 a month for 12 months, or by making a one-off payment of \$500. All donations are 100% tax deductible. As the program is an online giving program, 90 cents in the dollar go directly to the program, with no overheads.

For sponsoring a sport/recreational activity or an athlete, you will receive a framed certificate, ongoing athlete testimonials and will become part of an exclusive networking club of corporate supporters. You will also have the opportunity to have blind or vision impaired athletes as motivational speakers, or as part of team building exercises.

We currently have 75 athletes on our database. Our aim is to get ten sponsors this month. Will you help us get there?

As someone who is totally blind myself, I certainly know first-hand how much it means for blind and vision impaired people to be given the opportunity to participate in a sport or recreational activity of their choice. It can be extremely difficult for blind and vision impaired people to get out and participate fully in all aspects of society, so helping to break down the barriers through sport and recreation is extremely important. The increased fitness, confidence and social skills that I got from my participation in athletics and swimming growing up has certainly been extremely important for me in having the confidence to participate fully in a sighted world.

Please find attached a pledge form. If you are interested in becoming involved in Eye Support a Star, you can either fill out this form, or visit www.eyesupportastar.com.au and choose an athlete or sport you would like to sponsor. Alternatively, if you would like to discuss this further, our CEO, Rajini Vasan, would be delighted to come and meet with you.

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	May	Sun	4	Special Bunnings BBQ	Bunnings Mile End
		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	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
29 Apr 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Dr J Hartigan: "Haematology/Oncology"	A Jonson	D Middleton	K Haines	P Beckett R Elms
6 May 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Graham & Patsy Beckett: "Personal Profiles"	W Andrews	R Mills		R Elms L England
13 May 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Pam Johnstone: Royal Society for the Blind - "Eye Health"	J Russell	R Mullins		L England S Evans
20 May 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	POOTY AWARD CEREMONY & DINNER	S Westgarth	J Newall	n/a	S Evans G Hill
Wednesday 28 May 14	The Snooty Fox	6 for 6.30pm	Joint Meeting with RC Prospect	Scribe S Baker	D Payne	n/a	G Hill A Jonson

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

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

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Apr - May 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
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
2	10 May 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17 May 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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

April 2014 Program

29 Apr	Rtn John Illingworth (Blakiston)	The LIFEPAK Project
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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 28 April: Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

Extra Date: Sunday 4 May: Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

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