



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Joe Garreffa
Chairman	Vera Holt
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Heather Kilsby, Pam Trimmer
Guests	Valerie Bonython, Liz Christie, Steve and Viv Williams, Margaret Bolster
Returning Rotarians	Briony & Jerry Casburn, Lindsay England
Departing Rotarians	Mavis Martin
Attendance	22 members and 6 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

A Thrift Shop Keys Register is to be established – members to bring their Thrift Shop keys to next week's meeting.

Entertainment Books are still available from Joan Reed.

A Board meeting is to be held post this meeting.

Police Officer of the Year award ceremonies will be on May 20.

Bunnings BBQ last Sunday was a success – thanks to all the helpers and particularly Ken Haines.



President Greg

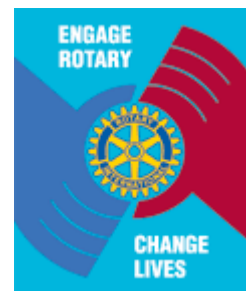
Guest Speaker - Joe Garreffa: "CFS and Other Stories"

Chairman Vera Holt introduced her friend Joe who is a farmer, writer, artist and singer. Joe has lived at Norton Summit all his 75 years and has been a member of the Cherryville CFS since 1959.

Joe explained that there are 4 CFS units in the local area, all of which work closely together. Cherryville has a fire truck and a land cruiser, and 25 active members. All the costs of purchasing and maintaining the station and equipment have been met through community fund raising. The donation from Unley Rotary Club is most welcome.

Joe then took us on a journey of life and fire fighting in that part of the Hills.

He talked about the courage of Steve and Viv Williams who were almost overrun by fire in a recent outbreak and their success at saving the truck.



Steve, Vera, Viv, Margaret, Joe and the hoe



Steve receiving the cheque

Fire outbreaks are more often caused by owners doing burn offs at inappropriate times. Since 1955 when the Vice Regal residence was destroyed, Norton Summit has escaped major fires. He related how each year an autumn 'cold burn' would be undertaken to reduce undergrowth. 50 years ago fire breaks would be cut with hand hoes like the one he had brought.

His neighbour Sir Thomas Playford mentored him on farming, water and other matters – Tom Playford was an active member of the CFS.

Margaret Bolster AM, who was President of the Conservation Council of South Australia for a number of years, came to Ashton from Sydney after a discussion with Don Dunstan. She and her husband were greeted to SA by the holocaust of the Ash Wednesday fires of February 1983.

Joe, who married in 1959, had a dream to own a special property nearby and kept asking the owner to sell. It took 20 years and a fire in Horsnell Gully for that dream to be achieved. The design of his house and the management of his property reflect an affinity with the land, a commitment to the environment and bushfire readiness (25,000 gallon tank).

The highlight of Joe's contribution was a whimsical poem on the home and land that he loves.

Joe was thanked by acclamation.

President Greg McLeod presented Steve Williams with a \$1,000 cheque for Cherryville CFS – proceeds from a Bunnings BBQ at the time when fires had broken out in a number of areas across the State.

Spots

Ken Haines announced that \$2,108 will be banked from the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday (gross receipts \$2605).....an excellent result.

Stephen Westgarth urged as many members as possible to be at the Unley Rotunda on 20 May by 11.45am to hear the SA Police Band and be present for the POOTY award ceremony at 12.30pm. The award dinner will be held that night at Glenelg Golf Club at a cost of \$50pp - money is now being collected for the event.

Jerry Casburn and Briony visited 3 Rotary clubs in the UK whilst on holidays including Ilfracombe (club banner presented to the President) and Aireborough (which presented them with a silver platter). The District changeover will be held Sunday July 6 at Kooyonga Golf Club – member support would be appreciated. District 9520 Membership Committee is hosting an *Illuminate* event at the Science Innovation Learning Centre, Flinders University on August 2 aimed at marketing and promoting Rotary with two dynamic women speakers.

Reno Elms asked club members to again generously support the annual Red Shield Appeal – Wendy agreed to take his shift of May 31.

Alex Jonson thanked Colin Schirmer and Ken Haines for their help in collecting goods, and stressed the need for volunteers to load the East Timor container at DIK on 24 May.

Mavis Martin questioned whether the Thrift Shop trailer had been registered....and was referred to EasyReg.

Sergeant's Sessions

Sergeant Ken Haines liaised with our guest speaker to select Bob Laws' marble AGAIN for the infernal squares. But happiness did abound:

Mavis can now drive again.....she is a self-styled computer genius after attending the District Assembly in Waikerie and finding others far less adept than she....camel riding in Dubai is on her upcoming holiday agenda (hope she steers it better than her car). One of Reno's lads kicked his first goal for Sturt seconds (really important) and another has been accepted at a US college. David M needs to think about buying a better car.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Rotary International News

Paralympian Dennis Ogbe defying paralysis

Megan Ferringer - The Rotarian -- April 2014

Dennis Ogbe grips the discus in his right hand. He swings his arm and twists at the waist as far to the right as he can. With one move he snaps back, letting the saucer fly. Upper-body strength is important for any discus thrower, but for Ogbe, a Paralympian, it's everything.

At age three, Ogbe contracted malaria, and while receiving treatment at a clinic near his home in rural Nigeria, he became infected with the poliovirus. Paralyzed from the waist down, he was sent home in the arms of his mother. He credits his physical rehabilitation to a harsh form of therapy – the taunts of the other children in his village. After taking his crutches away, kids would dare him to take several steps forward before they would allow Ogbe to join in a game of soccer with them. Eventually, his right leg became stronger and he could walk without a wheelchair or crutches, but his left leg remained paralyzed.

Ogbe, now a U.S. citizen, has made a name for himself in the international Paralympic community and holds the American records for discus and shot put. While competing, he earned a bachelor's degree and an MBA from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky. Today he serves as an advocate for polio eradication and as an ambassador for the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign to promote childhood immunizations. He spoke at Rotary's World Polio Day: Making History event on 24 October in Chicago, which is where we caught up with him.

"Whatever I do in this life, I hope and pray that it is going to inspire people," he says. "I hope it challenges them: 'If Dennis can do it, I can do it.'"

THE ROTARIAN: What challenges did you face growing up with polio?

OGBE: In Nigeria, people with disabilities are often cast away or encouraged to be beggars. Polio was evident everywhere, at the bus stops and on the streets. But my father wanted me to have a better life. He told me that he would not see one of his children on the streets, left to beg. He realized that an education would be my saving grace.



Most people don't think of school. In Nigeria, it's often survival of the fittest. My father believed that in any disability, there's always an ability. And he gave me the opportunity to figure out what mine was.

TR: What was it that drew you to athletics?

OGBE: When I was in school, I had to push myself to play sports. I tried tennis, high-jump, and basketball, but I walked with a big limp, making it difficult. At the time, the only sports available for people with disabilities were shot put, javelin, power-lifting, and track. I couldn't participate in track because I couldn't afford a better wheelchair. So I found heavy spare rods at auto shops and began to practice throwing.

Eventually I began competing. I ended up throwing for Nigeria at the 2000 Paralympic Games in Sydney, Australia. There I met an assistant track and field coach for the USA. He must have seen something in me, because I was offered a partial sports scholarship to Bellarmine University, where I competed against able-bodied athletes.

When I wasn't studying or training, I was working five jobs to pay tuition. If I look at my life without sports, I wouldn't be where I am today. The competitiveness in sports was the push I needed from the very beginning when I contracted polio. It gave me a goal to work toward. It was the mentality of "I can do more" that brought me to where I am today.

TR: How does this competitive mentality help you in your work fighting polio?

OGBE: My father always told me that it's not how one starts that matters; it's how one finishes. The end is still a hundred miles away, but I know one thing: When I am crossing that finish line, I want to be holding hands with the people who have helped me in my life. There have been many people who have gone out of their way to help me get to where I am today, and I owe it to them to finish strong. That's how I feel about polio. It's been a long fight, but we have many friends. I know if we continue to give it our best shot, we will finish this race on top.

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	May	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
13 May 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Pam Johnstone: Royal Society for the Blind - "Eye Health"	J Russell	J Newall	K Haines	L England S Evans
20 May 14	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens	11.45am for 12.30pm	POOTY AWARD CEREMONY	S Westgarth			
	Glenelg Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	POOTY AWARD DINNER Partners event	Scribe S Baker	D Payne	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	J Reed	n/a	G Hill A Jonson

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

May - June 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	10 May 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	17 May 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	24 May 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	31 May 14	Bob Mullins & Wendy Andrews (for Reno Elms)	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	7 Jun 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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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 26 May: 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
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May 2014 Program

13 May	Rtn Mina Ward (Magill Sunrise)	The Reel Event
20 May	PP Norm O'Flaherty (Morialta)	Donations in Kind
27 May	Dr Cristian Birzer (University of Adelaide)	Humanitarian Technology

On the Back Page

Obedience

He said, "My dear, what can I help you with?"

She said, "Take this bag of potatoes, peel half of them and put them in the pot."

Wrong side of the bed

Mother Superior was on her way to late morning prayers when she passed two novices just leaving early morning prayers on their way to classes. As she passed the young ladies, Mother Superior said, "Good morning ladies."

The novices replied, "Good morning, Mother Superior, may God be with you." But after they had passed, Mother Superior heard one say to the other, "I think she got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning."

This startled Mother Superior, but she chose not to pursue the issue.

A little further down the hall, Mother Superior passed two of the sisters who had been teaching at the convent for several years. She greeted them with "Good morning Sister Martha, Sister Jessica, may God give you the wisdom for our students today."

"Good morning, Mother Superior. Thank you, and may God be with you."

But again after passing, Mother Superior overheard, "She got up on the wrong side of the bed today."

Baffled, she started to wonder if she had spoken harshly or with an irritated look on her face. She vowed to be more pleasant.

Looking down the hall, Mother Superior saw retired Sister Mary approaching, step by step, with her walker. As Sister Mary was rather deaf, Mother Superior had plenty of time to arrange a pleasant smile on her face before greeting Sister Mary.

"Good morning, Sister Mary, I'm so happy to see you up and about. I pray God watches over you today, and grants you a wonderful day."

"Ah, good morning, Mother Superior. I see you got up on the wrong side of the bed this morning."

Mother Superior was floored! "Sister Mary, what have I done wrong? I have tried to be pleasant but three times already today people have said that about me."

Sister Mary stopped her walker and looked Mother Superior in the face. "Oh, don't take it personally, Mother Superior. It's just that you're wearing Father Murphy's slippers."

