



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speakers	Graham and Patsy Beckett
Chairman	Greg McLeod
Apologies	Jerry Casburn, Vera Holt, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin, David Middleton
Guests	Valerie Bonython, Liz Christie, Marlene Small, Sue and Ali Mostaghim
Departing Rotarian	Geoff Hill
Attendance	22 members and 5 guests

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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Venue: Public Schools Club
 207 East Terrace, Adelaide

President Greg's Announcements

Board Meeting 7pm Thursday 12 June at Joan Reed's house.

District Changeover is on 6 July and we need strong support for incoming DG Jerry Casburn. At least 18 people appeared likely to attend. The bookings should be on-line by 15 June at www.trybooking.com/EXEO or by cheque made payable to *Rotary International District 9520* and sent to Peter Hammond, 66 Dunbar Terrace, Glenelg East SA 5045.

RC Hyde Park has asked for our assistance to purchase a defibrillator for the Unley Park Community Sports Centre.

Humanity in Motion Down Under booklets developed for the RI Convention 2014 have been provided to the club and they are be provided to visitors.

Geoff and Jill Hill are departing for a holiday in Canada.



President Greg

Guest Speakers: Patsy and Graham Beckett



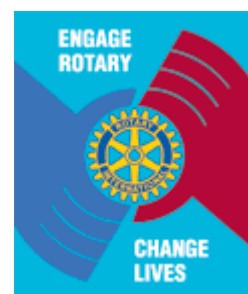
Patsy Beckett provided a picture of her idyllic upbringing in Penrith at the foot of the Blue Mountains. Her ancestors were early settlers and one drove for Cobb & Co. coaches. Her parents were heavily involved in volunteering with Rotary and Girl Guides and her father won an Australian of the Year Award in 2001 for his service to the community. After schooling at the Presbyterian Ladies College in Sydney she took up a job as a legal profession assistant. A plum job at the Wool Secretariat in London followed. After marrying Graham and nurturing three children Patsy joined the fledgling St. Paul's Grammar School in Penrith, which has grown to 1,300 students some 29 years later. It was her school friends at the PLC in Sydney who attracted her to Adelaide.



Graham Beckett was born in New Zealand, raised by his mother while his father was away during the war years, and served his national service in the Royal NZ Artillery. He was attracted to Australia in May 1963 to run a firm importing chemicals, but this failed due to tariff imposts. Graham met Patsy on a blind date. He undertook legal studies and worked for a merchant bank. His long term profession was determined after completing a valuation course in Sydney. His own business was established; a Master of Urban Economics completed; he survived the property bust of 1989; and lectured as a Professor at the University of NSW. Improvements were initiated in the personal professional development of valuers.

He approached and joined Rotary in 1992 – PolioPlus and provision of prescription glasses overseas were exciting projects. As Club President in 1996/7 he was motivated by the lack of accommodation at the Nepean Hospital to build a motel on-site to provide beds for cancer patients using the linear accelerator machine and others in need. It was a successful project with generous support from the local community. He has ongoing commitments to the Trust that was established. Rotary is a source of fellowship and friendship, and provides a sense of purpose.

Patsy and Graham were thanked by acclamation.



Spots & Sergeant's Session

Joan Reed reminded about the changeover in a fortnight's time.

Briony Casburn announced that club members had donated \$950 for the Red Shield Appeal (others may wish to donate). Rufus needs more blankets for the homeless, and a prize will be drawn for those who donate tin or packaged food next week for these people. The RI Convention in Sydney was amazing.

Stephen Baker asked members for their changeover payment next week, announced that a Sydney club had organised a special Anzac tour to Gallipoli next year, and presented Joan with Taiwanese paraphernalia from the Convention.

Visitor Sue Mostaghim won the infernal squares and **Sergeant Ken Haines** rightly prosecuted members who'd had birthdays from April – June (none shared their birthday cakes). Graham Beckett generously gave Reno \$50 to bring the amount club members had donated to the Red Shield Appeal to \$1000, which will be matched by the club. Valerie Bonython reflected on the danger experienced crossing roads in Cambodia, and Wendy and Stephen B praised the RI Convention in Sydney.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Rotary International News

Rotary International Convention 2014: Sydney 1-4 June 2014

By Stephen Baker

Wow - What a great occasion!

Stephen W whetted your appetite last week.....now it is my turn to tell you a little more.

Let me set the scene.....over 18,000 attendees, benign weather, a superb venue, efficient transport, excellent organisation, the largest Hall of Friendship ever, outstanding stage and graphics presentations, a record for the number of people (Rotarians) and flags on the Sydney Harbor Bridge, and a brilliant opening ceremony. The call sign was G'day and the rallying cry "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie – Oi Oi Oi".

There were 5 plenary sessions (commencing with the opening on Sunday and the closure on Wednesday), one business session and 90 breakout sessions covering current projects and management of clubs and districts.

The opening ceremony featured fine speeches by RI President Ron Burton and Prime Minister Tony Abbott (who committed \$100m to the polio fight), a Surf Lifesaving arrival of the Rotary Flag, a parade of 180 country flags, plus a roof lifting performance by renowned *Human Nature*. It was a great start that put the crowd right in the groove. There were two themes which dominated President Burton's address namely the need to revitalise/modernise Rotary and thereby increase worldwide membership, and to embrace youth.

The second plenary got underway by Professor Jack Slim, the world founder of the WTO (World Toilet Organisation), announcing he was going to talk about SHIT.....and he did with great enthusiasm.....stressing the importance of sanitation and product utilisation. Professor Martin Silink described the journey taken to achieve a UN resolution in 2006, with the assistance of Bangladesh and our UN Rotary representative, to combat diabetes (particularly Type 2 which causes 4m deaths each year across the globe), and the progress being made. New York Times bestselling author Tommy Spaulding related how his dyslexic and underperforming student youth had been turned around by RYLA and by being a Rotary Youth Ambassador. Cricketing superstar Brett Lee with 2 million twitter followers in India has, with the help of Rotary and others, established the Mewsic Foundation to help heal and educate Indian children suffering trauma. In each endeavour, Rotary has played an important/pivotal role.

In the third plenary, the major topic was Polio Plus. It was helpful to be reminded that in Australia in the 1950s polio was responsible for more deaths and serious disabling of children than any other disease. Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair D K Lee coherently explained why a budget of \$5.5b had been set (with the help of many others) to eliminate polio and keep the world polio free. Bruce Aylward from the WHO provided the good news that Type 2 and Type 3 polio had been eliminated, that South East Asia was now polio free, and that Africa could well reach the same status within 2 years. Progress was being made with difficult groups in Pakistan. There was a whole lot of good news but the fight needs to be maintained for decades to come to ensure every child at risk is immunised. We also heard from the founder of the Global Fund for Children, a gender specialist from the ILO, and a noted Paralympic medal winner and BBC broadcaster who had been crippled by polio.

The fourth plenary was all about youth. RI General Secretary John Hewko stressed the need to engage and embrace the new generation. Rotary numbers have been stagnant at 1.1 – 1.2million over the last decade, and while there had been some recent improvements, more needs to be done. We heard about the success of the recent New Generation Convention in India and that Chennai has 3000 Rotaract members. Initiatives by Rotaract and Interact in Uganda, Nepal and Fiji were presented.

Fifth plenary and closure provided 'thank yous' and closing remarks. It was pleasing that incoming President Gary Huang explained his "Light up Rotary".....heaps better than pyromania.....and it goes something like this: Confucius says "It is



At the opening ceremony.....use your imagination

far better to light a candle than to do nothing and curse the darkness". Most of the presentations were interspersed with heart-warming video clips of Rotary projects around the globe

AND THE CONVENTION FINISHED WITH THE TEN TENORS AND MARINA PRIOR WHO WERE BRILLIANT.

Reflections

It was a privilege and pleasure to be present at the 105th Rotary Convention. At the simplest level, you could sit down at lunch with people from around the world and have an animated conversation on almost anything. NSW train coordinators reflected that train travel was normally a solitary experience, except when Rotary came to town and everyone chatted in an animated fashion.

The Billabong House of Friendship featured displays of Rotary's signature projects, apparel and paraphernalia, friendship groups, food, fun and a whole lot more. It was really well done.

You could not help but be proud of worldwide achievements by Rotary above and beyond polio eradication, but PolioPlus continues to define the pivotal role played by our mob – it was a humbling experience.

The outstanding talents of current President Ron Burton and incoming President Gary Huang were on full display – truly world leaders. Burton's powerful message of the need to reinvent ourselves struck a chord.

Interact and Rotaract operate vibrantly in many Asian and African countries.

Could it have been better? Overall I rated it 8 out of 10 which is a credit rating in any one's terms. One improvement could be greater quality control on the record number of breakout sessions. Many were intelligent and thought provoking, but others missed the mark – e.g. the seminar on "Is it Fun?" which was bulging with attendees, spent way too much time on club singing and other crappy ideas. Those that came from non-English speaking backgrounds were well served by their own organisers/interpreters but were noticeably absent from most of the breakout sessions. A little less pomp may also endear us more with younger generations.

For me, it was just terrific..... And the finish was spellbinding!



The Olympic cauldron



SB helping Dolly at the Hall of Friendship

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	June	Tue	24	Club Changeover (Cost \$50pp)	Kooyonga Golf Club 6.30 for 7pm
	July	Sun	6	District Changeover (Cost \$58pp)	Kooyonga Golf Club 12 for 12.30pm

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
17 Jun 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Rtn Dr Joseph Masika from Tanzania	S Baker	N White	K Haines	R Mills R Mullins
24 Jun 14	Kooyonga Golf Club	6.30 for 7pm	Club Changeover	MC S Baker	W Andrews	N/A	R Mullins D Payne
1 July 14	PSC	6.30 for 7pm	Rtn Valerie Kirk Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery	TBA	S Baker	K Haines	D Payne J Russell

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

June - July 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	14 Jun 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	21 Jun 14	Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews (for Joan Reed)	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	28 Jun 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	5 Jul 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



June 2014 Program

17 Jun	DGE Jerry Casburn (Unley)	District 9520 – The Coming Year
24 Jun	Rtn Teresa Evans (Adelaide Edge)	The Journeymen

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 30 Jun: Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

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Ten Commandments

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments posted in a courthouse or Parliament, is this:

You cannot post 'Thou Shalt Not Steal', 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' and 'Thou Shall Not Lie' in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians.....

It creates a hostile work environment.

Female Philosophy

