



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Bashar Baghdadi
Chairman	Alex Jonson
Apologies	Jerry & Briony Casburn, Reno Elms, Sheila Evans, Mavis Martin, Bob Mills, Jim Newall, Colin Schirmer, Stephen Westgarth
Guests	Jude Nirmalaya
Visiting Rotarian	Diana Stewart (President St Ives)
Attendance	15 members 3 guests

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide

President Joan's Announcements

The Rotary Flag presented to Joan at the District Changeover may need strengthening.

Congratulations to **Stephen Westgarth** who was awarded the Best Website award at the District Changeover and to **Mark Huddleston** for recognition of his innovative Group 6 *Community Links*.

Illuminate will be held at Flinders University on 2 August.

District Directories and *Light Up Rotary* badges were handed out.



President Joan

Guest Speaker – Bashar Baghdadi:

The Middle East Refugee Crisis



Guest speaker Bashar Baghdadi with Alex Jonson

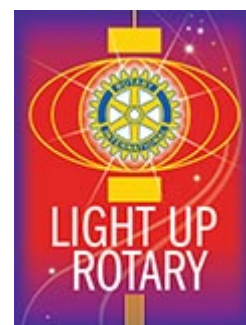
Chairman Alex Jonson introduced Bashar from Jordan who has been doing volunteer activities since arrival in Australia. Bashar came from a mixed marriage (part Muslim) and attended both public and private schools. Most of his working life has been spent in humanitarian aid, mainly with USAID. In recent times he has mounted a campaign for gender equality and assisted Syrian refugees.

Bashar provided a slide presentation depicting the conflicts in the region and the prevailing challenges. Since 1948 Jordan has received refugees from most nearby countries, commencing with displaced Palestinians who built their own city in Jordan. Since 2011 there has been a massive influx of Syrian refugees. Traditionally the Royal Hashemite Society has been the major provider of refugee aid and follows the Bedouin tradition of welcoming and feeding visitors. Jordan is not a rich country and has a population of only 7.5m people of 17 different nationalities. This arrival of so many refugees has severely taxed the capacity of the government and the Society to adequately

respond. Promises of help by the UN have often not materialised. While UNHCR and the Hashemite Society are the main deliverers of aid, there are 11 other aid organisations involved. Parts of Jordan are a 'Sea of Tents'.

When a refugee arrives it has been the tradition to provide bedding, shelter, a hygiene pack and sustenance. There were some tensions initially because the UN wanted to operate a distribution system while the Jordanians preferred to build capacity and self-sufficiency through allowing enterprises to evolve to provide the food, hairdressing, shopping etc. Turkish cooks are highly regarded. Well-equipped schools are now being provided to teach the refugee children. While many have been traumatised by their experiences he has found most to be resilient and settling down to a new life without fear of being bombed or tortured. Water is a big issue during the dry (when it is in short supply) and during the wet when camps are often flooded. It has been a very testing period for all concerned.

Bashar has often visited Syria and found it a daunting place because freedom of expression in public is punishable if found to be critical of the Government. It is a totalitarian regime which readily tortures dissidents. He has even had to



change his name when visiting Syria to avoid being singled out. Syria is very territorial as demonstrated by the rise of ISIS and the establishment of a Kurdish State. Travelling through many parts of the country requires special approval from the local warlord/prince.

On a positive note Bashar recited a writing on the Power of One.....the ability of each individual to change the world for the better.

Bashar was thanked by acclamation and given the fabulous Rotary pen.

Spots & Sergeants Session

Ken Haines advised that Telstra would be providing an improved telephone service rate for the Thrift Shop.

John Russell managed to have Ken Haines take his Thrift Shop duty.

Sergeant Ken Haines with the help of our guest speaker extracted Dee Stewart's marble for the appalling squares.....guests seem to have a remarkable strike rate...which is good. The best of the happiness awards goes to guest speaker Bashar who was a former Rotaractor and who explained how good it feels that he can enter any country in the world and find Rotary.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Some snazzy
pics from the
District
Changeover



Out with the old and in with the new;
PDG Wendy with a big smile



Presidential handover
Joan is paying full attention



Great website Stephen W. Some
more glassware for the trophy
cabinet

Rotary International News

President Burton reflects on his call to 'Engage Rotary, Change Lives'

By Ryan Hyland - Rotary News – 30 June 2014

Over the past year, the Rotary International president has traveled more than half-a-million miles across 50 countries, to inspire and motivate Rotary's 1.2 million members. Although many encouraged him to use cheaper, virtual alternatives, he believes it takes face-to-face engagement.

"I was the first president to have a Google Hangout and have done Facebook chats," Burton says, reflecting on his term, which ends at midnight 30 June. "But I asked Rotarians this year to Engage Rotary, Change Lives, so I needed to live that as well, by sitting at kitchen tables talking to families, visiting community projects, speaking to clubs, and [meeting] with other leaders around the world to promote Rotary's good work."

Burton, Rotary's 105th president, calls the job one of "awesome and great responsibility."

"It's a great honor to follow in the footsteps of [Rotary's founder] Paul Harris," says Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, in the U.S. "When I travel around the world, I'm able to meet Rotarians from every walk of life and every culture. And all of them have such a deep respect for the office." He adds that it's been important to remember that "this position isn't about me. It's about the job."

The job of Rotary president essentially begins election to the position a year before taking office. Presidents-elect set an agenda for the coming year, pick committee chairs, and work on the convention program. All of that, Burton says, is to set the stage for a successful term. And looking back on the past two years, he's reminded of an adage from back home.

"There's a saying in Oklahoma that where you go in life, whatever job you set out to do, you should always leave the woodpile a little higher than it was when you found it," he says. "With the tremendous support of Rotarians worldwide, I believe we accomplished that this year."

A big contribution to that woodpile is one of the things Burton is most proud. He asked each one of his 537 district governors to make a gift to The Rotary Foundation. No matter the size of the contribution or the fund, he wanted all of



Immediate Past RI President Ron D. Burton

them to show support for the Foundation. And they did, becoming the first district governor class to make that commitment, raising more than \$700,000.

"What we're talking about here is a change of thinking, a change in culture," says Burton. "There needs to be the thought that this is our Foundation and the more we support it, the more lives we can change."

President-elect Gary Huang followed Burton's lead and has asked his own class of governors to do the same. The group has already contributed \$1 million for the Foundation.

"I hope what we started becomes a tradition with all Rotary presidents," says Burton.

Another highlight of the year was during the Victory Over Polio celebration in February at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The nationally televised event hailed India's third consecutive year of being polio-free.

Burton was among several speakers that included Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Health and Family Welfare Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, and World Health Organization Director-General Margaret Chan.

What made the event memorable for Burton was a small gesture that had a big impact. Before leaving the stage President Mukherjee walked over to Burton, shook his hand, and thanked him and Rotary for their incredible contribution to India's accomplishments.

Burton says the gesture "shows the respect Rotary has in India and the tremendous appreciation for what we've done. It was a proud moment for me and Rotary."

Sydney convention caps off "unforgettable" year

For Rotary presidents, the convention is the pinnacle of their terms.

"I couldn't have asked for a better convention. What I was most proud of [was] our speakers," he says of the convention in Sydney. "Every one of them spoke with such enthusiasm and brought a unique and powerful message that relates to what we do at Rotary. I heard from so many Rotarians afterward how great they were."

Burton was especially impressed with the speakers on the last day who focused on new generations and the future of Rotary, calling it the most important message of the event.

"Our youth program participants and alumni can be one of our strongest assets moving forward," he says. "And the speakers who represented this movement knocked the message out of the park. If that doesn't wake up this organization, I don't know what will."

During his final speech of the convention, Burton became emotional as he thanked Rotarians for their support during his year. "It was a bittersweet moment. It hit me during the end of my speech how great our organization is and why. It's because of the people in the audience," he says.

Burton is looking forward to returning to Oklahoma after two years of being away. "I can't wait to spend time with my family and hanging out at my pool all day," he says.

Burton, who has held almost every senior-level position at Rotary, says there's one thing important to remember when he leaves office.

"On July first, I'm going to hold only one title and it's the most important: Rotarian."

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	Jul	Fri	25	BBQ for Autism SA	Goodwood Community Centre 5-7pm
	Aug	Sat	2	Illuminate	Flinders University Science Innovation Centre 12.30pm

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
15 Jul 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Peter Heyworth: "Vulcanology & Crater Capers" + Marlene Small	David Payne	V Holt	K Haines	C Sluggett P Trimmer
22 Jul 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Jess Bostock: "Autism SA" + Valerie Bonython	K Haines	A Jonson	R Mills	P Trimmer S Westgarth
29 Jul 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Club Consultations + Liz Christie	J Reed	H Kilsby	K Haines	S Westgarth N White

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club, 270 East Terrace, Adelaide

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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 July: Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

July - August 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	12 Jul 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19 Jul 14	Glenys Ferguson & Wendy Andrews (for Joan Reed)	Lalita Lopez & Nathan White
4	26 Jul 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	2 Aug 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



July Program

15 Jul	PDG Barbara Wheatcroft (Adelaide Parks)	2013/14 - The Year That Was in D9500
22 Jul	PDG Wendy Gaborit (Mobilong)	2013/14 - The Year That Was in D9520
29 Jul	PP Bernie Morgan & Colleen Penny (Blackwood)	Sing Australia

On the Back Page

Technically attuned

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1,800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter.

I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, my 13 grandkids and 2 great grandkids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

The phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship... When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for four years, but I still haven't figured out how I lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms, and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sackual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, "No, but I do fart a lot."

We senior citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle.

