



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Genevieve Douglas
Chairman	Sheila Evans
Apologies	Joan Reed, DG Jerry & Briony Casburn, Graham & Patsy Beckett, Liz Christie, Ken Haines, Bob Laws, Bob Mills
Returning Rotarians	Lindsay England, Jim Newall,
Attendance	18 members 1 guest

Vice President Wendy Andrews opened the meeting in the absence of President Joan who is on leave until 7 October.



Vice President Wendy

Vice President Wendy's Announcements

The Helping Hand Project will be assisted by the club in February or March next year.

Hat Day which raises funds for mental health research initiatives will be held 5 – 12 October.

Alex Jonson was presented with a Shelter Box certificate (12835) for our last donation.

Thrift Shop planning will be the major item on the agenda of the next Board meeting.



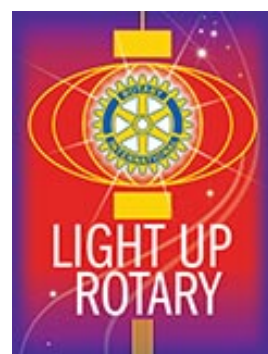
President Joan

Guest Speaker - Genevieve Douglas: Volunteering in Africa

Chairman Sheila Evans introduced Genevieve who is currently studying for a Bachelor of Social Science degree at Adelaide University. Genevieve was a student at Walford who decided to volunteer overseas during her gap year. Genevieve will be attending RYLA in 2 weeks.

Genevieve described how difficult but ultimately stimulating it was to be involved in a humanitarian project in Africa. Her schooling from reception to Year 12 was spent at Walford in a very sheltered learning environment with good academic results and fun filled sport. In year 12 she decided to volunteer overseas for her 2011 gap year and joined up with Projects Abroad. After a stint with casual working and sightseeing in Britain she headed for Ghana on 3rd September for 3 months.

She had been allocated a host family in a small hills village out of the capital Accra. Imagine the culture shock! The house which was one of the better ones in the village had no running water or electricity. The streets were alive with beggars, naked children and people with disabilities. Mosquito nets were used each night. The toilet was a fly infested long drop and showers were by bucket. For 6 weeks she questioned why she had volunteered for such a painful experience. But then the relationships formed with fellow volunteers, involvement in a building project and adjustment to the conditions kicked in. She came to appreciate building the Wonderful Love Day Care with other volunteers and locals. Two Canadians arrived and the fact that they too were deep into culture shock helped her adjustment as did the weekly Wednesday quiz nights with volunteers. Her teaching of 5 and 6yo school children was chaotic, but after considerable frustration she gained traction with the kids who appreciated her efforts. Food which mainly comprised rice, chicken and goat's meat became tedious. After the testing adjustment period, she found common ground with local girls of her own age as



Sheila, Genevieve and the Rotary gear

well as the volunteer contingent. And she felt happier talking to all the locals – safety was no longer an issue. She learnt to love the people of Ghana. There was no shortage of marriage proposals from the local lads. Relationships formed with fellow volunteers will last a lifetime.

Her experience has heightened commitment to social justice and she will be going on a global exchange to Illinois next year. Genevieve was thanked by acclamation and presented with the Rotary pen and the Rotary achievements booklet published for this year's international convention.

Spots and Sergeant's Session

Sheila Evans announced that the RYLA dinner will be held on Thursday 2 October at a cost of \$35pp. Unley is sponsoring two participants.

Stephen Baker advised that Magill Sunrise Club was holding a 'Taste of Timor' event on Saturday 25 October to raise funds for the eradication of leprosy in Timor Lesté....see Weekly Herald for details.

Bob Mullins checked which members' plaques need to be replaced.

Stephen Westgarth reported that the Public Schools club's Riedel Emerging Wine Makers Trophy function on 6 October was a great success with 180 participants; the PSC was most thankful to all those that helped including Wendy, Sheila, Mavis, David M, Pam and Alex.

TO ERR IS HUMAN... TO ARR IS PIRATE!! The Rotary Club of Adelaide South has invited Unley members to their 2014 Hat Day in aid of Australian Rotary Health Mental Health Research. Grab your swords, your parrot and your eye patch... ready to board the Popeye flotilla on Sunday October 12th to again sail the mighty River Torrens to uncover treasure to support the four million Australians diagnosed each year with a mood disorder. On last year's voyage wine flowed, oysters were digested greedily, and the band played many a nautical tune. There was a motley collection of ships captains, one-eyed pirates, pretty wenches and even an Irish Leprechaun accompanied by a witch (she misheard 'wench' for 'witch') and all wore hats!

Be at the Jolley's Boathouse Landing gangplank at 6pm to enjoy a wee drop before boarding at 6.30pm. Refreshments and tasty morsels will be devoured whilst navigating our passage through pirate-infested waters. Generous Silent Auction items will be discovered when upon return to shore around 7.45pm. The cost is \$50 per head.

Book online at <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hat-day-2014-to-arr-is-pirate-tickets-12880097719> or contact Sioux Christiansen on 0447 598 451. Donations can be made at www.hatday.com.au.

John Russell swapped his Thrift Shop duty on 30 October with Sheila Evans.

Lindsay England advised that former judge and Thrift Shop volunteer Peter Bowen-Pain had died recently. Lindsay caught up with Darryl Foote (former RC Unley member and Past President) on his overseas cruise.

Acting Sergeant Alex Jonson had John Russell's marble mistakenly drawn for the appalling squares. Happiness abounded! Stephen W and Susan successfully replanted themselves into Happy Valley and were made very welcome. Wendy has finally stopped scam telephone calls from overseas. Reno Elms has been granted a 12th year in Unley with the Salvos. Valerie noted a deer on Greenhill Road. The Editor expressed pleasure that Briony was celebrating her 21st year in retailing in Glenelg, that she and Jerry had escaped unscathed (unlike their beloved Volvo) from a collision with a kangaroo, that David M had achieved great publicity, that Bishara Awad (club visitor) had sent greetings from Bethlehem and that he himself had spent quality time with a young koala at Mt Osmond Golf Club.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Rotary International News

Anti-vaccine movement may have global repercussions

By John Hewko - Rotary News -- 12 Sep 2014

Supporters of the anti-vaccine movement question the safety, efficacy and necessity of the very medicines that have so greatly reduced our children's risk of catching a host of once-common but potentially very serious infectious diseases, such as mumps, measles and whooping cough.

And then there's polio, the disabling sometimes fatal virus that was every American parent's worst nightmare until effective vaccines were developed in the 1950s — and which still infects children in the developing world.

Some who oppose vaccines are well-meaning parents who have come to believe — wrongly in the view of mainstream medical science — that the medicines are to blame for their own children's health problems, especially in the case of autism.

What they don't realize is that refusing vaccinations jeopardizes not only their own children's health and that of every unvaccinated child in the community, it also undermines a core principle of global health: that vaccines are essential to safeguard all children against disease.

The anti-vaccine movement is quick to publicly criticize anyone it deems to be a shill for the pharmaceutical industry.



A polio vaccination in Maiduguri, Nigeria.

Which brings us to "Invisible Threat," a documentary produced by a group of broadcast journalism students at Carlsbad High School. The film takes an unbiased look at the debate over vaccine safety. It includes interviews with physicians; parents who believe vaccines are linked to autism; and parents who have lost children to vaccine-preventable diseases. After considering both sides and weighing the evidence, the students conclude that vaccines are safe, effective and tremendously important. What slight health risks vaccines may pose are vastly outweighed by the good they do.

A no-strings-attached grant of \$60,000 from several San Diego-area Rotary clubs in 2012 funded the project, and the sponsors are proud of the results. Unfortunately, controversy delayed the film's public release until last month, when it was posted online.

Anti-vaccine groups say the film is propaganda for the vaccine industry. In a press release, one group cited the Rotary grant as evidence. Why? Because Rotary "receives large grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a major investor in vaccines." In truth, both Rotary and the Gates Foundation are "major investors" in improving children's health worldwide. Since 2007, Rotary's collaboration with the Gates Foundation has raised nearly \$763 million, funds that Rotary dispenses as grants to the World Health Organization and UNICEF to fight polio worldwide. The oral polio vaccine is the primary weapon.

As the students report, polio — now so close to eradication — is still only the proverbial plane ride away, placing every unvaccinated child at risk. Even kids in Southern California. In 1952, polio paralyzed a record 21,000 Americans, most of them children. Do we really want to relive that nightmare?

Opposition to vaccines is not unfamiliar to Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which since 1988 has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. It is true that misperceptions and rumors about the polio vaccine sometimes cause parents in developing countries to refuse immunization. Such challenges are anticipated and overcome.

In recent months, however, religious extremists with political agendas — most notably in Pakistan and northern Nigeria — have gone far beyond fomenting fear and distrust. They have actually attacked polio vaccination workers, killing dozens. This is reported in "Invisible Threat."

A concern now is that the noise generated by the anti-vaccine movement here will be heard by the extremists attacking health workers abroad. The last thing needed at this critical juncture of the polio eradication effort is for a violent fear-monger to point to a news headline and tell families, "Look, even American parents fear the vaccines."

Such a scenario would only further jeopardize the health of children denied access to lifesaving vaccines, while increasing the danger faced by the brave health workers dedicated to protecting them.

It is completely understandable that parents of children with unexplained health problems are desperate for answers. But as "Invisible Threat" reports, the weight of medical science comes down squarely on the side of vaccines.

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson: "The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it."

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
23 Sep 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Mandy & Kym Porter Bereaved through suicide	Pam Trimmer	J Newall	K Haines	L England S Evans
30 Sep 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Anh Caprile Studies in Cambodia	Liz Christie	D Payne	K Haines	S Evans G Ferguson

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

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

Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Secretary Mavis Martin 81780076 0408 399 834 or email to unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up/Bar Enquiries To: Bulletin Editor - Stephen Baker on 8379 7105

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

September – October 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	20 Sep 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Nathan White & (?)
4	27 Sep 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	4 Oct 14	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	11 Oct 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or as a very last resort contact:

Ken Haines 83325138; (M) 0417 896 261; e-mail: kj.haines@bigpond.com

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 29 September Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	Dec	Sun	14	Carols in the Rotunda	Unley Rotunda
2015	Apr	Thu-Sun	16-19	District 9520 Conference	Ballarat, Victoria
	Jun	Sat-Tue	6-9	Rotary International Convention	Sao Paolo, Brazil

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



September Program

23 Sep	Rtn Roshnie Thattengat (Prospect)	Rotary Against Malaria – an Update
30 Sep	PP Mike Pridham (McLaren Vale)	A Road Crash Scenario

On the Back Page

Written excellence

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed a desire to become a “great” writer.

When asked to define “great” he said “I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, wail, howl in pain, desperation, and anger!”

He now works for Microsoft writing error messages.

Housework

The man told his doctor that he wasn’t able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete, he said, “Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me.”

“Well, in plain English,” the doctor replied, “you’re just lazy.”

“Okay,” said the man. “Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife.”

Black and White

A bus driver on his route sees a van from the zoo stranded on the side of the road. The zoo worker offers the bus driver \$100 to help him deliver two dozen penguins. The bus driver agrees and loads the penguins on the bus.

An hour later, the zoo worker gets his van fixed and heads to the zoo. On the road, he sees the bus driver and the penguins driving in the opposite direction. He catches up to the bus and pulls them over.

The zoo worker yells, “I gave you a \$100 to take the penguins to the zoo for me. Why are you still driving them around?”

“Calm down,” the bus driver says, “I took the penguins to the zoo. We had change left over, so now I’m taking them to the movies.”

