



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Kym Porter
Chairman	Pam Trimmer
Apologies	Joan Reed, DG Jerry & Briony Casburn, Graham & Patsy Beckett, Sheila Evans, Bob Laws
Returning Rotarians	Liz Christie, Nathan White
Guests	Mandy Porter, Angela Henwood
Departing Rotarians	Bob Mills, Pam Trimmer
Attendance	20 members 3 guest

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

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

Mavis Martin is celebrating a birthday – the number remains a mystery.

Chandra Sluggett has advised that a District Grant for an IT project at the Biyagama Orphanage in Sri Lanka has been approved. Chandra, as a baby, was in that orphanage before being adopted.

The District AGM will be held on 12 October; see the Weekly Herald.

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

RC Hyde Park has issued an invitation to its Charitable Trust Fund AGM to be held 6.30pm on 7 November at Oreon Partners, 28 Dequetteville Tce. – drinks and nibbles will be served.

Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery has now formed a committee in each State.

Genevieve Douglas who spoke last week about Ghana had signed up for RYLA on the insistence of her Dad who had attended when he was just a lad.

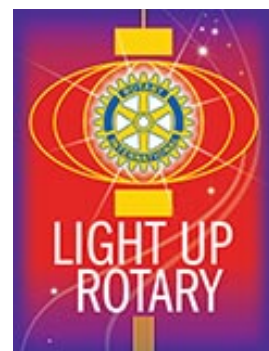
Guest Speaker – Kym Porter: Bereaved Through Suicide

Chairman Pam Trimmer introduced Kym who is Executive Chair of BTS. Pam explained the heartache and despair she has felt since her eldest son committed suicide some 18 months ago. Kym introduced Mandy Porter (committee member of BTS and a member of *Life Beyond Suicide*) and Angela Henwood (another committee member and member of *Lifeline*).

BTS was established in 1986 – the first of its type in SA to help those who had been seriously affected by a suicide. Kym himself joined up after the suicide of the partner of his daughter 4 years ago. Since the inception of BTS 28 years ago, there had been about 5000 suicides in SA and 55,000 nationally. Each suicide can deeply touch an average of 10 other people. BTS is non-profit with 500 members and operates solely through volunteers who have been affected by suicide. It helps through trained volunteer counsellors, volunteer support, management by the Executive Committee and guidance from the Professional Advisory Group. Each month there is a two hour meeting for members to share their experiences and to seek help. A telephone service operates and an informative monthly newsletter is produced. There are special events, a *Walk Through Darkness* organised by Living Beyond Suicide and family days. SA Police inform people affected by suicide of BTS and LBS.



President Joan



Angela and Kym with Pam

Among females, 57% of suicides are from the 15-24 age group. Males comprise 75% of all suicides and carry out their suicide objectives more effectively. Aboriginals have high rates of suicide.

The range of feelings felt by those affected by suicide include trauma, guilt, grief, anger, hopelessness, being lost, frightened, breakdown, upheaval and stigma. For some, the pain never goes away. BTS listens, comforts, shares experiences, and helps with the healing. The three most common thoughts are: WHY, WHY, WHY? – IF ONLY! – SOCIAL ISOLATION.....friends feel very uncomfortable talking about the suicide.

Angela Henwood who lost her son Jonathon 4 years ago when he was 21 and related her experiences.

Kym and Angela were thanked by acclamation.

Spots and Sergeant's Session

Mavis Martin apologised for failure to circulate the Board minutes and agenda for the Board meeting on Thursday night, confirmed that there would be a club meeting at the Thrift Shop on 7 October, and distributed material from the Macular Disease Foundation.

Wendy Andrews extolled the virtue of wearing our club T-shirts (she had received a bric-a-brac offer at an auction and the T-shirt was not even wet), and could order more for new members.

Stephen Westgarth had received a letter from the Public Schools Club thanking the Unley girls (which included the boys) for their help with the Riedel Emerging Wine Makers Trophy function on 6 October. He had also been advised that our club meeting on 4 November could not be accommodated because of its Melbourne Cup function, which anyone can join for \$75.

Ken Haines reported that: the newest recruit for the Thrift Shop is off to Sydney, and the roster for the Bunnings BBQ on Monday is now complete. For the Detmold BBQ next week:

- The Tuesday evening crew would be Ken, Stephen B and Valerie...to be there by 4.30pm (Detmold will help)
- The Wednesday morning crew would be Ken, Greg, Stephen B & W....to be there by 5 am.
- The Wednesday lunch crew would be Ken, Mavis, Alex, Valerie and Stephen B....to be there by 11am

Sergeant Ken Haines had Greg McLeod's marble drawn for the appalling squares, but Greg had already left to avoid a lynching. Norwood supporters expressed joy over the snaffle premiership on the weekend....while Bob Mullins paid sad fines. Pam reported an act of Rotary kindness with her niece in WA. Nathan gets the award for having completed the City to Bay run in record time.

The meeting closed at 7.56 pm.

Rotary International News

Rotary Peace Centers shape hundreds of careers in peace and conflict resolution

By Ryan Hyland and Paul Engleman - Rotary News -- 19 Sep 2014

With bloody conflicts raging in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and parts of Central Africa, the message of nonviolence and reconciliation that nations worldwide will observe on 21 September demands more urgent and collective attention.

In 2001 the United Nations designated the September date as an annual International Day of World Peace "to be observed as a day of global ceasefire and nonviolence" according to a General Assembly resolution.

The day's devotion to peace connects closely with what Rotary members have been fostering since The Rotary Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, was proclaimed in 1917.

Rotary's goal of worldwide peace and tolerance has been an unwavering pursuit: conducting global forums, hosting international peace symposiums, advancing peace through its 60-year collaboration with the UN, as well as grassroots initiatives such as the Rotarian Action Group for Peace.

But Rotary's most significant effort to wage peace is the Rotary Peace Centers program, established in 2002. Each year, the program trains some of the world's most dedicated and brightest professionals, preparing them to promote national and international cooperation and to resolve conflict. They include graduates of a two-year master's degree program and a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary's partner universities.

Today, more than 900 peace fellows are applying their expertise in various fields. They're settling border conflicts in West Africa, developing aid programs at the World Bank, drafting legislation to protect exploited children in Brazil, providing security for U.S. diplomats, and many other paths devoted to peace.

To commemorate the International Day of World Peace, Rotary Peace Fellowships alumni share how the program has shaped their lives:

David Chick, Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Duke/UNC), 2005-07

Director, Peace and Conflict Section, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Rotary Peace Scholars in training

"It can really be a life-changing program. There is rarely a week that goes by where I don't use the skills that I gained. My studies of conflict resolution and negotiation assist me in thinking through options to support preventive diplomacy in Australia's neighborhoods. You never leave the peace program! After so many years of operation, there is a real community of peace fellows out there, dedicated to the cause."

Jane Kellum, University of El Salvador, 2007-09

Chief of Party, Partners for Learning/Education, CARE International in Haiti

"Two of the practical courses provided me with the most valuable skills and knowledge that I use on daily basis. The applied experience provided me the opportunity to immediately put my newly gained skills and knowledge into practice. The cohort element (and resulting alumni network) of the peace centers is an extremely valuable aspect of the program. The connection with Rotary provides a valuable opportunity to be connected to all the opportunities, and networks, that this caliber of international organization offers."

John Foster, University of Queensland, 2005-07

Foreign Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State

"My experience provided me with a thorough understanding of both the theory and practice of international relations, which has helped me serve more effectively at the U.S. Department of State. The greatest value of the Rotary Peace Centers program comes from the rewarding relationships that it enables participants to form with Rotarians, professors, fellow students, and other professionals through the applied field experience. Most important, it provides them with an introduction to the family of Rotary and encourages them to think of Rotary as a lifelong partner in their peace-related endeavors."

Taylor Stevenson, International Christian University, 2011-13

Design and Waste Prevention Specialist, Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative

"Rotary's Peace Fellowship was a life changer. It left me with a clear vision, confidence in my abilities as a peacemaker, and an ever-growing family of friends and colleagues around the world. The fellowship allowed me the space and support to reorient my professional strategy to more seriously and capably embrace peace ideas. This program is an incredible opportunity, especially for people who are thinking outside of the box on peace issues."

Abu Sufian Taj Elassfia, Duke/UNC, 2011-13

USAID, Libya

"The Rotary Peace Fellows program has changed my life. Without having the opportunity to get the scholarship, I wouldn't have been considered for the senior position that I hold.

In my case, Duke/UNC offered courses taught by professors who are considered the best in their field, teachers who have not only the academic knowledge but also the practical experiences that enable them to provide advice and direction and connect students with different institutions and organizations. The world, indeed, is in a great need for more peace fellows who can work hand in hand with governments and communities to counterbalance the outbreak of wars and conflict around the world. The need has become even greater for institutions like The Rotary Foundation to provide the opportunity to young people to further their knowledge of peace and to increase their understanding of the world through active participation in issues like good governance, leadership, and peaceful coexistence between nations."

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
30 Sep 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Julie Presser: Adelaide Secondary School of English	C Sluggett	D Payne	K Haines	S Evans G Ferguson
7 Oct 14	Thrift Shop	6 for 6.30pm	Thrift Shop deliberations and thence to BarZaar	K Haines	na	na	na

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

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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
4	27 Sep 14	Wendy Andrews (for 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
3	18 Oct 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	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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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

30 Sep	PP Mike Pridham (McLaren Vale)	A Road Crash Scenario
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On the Back Page

Where are your Glasses??

Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me again, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time.

"Like sitting around the pool and drinking wine is not a good thing?" I asked.

Talking about my "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favourite topic of conversation.

She was "only thinking of me", she said and suggested that I go down to the Senior Centre and hang out with the guys.

I did this and when I got home last night, I decided to play a prank on her.

I emailed her and told her that I had joined a Parachute Club.

She replied, "Are you nuts? You are 78 years old and now you're going to start jumping out of airplanes?"

I told her that I even got a Membership Card and emailed a copy to her.

She immediately telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Mom, where are your glasses?!"

This is a Membership to a *Prostitute* Club, not a Parachute Club."

"Oh man, I'm in trouble again," I said, "I really don't know what to do. I signed up for five jumps a week!!"

The line went quiet and her friend picked up the phone and said that my daughter had fainted.

MMMMMM just having fun!

