

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3940 – 20 January 2015

Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Trevor McGuirk
Chairman	Mavis Martin
Apologies	David Payne, Marlene Small, Pam Trimmer, Bob Mills, Chen-Kuo Chou, Md. Atiq Uz Zaman
Returning Rotarians	Stephen Baker, Nathan White, Ken Haines, Mavis Martin
Attendance	20 members and 1 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

President Joan's Announcements

Board meeting on Thursday at Joan's house. Written reports to be provided by Board members to Mavis.

Rotary's 110th Birthday celebration to be held at Pinky Flat, 6 - 8.30pm, on Sunday 22 February.

Wendy Andrews and Bob laws were thanked for filling in for Joan and Nathan at the Thrift Shop.

Unley Road Traders Association 'Evening Under The Stars' celebration on 14th February will require a working group to organise BBQ etc.

LT Youth Exchange is looking for host families – DG Jerry and Briony have already volunteered.



President Joan

Guest Speaker - Rotarian Trevor McGuirk: Helping the people of Peru

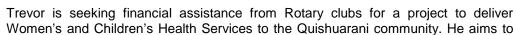
Chairman Mavis Martin introduced Trevor who is a member of RC Stirling. Trevor has retired from teaching and had been a principal at Clare and Seacliff Primary Schools. He developed his passion for Peru after visiting there and being involved in a Friendship Exchange.



Mavis, Trevor and the fab pen

In 2008 Trevor and his wife Andrea visited Cusco for two months as part of a 'Peru Challenge' group. They went to a village in the hills behind Cusco and taught English and

helped with the school building construction project. This experience inspired passion and further commitment. Quishuarani is a very poor community of native background (speaking Incan Kechuan language) which lives at an altitude of 4000 metres. Trevor's 2009 project was to raise money for a school bus to transport the kids from far flung areas. Through the efforts of his club and RI, the project was delivered and is now a great success. In 2011 Trevor took a large group of Rotarians on Friendship Exchange. RC Cusco is the local lynch-pin club.



deliver sufficient investment (\$80,000) to provide a health worker, nurse and doctor for 3years. This project is designed on the same basis as the higher profile Sacred Valley Health Services. 20% of people in Peru live in poverty and this particular enclave is amongst the poorest in the country. He has been raising money through a variety of means including at the Newton recycling outlet for 'Kids of Cusco' to fund for example water filtration equipment. A dental visit has also been financed.

Trevor was thanked by acclamation and presented with the fabulous Rotary pen.



Spot Announcements

Sheila Evans thanked members for providing Conference attendance details – a form will be sent out to ascertain arrival and departure times

Mavis Martin ascertained that 20 members and partners will be attending the quiz challenge with RC Brownhill Creek at the Edinburgh Hotel next week – Stephen Baker to email absent members for further attendees.

Ken Haines canvassed likely assistance with the Bunnings BBQ on Australia Day next Monday.

Stephen Westgarth reported that the Thrift Shop would **not** be closed on Saturday for internal restructuring. Any such changes to await the signing of the lease.

The meal costs at PSC will revert to \$22 with the cancellation of the tea and coffee service.

Heather Kilsby will be issuing membership fee invoices shortly. Rotary puddings were provided by the Community Committee to the Italian nursing home.

Jerry Casburn outlined the details of the 110th birthday event at Pinky Flat on Sunday 22 February......marque, band and concert, an 'End Polio Now' balloon release, and a walk across the bridge with candles. The Governor will attend. Everyone should turn up in Rotary gear.

RC Somerton Park has organised a quiz night for Friday 13 February and Jerry will be seeking a table from Unley. We will be celebrating the Club's birthday in Ballarat.

Bob Mullins sought support for the Thrift Shop conversion in the coming weeks.

Sergeant Ken Haines somehow managed to have his marble extracted for the diabolical squares..... a very neat effort. Briony explained how to survive grandchildren with movies and pool. The Editor reflected on the masterly engineering of the Aztecs in Mexico, the delight of the penguins and the majesty of Grey glacier in Patagonia. Valerie described the diabolical service being delivered by the Big Puddle (Telstra Bigpond).

The meeting closed at 8.02pm after President Joan humorously reflected on the need to come equipped with smart phones for the quiz next week.

Rotary International News

Man in iron lung discovers Rotary

By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary News -- 15 Jan 2015

One might think a man living with polio in an iron lung would know about Rotary. But it wasn't until Paul Alexander had a business meeting with a member in Duncanville, Texas, earlier this year that he learned Rotary fights to eradicate the very disease that left him almost completely paralyzed.

"I was completely blown away by the idea. For all these years, I didn't know the work they were doing," says Alexander, a practicing attorney in Dallas. "It's such a perfect fit for me."

Alexander contracted polio during a major U.S. outbreak of the disease in the late 1950s when he was six years old, and almost died in the hospital before a doctor noticed he wasn't breathing and rushed him into an iron lung, an airtight metal tank that encloses all of the body except the head and uses regulated changes in air pressure to force the lungs to inhale and exhale. Alexander is



Rotary e-club member Linda Elliott visits fellow member Paul Alexander in his home. Alexander is among a small number of people in the world today who rely on an iron lung to breathe.

among a small number of people in the world today still using an iron lung to assist his paralytic polio. The need for the 800-pound machines declined dramatically after the polio vaccine became widely available in the early 1960s.

In October, Alexander became a member of the Rotary E-Club of District 5810 during an induction ceremony held in his home, attended by Rotary's President Gary C.K. Huang through an online connection. Alexander is writing a book about his experience and wants to be an ambassador for Rotary promoting the benefits of eradicating polio.

Freed from the lung

For 10 years, Alexander never left the device or his house. But then he had a breakthrough, teaching himself to breathe on his own by forcing air into his lungs. That allowed him to get around in a wheelchair for up to eight hours.

"The first day I was outside the house was extraordinary. It was a 100 percent improvement," he recalls.

Determined to go to college, he moved onto campus and with the help of a nursing assistant attended classes, earning a degree from the University of Texas. He eventually went on to earn a law degree, passed the bar, and practices civil and criminal law.

He has a computer keyboard and a touchtone phone by his head which he can manipulate with a plastic stick held in his mouth. When he goes to court for a case, he has assistants who help him. He's traveled farther from his home on rare occasions. The iron lung, which has wheels, is shipped to meet him at his destination.

Long lost connection to Rotary

His father was president of a Dallas Rotary club in the 1960s, but Alexander says he doesn't remember it. His introduction to Rotary began when he met Duncanville member Alexander Peralta. Peralta told the Rotary District 5810 governor, Bill Dendy, who immediately decided Alexander would be the perfect subject of a video his wife was making on polio eradication. Alexander agreed, and a film crew from the district's e-club came out to shoot the interview.

"I visited him weekly after that," Dendy says. "One day, I said to him, 'Paul, you could be a contributing member of Rotary.' He asked me how that would be possible. And I told him with an e-club, which meets online, it would be very possible."

Since joining Rotary, he's become a popular speaker in the Dallas Rotary community. He's already addressed two large gatherings and is scheduled to speak at the next district conference. The Waxahachie Rotary Club, which builds wheelchair ramps as a project, built him a new one when they heard he transports his iron lung to the hospital or for longer trips.

"It means so much to me to belong to this organization," Alexander said during a phone call to his home recently. "I'm having a great time and staying awake at night thinking of ideas. So many people have come into my life. I never knew there were so many caring people out there."

Our Upcoming Meetings

			_	-	Chairman	Set up &		Attendance
	Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion		Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
	27 Jan 15	Edinburgh Hotel	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz Challenge vs RC Brownhill Creek Partners Event	n/a	L England	K Haines	J Russell C Schirmer
_	3 Feb 15	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	J Reed	S Evans	K Haines	C Schirmer C Sluggett

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

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Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015	Feb	Sun	22	Rotary's 110 th Birthday Celebration	Pinky Flat, River Torrens
	Apr	Thu-Sun	16-19	District 9520 Conference	Ballarat, Victoria
	Jun	Sat-Tue	6-9	Rotary International Convention	Sao Paolo, Brazil

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

January- February 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	24 Jan 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	31 Jan 15	Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & Sheila Evans (for David Pisoni)
1	7 Feb 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & David Pisoni (for Stephen Westgarth)
2	14 Feb 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	21 Feb 15	Glenys Ferguson, Joan Reed	Nathan White, Neesha Nandasena & Hiro Yamamoto

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

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



January - February 2015 Program

27 Jan	Rtn John Kennedy (Magill Sunrise)	A Rotarian in Courts
3 Feb	PP Bill Goodes (Prospect Sunrise)	Group 5 Dinner and Club's 20th Birthday
10 Feb	AG Bob Cooper (Burnside)	Rotary's 110th Birthday "At the Bridge"
17 Feb	Rtn A.N. Other (Golden Grove)	Club Film Night March 7
24 Feb	DG 9520 Jerry Casburn (Unley)	District Conference in Ballarat in April

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 January

Morning shift: 8.30am - 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 - 5pm

The Back Page

Flying High

After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a 'gripe sheet,' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, UPS is claimed to be the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

- P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.
- S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.
- P: Something loose in cockpit.
- S: Something tightened in cockpit.
- P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
- S: Evidence removed.
- P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
- S: That's what friction locks are for.
- P: Suspected crack in windshield.
- S: Suspect you're right.
- P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)
- S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.
- P: Mouse in cockpit.
- S: Cat installed.
- P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
- S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.
- P: Dead bugs on windshield.
- S: Live bugs on back-order.
- P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
- S: DME volume set to more believable level.
- P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.
- S: IFF is always inoperative in OFF mode.

- P: Number three engine missing.
- S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.
- P: Target radar hums.
- S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics
- P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200-feet-perminute descent.
- S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

And the best one for last

- P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
- S: Took hammer away from the midget.



