

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3944 – 17 February 2015

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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

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club		
Guest Speaker	Meri King		
Chairman	Marlene Small		
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Lindsay England, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin, Stephen Westgarth, Chou ChenKuo		
Returning Rotarians	Briony Casburn, Geoff Hill, Bob Mills		
Attendance	18 members 1 guest		
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Next week is the great bowling challenge against RC Mitcham at Colonel Light Gardens **Bowling Club at Reade Park**

President Joan's Announcements

Evening Under the Stars was a most enjoyable event last Saturday night (very warm) and we received great support from Steve Finos and the Unley Road Association, particularly for the cool room and water provided.

Rotary Bushfire Relief effort is being coordinated and details of how clubs can further assist will be released via the Herald shortly.

President Joan

Guest Speaker: Meri King - Interplast

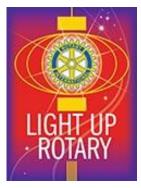


Marlene and Meri

Chairman Marlene Small introduced Meri King who joined the Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill in 2014. Meri was a nurse, mainly at the RAH, and then a nurse educator, through the School of Nursing and Midwifery, during her working life.....and even trained President Joan. Her passion is helping those in need and social justice. She is the D9520 coordinator for Interplast.

Meri informed that Interplast was formed in 1983 through the collaboration of Rotary (in Victoria) and the Royal Australian College of Surgeons. The initiative now encompasses Rotary clubs and volunteers from Australia and New Zealand.

The motto of Interplast is We repair bodies and rebuild lives. Since inception, Interplast has sent 600 volunteer surgical teams (mainly plastic and reconstructive) to 31 countries in the Asia/Pacific region, and provided



37,000 consultations and 20,000 operations. Each visit includes training of doctors and hospital staff. Teams are often required to carry all their surgical equipment and supplies, and costs range from \$37,000 - \$75,000 per trip. Bhutan is the latest country to receive an Interplast team.

Meri provided graphic displays of the life changing surgery on children with cleft lips and people with burns contractures. She related her nursing experience in Western Samoa, stressing the importance of working effectively with the local people.

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

Spots and Sergeants Session

Stephen Baker circulated an attendance sheet for next week's bowling competition.

Ken Haines reported that gross takings for Saturday night were \$612.95. The Thrift Shop remodelling will start next Saturday at 10am and continue into Sunday......

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Geoff Hill provided an insight into former member Lucien Parent whose funeral he had attended.

Jerry Casburn extolled everyone to attend the 110th birthday celebrations next Sunday (see attached advert).

Wendy Andrews reminded everyone of the visit by Dr Sally Charlton on 10 March for the assembling of Helping Hands (prosthetics). We should make every effort to attract new members by inviting them to *come and help put hands together...*inform Wendy by 3 March. Community Service has formed a relationship with Bramwell House which is a women's refuge. It was agreed that provision of hair care would be welcomed by those in the refuge. An offer from K's beauty salon in Parkside to provide 10 free hair treatments is most welcome and the salon will provide 20% discounts for Rotarians.

Alex Jonson reminded members of the OSSAA film night on March 1 showing The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Sergeant Ken Haines dragooned Meri to select a marble for the appalling squares – congratulations to Valerie on her win......normally new members are required to wait much longer for this stroke of luck. There was much happiness.....but perhaps the most notable was the boasting of how many balls had been recently won respectively by Geoff Hill, Bob Mills and Bob Mullins.....even ancient golfers have a good day occasionally.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Rotary International News

Colorado joins Kosovo club to restore sanitation in blighted local schools

By Ryan Hyland - Rotary News -- 3 Feb 2015

Blighted schools in the mountain city of Peja in western Kosovo are a reminder of the ethnic strife and war that ravaged this area in the 1990s.

To restore ruined sanitation facilities in some of those schools, local Rotary members recently partnered with their counterparts from Colorado, USA. Though residents have been slowly rebuilding the city's infrastructure after years of neglect under earlier governments, most resources are going to improve roads, rebuild homes, and create new businesses. Little money remains to restore the schools.



Reiuvenated sanitation facilities in Kosovo

As a result, students have fallen ill, stayed home from school, and been unable to focus on their education, says Neshad Asllani, a member of the Rotary Club of Peja and a physician with the Health Center of Excellence in Kosovo. "Healthy students make better students," he says.

Last year, his club joined the Rotary Club of Edwards, Colorado, USA, to bring clean water and modern toilet facilities to six area schools with the worst conditions. The \$50,000 project was funded by a Rotary Foundation global grant and completed in September. It replaced all the commodes and sinks, repaired leaking roofs, and installed floor tiles, fixtures, and new septic tanks.

The project was initiated by Edwards club member Richard Dangler, who'd spent time in the area in 2008-09 as the chief water engineer for International Relief and Development, helping to install a \$1 million potable-water system in Kosovo that was funded by USAID. Although that system benefited most homes and businesses, the pipes didn't extend to schools in rural areas. Dangler recalls that those schools' water and sanitation facilities were "ghastly," with flooded commodes; dirty water for washing; and crumbling walls, floors, and roofs that made the facilities almost unusable.

Dangler traveled to Peja in 2013 to plan the project there with local Rotary members. He says the community was instrumental in carrying it out.

"We held planning meetings where 100 people would show up," says Dangler. "They were incredibly engaged. They showed a desire and readiness to be included in planning, designing, and maintaining post-construction tasks. Out of all the war-torn and underdeveloped places in the world I've worked, I found the Kosovo people had the greatest willingness to help themselves."

The project also calls for water and sanitation education in the six schools. Students will design posters promoting proper hygiene practices, and will learn in science classes about diseases transmitted by unsanitary habits. The Peja club will create health committees made up of faculty and students for each school. Members also will oversee maintenance of the toilet facilities and devise sanitary and hygiene awareness campaigns to educate the entire community.

Asllani notes that although the war's impact lingers, projects like this one are helping to restore area residents' spirit as well as the region's infrastructure. "The goodwill of NGOs and organizations like Rotary has helped our people overcome their animosities from the past by establishing projects that look to the future."

Adds Dangler: "The people who lived through this conflict want to put this period behind them. At the top of the local community's priority list was improving the sanitary conditions of the schools. Focusing on the children and their education was the best way for them to look toward the future rather than to the past."

Our Upcoming Meetings

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Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
24 Feb	Col. Light Gdns Bowling Club*	6 for 6.30pm	Bowling contest with RC Mitcham Partner's Event \$20	S Baker	n/a	n/a	S Westgarth N White
3 March	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Committee Consultations	J Reed	A Jonson	K Haines	N White W Andrews
10 March	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	A special night with invitees Assembling of Helping Hands	W Andrews	H Kilsby	K Haines	S Baker G Beckett

^{*} Colonel Light Gardens Bowling Club is situated at Reade Park in Flinders Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens (off Salisbury Crescent)

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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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

February - March 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	21 Feb 15	Glenys Ferguson, Joan Reed	Nathan White, Neesha Nandasena & Hiro Yamamoto
		Closed for renovations	Closed for renovations
4	28 Feb 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	7 Feb 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	14 Feb 15	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 23 February

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

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



February - March 2015 Program

24 Feb	DG 9520 Jerry Casburn (Unley)	District Conference in Ballarat in April
3 Mar	PP David Heilbronn (St Peters)	St Peters' Giant Shed Sale
10 Mar	DG John Campbell (Adelaide Light)	The D9500 District Conference
17 Mar	Chandra Sluggett (Unley)	Vocational Training Team Project
24 Mar	DI Sandy Morey (SAPOL)	Measures to Counter Terrorism
31 Mar	Hon Rtn David Squirrell (Hallett Cove)	The Challenge of Visual Impairment

The Back Page (Men's today)

Fridge Note

I came home from riding the bike today.

The wife had left a note on the refrigerator:

"IT'S NOT WORKING! I can't take it anymore!! Gone to stay with my mother."

I opened the fridge, the light came on, and the beer was cold...

What the hell is she talking about?

Men Are Just Happier People

- What else would you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put.

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack...

You can never be pregnant.

You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park...... You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth.

You never have to drive to another Service station restroom because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

Wrinkles add character.

Wedding dress \$5000. Suit rental-\$100.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister or mangle your feet.

One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

You know stuff about tanks.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

Everything on your face stays in its original colour.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, even decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.

You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

