



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Jenny Weaver
Chairman	Valerie Bonython
Guests	Unley Rotary Young Professional Group: Ben Ernst, Lalita Lopez, Michelle Chong, Andrew Bradley
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Liz Christie, Sheila Evans, David Middleton
Attendance	17 members 5 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

Stephen Baker was thanked for his stewardship of last week's debate.

Our debating team of Wendy, Valerie and Pam was congratulated for a winning performance.

Geoff Bailey, whose remarkable 50+ years of Rotary service, was honoured by a memorial service at Burnside Ballroom last Saturday.

Blind Sporting Association is holding a fundraising Bollywood event on May 3.

The Thrift Shop working group is to be congratulated for the changes to the shop; Joan related a story of an African who had bought a wedding dress there which had already been used 3 times back home.

A Board meeting will be held Thursday night at Wendy's home.



President Joan

Guest Speaker - Jenny Weaver: Birthing Kits

Chairman Valerie introduced Jenny who had had a career as a teacher, winery owner and financial planner. She has been a member of Zonta for 20 years. Jenny became chair of the advocacy group in 2002 and the Birthing Kit Foundation was launched in 2006. She has visited Ethiopia and India to help with implementation.



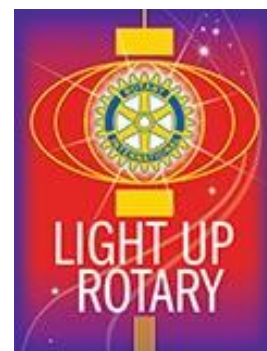
Jenny, Valerie & the pen

Jenny displayed a neat birthing kit pouch which contains rubber gloves, soap, gauze for babies eyes, three pieces of string and a razor blade. It is estimated that there are 300,000 preventable deaths each year, purely through the use of more sanitary procedures at child birth. Dr Joy O'Hazy former Mayor of Mitcham instigated research into birthing kits in 1995 after attending a conference in Beijing.

To date 1.26million kits have been distributed world-wide with dramatically positive results when accompanied by training and education to combat the extreme ignorance and appalling habits in the poorest of isolated areas. Adelaide Hills Zonta's first distribution was to PNG where it was welcomed. Sponsors are charged \$3 for each kit and often assemble them personally. There is a range of NGO support including from World Vision and there is also a Rotary Maternal Health Program running in Nigeria to which the Foundation is now linked. 10,000 birth attendants have been trained, including men in India recently.

Jenny related how Valerie Browning had achieved breakthroughs in birthing techniques and halting genital mutilation of women in Ethiopia where she has lived since the 1970s. The program is now complete in Vietnam and effort will now concentrate on India and the Congo. She asked the club to consider sponsorship of the program

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



Unley Rotary Young Professional Group

On behalf of Ben Ernst, Michelle Chong and Andrew Bradley, Lalita Lopez provided an outline of the group's activities:

- The group meets informally once a fortnight in Ben's office.
- Over 90 tickets were sold to the film fundraiser on 6 February and the proceeds were making a difference in Kenya and India.
- On 19 April for the Bay to City Run, a YPG team is being entered with proceeds to benefit the Zaida Ya Dreams orphanage in Kenya. The team will be decked out by Bayside Family Medical Practice and more sponsorship is needed. Please visit the website <https://ninjility.com/unleyypg>.
- Michelle reported that on 2 May there would be an International Students Welcome to foster friendship – club support would be appreciated.



Ben Ernst, Lalita Lopez,
Andrew Bradley & Michelle Chong

Spots and Sergeant's Session

Stephen Baker ascertained that Mavis Martin and Greg McLeod will be attending District Assembly with him on Sunday at Murray Bridge.

Mavis Martin read out a thank you letter from Sue Shepherd who is holding her next workshop on 13 April. A Vocational Training Team comprising 10 teachers and hosted by D9520 will be visiting from East Timor and our club may need to help with expenses. Sheila is recovering well.

Ken Haines will be in hospital next Monday; Jerry is to organise the Bunnings BBQ and needs volunteers.

Stephen Westgarth announced that selection of Police Officer of the Year will be during the week commencing 6 April when the members of the Vocational Service Committee will need to be actively be involved in the selection process.

Sergeant Ken Haines organised Valerie's marble to be drawn for the appalling squares. Perhaps the three most enlightening moments of the happy fines session were Briony's announcement of the formation of an e-Rotary club in Broken Hill, John R declaring that the queen was crooked (picture of course) and Mavis informing everyone that her hearing was now A1(with new equipment).

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm (almost).

Rotary International News

Rotary Peace Fellows are helping refugees start over

By Brad Webber - 12 Mar 2015

Every 10 minutes, a baby is born without a state – without citizenship in any country. The crisis in Syria and conflicts in South Sudan, the Central African Republic, and many other nations are producing new generations of refugees, internally displaced persons, and asylum seekers. Increasingly, they are long-term exiles who are spending years, even decades, in makeshift refugee cities with their families, unable to return home.

The number of people forced from their homes by war and conflict has surpassed 50 million for the first time since the end of World War II, when the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was created.

Among the graduates of the Rotary Peace Centers – nearly 900 since the program's inception in 2002 – are agents of change working to help this growing population of refugees.

Each year, Rotary Peace Centers host up to 100 peace fellows in a three-month program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, or a master's degree fellowship at universities in Australia, England, Japan, Sweden, and the United States. Four alumni, who work for nongovernmental organizations and nonprofits that aid refugees, shared their stories with The Rotarian.

From Somalia to Ethiopia: In 1988, when he was 10 years old, Mahamoud Ahmad fled his home during Somalia's civil war. He and his family made their way to an encampment for internally displaced persons (IDPs) far from their village in the semiautonomous region of Somaliland. "We had to roast wheat – there was not enough water for it to be cooked," he recalls. Because of the lack of food, "I have seen, as a child, people dying," Ahmad says.

"Until the age of 14, I could not go to school," he recalls. Once he could go to class, he seized every opportunity to learn. He finished 12 years of school in four years, studying from 6 in the morning until 6 at night. "Later, because I loved education, I spent 13 years attending four universities," Ahmad says, fueled equally by sheer determination and by benefactors such as Rotary.

His education includes a master's from the Rotary Peace Center at the University of Bradford, England, where he was in the class of 2008-10. As his understanding of peace and conflict deepened, his mission emerged: to help refugees



overcome the problems he once endured. Ahmad traces the arc of his journey: "I have been a refugee, I have been an IDP, I have been a returnee."

He applies that knowledge as education program coordinator for the Norwegian Refugee Council's Ethiopia program. NRC camps in the Horn of Africa and Yemen sheltered more than 100,000 people in 2013. Every year, the organization also provides education and job training to thousands of refugees, from Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan.

From Lebanon to Canada: Noëlle DePape, who spent much of her 20s working overseas, including at a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon, imagined becoming a globe-trotting emissary of goodwill after finishing her Rotary Peace Fellowship in 2005 at the University of Queensland, Australia. "I was trying to figure out how I could make the most impact as a peace-builder and as one who would fight for social justice," DePape says.

Encouraged by Godfrey Mukalazi, a Rotary Peace Fellow from Uganda, she returned home to Winnipeg, Man., which has the largest urban indigenous population in Canada. The arrival of transplants from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Iraq, Somalia, and other countries – about 15,000 immigrants each year in Manitoba, 10 percent of whom are refugees – created a combustible mix with an Aboriginal population facing struggles of its own.

DePape joined the staff of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba, which operates a transitional housing complex and provides services such as counseling and after-school programs for at-risk youth.

"Some of our refugee youth were getting involved in gang life because they didn't feel a sense of belonging in Canada," says DePape, 35. The teenagers often had little education, so "they struggled in school with basic literacy in addition to refugee challenges," she says.

The Youth Peacebuilding Project, which DePape launched in 2008, featured a weeklong summer gathering for teens from indigenous, refugee, and suburban white communities. They swam and played basketball, but they also learned about other cultures and religions, observing Muslim prayers and a sweat lodge ceremony led by a tribal elder.

From Japan to Kenya: Etsuko Teranishi yearned for something different from the college scene in Osaka, Japan: She wanted to see the world and serve others along the way.

Teranishi, who studied at the Rotary Peace Center at the University of Queensland in 2005-07, is a project manager for the International Organization for Migration. She leads a crisis response unit in Nairobi, Kenya, which last year supported about 40,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia, and South Sudan, as well as Kenyans uprooted by conflict and natural disaster. "We help unemployed youth and victims of sexual and gender-based violence," she says.

From the United States to Malaysia: As program coordinator of the International Rescue Committee's Resettlement Support Center, Langan Courtney is based in the Malaysian megalopolis of Kuala Lumpur, which has one of the world's largest urban refugee populations. The organization resettles about 10,000 refugees to the United States every year.

"Millions of people are languishing in refugee camps. It's difficult accepting that the need is far greater than the capacity to help," says Courtney, who studied at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in 2012.

Her experience as a Rotary Peace Fellow provided a lesson in examining crises from various perspectives, she says. "The peace fellowship is designed to bring people together from many professional backgrounds," she notes, and the practical approach provided tools for diplomacy.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
31 Mar 15	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	J Reed	D Middleton	K Haines	R Elms L England
7 Apr 15	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Training for Ballarat & Committees	D Middleton	R Mills	K Haines	L England G Hill
14&21 Apr 15	Meetings Cancelled - Ballarat						

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

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Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015	Apr	Thu-Sun	16-19	District 9520 Conference including Unley's 80th Birthday Celebrations 17 April	Ballarat, Victoria
	Jun	Sat-Tue	6-9	Rotary International Convention	Sao Paulo, Brazil

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 30 March (and a special extra on Saturday 11 April)

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

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

March – April 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	28 Mar 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Wendy Andrews (for Sheila Evans) & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	4 Apr 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	11 Apr 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	18 Apr 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:

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The Voice of Rotary

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March - April 2015 Program

31 Mar	Hon Rtn David Squirrell (Hallett Cove)	The Challenge of Visual Impairment
7 Apr	Pres Peter Neal (Adelaide)	Trailblazer by the Sea
14 Apr	PP Oleh Bilyk (Brownhill Creek)	Rotary Race Day – May 9
21 Apr	Ian Cox (The Hutt Street Centre)	Homelessness
28 Apr	Sue Hill (Raising Literacy)	Reading for Young Children

On the Back Page

Members' corner.....just occasionally the Editor allows members to contribute jokes.....here is but one who shall remain nameless.....but needs to be fined next week.

