

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3950 – 31 March 2015

Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club	
Event	Club Assembly	
Chairman	President Joan Reed	
Apologies	Valerie Bonython, Liz Christie, Sheila Evans, Ken Haines, David Middleton, Stephen Westgarth	
Returning Rotarians	Graham & Patsy Beckett, David Middleton, Reno Elms	
Attendance 22 members 0 guests		

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

A former NYSF student is seeking assistance to attend a London assignment.....to be considered at a Board meeting after this meeting.

Rotaract Club of Sturt is holding a Quiz Night at the Campbelltown Function Centre, 172 Montacute Rd, Rostrevor, 6 for 6.30pm Thursday 9 April...\$10pp, with proceeds to Shelter Box and Sampson Flat Fire Relief Fund. Anyone interested contact Stephen Baker.

Club Assembly

Chairman Joan opened proceedings, and the following reports were delivered:

Treasurer Heather Kilsby provided latest figures for the financial year. Thrift Shop receipts are up \$4000 and net profit by \$2000 compared with last year. Overall net profit stands at a healthy \$5,200. Total club funds at February-end are \$106,668.54.

Secretary Mavis Martin reported on club membership standing at 33 (perhaps one less), the three Board meetings convened in 2015, and the resolutions that had been passed by the Board. The Thrift Shop lease had been renewed - 5years plus 5. Recently the Board had agreed to support a development in Fraser Park costing up to \$8,000. Meetings scheduled for 14 and 21 April have been cancelled for Ballarat conference.



- Donations to The Rotary Foundation \$1,000.00; Donations in Kind \$500; Shelter Box \$1,000; OSSAA \$1100.
- Sri Lanka Renal Care: medical equipment worth \$36,213 with club contribution \$12,000.
- A large quantity of uniforms donated by Annesley College, and school books and projector from Adelaide Secondary School of English are available for shipping to East Timor - help will be needed to transport and load into a DIK container.
- Biyangama Children's Home (orphanage) IT Training Project. Club contribution of \$2,000 of total cost \$3,253.05.
- East Timor English Teacher's vocational training project with a visit to South Australia by 10 teachers for intensive training, being sponsored by the District – Club contribution \$1,000.
- East Timor \$2,000 reserved for purchase of desks and chairs (84,000 needed).

Sponsored projects have benefitted from funds generously donated by the Wasley family.

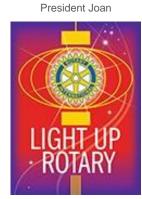
Community Service Committee Wendy Andrews reported on the following donations and initiatives this year:

- Donation to Bereaved Through Suicide letter of thanks from Tim Porter.
- \$500 to Unley Sporting Club towards the cost of a defibrillator.
- 6 Christmas hampers @ \$47 each were delivered to clients of Carers Association very well received.
- Foundation Plum Puddings were donated to Pisa at cost of \$228. Unley has been recognized as a sponsor by Pisa.

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\$250 to Unley Salvation Army for the hire of tables and chairs for their Christmas lunch.





- Support for Bramwell House 10 free hair appointments for their refuge clients were organised by Patsy and the first lady who received this was delighted. Mulch and potting mix were donated for the veggie patch being cultivated by the women.
- Freedom on Wheels At a cost of \$1796, and in concert with Novita, a special bike was constructed for a severely disabled 8yo twin daughter of an Afghan asylum seeker. From having little capacity to move the bike she can now turn the pedals with her improved leg strength and has been joined by her sister. Wendy and Liz were both deeply touched by the joy shown.
- Carols at the Rotunda was a great success due to David Middleton and his band of helpers.

Thrift Shop: Lindsay England reported that the Thrift Shop was doing a lot better financially, the lighting is about to be fixed, but the air-conditioning will need to be reorganised. Bob Mullins has been a tower of strength with the renovations. The cash register is becoming operable.

The Reports were received. Moved David Middleton Seconded Mavis Martin Carried

Spots and Sergeant's Session

Jerry Casburn reported that the Bunnings BBQ on Monday had raised \$1075. He will be asking Ken Haines to look after the special BBQ on 11 April.





Stephen Baker commented that the District Assembly on Sunday at Murray Bridge attended by Mavis, Greg, Pam and himself was well organised. He also urged members to support the Young Professional Group which is fielding a team in the inaugural Bay to City Run on 19 April with proceeds to benefit the Zaida Ya Dreams orphanage in Kenya. Please visit the website https://ninjility.com/UnleyYpg.

Mavis Martin advised that a meeting had been organised by The Repat Foundation for 3.30 – 4.30pm Wednesday 22 April at the Hospital to discuss transitioning arrangements. RSVP Becky Bennett 8275 1039 by 15 April.

Joan Reed will be attending the Unley Citizenship Ceremony later in April.

Master Sergeant Bob Mullins organised Geoff's marble to be drawn for the appalling squares. Members were delighted when Briony and Pam reported on their painful experiences with slippery dips while teaching grand-children how to glide......forgetting that they are no longer kids! David M happily announced the arrival of great grand-daughter Phoebe. Reno reflected on the marvellous contribution of Salvos General Eva Burrows, whose funeral he had attended on 20 March.....she has been *Promoted to Glory*. Graham has sold his former home in Sydney.

It was decided to close the Thrift Shop over Easter.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Rotary International News

Determined to deliver clean water amid bloody civil war in South Sudan

By Ryan Hyland - Rotary News -- 20 Mar 2015

Despite almost impassable terrain and the outbreak of a violent civil war, Rotary clubs in South Sudan and Wisconsin, USA, are determined to bring clean water to one of the most remote areas of the East African country.

The Rotary Clubs of Wausau, Wisconsin, USA, and Juba, South Sudan, are developing a sustainable source of water for 10 rural mountainous villages in Tennet Boma, Eastern Equatoria. The two clubs secured a \$47,000 Rotary Foundation global grant to drill a deep borehole and install solar-powered water pumps, a 5,000-gallon reservoir, and six to 10 spigots. The water source will benefit almost 14,000 people.

While the violence is concentrated at the border of the country, the comparatively peaceful interior regions still suffer from economic insecurity and a dilapidated infrastructure. With almost no government assistance, these remote areas contend with acute waterborne diseases and

famine.



Nearly 14,000 people in remote mountain villages in Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan, will have clean water thanks to a \$47,000 Rotary Foundation global grant sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Wausau

"The civil war has shot the economy," says Wisconsin Rotary member John Kelly, who has traveled to South Sudan for years with Willamette International, an organization that improves health care and education in rural communities. "It's affecting so many people. Even if you're not directly involved in the violence, the war has destabilized almost everyone's lives."

The project is not without its roadblocks, both literally and figuratively. Only one road connects the cluster of villages on the steep northeast side of the Lopit Mountains to the nearest developed community. It's a three-day walk for many villagers. During the country's rainy season, between May and October, it's almost impossible to get construction materials and relief aid up the mountain, which exacerbates the ongoing humanitarian crisis. "You can't move anything in the area. The terrain is too wet and dangerous," says Kelly.

Because the grant was approved during the flood season, Rotary members had to wait to transport equipment until conditions improved. Also, getting to these vulnerable populations has been a challenge amid the fighting. Many areas are off-limits to aid agencies, says Mathach Deng, a member of the Rotary Club of Juba.

"Rebel forces have blocked off many of the entry points to the project site. It's been a huge challenge to overcome," he says.

Juba club members are working with tribal elders in the area, who carry influence with government and rebel leaders, to gain passage to the area. "The people in these areas want and need this water project to continue. Educating the tribe leaders on the importance of this project is key to getting this project complete," Deng says.

The ongoing threat of violence caused the project's first contractor to back out, further delaying the start of the construction. "The war has decreased the availability of contractors. But we are working with other NGOs and the government to find another one," Deng says. "It's not easy to convince someone to come into this situation, but we're not giving up."

Although there have been setbacks, Kelly says there is no turning back.

"We [Rotary] have our credibility at stake. These communities trust us to come through. It's important to be patient in situations like these," Kelly says. "Build relationships and contacts. Gather intelligence by working with other NGOs and agencies. The more information you have at your fingertips the better you are at navigating difficult situations."

After successfully claiming independence in 2011, South Sudan, the world's newest country, descended into violence in December 2013, dashing hopes that it would soon become a prosperous, self-governing nation. The country's two predominant tribes, the Dinka and Nuer, are fighting over land and resources, a conflict that dates back to the 19th century. Tens of thousands have already been killed in the gruesome war, which has also displaced almost 1.8 million people. On 2 February the two sides signed a fourth peace deal since the hostilities began. The previous three agreements signed by the government and rebels were broken quickly.

Our Upcoming Meetings

our opening mounts			Set up &			Attendance		
	Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
	7 Apr 15	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Training for Ballarat & Committees	D Midddleton	R Mills	K Haines	L England G Hill
	14&21 Apr 1	5		Meetings Cancelled - Ballarat				

Sat up 8

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 Apr Thu-Sun 1		16-19	District 9520 Conference including Unley's 80 th Birthday Celebrations 17 April	Ballarat, Victoria	
	Jun	Sat-Tue	6-9	Rotary International Convention	Sao Paolo, Brazil

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster **April 2015**

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	4 Apr 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez Closed over Easter	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	11 Apr 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	18 Apr 15	Glenys Ferguson, Joan Reed Conference - need help	Nathan White, Neesha Nandasena & Hiro Yamamoto
4	28 Mar 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni

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.co

Bunnings Mile End Barbeque Dates

ALL the Bunnings Mile End Barbeque dates are the last Monday of the month from 8am to 5pm

Next Dates - Saturday 11 April (special) and Monday 27 April

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



April 2015 Program

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

Innovation

An engineer could not find a job, so he opens a clinic, and puts a sign outside that says:

Get Treatment For \$50, If Not Cured Get Back \$100.

A doctor thinks this is a good opportunity show up the engineer and earn a quick \$100, and so he visits the clinic.

Doctor: "I have lost my sense of taste."

Engineer: Nurse, bring the medicine from Box No 22 and place three drops in the patient's mouth.

Patient (Doctor): He spits out the medicine and says, "This is not medicine, it's gasoline!"

Engineer: "Congratulations....You have your taste back....That will be \$50."

The doctor gets annoyed and returns after several days to recover his money.

Doctor: I have lost my memory and can't remember a thing.

Engineer: Nurse, bring medicine from box no 22 and put 3 drops in patient's mouth.

Doctor: "This medicine is for the sense of taste!" protests the doctor. **Engineer:** "Congratulations.... Your memory is back.....That will be \$50."

The doctor leaves, but after several days angrily returns for one last try.

Doctor: "My eyesight has become weak."

Engineer: "Well I don't have any medicine for that...Take this \$100."

Doctor: "But this is a \$50 note!"

Engineer: "Congratulations. Your eyesight has gotten better....That will be \$50."

