

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3952 - 28 April 2015

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### **Our Last Meeting**

venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Milton Lewis
Chairman	Graham Beckett
Apologies	Joan Reed, Liz Christie, Sheila Evans, Mavis Martin, Nathan White, Marlene Small
Guests	AG Bob Cooper
Attendance	21 members 2 guests

#### **Announcements**

Vice President Wendy Andrews chaired the meeting in the absence of President Joan.

**RC Hyde Park Quiz Night** is being held this Saturday, 6 for 6.30pm at Unley Primary School Arts Centre, Cremorne St - \$15pp, BYO drinks and nibbles.

**Unley City Council** is holding its **Unley Centenary Parade and Anzac celebration** next Sunday May 2 to commemorate the local citizens who formed the 27<sup>th</sup> battalion 100 years ago. The Honour flag will be unfurled, HE the Governor will attend and a BBQ will be provided. People will assemble at the Salvos in Marion St, Unley at 10am and march to the Memorial Gardens.

# Guest Speaker: Rotarian Milton Lewis Rotarians Against Malaria [RAM]

Chairman Graham Beckett introduced Milton who was born in the Adelaide Hills. His interest in malaria stemmed from health work in PNG during the 1950s. Subsequently he graduated as a doctor at Adelaide Uni and then took his family to PNG, providing medical and health services, and followed by studies in public health at Otago University NZ. He then spent a further 4 years in PNG with his expanding family. After returning to Adelaide, he specialised in Occupational Medicine in the SA Health Department and then consulted on occupational and environmental health. He joined Rotary in Mt Hagen PNG and has been a member of RC Campbelltown since 1976. He is acting chair of Central Region RAM.

Milton explained that the malaria virus is carried by the female anopheles mosquito. It thrives in tropical climates and still water. The virus destroys red blood cells, causes anaemia and spleen enlargement, and is particularly deadly for young children and pregnant women. Milton first went to PNG as a 19yo, 57 years ago. During his time there he took anti-malaria tablets......but it was only when he came home that the dormant virus came to life during his honeymoon and then during an exam.

Some years ago up to 2.7 million people across the globe died from malaria related illnesses. Due to interventions like RAM this figure is now dropping dramatically. Money is being employed from the Rotary Global Fund and the successful methods being employed are threefold:

- Tackling the breeding sites with insecticide and 'spade work'
- Treating those with the disease more effectively
- Providing protective nets and spraying the insides of huts

RAM is involved in an integrated program which encompasses nets and spraying (and training in their use), supplying equipment under the Adopt a Village program and funding research into parasite identification. The results in for example the Solomon Islands and East Timor have been spectacular. In the Solomons which had about 700,000 cases a year, Isobel Island is now malaria free and the incidence elsewhere has dropped to 47



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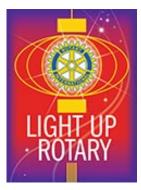
Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club

207 East Terrace, Adelaide



President Joan





Milton, a netted Graham, and the fabulous Rotary pen

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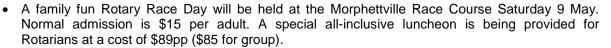
cases per 1000 people. RAM over a period of 3 years in East Timor and working with the Rotary Club of Dili has made massive inroads. Milton asked members to support RAM......it costs only \$10 to buy an insect impregnated net. Milton was thanked by acclamation and given the fabulous Rotary pen.

### Spots and Sergeant's Session

**Bob Cooper** expressed his congratulations to the club for an outstanding conference. The Blue Sky Orphanage and school in Nepal have survived the earthquake and donations can be made on-line through RAWCS.

Jerry Casburn thanked everyone for their support at the conference and reported that:

- More volunteers are needed for the Detmold BBQ on May 14 and 15.
- Bunnings BBQ raised \$750





AG Bob Cooper

Two houseboats have been reserved for the Renmark conference – please book with Jerry.

**Lindsay England** had been approached by RC Clare which has 5 pallets of books for disposal.....it was suggested that they be referred to Rotary book shops eg Mitcham. Unley Council is seeking opportunities for students to do their 5-10 hours of community service....previously we have accommodated 2 at the Thrift Shop.

Ken Haines informed that the Entertainment Books are being sold from the Thrift Shop - \$65.

John Russell asked for someone to do his sister's Thrift Shop shift on Thursday.

**Stephen Westgarth** reported that the selection for Police Officer of the Year from nine candidates would take place after this meeting and that the POOTY dinner would be held at the Kooyonga Golf Club on 19 May at cost of \$55pp. Money to be collected next week.

Wendy Andrews informed that a brief Board meeting would be convened after this meeting.

Sergeant Ken Haines asked Milton Lewis to 'roll the barrel' and he selected David Middleton's marble for the appalling squares. There was considerable joy for the convening of a successful conference and donations followed. Heather was irate that her prized vehicle had been dented by a person (unknown) in a car park. Pam successfully sold \$108 worth of goods at the Thrift Shop on Anzac Day when the Shop was actually supposed to be closed.

Wendy forsook the opportunity to deliver Jonathan Usher type magic in favour of a poem on senility.....mmmmmm The meeting closed at 7.59pm.

### **Rotary News**

## Unley Young Professional Group: Bay to City Fun Run Fundraiser

By Lalita Lopez

The recent Unley Rotary Young Professionals Group's Bay to City Fun Run has brought in \$1,856 in donations so far. A total of nine Unley YPG members ran/walked the distance. In total we had about 20 people who worked hard to raise funds. Thank you again Unley Rotary for all your support! It was such a beautiful day for a run!

World Immunization Week: Protecting



Unley YPG members still having fun after completing the Bay to City Fun Run

## children through lifesaving vaccines By Adam Ross - Rotary News -- 24 Apr 2015

This year's observance of <u>World Immunization Week</u>, 24-30 April, signals a renewed effort to prevent an estimated 2 to 3 million deaths worldwide from vaccine-preventable diseases, including polio, by closing immunization gaps. The extensive polio-eradication infrastructure created by Rotary, its partners in the <u>Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)</u>, and governments and health ministries provides a model for this effort.

Rotary, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) joined together in 1988 to form GPEI with the goal of protecting the world's children by eradicating polio. At that time, the disease paralyzed more than 1,000 people -- most of them young children – worldwide every day. Over the years, Rotary and its partners have reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent, to fewer than 400 cases in 2014, and there are now only three countries in which polio transmission has never been stopped.

This progress has been won by millions of volunteers and health workers who immunize children in hard-to-reach communities and establish real-time global monitoring and response capacity. The massive infrastructure that's been created, which now encompasses millions of trained health workers as well as best practices and knowledge, can be used to combat other infectious diseases and to undertake other critical health interventions.

"Rotarians have played a key role in bringing the world to the cusp of polio eradication," says Mike McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "They have contributed more than \$1.3 billion to polio eradication, they have petitioned their governments to support the cause, and they have donated countless hours to immunize children throughout the world. These achievements have laid the groundwork for a lasting legacy for the world's children."

Rotary and its partners are looking to carry out a legacy health plan, which has two notable aspects:

Ensuring that the knowledge generated and lessons learned from years of polio eradication activities are shared with other health initiatives.



GPEI, in its efforts to deliver the polio vaccine to the hardest-to-reach and most vulnerable populations in the world, has learned valuable lessons about overcoming barriers. As a result, polio workers have been able to deliver additional health services, including deworming medication, vitamin A supplements, measles mortality-reduction activities, bednets to prevent malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases, and routine immunizations. GPEI's innovative methods include detailed micro-planning and mapping, the tracking of migrant groups, social mobilization programs, and systematic training and deployment of vaccination teams. All of these tactics can be applied to other health initiatives.

Indeed, supporting other health initiatives has been a key component of Rotary's strategy since it launched its PolioPlus program in 1985. Rotary has consistently delivered the "plus" along with polio vaccine, supporting efforts to protect children from other diseases, malnutrition, and other afflictions.

#### Transitioning the capacities, processes, and assets that GPEI has created to support other health priorities.

GPEI receives regular polio reports from its vast surveillance network of laboratories, which identify and investigate reported polio cases anywhere in the world. That network and response system has been tapped to handle outbreaks of other diseases, including measles, tetanus, meningitis, and yellow fever. It also assisted in the global response to the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS; to floods in Pakistan in 2010-11; and to the tsunami in Southeast Asia in 2004. Most recently, Nigeria used the infrastructure and surveillance system last year to end the deadly Ebola outbreak there.

"For 30 years, Rotarians have worked tirelessly to eradicate polio from 99 percent of the world," says McGovern. "Their efforts have not only ended polio in 122 countries but they've also created a roadmap for the world to tackle a myriad of other health priorities. This is something all Rotarians can be proud of accomplishing."

WHO's World Health Assembly will review a Global Legacy Framework at its meeting in May. In the meantime, Rotary members and the public can get involved by supporting Rotary's polio program as it carries out the final steps to eradicate this disease. Donate, and learn more at endpolio.org.

#### Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Desk Desk
5 May	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Barry Mitchell Global Warming	D Payne	R Mullins	K Haines	G Hill A Jonson
12 May	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Joint Meeting with RC Prospect	R Mullins	G McLeod	K Haines	A Jonson H Kilsby
19 May	Kooyonga Golf Club	7.00 for 7.30pm	Police Officer of the Year Dinner	S Westgarth	D Middleton	N/A	H Kilsby R Laws

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

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#### Diary Dates

Year Montl	h Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015 Jun	Sat-Tue	6-9	Rotary International Convention	Sao Paolo, 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 26 May

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

## Saturday Thrift Shop Roster May 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	2 May 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	9 May 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16 May 15	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Nathan White, Neesha Nandasena & Hiro Yamamoto
4	23 May 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	30 May 15	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

### 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: <a href="mailto:emandcee@bigpond.com">emandcee@bigpond.com</a>



#### May 2015 Program

5 May	PP Mark Huddleston (Edwardstown)	A New Club in the Making
12 May	PP Bob Cooper (Burnside)	Awards for Parks Volunteers and Conservation
19 May	Ex-Rtn Peter Williams (Marathon Resources)	Virtual Museum of Remembrance
26 May	Dr Mark Moore (Women's and Children's Hospital)	Overseas Surgical Specialists Aid

## On the Back Page - Conference Rogue's Gallery

























Thank you to Janet Singh for the great pictures and to Rohan for his support