

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3955 – 19 May 2015

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Our Last Meeting

Our La	st Meeting	Rotary Club of Unley Inc. District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935 President: Joan Reed: 8379 8470 or 0411 714 499			
Venue Event Chairman	Kooyonga Golf Club Police Officer of the Year 2014 Stephen Westgarth; MC David Middleton				
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Liz Christie, Glenys Ferguson, Ken Haines, Alex Jonson, Mavis Martin	On, Secretary: Mavis Martin: 8178 0076			
Guests	Beverley Baker, Pauline Daly, Suzanne Middleton, Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne, Barbara Russell, Glenyss Steedman, Susan Westgarth, PDG Roy & Marilyn Armstrong, Police Commissioner Gary and Denise Burns, Unley Mayor Lachlan & Jocelyn Clyne, Mt Gambier Deputy Mayor Councillor Penny Richardson, AC Linda Fellows, Inspector Tim Curtis, Supt Scott Duval, SCFC Danny & Ali McGurgan, Sergean White, Police Band 'Kind of Blue'	Email: Meetings: Venue:	PO Box 18, Unley SA 5061 unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm Public Schools Club 207 East Terrace, Adelaide dy, Dale & Blake Scicluna, Geraldine		
Returning Rotarians	Sheila Evans, Honorary Members Ken Daly & Jim Newall				
Attendance	19 members, 25 quests				

South Australia Police Officer of the Year 2014: Sergeant Paul Scicluna

The SA Police band began playing at 11.45am under the Rotunda at the Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens to mark the 37th award ceremony. There was a considerable array of talent with club members and Year 5 Walford students in attendance. Senior Sergeant Paul Evans was MC and District Governor Jerry was recognised with other dignitaries. Unley Mayor Lachlan Clyne spoke about the award and Rotary. President Joan provided an impressive résumé of the successful POOTY candidate and presented Sergeant Paul Scicluna with the award citation and shield. Paul responded and AC Madeleine Glynn concluded the ceremony by congratulating Paul and our club.



Joan presenting Paul Scicluna with the POOTY plaque



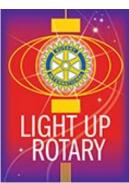
Unley Mayor Lachlan Clyne



Assistant Commissioner Madeleine Glvnn



President Joan Reed



MC David Middleton opened the evening's proceedings at the Kooyonga Golf Club at 7.30pm.

President Joan Reed welcomed guests and Rotarians. DG Jerry Casburn reflected on Rotary's avenues of service community, vocational and youth, international – and for Unley Rotary, POOTY is its most important vocational project. Police Commissioner Gary Burns would soon be retiring, and he thanked the Commissioner for his support.

Last year's awardee SC Danny McGurgan expressed sadness for the loss of previous POOTY Carol Bristow. His award had galvanised more local community activity. He was delighted that the event he helped organise for the Mid Murray was declared the Community Event of the Year. Danny also received a hero nomination. He was pleased and proud of the vear's achievements.

The Unley Rotarian 1 19 May 2015 Chairman Stephen Westgarth explained that there had been 9 nominations for the 2014 award and Sergeant Paul Scicluna from Mount Gambier Police Station had been chosen as the most worthy recipient. He was nominated by the Limestone Coast Drug Action Group and supported by council, an aboriginal association and Red Cross. Paul joined SAPOL in 1997 and was posted to Mt Gambier in 2000. He commenced with patrol work, moved into prosecutions and was then appointed Sergeant in charge of crime prevention. His roles have included leadership of the Drug Action team (with recent adoption of a strategy to combat Ice), attacking cyber bullying, rejuvenating lower socio-economic areas, initiating action against domestic violence for which he is a White Ribbon Ambassador, and running of driver safety programs. He is regarded as a dynamic leader and quiet achiever. In presenting the POOTY plaque, shield and badge, President Joan mentioned that this was a year of important celebrations including 100 years of Women in Policing, 110 years of Rotary and 80 years of Unley Rotary.

In response, Paul explained that his most satisfying project was the erection of a rather complicated playground in a depressed area of Mt Gambier with the help of the local residents. He has valued the support of the council and local service clubs. During his 18 years of policing, SAPOL has provided great support, particularly during difficult times. He has enjoyed the challenge of working through complex policing issues and paid tribute to his crime prevention team, his senior officers and family – wife Sandy and 4 children.



The Police 'Kind of Blue' ensemble - excellent

President Joan presented the perpetual trophy to Commissioner Burns who extolled the importance of the award. In 1827 Sir Robert Peel set down the 9 principles upon which his police force would be operating; he stressed the importance of community and working towards an absence of crime. Country policing has its challenges, but also provides rewards through working with local communities. Policing is changing significantly with so much happening in cyberspace, namely child exploitation, bullying and fraud. More and differently styled resources will need to be committed. He expressed confidence that Grant Stevens and the senior executive team will perform admirably when he retires.

Stephen Westgarth thanked all the guests, the band, his vocational team and Kooyonga Golf Club. Flowers were presented to Sandy Scicluna. Danny McGurgan adorned Paul with a harvest festival pumpkin beanie......there needs to be a major investigation by SAPOL into why no longer the pink tiara!

After drawing the raffle for the conference table lights, David Middleton closed the meeting at 10pm.



Paul with his shield



Commissioner Burns receiving the Perpetual Trophy



Joan and Sandy Scicluna



Paul, Danny and the beanie

Rotary International News

How a simple school project in India became a global grant

By Arnold R. Grahl - Rotary News -- 10 Apr 2015

Two years ago, U.S. Rotary members in Maine set out to improve the education system in Bikaner, Rajasthan, an Indian city near the border of Pakistan.

The Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside chose Bikaner because club member Rohit Mehta was originally from the area and had connections there. Mehta put the club in contact with Rotarians in India to provide desks for four government-run schools.

But when community leaders returned with a request for more desks, the Maine Rotarians decided they had to think bigger. The Rotary Foundation had rolled out its new grant model, which required that the club do more than just purchase school



Students sit at their new desks that were provided through a grant between the Rotary Club of Bikaner, India, and Kennebunk Portside, Maine, USA.

furniture to qualify for global grant funding. Club leaders put their heads together and turned a simple project to provide school desks into a global grant project by adding a campaign to recruit new students and professional development for teachers.

"Because the new grant standards required further thought, a superior grant emerged," notes Peter Johnson, Rotary Foundation chair for District 7780, which covers Maine. "Additional questions were asked, which boil down to, 'OK, they need benches [desks] and you want to help them get their benches, but what's going to happen with these benches?' The standards dramatically improved the project's scope, tone, and tenor."

The Rotary clubs worked with School Management Committees — teams of school administrators, community leaders, and Bikaner Rotary members — to determine what each school needed most. They discovered that the children were unschooled and had never sat in a classroom before. So the committees decided it would be easier to get the students to commit to a three-day-a-week lesson plan. That left the other two days for the same benches to be used for teacher training.

"The teachers at the government schools are well qualified, but they provide an education within the framework of their stipulated syllabus only," says Man Mohan Kalyani, project leader for the Bikaner club. "This does not include many things that are needed for the overall development of the students. So we set about supporting both teachers and students with these additional skills."

The global grant will provide desks for 1,685 students. The training will target 240 teachers. In addition to instruction in basic subjects, the curriculum aims to improve students' self-confidence, communication skills, leadership skills, and personality development. The clubs expect the program will have even better results than the earlier shipment of desks, which helped improve grades by 23 percent in the four recipient schools. Those results alone led regional authorities to select two of the schools as sites for annual examinations, meaning local students did not have to travel 15 miles to another city to take the exam.

Cornelia Stockman, a member of the Maine club, traveled to Bikaner early in the grant planning process. She said she was impressed by the level of commitment and professionalism displayed by the School Management Committees.

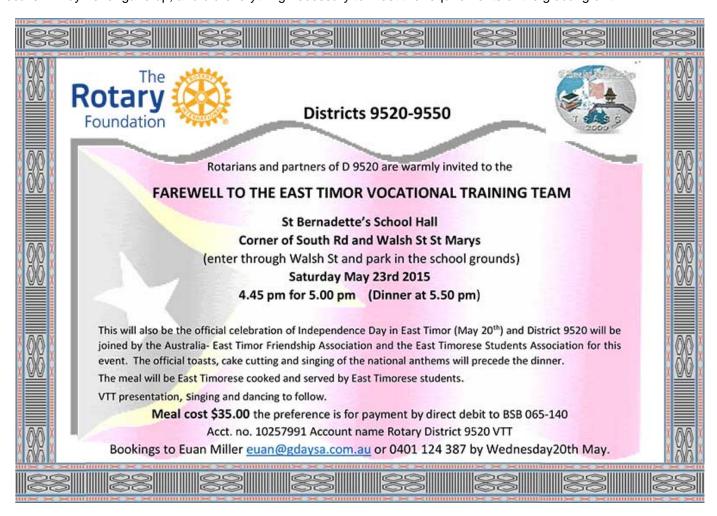
Stockman said local families who can afford it send their children to private schools with classrooms and desks. By contrast, students at the government-owned schools sit on the ground in an open area surrounded by security walls and gates. There is no compulsory attendance beyond sixth grade. The local education experts insist the students are more likely to stay in school if they have a desk to sit at, Stockman says.

Mehta is thankful the grant was able to help his native country.

"I thought it would be great if we could do something with a region that I had ties to," Mehta says. "And good education is fundamental to the quality of life."

Stockman said even though the process of expanding the project's scope was not without bumps, the Bikaner community responded to every need as the grant application evolved.

"We had to go back to them three or four times, but every time we asked them to do something else, they did it," she recalls. "They never gave up, and did everything necessary to meet the requirements of the global grant."



Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
26 May	Bunnings Mile End	6 for 6.15pm	Vocational Visit meet at 'Do it Yourself' counter. Later, at about 7.30pm, meal at Hilton Hotel, 264 South Rd, Hilton Partners Welcome	J Reed	n/a	n/a	n/a
2 Jun	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Police Inspector Sandy Morey: "Terrorism and Rotary"	P Beckett	R Mills	K Haines	R Laws G McLeod

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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

Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Secretary Mavis Martin 81780076 0408 399 834 or email to unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up/Bar Enquiries To: Bulletin Editor - Stephen Baker on 8379 7105

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Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
	Jun	Sat-Tue	6-9	Rotary International Convention	Sao Paolo, Brazil
		Tue	30	Club Changeover	TBA

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



Attandance

May 2015 Program

May Dr Mark Moore (Women's and Children's Hospital) Overseas Surgical Specialists Aid

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

May - June 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	23 May 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	30 May 15	Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	6 Jun 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	13 Jun 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	20 Jun 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.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 Date: Monday 26 May Next Monday

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

The Back Page

Taken for a ride

Stewart and his wife Barbara go to the county fair every year, and every year Stewart would say, "Barbara, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Barbara always replied, "I know Stewart, but that helicopter ride is seventy quid, and seventy quid is seventy quid!"

One year later Stewart and Barbara went to the fair, and Stewart said, "Barbara, I'm 75 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance"

To this, Barbara replied, "Stewart, that helicopter ride is seventy quid, and seventy quid is seventy quid."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word, it's seventy quid."

Stewart and Barbara agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard.

He did his daredevil tricks over and over again,

But still not a word...

When they landed, the pilot turned to Stewart and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Stewart replied, "Well, to tell you the truth I almost said something when Barbara fell out, but you know, seventy quid is seventy quid!"

For the Girls

One day the housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt.

Seconds after stepping into the laundry he yelled, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," his wife replied "What does it say on your shirt?"

"Go Port Power!" he responded.

