



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Occasion	Club Assembly
Chairman	Joan Reed
Apologies	DG Jerry & Briony Casburn, Lindsay England, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin, Marlene Small, Stephen Westgarth
Returning Rotarians	Colin Schirmer, Nathan White
Attendance	19 members

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

Alex Jonson celebrates his 30th anniversary as a club member.

Changeover will be held next Tuesday at Damien on Fisher.

Bay to Birdwood assistance enrolment will be followed up.

The Thrift Shop continues to thrive and feedback excellent thanks to the efforts of all concerned.

Burnside Symphony Orchestra will be putting on a concert at the Burnside Town Hall at 8pm Wednesday July 15 – cost \$20 with proceeds to Rotarians Against Malaria.



President Joan Reed

Club Assembly

International Alex Jonson provided a written report of the year's activities: Support for the Sri Lankan Renal Care project \$12,000 (of total \$36,213) and Biyangama Children's IT \$2000 (of total \$3,253) are being funded by the Wasley family donations. Other contributions include TRF \$1000, DIK \$1000, 4 shelter boxes \$4000, OSSAA \$1100, East Timor teacher's visit and 'days for girls' \$1000. Help is needed for loading of a container of clothing, books and projectors for East Timor.

Community Wendy Andrews outlined the year's activities covering the purchase of a defibrillator for Unley Sports Club; Christmas support for the Carer's Association, Salvos, suicide bereaved and Italian aged; purchase of a special cycle for severely disabled twins; gardening supplies for Bramwell House (+ hairdressing arrangement); \$1000 to Rufus which has outfitted 14 houses for at risk women; shelter, table, seating and bird boxes at Fraser Park. Pam Trimmer has donated her son's PC to assist a worthy Filipina student at Fremont High. We will look beyond our local borders to assist other worthy projects. The Carols were again great!

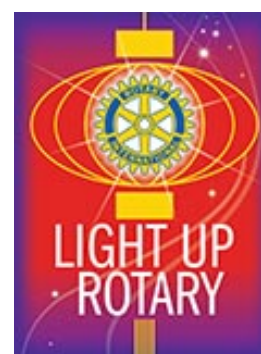
Vocational and Youth Sheila Evans mentioned the successful POOTY, and sponsorship for RYLA and NYSF. The unemployment assistance program with Unley Council will be activated.

Fundraising Joan Reed commended everyone for the Thrift Shop uplift, the continuing success of Bunnings BBQ (instigated by Ken Daly) and other efforts which have placed the club in a good financial position.

Conference Committee David Middleton reported that a survey of Ballarat conference participants had confirmed that the event was one of the best ever, thanks to the support of all club members. There were 360 paid attendees and, despite sponsorship being down, a surplus of \$20,000 created. Participating Unley members will receive some recompense and the remaining money will support relief efforts in Nepal.

Membership Stephen Baker said he had received 9 enquiries which he had followed up. A number of these like the idea of Rotary but perhaps cannot afford to be heavily involved.

Historian Bob Mills provided a snapshot of 1994/5. Of the 52 members on 1 July 1994, 10 still remain as members....Geoff, Alex, three Bobs (Laws, Mullins, Mills), two Davids (Middleton, Payne), Greg and John, and four as



honorary members. This, the 60th anniversary of the club, marked the Club's completion of the Club's signature project, namely the construction of the Unley Soldiers' Memorial Rotunda and Grandstand at a cost of \$33,500 – Rotarians combined with the City of Unley, a heritage architect, tradesmen and unemployed team members to build this much used and loved Unley symbol. The Colonial Function Centre was the 'in-place' hosting the birthday and changeover celebrations, both with bumper attendances. Fundraising netted \$27,500. And of course the President was.....Bob Mills!

Spots

Ken Haines reported that the landlady was looking into having professional graffiti painted on the side of the Thrift Shop to enhance its appearance. There are 14 cases of bottles and cans being donated and a suitable vehicle is needed to transport them to dealer.

Patsy Beckett called for members to commit to the French night on July 14 and to the Tailem Bend Musical Review on August 9.....list being circulated.

Alex Jonson has been approached by RC St Peters with an offer of clothing from their shop suitable for our shop and East Timor.

Wendy Andrews called for volunteers for Bunnings BBQ next Monday.....Stephen B unavailable.

Closing Moments

Sergeant Ken Haines insisted on pulling Colin's marble for the appalling squares (twice) and then chose his own when Colin insisted on reruns.....mmmmmmmmmm. The editor was again inflicted with unwarranted fines. David M and Nathan have each been out in their own businesses for three years and Reno has no more teenagers in his house.....youngest son has turned 20. Wendy resurrected her damaged car mirror after another drive-by outside the Thrift Shop.

President Joan closed the meeting at 8pm.....according to her watch.

Rotary International News

Knocking down language barriers

By Ryan Hyland – Rotary News – 15 June 2015

Before the collapse of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, Russian was the predominant second language offered in Polish schools, leaving tens of thousands of Polish emigrants without the English skills they needed.

That has changed over the last 25 years. English proficiency drastically improved after the government reformed its education system in 1991. The country overhauled its teaching curriculum and materials and introduced English as the primary foreign language. As of 2013, Poland ranks 8th in the world in English proficiency.

However, one segment of the population isn't reaping the benefits of the improved curriculum. Thousands of students in poor rural villages attend schools that don't have the adequate resources or well trained personnel to properly teach English, putting them at a disadvantage in today's global economy and labor market, says Anna Wiecezorek, a Rotary Club of Warszawa City member and author of Poland's English curriculum for grades 1-3.

"The budgets of state schools in rural areas are limited compared to those in the cities and private schools," Wiecezorek says. "Teachers in these schools are often underpaid and undertrained. Consequently, the level of teaching English is far from meeting the appropriate standards."

Added to that, she says, their students face social exclusion. "They lack the self-confidence and communication skills that students in the city, who have access to modern technology, might have," she says. "The inability to learn English -- let alone acquire an appropriate education -- early on in their lives makes it difficult for them to evolve and develop further in life."

Many of the students come from homes where unemployment and alcoholism are common, according to a report by the CASE Foundation, prepared for the Warsaw Delegation of the European Commission. Many turn their attention to the streets and crime instead of education, the report says.

Rotary gives rural communities support

The Warszawa City members the Rotary Club of Berlin-Luftbrücke, Germany, and the Rotary Club of Milano Nord, Italy, are trying to change this trend. A \$45,000 Rotary global grant project is supporting English and other foreign language education for more than 1,200 underprivileged students in 10 rural communities. The clubs collaborated with Good Start, a program that provides equipment, software, and an interactive e-learning platform for afterschool education centers, as well as training for tutors.

Eleven centers are now equipped with computers, interactive white boards, projectors, multimedia, and printed learning materials. The three clubs, along with the Rotary Club of Edmonton Downtown, Alberta, Canada, have furnished 12 other



Anna Wiecezorek of RC Warsaw City teaches English to elementary school students

afterschool centers over the last three years in conjunction with previous Rotary Foundation grants, bringing the total to 23. Each dayroom is supervised by a local Rotary member.

Before the project, the centers would generally be empty after school. They only provided desks and chairs. With the new technology, interactive classes, and motivated instructors, the students now have an “attractive way to learn,” Wieczorek says.

Wieczorek, who also authors children’s books, writes the e-learning software and curriculum. “We are not only teaching English, but we’re improving their reading, writing, and computer skills,” she says. “They have a safe place to spend their free time after school. This makes a big difference in their daily lives and will help them define their future.”

According to a 2013 global language study from Education First, countries with higher levels of English proficiency also have stronger economies and their citizens have higher per capita income levels and quality of life. More and more multinational companies are mandating English as their common corporate language.

The study also suggests that because English is the predominant language in business, higher education, and politics, English proficiency is important to succeeding in a globalized society. And low proficiency in English may be connected with weak integration into the global economy.

Gerhart Ernst, a Berlin-Luftbrücke Rotary member, says since his club was chartered in 1979, members have focused their efforts on supporting young people from disadvantaged homes. Their partnership with the Polish club is something they are especially proud of.

Ernst says his club wants to mimic this project in areas in Germany with a large number of refugees from Syria and Lebanon.

In March, members of the Warszawa City club visited one of the centers while an English class was in session. “It brought tears to my eyes to see these children so happy and engaged,” says Wiecezorek. “These kids have dreams about getting away from the poverty and affliction. We’re doing all we can to make these dreams come true.”

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
30 June	Damien on Fisher	6.30 for 7pm	Change Over Night Partners Event	D Middleton	P Trimmer	N/A	R Mullins D Payne
7 Jul	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Planning Night for 2014/15	S Baker	S Westgarth	J Reed	D Payne J Russell
14 Jul	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Phil Hoffman Travel - Francais Night (French colours and dress)	tba	N White	J Reed	J Russell C Shirmer
21 Jul	Food Bank	6 for 6.30pm	Vocational Visit	P Beckett	W Andrews	N/A	C Schirmer C Sluggett

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

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Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015	Jul	Tue	14	Bastille Day Dinner 	PSC a la Francais
		Tue	21	Visit to Food Bank	Edwardstown
	Aug	Sun	9	Tailem Bend Variety Show	Tailem Bend Pub & Community Hall
	Sep	Sun	27	Bay to Birdwood Classic	Starts at Barrett Reserve, Adelaide Shores

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

June - July 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	27 Jun 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	29 Aug 15	Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	4 Jul 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	11 Jul 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	18 Jul 15	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Nathan White +

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

Broadcast on 1197 AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00am

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



June – July 2015 Program

30 Jun	Dr Mark Moore (Women's & Children' Hospital)	Overseas Surgical Specialists Aid
7 Jul	PDG Dick Cuttle (Onkaparinga)	Camp Calperum
14 Jul	PDG John Campbell (Adelaide Light)	The Year 2014/15 for D9500
21 Jul	PDG Jerry Casburn (Unley)	The Year 2014/15 for D9520
28 Jul	PDG Malcolm Lindquist (Brownhill Creek)	The David Rusk Memorial Orphanage School

Bunnings Mile End Barbeque

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

Next Date: Monday 29 June

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

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Jokes for Highly Intelligent People

- A Buddhist monk approaches a burger food truck and says “make me one with everything.” The monk pays with a \$20 note, which the vendor takes, puts in his cash box, and closes the lid. “Where’s my change?” the monk asks. The vendor replies, “Change comes from within”.
- It’s hard to take kleptomaniacs and puns seriously. Why? They take things literally.
- What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?
- Three logicians walk into a bar. The bartender asks “Do all of you want a drink?” The first logician says “I don’t know.” The second logician says the same. The third says “Yes!”
- A Roman walks into a bar and asks for a martinus. “You mean a martini?” asks the bartender. The Roman replies, “If I wanted a double, I would have asked for it.”
- A logician’s wife is having a baby. The doctor hands the baby to the dad. His wife asks if it’s a boy or girl. The logician replies “Yes.”
- Why do engineers mix up Christmas and Halloween? Because Oct 31 = Dec 25
- Pavlov is at a bar enjoying a pint. The phone rings and he shouts, “Oh! I forgot to feed the dog.”
- Helium walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender says, “Sorry, we don’t serve noble gases here.” Helium doesn’t react.
- Schrodinger’s cat walks into the bar and doesn’t.
- A Higgs Boson walks into a church. The priest says “We don’t allow Higgs Bosons in here.” The Higgs Boson replied, “Well, without me, you can’t have mass.”
- A programmer’s wife asks him to pick up a loaf of bread and, if they have eggs, get a dozen. The programmer comes home with a dozen loaves of bread.
- There’s a band called 1023MB. They haven’t had any gigs yet though.

