

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3970 – 1 September 2015

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Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker	Peter Leolkes
Chairman	Wendy Andrews
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Mavis Martin, Bob Mullins, Joan Reed, Pam Trimmer
Returning Rotarians	Reno Elms
Guests	None
Visiting Rotarians	Trevor McGuirk
Departing Rotarians	Briony & Jerry Casburn
Attendance	20 members and 2 guests

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Public Schools Club

207 East Terrace, Adelaide

President Stephen's Announcements

- 1. RI Zone 8 Director Guiller Tumangan is visiting Adelaide and DGs Dick Wilson and Doug Layng (9500) asked that Unley host him at PSC main dining room on 8 September this will in effect be our meeting. District officials will be attending. It is a jacket and tie affair costing \$42 pp. 11 members will be attending.
- 2. The Board met last Thursday with the main topic of discussion being Damien on Fisher where we held our last club meeting.
- 3. Stephen Westgarth has highlighted the Riedel Emerging Winemakers Trophy this coming Saturday here at PSC.
- The Association of Community Service Organisations is convening the ACSO Premier's Awards Presentation Luncheon at the Glenelg Golf Club, noon on Sunday 25 October at a cost of \$45pp.



President Stephen Baker

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Damien on Fisher

President Stephen provided a summary of the feedback from members about the meeting last week at Damien on Fisher, and its potential as a future meeting venue. Most of the comments had been favourable, with emphasis on potential for membership and volunteer recruitment, and re-establishing club meetings in Unley. Positive observations were made about the quality of the food, and the freshness of the venue. Last Thursday the Board resolved to recommend to the Club that the meeting venue change from PSC to Damien.

There are a number of issues to be discussed with Damien management prior to any change, including: more flexibility for notifying attendance; catering for non-eaters; vegetables/greens with meals; lighting modification to ensure speaker can be seen from the back; table arrangements; and perhaps means for softening the deep blue of the room. Normally attendance of 25+ would be catered for in the larger reception room. Damien can store our equipment and bring up for the meeting.

Members endorsed the Board's recommendation. The President will be meeting with Damien on Fisher management on Wednesday to discuss these issues.

Guest Speaker - Peter Leolkes: VET Programs

Wendy Andrews introduced Peter who started working life in the trades firstly as an apprentice fitter and turner, then as a diesel fitter and then as a building subcontractor. He engaged in further education and became a teacher of mathematics and technical studies. In 1996 he left the classroom to become involved in the Vocational Education Training Programme and is now the Senior Leader of Student Partnerships for the Inner Southern Area for the State School system. There are ten such areas in the State and every secondary school is covered.

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Your humble scribe, who recalls with little joy the demise of technical high schools like Goody Tech, was hugely impressed, relieved and even delighted to discover that there is now such a great programme that aims to provide an alternative pathway for education other than one that leads only to university.

In his leadership role Peter has four major responsibilities. He has to help the schools in his area to improve their SACE outcomes. He is responsible for the implementation Dept of Ed Child Development and Vocational Education Training policies on educational pathways. He is responsible for Trades Partnerships and for school engagement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. He also works to engender collaboration between schools in his area to get the best outcome for all of the students of all of the schools. This seems like more than four responsibilities but he was talking pretty fast. He leads a team of three people, the two others being an Apprenticeship Broker (one Sam Ricci) and a Business Partnerships Manager (Sam Pearse – spelling as per the slide).

It's all actually about helping students complete SACE. The purpose of the business partnerships is to connect industry with schools and to enhance the curriculum with industry input. Vocational Education provides another way of completing education that gives students work skills and it operates through the national training scheme delivered by registered training bodies.

To pass SACE you need a minimum of 200 credits and students can get up to 150 credits through Vocational Education. Students typically do four subjects for SACE and achieving a certificate three trade qualification can be one of them. In 2014 14,000 students completed SACE and 5,700 of them included a VET component. This even included many on a university pathway who found real life work experience in their chosen field to be useful. Almost 2,400 of the successful students wouldn't have completed SACE without the Vocational Education component.

In 2011 the schools in the Inner South Area delivered ten VET programmes and next year they will deliver 40. The courses offered are available to all of the students in the area and if there is space available students from outside the area will also be accommodated. It's not easy to mount these courses as they each have to be independently accredited and Peter's primary role is to maintain quality and grow the number of opportunities. The benefits for students include hands on learning in the workplace, getting a head start in their chosen careers, developing trade skills, and easier entry into



Peter Leolkes with Chairman Wendy Andrews

training organisations where they will get accreditation for what they have already done.

In 2008, Kevin 07 supported the establishment of trade courses in high schools with significant grants and some schools in Peter's area were successful in getting support. Our own Unley High has established a trade training centre in Plumbing. Onya Kevvy!

The Dept. of Ed. isn't great on longitudinal studies of educational outcomes but the Doorways to Construction people have collected some data that demonstrates the programme has been successful in the construction industry.

There were several questions and Wendy thanked Peter for his address.

Spots

Ken Haines reported a successful BBQ at Bunnings, banking around \$900. He also promoted the Quiz Night comp against arch rivals Brownhill Creek on 22nd Sept that he is organising with Valerie. They will need some help and those willing to be of assistance should let him know.

Heather Kilsby advised that Pam Trimmer has arrived back from Tassie and if anyone needs something paid for they could give Heather the paperwork.

Valerie Bonython castigated the Newsletter editor for incorrectly implying that everyone had to make a speech on November 10th when only those invited to will have to. Also, the Christmas party at the Kent Town Hotel has a maximum of 40 places and those who wish to pay on line can only do so to the club's bank account. In a performance of monumental proportions she also advised a movie night mooted by the International Committee for 31st of January was yet to be discussed, approved and confirmed by the Board.

Alex Jonson advised that the State Government will replace all of the lights in the Thrift shop with LED fittings that will save us money. It is a very welcome development that would have been even more welcome had it occurred before we recently replaced all the existing fittings.

Jerry Casburn reminded those on the Membership Committee that there was meeting. He also asked for feedback on the membership flyer he claims to have sent out but that no-one's got. He wants to know if we would open it if we got it (which we didn't) and if we'd do something about it if we opened it, both of which we might do if we got it!

Closing Time

Geoff Hill won the infernal squares after the President made every effort to avoid this outcome by forgetting about the Sergeant's session. Moments of happiness included David Middleton's recollections of his Mum's 90th birthday party in Sydney, Jerry and Briony disappearing overseas for a month of fun, Valerie's grandchildren displaying sporting excellence, and Trevor McGuirk's weekend at the Proms.

The meeting closed late, and it's hard to be a gift to the world when you're grumpy about that!

Rotary News

Polio: The Rotarian Conversation with Aseefa Bhutto Zardari

By Diana Schoberg - The Rotarian - 20 August 2015

Before her family was forced into exile, before her mother was assassinated, before her father became president, Aseefa Bhutto Zardari was known for something simpler, but in some ways equally powerful: In 1994, she became the first child in Pakistan to receive the oral polio vaccine, as part of the country's first National Immunization Day. Benazir Bhutto, then prime minister, gave the drops to her daughter herself, a compelling endorsement of the nascent campaign.

"I was a baby at the time, so I don't remember it," says Bhutto Zardari, now 22. "But the moment was an inspirational one for the nation, and encouraged women to believe that polio drops were and are safe."

In 1988, at age 35, Benazir Bhutto became the first woman elected to lead a Muslim country. She was assassinated in 2007, just months after she had returned to Pakistan after almost nine years in exile. But Aseefa Bhutto Zardari – whose father, Asif Ali Zardari, served as president of Pakistan from 2008 to 2013 – is carrying on her mother's work. As a Rotary polio ambassador, she meets with officials, visits schools, and talks with families of health workers who were killed while working to vaccinate children.

Bhutto Zardari has raised the profile of the polio eradication campaign in Pakistan and around the world. She writes about the topic for the *Huffington Post* and joined Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko onstage at the 2012 Global Citizen Festival in New York City's Central Park. On Twitter, with more than half a million followers, she encourages people in Pakistan to support ending polio and chastises those who stand in the way. In April, she invited two other prominent women in Pakistani politics to join her in the polio eradication effort, a move that garnered media coverage across the country.

In 1994, the year Bhutto Zardari received those first drops of vaccine, Pakistan had an estimated 35,000 cases of polio. As of 10 June, 24 cases had been reported in the country in 2015. Bhutto Zardari, who is completing a master's degree in global health and development in London, talked to us about ending polio in Pakistan, her future in politics, and prospects for peace in her country.



Aseefa Bhutto Zardari

THE ROTARIAN: Recently in Pakistan, some parents who refused the polio vaccine for their children have been arrested. Are those arrests justified?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: There is a great ethical debate about whether the arrests are justified. Is it the right of the citizen to refuse care? Is it the right of the child to have the best health care? Personally, I don't believe arresting people is the best solution. Parents want the best for their children, and they are trying to ensure their safety. Educating the parents and persuading them to let their children have the polio drops is more powerful and, although time consuming, will be more successful in the long term.

THE ROTARIAN: You're active on Twitter. If you could use more than 140 characters on Twitter to send a message to parents who choose not to vaccinate, what would you say?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: In the media environment today, so much of our lives and what we seek to do is oversimplified, often stripped of meaning and context. Much of what I say on Twitter about this topic [of vaccination] is directed at people in positions of influence who are abusing their position by taking an anti-vaccination approach, rather than at individual parents. I know that the majority of parents, even those refusing vaccinations, have their children's best interests at heart.

To parents who have held off on vaccinating: Do not take rumors as truth or let people use health as a political or religious weapon. Your children's lives are at risk, and by giving them two small drops, you can ensure they will avoid the suffering that polio can cause. Speak to families who have experienced polio personally. Talk to the polio workers and learn from them

If we had to reduce it to a campaign slogan, I would say to those parents: Don't rob your children of a future they deserve. Give them a chance. Let them get the polio vaccine.

THE ROTARIAN: What is the future of the polio eradication campaign in Pakistan? How will you continue your involvement?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: There is a serious disconnect between the significant and targeted efforts put in by the provincial governments and the hands-off approach taken by the federal government. To ensure the best chance of success, we need collaboration with the federal and provincial governments in order to have a united front. Along with this, we need to focus on training more lady health workers [a program launched by Benazir Bhutto that has trained more than 100,000 women to provide community health services] and polio workers. These health care workers will be able to use their expertise to support other areas of our health service in the future, and we need to plan for this. I am committed to a poliofree Pakistan, but I'm also committed to a healthier Pakistan overall. For now my focus is on polio, but I hope to carry on my training to get involved in other areas of health care.

This campaign needs more resources, especially in the environment of fragile security that so many of our heroic vaccinators face. The PPP [Pakistan People's Party, founded by Bhutto Zardari's grandfather, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto] recently proposed that donors fund a security health corps to protect vaccinators as they attempt to reach children in dangerous areas. This is crucial to protect the lives of our vaccinators and to ensure the success of the program. I often hear of vaccinators returning from high-security-risk areas, such as Quetta, who were unable to reach children because of the danger. The conventional methods of taking the program forward may not be enough if we do not simultaneously address the security concerns.

THE ROTARIAN: Will you go into politics?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: I have always been in politics. Since I was a child, I have been surrounded by it. With a mother who was prime minister twice and a father who served as president, it is impossible to avoid politics. I am keen to make my own mark and ensure that I have the skills to best serve Pakistan in the future. That is why I have dedicated so much effort to my education, specifically focusing on health care and humanitarian concerns.

THE ROTARIAN: What was it like to grow up in exile?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: I spent a good portion of my life in Dubai. It was difficult to see the struggles my mother faced being away from our home. At the same time, it was inspiring to see how she was able to maintain a presence in Pakistan while in exile. My father was in jail, and she was petitioning leaders worldwide to help bring democracy back to Pakistan. Despite all of that, she always made the effort to help my siblings and me with our homework, and attend our school functions and plays. We were always hoping to return home, but she made sure we never felt lost.

THE ROTARIAN: Your grandfather was executed under a military dictatorship, your father was jailed, your mother was killed. What drives you to risk your own security by staying involved? Why not walk away?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: Walking away is not an option. My mother, father, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brother, and sister have all committed themselves to serving Pakistan. They have all believed that they could have a positive impact. While to many, they are simply political figures, they are my family. I trust them, and they have shaped who I am. I will carry on the cause that they have believed in, and that many of them have died for, to honor them and to serve my country.

THE ROTARIAN: What prevents you from focusing on the tragedy you have experienced?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: While there has been great tragedy in my life, I am also aware that I have been given great opportunities. I have been able to study, I have been able to travel, and I have been able to create friendships with people from all over the world. I have also been blessed with an incredible brother and sister and a wonderful father. The support I get from my family is a great comfort.

THE ROTARIAN: One of your mother's legacies was inspiring women and girls, including Malala Yousafzai, who calls your mother her role model. What will it take to develop more female leaders in Pakistan?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: Just as I have been blessed to have such an inspiring mother, I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know Malala. She is exactly right in identifying how we will empower women to take the lead in Pakistan in the future: education. We must ensure that women and girls have access to quality education so they are able to obtain leadership positions. At the same time, we must make sure that men and boys are being educated about equality.

THE ROTARIAN: Will your country and the region ever see peace?

BHUTTO ZARDARI: I have great faith that one day Pakistan will have peace. I pray for the day when people can look beyond the bombs and the bullets and see my beautiful country, where the people have so much talent and bravery. It is a region in deep transition. One can only hope that the challenges of rapid population growth in South Asia will motivate leaders to strive harder for peace, and that we will be able to work with our neighboring countries to form a more stable and safe environment for our families.

Our Upcoming Meetings

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Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
8 Sep	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	RI Zone 8 Director Guiller Tumangan	None	R Elms	None	S Evans
			Unley is hosting him in main dining room. District officials will be attending. It is a jacket and tie affair costing \$42 pp; 11 members have indicated attendance. If you are not on the list tell Stephen soon.				
15 Sep	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Caroline Warman (SA Govt.): Food Labelling	G Hill	L England	J Reed	W Andrews V Bonython
22 Sep	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz Night with Brownhill Creek	V Bonython & K Haines	S Evans	J Reed	B Casburn J Casburn
29 Sep	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Roger Sexton: 'My Professional Journey'	V Bonython	K Haines	J Reed	V Bonython B Casburn
6 Oct	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Jenny Ayres: 'RAWCS/Orphanage in Nepal'	M Martin	G Hill	J Reed	J Casburn R Elms

Cat up 0

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

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

August - September 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	5 Sep 15	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Sheila Evans (Sub for Bob Laws) & David Pisoni (Sub for Stephen Westgarth)
2	12 Sep 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19 Sep 15	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Nathan White & TBA
4	26 Sep 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: Lindsay England (T) 8445 8552; (M) 0408 857 775; e-mail: lengland@senet.com.au

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

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015	Sep	Sat	5	Riedel Emerging Winemakers Trophy	Public Schools Club
		Sun	27	Bay to Birdwood Classic - Start	Barrett Reserve, Adelaide Shores
	Oct	Tue	20-21	Big Red Ute [End Polio Now]	Unley Shopping Centre
		Tue	6	Rotary Health Hat Day	Club Event
		Fri-Sat	30-31	Membership Promotion	Unley Shopping Centre
	Nov	Tue	24	Unley Rotary Christmas Party	Kent Town Hotel
	Dec	Sun	13	Carols at the Rotunda	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens
2016	Feb	Sun	21	District Leaders Training	Flinders University
	Apr	Sun	10	PENTS Seminar	TBA
	May	Sun	15	District Assembly	TBA
		Tue	17	SA Police Officer of the Year	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens & Kooyonga Golf Club

The Back Page

Mick & Paddy in the Army

Two good old boys, Mick and Paddy, have been promoted from Privates to Lance Corporals.

Not long afterward, they're out for a walk and Mick says, "Hey, Paddy, there's the NCO Club; let's you and me step in."

"But we're only Privates," protests Paddy.

"We're Lance Corporals now," says Mick, pointing to his stripe and pulling him inside. "Now, Paddy, I'm gonna sit down and have me a drink."

"But we're Privates," says Paddy.

"You blind, boy?" asks Mick, pointing again at his stripe. "We're Lance Corporals now!"

So they have their drink, and pretty soon one of the Army lasses comes up to Mick.

"You're cute," she says, "and I'd like to date you, but I've got a bad case of gonorrhoea."

Mick pulls his friend to the side and whispers, "Paddy, go look in the dictionary and see what gonorrhoea means. If it's okay, give me the okay sign."

So Paddy goes to look it up, comes back, and gives Mick the big thumbs up.

Three weeks later Mick is laid up in the infirmary with a terrible case of gonorrhoea. Mick says to Paddy, "Why the hell did you give me the thumbs up?"

"Well Mick, in the dictionary, it says gonorrhoea affects only the privates and we're Lance Corporals now."

Church Possums

There were five houses of religion in a country town; the Uniting Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church, the Catholic Church and the Jewish Synagogue.

Each church and the synagogue was overrun with pesky possums.

One day, the Uniting Church called a meeting of the elders to decide what to do about the possums. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the possums were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

In the Baptist Church the possums had taken up habitation in the baptistery. The deacons met and decided to put a cover on the baptistery and drown the squirrels in it. The possums escaped somehow and there were twice as many there the next week

The Lutheran Church got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creation. So, they humanely trapped the possums and set them free a few kilometres outside of town. Three days later, the possums were back.

Of the churches, the Catholic Church came up with the best and most effective solution. They baptised the possums and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter.

Not much was heard about the Jewish Synagogue, but they took one possum and had a short service with him called circumcision and they haven't seen a possum on the property since.





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