

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3975 – 6 October 2015

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Our Last Meeting

| Venue | Damien on Fisher | |
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| Guest Speaker | Rtn Jenny Ayres (RC Coromandel Valley) and Denise Roscrow | |
| Chairman | Mavis Martin | |
| Apologies | Graham & Patsy Beckett, Lindsay England, Alex Jonson, David Middleton, David Payne, Stephen Westgarth | |
| Returning Rotarians | Briony & Jerry Casburn, Joan Reed, Sheila Evans | |
| Guests | None | |
| Visiting Rotarians | ng Rotarians Trevor McGuirk | |
| Anniversary | rsary Mavis Martin inducted 7 October 2003 | |
| Attendance | 18 members & 3 guests | |
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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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. The POLIO UTE RELAY with funds to END POLIO NOW started last Saturday from Broken Hill. Hyde Park will be hosting it at the Unley Shopping Centre on 20 October and Unley on 21 October. Jerry volunteered to organise the roster.
- 2. Unley City Council is holding public consultations on **Katherine Street Local Park** on the afternoon and evening of 12 October at the Fullarton Park Centre....we are looking at the potential for our club to be a partner in this development. As well as Joan and Alex, Mavis expressed interest in being involved.
- **3.** Jerry has organised a **membership recruitment event** at Unley Shopping Centre for 30-31 October.



President Stephen Baker

Guest Speaker - Jenny Ayres & Denise Roscrow: Friends of Nepal Project

Mavis Martin introduced Denise Roscrow to tell us about the project development. Denise was a friend of the late David Rusk who was instrumental in commencing the building of a school in Kathmandu, Nepal. David was a member of the Brownhill Creek Rotary Club. Denise was



accompanied by Jenny Ayres, a member of the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley, another club that supports this project. NB: Jenny took over from that point; a source of bewilderment to Mavis!

History. The Nepal Deprived Women & Children Upliftment Centre was registered in Nepal in 2001 for the benefit of deprived women, children and orphans. It was established by 'Mother Rajan' 15 years ago and functions as a non-political, non-governmental and social organization. Generous donations from German benefactors enabled the current orphanage building to be completed and operational in 2009.

Rotarian David Rusk, a member of the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek was in Nepal and met Mother Rajan in 2011. It was David's vision to establish a school for the orphans because of the segregation they suffered at the local school they attended. David was instrumental in setting up Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) Project # 25 'Dare to Dream' for this purpose. In 2013 David established a scholarship for a year 11 student Ishwar Ghimire to attend Pulteney Grammar School. Sadly, in 2014, David died from cancer. He requested PDG Malcolm Lindquist, a member of the same club continue with the project. Malcolm agreed.

In 2013 a small group of volunteers was established to fundraise for the project embracing sponsorships for children, building and repairs and an ongoing maintenance program. In 2013/14 over \$10,000:00 was raised. February 2015 the school building was officially opened and is known as DK International School. – the late David John Rusk Memorial Building. It houses both a bronze bust and memorial plaque of David. Two months later the school and orphanage were

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victims of the earthquake which devastated Kathmandu and surrounding areas. Ishwire Ghimire was in Kathmandu at the time and led the children to safety. Government officials later declared the buildings unsafe. Two of Ishwire's host mother's from Adelaide went to Kathmandu. They organized the building of a bamboo cottage to replace the tents that were housing the children, now known as the Pulteney & Friends Cottage Work is presently underway to repair the buildings and this will be substantial. Presently 2 lower floors of the school are being used for education purposes.

<u>A new chapter begins</u>. Local man 'Bhim Kumal' had been working as a volunteer Orphanage Accounts Manager for several years. In 2015 his role was developed to include that of Educational Sponsorship Manager. The position is paid and Bhim receives \$350:00 Au\$ per month. Malcolm Lindquist engineered the Memorandum of Understanding between Bhim and Friends of Nepal re the latter being responsible for payment of wages. There are currently 47 children attending the school and 45 living at the orphanage. They are recommended, or taken there by local police, Village Development Centres and government agencies. Bhin is developing/updating profiles of the residents. Between Bhim and Mother Rajan there is a wealth of information about the orphanage, children and school. More children are being identified and will be capped at 100. All will be supported via the fund.

A 'Wish List' has been identified by the new school principal, Bhim and one of the Friends of Nepal 'Ainslie'. This includes 100 chooks and a chicken house boy to watch them, a battery invertor (numerous power failures), education resources, eg white boards, stationary, pencils, pens, paints, and paint pots, plus paper for the latter, filing cabinets, shelving, monies for Bhim's long term wages Friends of Nepal will continue to visit the orphanage/school and assist in any way needed, eg teaching, health education, practical issues Volunteering can also be arranged for interested people.

Sponsorship Program. In February 2015 the Friends of Nepal began the search for educational sponsors for the children. To date they have secured 46 sponsors. Contact between each child and their sponsor are established by the orphanage. More sponsors are needed for the children currently being identified. Costs to each sponsor are \$300:00 per annum paid in two 6 monthly instalments. This equates to 82 cents a day. All monies are transferred to RAWCS and then the orphanage/school. Sponsorship monies are tax deductible.

Jenny showed a short video summarizing the project and introducing some of the children requiring sponsors.

Full details of the Friends of Nepal program are available at www.friendsofnepal.com.au.

Prior to the vote of thanks and handing over of a Rotary pen, Chairman Mavis Martin had to offer her humble apologies to Jenny for introducing the wrong guest speaker. Denise was actually Jenny's guest but is very involved with the project. Jenny came to SA from Ilkley, Yorkshire, UK several years ago. Ilkley is adjacent to our twin club, the Rotary Club of Aireborough. She is completing a Ph.D in Water Engineering and is a member of the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley.

Spots

Bob Laws solicited ladies hats for the Thrift Shop.

Jerry Casburn urged members to attend **Illuminate 2**, scheduled for 3.00pm (registrations from 2.30pm) next Saturday October 10 at Science Innovation Learning Centre, Flinders University. Cost of \$20.00 includes finger food & beverages.

Briony Casburn received approval for another Christmas Hamper with proceeds to the RAWCS Nepal Orphanage Project.

Sheila Evans attended the RYLA graduation dinner and was pleased with our three attendees who will address the club at a later date. Next week there will be a meeting of the Vocational & Youth Committee at 5.30pm at Damien.

Valerie Bonython gave further detail of our Christmas Dinner on 24 November......numbers need to be determined by 10 November

Hat Day

There was a marvellous array of hats. Guest Speaker Jenny chose Joan's reversible hat as the best....tis just as well that the Prez ruled himself out of contention. President Stephen garnered generous donations to support Australian Rotary Health.

Sergeant's Session

Bob Mills somehow allowed Greg McLeod to win the atrocious squares, again. The fining by Bob was expert and his story funny. Perhaps the happiness highlight was Mavis presenting Jerry with six jars of Yorkshire pickles......one can only question why Mavis would lug this questionable commodity back from the UK......and why they did not stop her in Australian customs. Jerry and Briony thoroughly enjoyed their trip away and President Stephen is very happy with his move to Malvern.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm.

Rotary News

Rotary and ShelterBox support Syrian refugees

Rotary News - 5 Oct 2015

In Syria, where a civil war has been raging since 2011, more than 6,000 people flee the country every day. As of September, more than 4.1 million people have become refugees, and 7.6 million more have been internally displaced.

"The plight of Syria's refugees is a litmus test for the world's compassion," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko. "Rotary members worldwide are profoundly disheartened by the refugee crisis now unfolding in Syria and other parts of the world," which the United Nations has described as the worst in decades.

"Rotary is following the situation closely," Hewko says. "We know our members have an inherent desire to act, to relieve the suffering and



A refugee family from Syria seeks shelter in cramped conditions on the Greek island of Lesbos.

uncertainty that displaced individuals and families are facing. We call on you to respond as Rotarians have for more than 100 years: to use your professional skills and acumen, leverage your connections to other leaders, and mobilize your local communities to provide the necessary resources and funding to address the humanitarian crisis."

Rotary members can donate to the disaster relief efforts of our project partner ShelterBox. The organization has supported the Syrian relief effort for close to four years and is working with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to distribute relief materials. ShelterBox is also working with communities in Greece and parts of Turkey to provide transitional housing and supplies to displaced people passing through these regions in an effort to reach other countries in Europe.

Rachel Harvey, a member of a ShelterBox response team that recently returned from Greece, says Syrian refugees are making dangerous crossings to the shores of Greece.

As many as 2,000 people arrive daily on Lesbos' northern beaches, says Harvey, referring to a Greek island in the Aegean Sea off the Turkish coast. The trip from Turkey to Greece usually takes about an hour and a half. "The flimsy rubber dinghies are invariably overcrowded, and the majority of passengers can't swim," she says.

Harvey adds: "The experience is terrifying. Another trauma added to the layers that many of the displaced have accumulated through war in Syria or South Sudan, insecurity in Afghanistan or Pakistan. One man told me: 'It was a nightmare. I don't know how we got through that trip,' " she says.

Says Hewko: "We appreciate our clubs and members for their support, helping the millions of displaced people find shelter and rebuild their lives and communities. Every refugee is in our hearts and minds."

The End Polio Now Ute starts the journey in Broken Hill

The Rotary Club of Broken Hill and the Rotary Club of Broken Hill South host the first official part of the relay.

Please be reminded that individual Clubs will be credited with the sales they make for the RI Foundation through their allocated raffle tickets.

End Polio Now Ute spotted in the Market Place of Mildura

Last Wednesday the End Polio Now Ute was located in a prominent position in Mildura, displaying Rotary in action, and being a hot spot for selling raffle tickets.



<<< Rotary Club of Mildura members PP Kevin Knight and Ainslie Drew on duty at the Market Place in Mildura.

The Ute will be in Unley soon!



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Our Upcoming Meetings

| Date | Venue | Time | Speaker/Occasion | Chairman | Welcome | Sergeant | Attendance |
|--------|---------------------|--------------|--|------------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| 13 Oct | Damien on Fisher | 6 for 6.30pm | Marcus Ferrari: 'Cranes at the Oval' | V Bonython | A Jonson | B Mills | B Casburn J Casburn |
| 20 Oct | NA | 6 for 6.30pm | NO MEETING THIS WEEK Scatter meeting – visit other Clubs | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 27 Oct | Damien on Fisher | 6 for 6.30pm | Dr Reg Nixon: 'Post-Traumatic Stress' | S Baker | B Laws | B Mills | S Evans K Haines |
| 3 Nov | Damien on Fisher | 6 for 6.30pm | Club Assembly | S Baker | M Martin | J Reed | K Haines G Hill |

Sat-up 8

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

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

October - November 2015

| Week | Dates | Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm | Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm |
|------|-----------|---|---|
| 2 | 10 Oct 15 | Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker | Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin |
| 3 | 17 Oct 15 | Joan Reed & TBA | Nathan White & TBA |
| 4 | 24 Oct 15 | David Pisoni (sub for Bob Laws) & Pam Trimmer | Bob Laws (sub for Sheila Evans) & Ken Haines |
| 5 | 31 Oct 15 | Bob Mullins & Reno Elms | Stephen Westgarth & Sheila Evans (sub for David Pisoni) |
| 1 | 7 Nov 15 | David Middleton & Jerry Casburn | Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth |

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or as a very last resort contact:

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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 26 October Morning shift: 8.30am - 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 - 5pm

Diary Dates

| Year | Month | Day | Date | Activity Details | Venue |
|------|-------|---------|-------|-------------------------------|---|
| 2015 | 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

Grandpas Beware!

An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grandpa, what is couple sex?"

The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer. Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities of intercourse.

When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement.

Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her, "Why did you ask this question, Honey?" The little girl replied, "Grandma says that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs.

Tommy Cooper Reigns

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador."
"Really" says Mick "have you seen how many of their owners go blind"

I saw a poor old lady fall over on the icy footpath today!

At least I presume she was poor - she only had \$1.20 in her purse.

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

Woke up last night to find the ghost of Gloria Gaynor standing at the foot of my bed. At first I was afraid then I was petrified.

The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst. So I've been to the thrift shop to get all her clothes back.

A mate of mine admitted to being addicted to brake fluid.

When I quizzed him on it he reckoned he could stop any time.

My daughter asked for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70. "Blow this," I thought, "I can get one cheaper off the web."

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not happy.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I just met a fat, alcoholic, transvestite. He wants to eat, drink, and be Mary.

