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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3978 – 3 November 2015

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Damien on Fisher	
Guest Speaker	RYLA Graduates Dale Scicluna, Elizabeth Forrest and Sabrina Alameen	
Chairmen	Stephen Baker	
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Sheila Evans (hospital), Geoff Hill, David Payne, Marlene Small, Nathan White	
Returning Rotarians	rning Rotarians Heather Kilsby (from the wilds of Tasmania)	
Visiting Rotarians	Trevor McGuirk, John Rundle (Brownhill Creek)	
Anniversaries	None reported	
Attendance 17 members & 5 guests		

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Venue: Damien on Fisher

123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5061

President Stephen's Announcements

1. Many thanks for those who helped with moving the furniture for DIK last Thursday and for participating in the membership drive at Unley Shopping Centre on Friday and Saturday. It has been a busy two weeks for our club.



- Can everyone who intends to attend our fabulous Christmas dinner at the Kent Town Hotel please ensure that they have paid Treasurer Pam Trimmer the \$55pp by next Tuesday.
- 3. The Board met last Thursday night and it was resolved to circulate the various reports in our bulletin to enable time for our RYLA guests tonight. Because membership is our top priority I will ask Jerry to summarise the various initiatives being taken and throw this open to discussion.
- 4. Was anyone smart or lucky enough to benefit from the win of Prince of Penzance in the Cup?



President Stephen Baker



Guest Speakers - RYLA Gradates: Dale Scicluna, Elizabeth Forrest & Sabrina Alameen

Stephen Westgarth introduced our three RYLA Graduates in the stead of hospitalised Vocational and Youth Committee Chair, Shelia Evans. He commented that we had sent this year's RYLA Course three outstanding candidates and they were each afforded the opportunity to comment on the experience. All were somewhat effusive about the impact of the experience, and despite Briony Casburn's later advice that this was a common RYLA experience, your humble scribe found the presentations this year to be more on the topic of it being a life changing experience than I previously recall.

Dale, who has an ambition towards investigative journalism, was initially sceptical, untrusting and passively uncooperative, even to the extent of undermining the phone collection he clearly knew was coming by bringing along a decoy. The close contact with others and the secure, accepting and non-threatening environment wore him down quickly, potentially changing his view of the world and mankind in particular. So he handed over the real phone and dived right in. The experience focussed his ambitions and he felt that he learned that the best way to learn about somebody is to be deeply interested, and that if you give a little of yourself you can learn a lot in return. Good lessons for investigating.

Elizabeth shared that she has been lacking direction having survived childhood and adolescence suffering from ADHD and the learning disability dyslexic dysgraphia. She has always been inquisitive however and was seduced by the 2012 US presidential election into a love of things political (ex-politicians in the audience not necessarily included). Elizabeth learned that her ADHD could actually inform her leadership style and enhance it, utilising her natural inquisitiveness to

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look at issues from a different direction. She can use her disorders to discover what she can be. Her current ambition is to study and teach in the UK.

Sabrina is less complicated than the previous two. She is a quietly spoken medical student who has always been studious, a bit of a loner, and not too good at sport. She knew before she went that RYLA would push her out of her comfort zone, forcing her to relate to others, to build her communication skills and speak publically with confidence. These objectives were all achieved although she remains nervous about public speaking.

The presentations confirmed Stephen Westgarth's assessment of the candidates. There were many questions from the appreciative audience and frank answers from our graduates.



Dale Scicluna, Sabrina Alameen and Elizabeth Forrest with Chairman Stephen Westgarth

Spots

Briony Casburn had last week asked Rotarians who had not already contributed to the hamper to stump up \$10 towards the completion of the exercise. She now askes that they do not do so but at the Thrift Shop use the money to buy tickets in the raffle in the name of the Salvation Army.

Trevor McGuirk discussed the juvenile frolicking in his neighbourhood for Halloween and suggested this may provide an opportunity for the club to organise a street party as a pagan lead up to the Christmas Carols. He didn't say the last bit.

Alex Jonson reminded us of the container stuffing at DIK on November 28th that was somehow not reported in the last newsletter. He asked members to make themselves available.

Valerie Bonython reminded members that next week is a club fun night with people already nominated sharing amusing stories. There will be a prize and partners are welcome to attend.

David Middleton sought a replacement scribe for the next two Tuesdays and Mavis obliged.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Joan Reed drew Valerie's deserved marble for the atrocious squares......and told an enjoyable story. Perhaps the happiest moment was when Trevor McGuirk declared he had walked up to Mt Lofty from Waterfall Gully in 80 minutes with his 11 year old grandson, and still had the stamina to walk back in 55 minutes.

The meeting closed late, but not by much, and your humble scribe undertook to declare it an on time closing to encourage greater time keeping compliance in future.

Reminder of Annual General Meeting

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Rotary Club of Unley Inc. will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 8 December 2015 at Damien on Fisher, 123 fisher Street, Fullarton. The business of the meeting will include the election of the following officers to fill vacancies on the Board for the 2016-2017 year:

- President (2017-2018)
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

- Director (International)
- Director (Community)
- Director (Vocational and Youth)
- Director (Membership)

Nominations signed by the proposer and the nominee are to be forwarded to the Club Secretary at PO Box 18 Unley SA 5061 not later than 1st December 2015.

Nomination forms are downloadable by members from the <u>Members Area of the Club's website</u> or can be obtained on application to the Club Secretary or the Club President.

Committee Reports

Membership - Jerry Casburn

Goal (2015-16): Growth in membership to 34 members.

Young Professionals: We are still waiting to get to a meeting of the group. Have followed up with Ben a few times to see when they are meeting and what they need.

Membership Promotion: Of the options previously reported progress is as follows:

- 1. **Probus:** Joan Reed and I attended the meeting on November 2nd to encourage members to consider joining both organisations or to promote Rotary to friends and family. We will also try to get access to the Probus mailing list.
- 2. Eastern Courier Promotion (Now Information Evening): After discussion at the meeting it was agreed we would pursue a revised schedule. Heather advised of a West Lakes initiative which incorporated an information evening on downsizing in later life and a low key Rotary recruiting program. Also, Norwood has advertised in the Courier an information evening to be held on the 21st October. We agreed that we would try a two stage program with a similar information evening to the West Lakes idea to be held in early 2016 and follow this up with a leaflet drop in the Courier later in the year.
 - Geoff Hill's daughter, Janie Gough, runs a program called Act3, see http://act3planning.com. The analogy is that Acts 1 and 2 form the early part of life and career, Act 3 encompasses the later period. We would design an information evening planning for that period which might cover this, financial planning and downsizing homes, etc. Approach Act3 and Middletons to form the nucleus and possibly involve Damien's.
- **3. Brochure:** The brochure design is finalised and the finished folded and printed version will be available on Thursday 29th in time for the membership drive at the shopping centre. A copy of the flier will be sent as a pdf with this report.
- **4. Unley Road Traders Association:** We have been accepted for membership of the Trader's Association, which meets on the last Tuesday of each month. I attended the meeting on Tuesday 27th October and will continue to join them on the last Tuesday of each month. The following are areas where we may benefit:
 - i. <u>Newsletter:</u> The association publish a quarterly newsletter which may go to a monthly publication soon. A decision still has to be made. However, we have an opportunity to put something in there to go to all traders and promote Rotary and membership.
 - ii. <u>Networking:</u> On November 22nd they have a networking function at a restaurant called Vista 77. We will get an invitation for two and it will be a good chance to mingle and perhaps invite a few traders to our meetings.
 - iii. <u>Unley Delights:</u> The association will be putting streamers and bows along the road over Christmas and there is a possibility of some lighting with projections onto buildings. More to follow.
 - iv. <u>Unley Life:</u> There is a publication called Unley Life which is run independently and goes across the suburb. We should explore advertising in it. May be better than the Courier.
 - v. <u>Website:</u> The Association's website is being upgraded and we will have an opportunity to have a page for the Thrift Shop.
 - vi. AGM: They have an AGM on 25 November at 6pm.
 - vii. <u>Unley Rotary Carols:</u> They are keen to work with us and want to be able to promote the strip. They may sponsor the carol sheets with our maybe allowing them to add a flier to go with the sheet on the night.
- **5. Draft Presentation:** Jerry has a draft presentation which is available to anyone who wants to present the benefits of Rotary membership, particularly Unley Rotary.
- **6. Thrift Shop Front and Signage:** President Stephen has asked if the Membership Committee would undertake to have the front of the shop repainted and for suitable signage to be put in to promote the shop and Rotary generally. This is to be confirmed once Stephen has had a chance to obtain the Thrift Shop committee's blessing.
- 7. **RDU Magazine Distribution to local waiting rooms:** We are now receiving 40 additional copies of the monthly RDU magazine. Geoff Hill is nominating suitable waiting rooms in the Unley area for two copies to be left as reading material for those waiting. Each will have a label attached with club contact details on in the form.
- **8. Unley Shopping Centre Displays:** Our first display and membership drive too place on Friday and Saturday 30th and 31st of October. Some 250 fliers of the new design were handed out. A number of people expressed interest but the proof will be i9n the follow up. We did get some email addresses to allow us to follow up. As an adjunct we also made \$206 for ShelterBox and received a signed form from one person to donate \$20 per month.
- 9. Elevator Speech: Still to be developed. Use the brochure text in the meantime.
- 10. Posters: Still to be designed but will be based on the ones used at Seaford with different pictures.

Potential Rotarians: A number of names of potential Rotarians are being followed up by members of the Committee.

Community Service - Wendy Andrews

Unley Park Sports Club: Although this was agreed to in the last Rotary year we received and paid the invoice in September for 2 carpet mats to protect their new floor which has not been upgraded for 30 years. "We are so appreciative of the Rotary Club of Unley contribution to this project. On behalf of the Unley Club Sports Club, please pass on our thanks for your members and thank you for your generosity."

Young Carers Project: The entries are now in for the photography competition, which was well supported by young carers. I asked the new project worker to go over the budget as I thought \$5000 was excessive. She was able to source the prizes and was able to take \$1400 off the budget. Although there was a lot of publicity in the 5 areas selected there was not a lot money coming forward. Port Pirie donated \$500, Port August paid for the food and venue, and Loxton is showing interest. I have been asked to judge the entries early next month.

Drug and Alcohol Services: Permission had to be obtained from The Sydney Office and, now that the wording has been OK'd, John is getting new quotes for the fridge magnets.

Scouts: We have supplied a new bench \$680 + GST \$748) for the Glen Osmond Scouts which is part of a set of two benches and a table. They are hoping to get a council grant for the remaining costs. I attended the opening of their newly updated club rooms and was very impressed with the work they have done. The benches and table also serve another purpose as this is where the community bus picks up passengers, so now they have somewhere comfortable to sit while waiting. I had a plaque made and delivered it on Tuesday. I have permission from council for the scouts to help erect a shelter box at Carols with the help of Tim Karl.

Catherine House: Sioux Christiansen got in touch to see if we could help with some upgrading of Catherine House. This is accommodation for homeless women without children and 67% of their funding is by state government, but there is always a shortfall. They help women get back into society, with education and job finding. Sioux is hoping to have a meeting with interested clubs. This meeting will be early next month and the committee is happy for me to attend and come back with proposals.

Bramwell House: Kay is willing to continue with free haircut to clients of Bramwell House. Naomi tells me that, although it is sometimes hard to convince girls to go, there is always good feedback when they return.

English Lessons: Pam Trimmer and Reno Elms are very enthusiastic about the English lessons provided at Unley Salvation Army, although the numbers attending fluctuate between one and six. Pam is happy for the Committee to try publicising the lessons via Messenger Press, Unley Primary School, St Augustine's Korean community and Food Bank.

International Service - Graham Beckett

No report on this occasion as Graham is overseas. However President Stephen noted the collection of tables and chairs from the defunct Salvos Home at Linden Park, which are destined for East Timor via Donations In Kind.

Vocational & Youth Service - Sheila Evans

- 1. SA Police Officer of the Year (POOTY): Remaining POOTY organisation tasks have been allocated to Committee members.
- 2. Employment Seminar: An Employment Seminar will be conducted at the Unley Civic Centre and funded by earnings of the CSI Trust. Arrangements are in hand for booking the room proposed by Unley Council which can hold at least 15 people, which would be the maximum desirable number of attendees for this kind of seminar.
- **3.** Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): Our three graduates from the recent RYLA seminar (Dale Scicluna, Elizabeth Forrest & Sabrina Alameen) spoke about their RYLA experiences to the club on Tuesday 3 November.
- 4. National Youth Science Forum (NYSF): The club has paid for one student to attend the upcoming NYSF.

Club Service - Mavis Martin

- 1. Areas such as program, Sergeant, Bulletin, etc. etc. are fine. Many thankyous to all concerned. Your work is very much appreciated.
- 2. At the October board meeting I expressed concern re the following:
 - 2.1 The storage at the area rear of the Thrift Shop currently poses an OH&S hazard due to haphazard storage of club property and the entrance area being shared with BBQ items. Joan Reed advised that the Thrift Shop Committee is dealing with this.
 - 2.2 Inventory of club property: Greg McLeod will do this following the completion of the tidy/clean-up of the Thrift Shop storage area.
 - 2.3 Lack of 'Rotary' ambience at Damien on Fisher: I am pursuing an IT presentation for background display at our meetings.

Fundraising - Ken Haines

The Bunnings BBQ and Detmold catering fundraisers are both well worth having, manpower issues from time to time notwithstanding. Ken will be following up with Jerry regarding the provision to Bunnings of a letter outlining the history of projects financed from our Bunnings takings.

Thrift Shop - Lindsay England

The frontal area of the shop is to be painted to improve the shop's general appearance to the street and the light box is to be reinstated.

Treasurer - Pam Trimmer

Current financial statements were presented to the last Board meeting and reflected a marked increase in the profitability of the Thrift Shop. Also, steps being taken to secure an EFTPOS machine for the Thrift Shop but certain ATO paperwork required to be completed in order to confirm tax deductible status of the club's Trust Fund for the bank.

Rotary News

Celebrities and health officials come together to hail progress toward polio's end

By Bryan Hyland - Rotary News -- 23 Oct 2015

After a historic year during which transmission of the wild poliovirus vanished from Nigeria and the continent of Africa, the crippling disease is closer than ever to being eradicated worldwide, said top health experts at Rotary's third annual World Polio Day event on 23 October in New York City.

More than 150 people attended the special <u>Livestream program</u> co-sponsored by UNICEF, and thousands more around the world watched online. Jeffrey Kluger, Time magazine's editor at large, moderated the event.

Anthony Lake, executive director of UNICEF, lauded the <u>Global Polio Eradication Initiative</u>'s efforts. After nearly 30 years, the GPEI, which includes Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is on the cusp of ending polio. It would be only the second human disease ever to be eradicated.

Lake urged the partners not to lose their momentum: "At a time when the world is torn by conflicts, when the bonds among people seem weaker and more frayed than ever before, ending polio will be not only one of humanity's greatest achievements, but a singular and striking example of what can be achieved when diverse partners are driven by a common goal -- when we act as one," he said.

The event highlighted recent milestones in polio eradication: In July, Nigeria marked one year without a case, and in August, the entire African continent celebrated one year without an outbreak. That leaves just two countries where the virus is regularly spreading: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In a question-and-answer session with Kluger, Dr. John Vertefeuille, polio incident manager for the CDC, discussed the reasons for Nigeria's success, including strong political commitment at all levels and the support and engagement of religious and community leaders.

"The foundation to Nigeria's success has been the incredible dedication of tens of thousands of health workers who have worked, often in difficult circumstances, to ensure that all children are reached with the polio vaccine." said Vertefeuille.

Innovative changes, including strategies for reaching children who were often missed in the past, better mechanisms for ensuring the accountability of health workers, and the engagement of doctors, journalists, and polio survivors, also aided Nigeria in reaching its goal.

Polio eradication is progressing in Afghanistan and Pakistan. In Afghanistan, cases dropped from 28 in 2014 to 13 so far this year. In Pakistan, transmission of the disease dropped dramatically, from 306 cases to 38.



Jeffrey Kluger, Time magazine editor at large (left), talks with Dr. John Vertefeuille, polio incident manager for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as part of Rotary's World Polio Day event on 23 October in New York City.

Kluger and Vertefeuille agreed that eradicating polio is a wise financial investment. Vertefeuille said financial savings of \$50 billion are projected over the next 20 years.

Failure to eradicate polio, he noted, could result in a global resurgence of the disease, with 200,000 new cases every single year within 10 years.

Celebrities add their voices

Archie Panjabi, Emmy Award-winning actress and Rotary celebrity ambassador for polio eradication, praised Rotary's success in banishing polio from India in 2012. "I've immunized children, feeling pure joy when I placed just two drops of vaccine into a child's mouth, which are like two drops of life," she said.

The audience also heard from musician, activist, and Grammy award-winner Angélique Kidjo, who performed a song from her latest album, "Eve."

Dr. Jennifer Berman, cohost of the Emmy Award-winning television show "The Doctors" called Rotary's role in eradicating polio "one of those transformative initiatives that uses the insights of science to improve the human condition."

The program also featured video messages from Bill Gates; Mia Farrow, actress and polio survivor; Heidi Klum, model and celebrity businessperson; and two new Rotary polio ambassadors, WWE star John Cena and actress Kristen Bell.

"How do we stop polio forever? How do we ensure that no child has to suffer this disease ever again? It's easy to help. Spread the word, donate, or simply take this opportunity to learn more," said Bell.

Rotary boosts funding

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko announced an additional \$40.4 million Rotary will direct to the fight against polio. More than \$26 million will go to African countries to prevent the disease from returning. Rotary has also earmarked \$5.3

million for India, \$6.7 million for Pakistan, and \$400,000 for Iraq. Nearly \$1 million will support immunization activities and surveillance. Since 1979, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion to polio eradication.

"Our program this evening will show how far we have come -- and what we still have to do -- to slam the door on polio for good," said Hewko. "Once we do, not only will we end the suffering of children from this entirely preventable disease -- we will also create a blueprint for the next major global health initiative and leave in place resources to protect the world's health in the future."

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Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
10 Nov	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Humour & History-onics (Club Fun Night)	V Bonython & K Haines	P Beckett	J Reed	G Hill A Jonson
17 Nov	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Hon. David Wotton AM: 'Mt Lofty Botanical Gardens'	G Beckett	R Mills	J Reed	A Jonson H Kilsby
24 Nov	Kent Town Hotel	TBA	Christmas Party	S Baker	R Mullins	J Reed	H Kilsby R Laws
1 Dec	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Sheree Sullivan: 'Udder Delights'	H Kilsby	D Payne	J Reed	R Laws M Martin

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
1	7 Nov 15	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	14 Nov 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	21 Nov 15	Joan Reed & Jerry Casburn	Reno Elms (sub for Nathan White) & Pam Trimmer
4	28 Nov 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
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1	5 Dec 15	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	12 Dec 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19 Dec 15	Joan Reed & Jerry Casburn	Reno Elms (sub for Nathan White) & Pam Trimmer
Janu	ary - Febr	uary 2016	
2	9 Jan 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16 Jan 16	Joan Reed & Briony Casburn	Nathan White & Briony Casburn
4	23 Jan 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	30 Jan 16	Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Stephen Westgarth & Reno Elms
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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 30 November Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015	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

Barely Good

Two little old ladies, Connie and Evelyn, were sitting on a park bench outside the local town hall where a flower show was in progress.

The short one, Connie, leaned over and said, 'Life is so boring. We never have any fun anymore. For \$10.00 I'd take my clothes off and streak through that stupid, boring flower show!"

'You're on!' said Evelyn, holding up a \$10.00 note.

So Connie slowly fumbled her way out of her clothes. She grabbed a dried flower from a nearby display and held it between her teeth. Then, completely naked, streaked (as fast as an old lady can) through the front door of the flower show.

Waiting outside, her friend soon heard a huge commotion inside the hall, followed by loud applause and shrill whistling. Finally, the smiling Connie came through the exit door surrounded by a cheering, clapping crowd.

'What happened?' asked Evelyn.

'I won \$1,000 as 1st prize for 'Best Dried Arrangement...!'







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