

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3982 – 1 December 2015

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## Our Last Meeting

Venue	Damien on Fisher	
Guest Speaker	Gillian Lewis	
Chairman	Heather Kilsby	
Apologies	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Briony Casburn, Sheila Evans, Mavis Martin, Bob Mills, David Payne, John Russell, Pam Trimmer	
Returning Rotarians	Trevor McGuirk	
Visiting Rotarians	None	
Guests	Glenyss Steedman, Suresh Kumar	
Anniversaries	None we know of	
Attendance	18 members + 3 guests	

## **Rotary Club of Unley Inc.**

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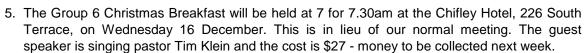
Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Damien on Fisher

123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5061

## President Stephen's Announcements

- 1. Thanks are given for the chocolate "Rotary pens" presented by Patsy at our Christmas dinner, for the team who helped load the 40ft container for East Timor at Donations-in-Kind last Saturday, and for the gourmet sausage cooking group at Bunnings yesterday......well done all!
- 2. Next week is our AGM. We collectively and individually have two major responsibilities:
  - Ensure all the positions are filled by filing your nomination
  - BRING MALE OR FEMALE TOILETRY GIFTS FOR THE SALVOS NEXT TUESDAY!
- 3. In relation to the Pinery bush fires:
  - The proceeds of \$1,021.15 from yesterday's Bunnings BBQ are to be donated to the CFS
  - The club will also support the District 9520 initiative, for which we are awaiting advice
  - Stephen Westgarth has a special proposal (see Spots and page 3).
- 4. David Middleton needs help to deliver the Carols posters to local businesses and Reno could also benefit from additional support around the Salvos Christmas trees in the Unley and Mitcham shopping centres.





President Stephen Baker





David Middleton and President Stephen Baker



Alex Jonson and Graham Beckett



Valerie Bonython, Patsy Beckett and Joan Reed



and some others

President Stephen and the Unley team (and some others) hard at work at Donations In Kind. It was one hell of an experience. The DIK warehouse is located south of Alice Springs, the working conditions are equal to the best you could find anywhere in that location, and the quality of the planning and organization is unbelievable!

# Guest Speaker - Gillian Lewis: The White Ribbon Breakfast

Heather introduced Gillian who has held several senior advisory roles with government, currently working as a change consultant. As well as working on boards such as Playgroup SA, she is heavily involved in BPW (Business and Professional Women) and the White Ribbon Campaign.

It was formed by a group of pro-feminist men in London, Ontario in November 1991 as a response to the École Polytechnique massacre of female students by Marc Lépine in 1989. The campaign is intended to raise awareness about the prevalence of male violence against women, with the ribbon symbolizing "the idea of men giving up their arms." Active in over 60 countries, the movement seeks to promote healthy relationships, gender equity, and a compassionate vision of masculinity. (This paragraph courtesy of Wikipedia)

In 2007 the White Ribbon Foundation was launched in Australia and while it was a little slow to get started in South Australia it has now developed considerable momentum. The annual breakfast to promote opposition to violence against women started out in the Festival Theatre restaurant and has since relocated to the Convention Centre due to the growth in numbers. The last breakfast was attended by over 1,200 people.

Family violence in much in the news recently and is the subject of much positive conversation in the community. Naturally, there is support for the campaign across the political spectrum – it is difficult to imagine that it could be otherwise.

Violence against women in particular and within families in general is mainly perpetrated by men and stems from the way men are generally socialized. This does not mean that



Chairman Heather Kilsby with guest speaker Gillian Lewis

all men are violent but some of the beliefs about what it means to be a man can lead to violent outcomes. Gillian is a passionate advocate for the cause, and believes that when it comes to domestic violence it is important not to be silent.

### **Spots**

**Stephen Westgarth** spoke of various ways Rotarians can help the victims of the recent fires in the mid north. In particular he promoted support for the buy a bale charity that allows individuals to assist in a number of ways. Details on how to donate are provided on page 3, below.

**Trevor McGuirk** advised the club of the impending Rotary Exchange Group visiting from Southern India and the proposed return visit during 2016. He also promoted the Carols event at Elder Hall this Saturday at 7 pm where he will be performing as a member of the choir.

**Ken Haines** advised the Bunnings BBQ had been a success despite a windy start. As well as the proceeds from the sausages, the promotion that the proceeds would be given to the CFS attracted donations of \$90. Total proceeds were \$1,326 of around \$1,000 was profit.

**David Middleton** spoke with animation and enthusiasm about the Carols at the Rotunda due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December. Some Rotarians will be needed to help erect the stage on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. All were asked to make themselves available between 4pm and 9pm on the Sunday to assist with the organisation and running of the event. Lollies will be packed at the next meeting and further details about what is required will be discussed.

Lindsay England advised of a Thrift Shop committee meeting after the club meeting.

# Sergeant's Session and closing shenanigans

Stephen Westgarth won the abominable squares for the third consecutive occasion, which must be some sort of club record......probability of that happening is pretty slim (0.0037% - less slim that pretty slim I would have thought) unless someone has doctored the marbles......but SW changed his number so all is above board. Sergeant Joan excelled by not telling a joke and fining mercilessly.....\$31 in fines helps to pay the bills.

Moments of happiness included guest speaker Gillian being inducted into the South Australian Women's Hall of Fame; Joan's boarders purchasing premium wine for her which just shows that either Joan is a good teacher or they are quick learners; Stephen B's grandson participating in the opening ceremony and tea time entertainment at cricket's first ever day-night test match in Adelaide; and Lindsay's 6yo grandson jumping over 2 metres (about 1 metre longer than Lindsay's personal best as an adult).

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

# **Rotary News**

### Cyclists raise nearly \$3 million in Miles to End Polio ride

By Maureen Vaught - Rotary News -- 23 Nov 2015

The fight to eradicate polio got a major financial boost from the annual Miles to End Polio bike ride that took place 21 November in Arizona, USA. Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of eight RI staff members helped raise \$2.9 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match the funds 2-to-1, bringing the total contribution to PolioPlus to nearly \$9 million.

This is the fourth year in a row that Hewko has biked in the 104-mile (167 km) El Tour de Tucson ride, one of the country's top cycling events. More than 100 Rotary members from Arizona and around the world hit the pavement with the Evanston team.

The RI staff riders have been training together since September. "In the beginning, riding 104 miles seemed impossible," says Jean Stanula, Rotary's Global Events supervisor. "But we came together early Saturday mornings and rode 20, 40, 60, and 80 miles. After a while, it felt like we could do anything."

Contributions of District Designated Funds (DDFs) were a big part in this year's fundraising effort, with more than \$1.4 million collected. Districts can



Riders set off on the 2015 El tour de Tucson in Arizona. USA

continue to donate DDFs to support the fundraiser through 30 November. President-elect John Germ will visit the district that donates the most DDFs, and the top five contributing districts will be recognized onstage at the 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul.

Rotary members have taken part in the ride since 2009, when the End Polio Now campaign was designated an official beneficiary of the race, allowing Rotary cyclists to gather pledges for the campaign. In the first year, 27 cyclists raised \$35,000. The number has grown exponentially ever since.

### Buy a Bale: Help for farmers impacted by the Pinery bushfire

Following the recent devastating Pinery bush fire to the north of Adelaide, many farmers are in dire need of help to cover immediate costs such as replacement fencing to contain their surviving stock, purchase of feed and provision of water and veterinary care, and for replacement of on-farm water reticulation, electricity supply and communications infrastructure.

While Blaze Aid will do their very best to help replace burnt out fencing, in the short term the best thing for keeping surviving stock at home on the farm is fodder and water. And then there's the cost of re-establishing herds and flocks that have been destroyed in the fires.

A way that we can help farmers impacted by the recent Pinery bush fire is to support the **Buy a Bale** charity to provide prompt and tangible support to farmers affected by the fires.

This is something that individual RC Unley members can do; i.e. buy one or more small or large bales each out of their own pockets in addition to whatever the club decides to do out of its accumulated funds.

Donations can be for specific purposes and cover the cost of delivery to farms of farmers in need:

Bale of Hay \$20.00 Litre of Diesel (min 6) \$1.70 Farmers Card \$20.00 Donation (min) \$10.00

#### How to donate to Buy a Bale

Details on how to donate to Buy a Bale can be found on their website at <a href="https://www.buyabale.com.au/donate">https://www.buyabale.com.au/donate</a>.

Note that there is a minimum donation of \$10. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

# **Our Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
8 Dec	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting + Preparation for Carols at Rotunda	S Baker	J Russell	J Reed	M Martin D Middleton
13 Dec	ec Unley Soldiers 4.00pm Memorial Gardens		Carols at the Rotunda	D Middleton	Everyone	NA	NA
16 Dec	TBA	7 for 7.15am	<b>Group 6 Christmas Breakfast</b>	TBA	M Small	TBA	S Westgarth
12 Jan	Rymill Park BBQ Area	6.00pm	Welcome to 2016 Casual Get Together; BYO everything	S Baker	NA	H Kilsby	NA

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

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# Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

#### December 2015 - February 2016

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
Decer	nber		
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	Nathan White & Pam Trimmer
Janua	ry 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
Febru	ary		
1	6 Feb 16	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	13 Jan 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	20 Jan 16	Joan Reed & Briony Casburn	Nathan White & Briony Casburn
4	27 Jan 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Stephen Westgarth & Reno Elms

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

### **Diary Dates**

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	
2015	Dec	Sun	13	Carols at the Rotunda	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens	
2016	Jan	Tue	12	Welcome to 2016 Casual Get Together; BYOE	Rymill Park BBQ Area	
	Feb	Wed	17	Schools Youth Program Presentation	Royal Coach Hotel (Breakfast Meeting)	
		Sun	21	District Leaders Training	Flinders University	
	Apr	Sun	10	PENTS Seminar	TBA	
	May	lay Sun 15 District Assembly		District Assembly	TBA	
		Tue	17	SA Police Officer of the Year	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens & Kooyonga Golf Club	

# The Back Page

### A Cow and Thistle Story

The only cow in a small town in Ireland stopped giving milk. Then the town folk found they could buy a cow in Scotland quite cheaply. So, they brought the cow over from Scotland.

It was absolutely wonderful, it produced lots of milk every day and everyone was happy.

They bought a bull to mate with the cow to get more cows, so they'd never have to worry about their milk supply again.

They put the bull in the pasture with the cow but whenever the bull tried to mount the cow, the cow would move away. No matter what approach the bull tried, the cow would move away from the bull, and he was never able to do the deed.

The people were very upset and decided to go to the Vet, who was very wise, tell him what was happening and ask his advice.

"Whenever the bull tries to mount our cow, she moves away. If he approaches from the back, she moves forward. When he approaches her from the front, she backs off. If he attempts it from the one side, she walks away to the other side."

The Vet rubbed his chin thoughtfully and pondered this before asking, "Did you by chance, buy this cow in Scotland?"

The people were dumbfounded, since no one had ever mentioned that they had brought the cow over from Scotland. "You are truly a wise Vet," they said. "How did you know we got the cow from Scotland?"

The Vet replied with a distant look in his eye: "My wife is from Scotland."

## Having a Bad Day?







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