



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Damien on Fisher
Occasion	Annual General Meeting
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Apologies	Jerry & Briony Casburn, Lindsay England, Bob Laws, David Payne, John Russell, Colin Schirmer
Returning Rotarians	Graham & Patsy Beckett, Sheila Evans, Bob Mills, Janet Singh
Visiting Rotarians	None (fortunately)
Guests	None (fortunately)
Anniversaries	David Middleton (Birthday: 4/12)
Attendance	21 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:	Damien on Fisher 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5061

President Stephen's Announcements

1. We need more support for the Group 6 Christmas breakfast to be held at 7 for 7.30am at the Chifley Hotel, 226 South Terrace, on Wednesday 16 December - \$27pp.
2. David Payne, John Russell and Colin Schirmer are each on the improve.
3. Christmas Carols next Sunday will be a beauty if the weather forecast is any indication.
4. Detmold Christmas luncheon BBQ is to be held on Friday 18th; Alex, Valerie and Graham offered to help Ken and Stephen.
5. Do not forget the Bunnings BBQ on December 28.
6. Volunteers are needed to fill the Christmas lolly stockings for the Carols on Sundaythere was an overwhelming response when Joan offered her house for the lolly bag stuffing at 7pm Thursday night.



President Stephen Baker

Annual General Meeting

Heather Kilsby, in her final presentation on treasury matters, took the floor with the polished form of a seasoned campaigner to deliver the audited accounts for the 2014/15 financial year. They demonstrated a club in robust financial health. Revenue for the year was up by \$20,000 largely due to the Bunnings BBQ and a welcome increase in the Thrift Shop profit, and this allowed the club to spend more on worthy causes.

While being intensively grilled, Heather revealed that member funds are hovering at just under \$15,000, which is more than would usually be held in this account. This provides an excellent fighting fund for our membership drive and Board is focused on directing this money wisely towards this endeavor.

In total the club has \$156,000 on deposit, but \$15,000 is the property of the membership and \$60,000 is trust funds that must either be used for specific purposes or where only the income can be spent.

Stephen Westgarth proposed a motion of thanks to Heather for her five years of outstanding service as the club's Treasurer and noted that she was leaving the role with the financial affairs of the club in shipper shape than they had been for some time. In fact young people completing university degrees hadn't been born when the shape of our finances had been shippier. There was no time for a seconder of Stephen's motion, perhaps the whole club was the seconder, as the motion was carried with spontaneous acclamation.

Heather surrendered the floor, no doubt relieved that her stint at the ledger is over, to be immediately replaced by her successor Pam Trimmer. The club was relieved when Pam advised us she wouldn't need to speak for as long as Heather. She re-affirmed the robustness of the club's financial health which had been enhanced by the Thrift Shop running ahead of last year's to date profit to the tune of \$6,000 and continuing earnings from the Bunnings BBQs.



The intense scrutiny of the club's affairs was continued with a probing question from Stephen Westgarth about progress in dealing with compliance issues for the charitable trust in the wake of legislative changes. Pam is yet to be fully appraised of these issues and Immediate Past Treasurer Heather reported from the back bench, to which she has temporarily retreated, that there was a subcommittee dealing with the issues and that they are in hand.

The meeting then turned to matters electoral. Greg McLeod took the opportunity to advise that the Board had met five times in the first half of the year and that the governance of the club is outstanding in its adequateness. Minutes of Board meetings are available for those who would like to scrutinize them. He then ran us through a detailed description of the electoral process and the cut and thrust that led to a single nomination being garnered for each of eight of the nine positions that need to be filled. He then vacated the floor allowing President Stephen to proceed with the formalities.

In the absence of other nominations Stephen declared eight of the roles to have been filled by those who had been nominated being elected unopposed. The Board of the Rotary Club of Unley in 2016/17 is all but set:

- President – Ken Haines
- Immediate Past President – Stephen Baker
- Vice President – Mavis Martin
- President Elect – Yet to be filled
- Secretary – Greg McLeod
- Treasurer – Pam Trimmer
- Membership – Jerry Casburn
- Community Service – Wendy Andrews
- Vocational Service – Heather Kilsby (returning to the Front Bench)
- International Service – Graham Beckett

Stephen congratulated the successful candidates and expressed satisfaction at the quality of the new Board. He called upon others in the club to consider the role of President Elect and how it could be filled reflecting on the quality of the talent available in our midst.

He also thanked Sheila Evans for her previous service on the Board in the role of Vocational Service Chairman.

The only remaining business of the AGM was a spirited debate on the role of the current monarch in the formal functioning of our meetings. Acknowledgement of our fealty to her has been lacking this year and President Stephen was questioned on the process by which this result was achieved. There was a yet to be substantiated assertion that Rotary International demands recognition of the Head of State at every Rotary meeting held in the world and that our club is in contravention of this requirement. (Apparently along with many others – although this line of argument never worked when your editor was on the tortuous path towards adulthood.)

President Stephen advised that the matter had been raised with the Club at Changeover and assumed agreement in our acquiescence. It was clear, however, that the concern about the issue of acknowledging or not acknowledging the monarchy is still rampant and may not be quelled until the issue is resolved at a national level or when community attitudes change – most likely when the current popular monarch succumbs to be succeeded by her less popular spawn.

Spots

David Middleton reported on preparations for the carols. As advised earlier, the packing of lollies planned for the evening was thwarted by the lack of plastic stockings and it will now happen on Thursday evening at Joan's house. There were sufficient volunteers. Volunteers were also sufficient for the erection of the stage on Saturday afternoon at 2 pm. The assistance of Nathan White was seriously desired in his absence. On Sunday assistance is required at 4.00 pm at the Salvation Army to transport chairs to the venue. Other members are asked to be in attendance from 4.30 pm to do whatever is required. After the event the chairs must be transported back to the Salvation Army and the stage broken down.

Stephen Westgarth advised that the membership directory on the website has been updated.

Patsy Beckett expressed her hope that the club had enjoyed the programme in the first six months and encouraged attendance at the first meeting on the New Year at Rymill Park. The prospects of a good attendance were enhanced when she advised that the assumed requirement that members should come in bathers was incorrect. The parking situation is problematic.

Thrift Shop: Lindsay England reported by email that:

- more volunteers are urgently needed for both mid-week and Saturday shifts, so please ask your contacts;
- a three person team will be assigned the exclusive task of pricing clothing, no clothing that has not been officially priced is to be put out for sale;
- the Thrift Shop Committee realises that it needs to take a more supervisory role in decision making for the Shop;
- Rotarians need to be more involved in handling goods received and will be trained accordingly;
- CDs and DVDs have been repriced; and
- there will be a working bee to clean the front of the Shop on Saturday 2nd January 2016.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Joan was in outstanding form. Firstly she managed to choose a marble with a number 26 for the abominable squares that no-one had nominated.....thus Stephen W's unprecedented run of 3 successes was mercifully terminated. Secondly she nailed all the serious and serial offenders for another lucrative return. Perhaps the best application was the penalty for the Beckett's flying back to Adelaide by private jet.

The meeting closed at "8.00pm"....almost. Close but no cigar!

Rotary News

AIDS training brings life to Liberian communities

By David Sweet - Rotary News – 1 Dec 2015

Rich Casey: "The impact of an HIV/AIDS vocational training project in Liberia can be assessed by the ultimate measure: life itself."

"There are children of HIV mothers living today who would not have seen their first birthdays [without the training]," says Elizabeth Mulbah, a member of the Rotary Club of Sinkor, Montserrado County, Monrovia, who delivered a lecture for health care providers about HIV/AIDS during the vocational training team's five-day workshop in 2012.

The goal of the team -- comprised of individuals from the Los Altos Rotary AIDS Project in California, USA; the Rotary Club of Sinkor; St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Monrovia; Global Strategies for HIV Prevention, and the Center for HIV Information at the University of California, San Francisco -- was to increase maternal HIV/AIDS services and to improve the quality of care in Liberian clinics.

Nearly 60 health care workers in Montserrado and neighboring Bomi counties learned techniques to prevent mother-child transmission of HIV and to improve their ability to diagnose and treat infected women. They also were taught how to pass along the information to other health care workers.

Now, a Rotary Foundation global grant is facilitating an expansion of the project to other parts of Liberia.

Mulbah says that technology played a crucial role in the outcome of the 2012 training. PowerPoint presentations and a computer lab were used to communicate messages effectively, and participants were given flash drives with the latest information about HIV/AIDS.

"They took this learning back to their clinics and conducted much more effective workshops for pregnant women," she adds.

Rich Casey, president of the Los Altos Rotary AIDS Project, brought computers to Liberia for the training. Even though the group was sleeping in an area protected by guards, robbers broke in one night and stole every computer but one. The workshop went on nonetheless, and proved a success.

Both before and after training, participants were tested on their medical knowledge, and the post-training test scores jumped nearly 20 percent.

And more women are receiving antenatal care, Mulbah says. Husbands now accompany their wives to maternal clinics, and follow-up visits to clinics by people who have AIDS have increased.

The importance of projects like this one will be highlighted once again with the observance of World AIDS Day, on 1 December. According to the United Nations about 2,000 Liberians died of AIDS in 2014 and roughly 33,000 people out of the country's population of 4.3 million have been infected by the HIV virus; the majority live in urban areas like Monrovia, the country's capital.

Following the success of the 2012 project, Casey helped procure a \$192,500 Rotary Foundation global grant to expand the training to other areas of Liberia. But last year's Ebola outbreak put the project on hold, and only now is it starting to be implemented.

During the earlier project, Casey had been particularly pleased by the way that the various groups and their members - including Dr. Arthur Ammann, founder of Global Strategies for HIV Prevention and one of the world's leading pediatric immunologists - came together to plan the workshop a year in advance to achieve the best results.

"It was a good example of Rotary working well with other organizations," he says.

On the final day of that inaugural workshop, Mulbah handed out certificates of completion to the participants.

"I felt excited and grateful," she says. "I was very thankful, believing that our mothers and sisters infected by HIV would now receive improved care, and that there was increased hope and opportunity for life without HIV/AIDS for their unborn children."



Health care workers in Liberia attend a workshop conducted by Rotary members on new techniques for treating pregnant women with HIV/AIDS.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
13 Dec	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens	4.00pm	Carols at the Rotunda	D Middleton	Everyone	NA	NA
16 Dec	Chifley Hotel	7 for 7.15am	Group 6 Christmas Breakfast	TBA	M Small	TBA	NA
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
December			
2	12 Dec 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19 Dec 15	Joan Reed & TBA	Nathan White & Pam Trimmer
January 2016			
2	9 Jan 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16 Jan 16	Joan Reed & TBA	Nathan White & TBA
4	23 Jan 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	30 Jan 16	Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Stephen Westgarth & Reno Elms
February			
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 & TBA	Nathan White & TBA
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:

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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 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	Sat	2	Thrift Shop Façade Cleaning Working Bee	Thrift Shop
		Tue	12	Welcome to 2016 <i>Casual Get Together; BYOE</i>	Rymill Park BBQ Area
	Feb	Wed	17	Schools Youth Program Presentation	Royal Coach Hotel (Breakfast Meeting)
		Sun	21	District 9520 Leaders Training	Flinders University
	Apr	Sun	10	PENTS Seminar	TBA
			28 Apr–1 May	District 9520 Conference	Renmark
	May	Sun	15	District Assembly	TBA
		Tue	17	SA Police Officer of the Year	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens & Kooyonga Golf Club

The Back Page

Excellent Eyesight

A few days ago I was having some work done at my local garage. A brunette came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten.

We all looked at each other and another customer asked, "What is a seven-hundred-ten?"

She replied, "You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine, I have lost it and need a new one." She did not know exactly what it was, but this piece had always been there.

The mechanic gave her a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like.

She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to a car just like hers which had its hood up and asked, "Is there a 710 on this car?"

She pointed and said, "Of course, it's right there." The mechanic collapsed on the floor laughing. If you're not sure what a 710 is, it's **OIL**.

Twins

The other day my neighbour, who is redhead, came running up to me in the driveway just jumping for joy!

I didn't know why she was jumping for joy. I thought, what the heck, and I starting jumping up and down along with her.

She said, "Sally, I have some really great news!"

I said, "Great. Tell me why you're so happy."

She stopped jumping and, breathing heavily from all the jumping up and down, told me that she was pregnant!

I knew that she had been trying for a while so I told her, "That's great! I couldn't be happier for you!"

Then she said, "There's more."

I asked, "What do you mean 'more'?"

She said, "Well, we are not having just one baby. We are going to have twins

Amazed at how she could know so soon after getting pregnant, I asked her how she knew. She said...

"That was the easy part. I went to ALDI and they actually had a home pregnancy kit in a twin-pack. Both tests came out positive!"



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