



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Sage Hotel
Occasion	Group 6 Combined Christmas Breakfast
Guest Speaker	Pastor Tim Klein
Apologies	John Russell, David Payne, Colin Schirmer plus plenty of others
Returning Rotarians	None
Visiting Rotarians	DGE Sam Camporeale, DGN Bob Cooper
Guests	David Pisoni MP
Anniversaries	None we know of
Attendance	11 members & 3 guests

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Venue: Damien on Fisher
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Group 6 combined Breakfast Meeting

President of RC Hyde Park Mike McAuliffe opened the meeting at 7.20am and welcomed attendees and special guests. President Stephen opened and closed our club's meeting.

AG Bob Cooper:

- Provided clubs with bundles of the small Rotary brochures
- Asked for volunteers to host a ROMAC child from East Timor who is having cranio-facial surgery in February
- Reminded of upcoming events including the Membership Seminar on March 15, Schools Presentation on April 6 and District Conference on April 28.



President Stephen Baker

Guest Speaker – Rev Tim Klein: Christmas Message

Margaret Blake introduced Pastor Tim Klein. Tim has been a Lutheran pastor for 25 years, 11 years of which were spent in the Riverland. Other postings included Clare (where he met head of nursing Mavis Martin), Christchurch NZ and now Warradale.



Pastor Tim Klein

His chat and songs reflected on the faith and resilience which abounds in rural communities and thankfulness. During his time in the Riverland the local communities suffered a 6 year drought when on one occasion temperatures soared to 47.7C, water restrictions which hampered crop production, and cancellation of fruit orders by canners....and then the rain came. He was amazed and heartened by how the local communities banded together, and how farmers displayed faith and resilience by continuing to farm the land when there was almost no hope of an economic recovery.

Tim is well known as the singing pastor and sang a number of ballads that he had written/adapted including: 'We are Australian', 'In the Riverland', 'The River came down' and 'Anzac Day'. He finished with 'Jesus Loves Me' and 'Joy to the World'. His parting message was all about being thankful for the many benefits and positives in our lives.....a heart-warming performance.

Joan was the only member to score a hit in the raffle and promptly gave her golf prize to the President.....outstanding effort.

The meeting closed at 8.40am.



Carols at the Rotunda

Once again the Rotary Club of Unley, in conjunction with the City of Unley staged an outstanding Carols at the Rotunda event attended by a huge crowd of mostly young families from the Unley area.

Once again the children were treated to the singing and dancing of the Ticklish Allsorts.

Once again the Unley Concert Band provided superb music and accompaniment.

Once again Mayor Lachlan Clyne opened the event.

Once again the Australian Girls Choir sang beautifully and led the carols singing.

Once again the Unley Salvation Army staged a charming nativity play featuring a mayoral Holy Family.

Once again the beautiful sound of the bells of St Augustine's pealed across the gardens (amplified this time so we could all hear them).

Once again a very jolly and chubby Santa Claus paid a visit, encouraged the children to tidy their rooms (apparently he reserves the best toys for children with especially tidy rooms) and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Once again Santa's little helpers (who get younger every year) handed out bags of lollies to the children.

Once again the crowd was fed and watered by Unley Rotary's barbeque and cold drinks (excellent, and the chicken burgers were to die for), Briony Casburn's happy face biscuits (always a hit) and the coffee cart, plus this year supported by Seaford Rotary's popcorn (very popular) and Flinders Rotaract's spider drinks (quite novel).

Once again a team of our more muscly Rotarians assembled and dismantled the stage and transported chairs.

For the first time our compere was Stuart Fong who brought an extra element of youth to the Carols along with his sublime baritone singing voice; and

For the first time we had a complete ShelterBox on display thanks to Seaford Rotary and the Glen Osmond Scout Troop.

Once again, congratulations to the Community Service Committee and to David Middleton, who orchestrated the Carols event but unfortunately missed out on seeing Santa; however, David has promised to tidy his room.

Here are just a few photos from the Carols:



Family groups crowded round the Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens rotunda and stage



Our compere Stuart Fong promised Santa that he'd tidy his room this year.



The fabulous Australian Girls Choir



Briony Casburn spruiking Happy Face biscuits in aid of orphans in Nepal



The Happy Face biscuits before they disappeared



Rotarians Marlene Small and Patsy Beckett were in the thick of it.



Rotarians Ken Haines and Graham Beckett cooked up a storm.



Past Presidents Sheila Evans, Bob Mills and Bob Mullins were helping everywhere.



Past Presidents Stephen Westgarth, Greg McLeod and David Middleton took a break to beam their approval.

Rotary News

Bringing social change and mobility through wheelchair project

By Daniela Garcia - Rotary News -- 15 Dec 2015

The common perception of the physically disabled throughout Mexico was that they are incapable of being productive members of society. Unable to work or provide for their families, they face discrimination, must be taken care of, and are kept at home.

But an organization called Autonomy, Liberation Through Movement (ALEM) is working to change all that. Founded in 2007, ALEM provides vocational training, encouraging and empowering people with motor disabilities to find meaningful employment. In addition, the group is providing a service that was sorely needed throughout central Mexico: wheelchair repair.

With the help of the Rotary Club of Cuernavaca-Juárez and the Rotary Club of Paoli-Malvern-Berwyn, Pennsylvania, USA, ALEM has been able to provide low-cost repairs for wheelchair users in their community. A Rotary Foundation grant is funding a mobile repair clinic that travels to neighboring central Mexican cities including Puebla and Veracruz. Local Rotary clubs arrange accommodations, meals, publicity, and a central location where the ALEM team can set up its mobile repair shop.

Erik Friend, co-founder and now president of ALEM, brought his experience as a mechanic to the organization, and presented ALEM as a potential project partner to various clubs in Mexico and the United States. Impressed with Rotary club involvement in projects that goes beyond funding, he became a Rotary member himself, joining the Cuernavaca-Juárez club.

"This project has benefits and contributions to society that are very interesting," Friend says. "Some are simple, as people who have lost their mobility regain it by having their wheelchair fixed, but other benefits are more subtle, like the impact on the local culture and on society. People with disabilities now see that it is possible to work. We know that we are changing perspectives."

ALEM has 10 people working out of its Cuernavaca-based workshop, all with physical disabilities and most of them wheelchair users. All workers are trained in various specialties, including painting, welding, and upholstery work.

Mayra Solano, director of ALEM, explains that the organization's name is meant to emphasize the possibility of growth and change for anyone with a motor disability. She adds that the constant challenge is figuring out how to fight pre-established notions about the capabilities of people who must rely on a wheelchair.

"ALEM works in two parts," says Solano. "One part is painting a picture in our country showing that even with a disability, in our case motor, there are still many options and we can integrate [these people] back into the world. The other part talks about the education needed, so they can become professionals and work. They have to learn new things -- to use their hands, to use their sight, to work in a team, to talk about ideas, and start working together."

Providing low-cost wheelchair repairs is another important element of ALEM's mission. Although replacement parts are relatively inexpensive, they still aren't affordable for most wheelchair users in the community. With Rotary's help, ALEM now charges only for labor, anywhere from about \$3 to \$18. With the ability now to bring the repair clinic to other communities, ALEM's impact is that much wider.

"We [and the Rotary clubs] joined our efforts and started working together, but it goes much further than that," Solano says. "It goes in the feeling and the spirit of Rotary, which is about working with the community, for the community. It's the partnership that makes change possible."



Workers with Autonomy, Liberation Through Movement (ALEM) arrive at their workshop in Cuernavaca.

Indian hospital project is eye opening

By Anne Ford – The Rotarian – 8 Dec 2015

When Camilla McGill planned her first visit to India about 10 years ago, she couldn't have known how quickly – nor how painfully – she'd learn one of the trip's most important lessons.

"I was alone in a hotel, and I had a nightmare," she says. "I jumped out of bed, caught my foot in the sheet, fell to the floor, and hit my head." In the morning, she found herself dizzy and disoriented, with a blossoming black eye, but she was determined to keep her first appointment: assisting with a National Immunization Day event with Rotarians at a nearby hospital.

"I didn't find the hospital I was looking for," she says, "but I came across a group of nuns who care for tuberculosis patients. They took me in, cleaned me up, and put me back together." She soon resumed her work, grateful that the strangers' kindness had sidetracked her.



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

"As Westerners, we're often taught to take initiative: 'Be the leader! Stick to the plan!'" McGill says. "Most of the Indians I've met don't work that way; they work with people. It's about relationships."

A decade after that first trip, the relationships McGill has built with Indian, Canadian, and U.S. Rotarians have helped hundreds of India's poorest citizens in a variety of projects.

Her journey began about 9,300 miles away from India, in the town of Pearland, Texas. When she and her husband moved there from Canada for his job, McGill returned to school to study inter-cultural communication – and joined the local Rotary club. "I went to the 2005 Rotary International Convention in Chicago my first year as a member," she recalls. "I saw the full international component of Rotary on display. I was amazed to learn that there were grants available to do all kinds of things."

Through Indian friends back in Canada, McGill had developed an interest in India, and she sensed an opportunity. She took to the Web, browsing posts from Rotary clubs working in the country. Volunteers were needed for many projects, including schools, a maternity hospital, and an eye hospital, with the Rotary Club of Anakapalle, a small town in east-central India. "I contacted them, and I went," she says.

The hotel mishap aside, that first journey was a success. A \$1,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Pearland furnished Anakapalle schools with desks and benches, and later, larger grants from The Rotary Foundation supported projects benefiting the town's maternity and eye hospitals.

"Cataracts are much more common in India than they are here," McGill explains. "The sunlight there causes some cases, and diet – particularly insufficient food – can play a role. When the eye hospital opened in 2000, the goal was to provide 40 free cataract surgeries per month and dispense eye medications to the poor." The grant last year provided cataract surgeries for 760 people, medical treatment for about 2,500 patients with other eye conditions, and medical seminars on best practices for improving eye health.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
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: Damien on Fisher, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton

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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			
3	19 Dec 15	Joan Reed & Nathan White	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
January 2016			
2	9 Jan 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16 Jan 16	Joan Reed & Nathan White	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
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 & Nathan White	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
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
2016	Jan	Sat	2	Thrift Shop Façade Cleaning Working Bee	Thrift Shop
		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 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

Politically Correct Santa

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politic'ly correct?
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.
And labour conditions at the North Pole
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.
Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.
And equal employment had made it quite clear
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,
Were replaced with four pigs, and you know that looked stupid!?
The runners had been removed from his sleigh;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops.
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur-trimmed red suit was called "unenlightened."
And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows:
Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose.
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in overdue compensation.
So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.
And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion
That making a choice could cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.
No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie: better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.
No baseball, no football...someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passé;
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.
So Santa just stood there, dishevelled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay.
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground.
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.
Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere...even you.
So here is that gift, its price beyond worth.

**"May you and your loved ones enjoy
Peace on Earth."**



**Be a gift
to the world**