

Our Last Meeting

Venue	Rymill Park
Occasion	Kick-off 2016 Meeting
Chairman	Stephen Baker
Apologies	Geoff Hill, Heather Kilsby, David Payne, John Russell, Pam Trimmer, Trevor McGuirk, Stephen Westgarth
Returning Rotarians	None
Visiting Rotarians	None
Guests	Beverly Baker, Linda England, the Reed clan of Catherine, John, Taylor and Kaley plus the Becket clan of Andrew and Emma
Anniversaries	None admitted to
Attendance	11 members and 8 guests

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District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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Venue: Damien on Fisher
123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5061

Kicking-off 2016 at Rymill Park

President Stephen opened the meeting, closed the meeting and thanked the organisers of the event Patsy Beckett and Valerie Bonython.

What more can be said.....a very pleasant evening enjoyed by all in un-air conditioned comfort. Those that needed to improve their barbequing skills (namely Jerry, David and Wendy) did so without poisoning themselves.

A couple of photos:



President Stephen Baker



The strategist hard at work





The noshers, also hard at work

Spots

None to report.

Sergeant's Session

No Sergeant's session.

First Combined Districts Rotary Alumni Reunion

6:30pm Wednesday, 17th February 2016

Joiners Arms Hotel, 9 Manton Street Hindmarsh

Cost: \$20pp for a BBQ meal with drinks available at the bar



All Clubs in Districts 9500 and 9520 are asked to make contact with former Rotary participants and invite them along.

We are looking to reunite ►

- Former Rotaractors
- RYLarians
- GSE Team Leaders & members
- Ambassadorial Scholars
- Peace Scholars
- Long and Short Term Exchange Students

and anyone else who has been touched in some way by our Rotary programs

Bookings (essential) at: <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/connect>

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Rotary News

Foundation honoree creates opportunities for the poor

By David Sweet - Rotary News -- 8 Jan 2016

For her work to mitigate extreme poverty around the world, Susan Davis has received many honors. But the 2015-16 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award has special significance.

"It feels like a circle of completion," says Davis, who was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1980-81, doing graduate studies in international relations at Oxford University in England. "Rotary invested in me when I was young, and now is celebrating the harvest."

A decade ago, Davis co-founded BRAC USA to advance the mission of BRAC -- Bangladesh Rehabilitation Assistance Committee -- the world's largest nongovernmental development organization, which was founded after Bangladesh's partition from Pakistan in the 1970s. The U.S. branch is dedicated to fighting poverty and to creating opportunities for the poor in Africa and elsewhere.

Fulfilling that mission hasn't been easy. Davis' work has been disrupted by floods, cyclones, earthquakes, and war. Even worse was the sudden and deadly Ebola epidemic in 2014 in West Africa. "I wasn't sure how to protect our staff and clients and accompany these vulnerable communities out of this tragic situation," says Davis, who served as BRAC USA's president and chief executive officer until her departure this month. She quickly contacted Ebola experts and connected them with BRAC USA's representatives in affected countries. "I lost sleep and cried with each death," she says.

Two of those deaths were particularly painful. Ophilia Dede, a BRAC credit officer in Liberia, and her husband succumbed to the virus, leaving behind a little girl. Davis helped set up a scholarship fund for her education. But she doesn't allow such painful experiences to deter her. "The urgency of the need and the tangible opportunities to make a difference keep me going," she says. "And I have been blessed by seeing two big ideas — microfinance and social entrepreneurship — take root globally."

From 1987 to 1991, Davis championed microfinance while working as a program officer with the Ford Foundation in Bangladesh. She developed a consortium that raised \$175 million, increasing the availability of microloans in Bangladeshi villages to 44 percent from 5 percent, she says. Though debates endure over how much credit microfinance should receive for the country's progress, conditions in Bangladesh have improved significantly: According to The Economist, life expectancy in the country rose from 59 to 69 during a 20-year span ending in 2010.

Davis also is co-author, with journalist David Bornstein, of the book "Social Entrepreneurship: What Everyone Needs to Know." And she is involved with Ashoka, a nonprofit organization that supports social entrepreneurship; as a director, she oversaw its expansion to the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia.

A resident of New York City, Davis is widely recognized for her work in the field of international development. She was appointed to the board of the United Nations Fund for International Partnership in 2012, is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has served on the boards of the Grameen Foundation, the Sirleaf Market Women's Fund, and the African Women's Development Fund USA.

Davis has come a long way from the small town in southwest Louisiana, USA, where she grew up. The Rotary scholarship provided her first opportunity to live abroad. She believes that her Oxford experience allowed her to be taken seriously, and credits it with helping her land a job with the Ford Foundation. Perhaps most importantly, says Davis, that Rotary-sponsored year gave her an entirely new perspective on power and privilege.

Davis will be honored at the Rotary International Convention in Korea in June.



Susan Davis shares a photo with school children in Pakistan.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
19 Jan	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Robert Charlton: "State Disaster Plan"	V Bonython	S Westgarth	H Kilsby	R Mills R Mullins
26 Jan	No Meeting due to Australia Day Public Holiday						
2 Feb	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	S Baker	N White	R Mills	R Mullins D Payne
9 Feb	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Greg Love: "ShelterBox – Worldwide Assistance"	G Beckett	W Andrews	R Mills	D Payne J Reed
16 Feb	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Terry Davies: "Rotary Health Australia"	G Beckett	G Beckett	R Mills	J Reed J Russell
WED 24 Feb	Reade Park	6 for 6.30pm	Bowls Challenge v RC Mitcham at Col Light Gardens Bowling Club	S Baker	P Beckett	NA	NA

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

January – February 2016

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
January			
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 25 January Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2016	Feb	Sat	6	<i>An EVENING Under the STARS</i>	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens
		Sun	21	District 9520 Leaders Training	Flinders University
	Mar	Tue	15	Group 6 Clubs Membership Seminar	Edinburgh Hotel, Mitcham
	Apr	Wed	6	Schools Youth Program Presentation	Royal Coach Hotel (Breakfast Meeting)
		Sun	10	PENTS Seminar	TBA
		Tue	26	Group 6 Clubs Dinner	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

Fitting treatment

Five blokes in an Audi Quattro arrived at the ferry checkpoint in Harwich.

Tracey, in her brand new uniform, stops them and tells them: "I can't let you on the ferry. It's illegal to have five people in a Quattro.

Quattro means four. One of you will have to get out and stay behind."

"Quattro's just the name of the car," the driver replies disbelievingly.

"Look at the papers: this car's designed to carry five persons."

"You can't pull that one on me. This is Tracey you're talking to here," she replies with a smile.

"Quattro means four. You've got five people in your car and you're therefore breaking the law. So I can't let you onto the ferry. It's more than my job's worth to let you all on."

The driver is now very cross and replies angrily, "I've had enough of you. Call your supervisor over. I want to speak to someone with more intelligence!"

"Sorry," responds Tracey, "but Sharon's busy dealing with the two blokes in the Fiat Uno".

Expensive Parking

A little old lady is walking down the street, dragging two large plastic garbage bags with her, one in each hand. There's a hole in one of the bags, and every once in a while a \$20 note falls out onto the pavement.

Noticing this, a policeman stops her.... "Ma'am, there are \$20 notes falling out of that bag."

"Darn!" says the little old lady ... "I'd better go back and see if I can still find some. Thanks for the warning!"

"Well, now, not so fast," says the cop. "How did you get all that money? Did you steal it?"

"Oh, no", says the little old lady. "You see, my back yard backs up to the parking lot of the football stadium.

Each time there's a game, a lot of fans come over and pee in the bushes, right into my flower beds!

So, I go and stand behind the bushes with my big hedge clipper, and each time someone sticks his little thingie through the bushes, I say, "\$20 now, or off it comes!"

Hey, that's not a bad idea!" laughs the cop. "OK, good luck! By the way, what's in the other bag?"

"Well," says the little old lady, "not all of them want to pay!"



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