

Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Damien on Fisher
Guest Speaker:	Diana Maneva & Graham Beckett
Chairman:	Marlene Small
Apologies:	Sheila Evans, Suresh Kumar, Mavis Martin, Pam Trimmer, Stephen Westgarth
Returning Rotarians:	
Visiting Rotarians:	
Guests:	Robyn Carnachan, Kathy Darling-Brookes, Andrew Howard, John Peacham, Lachlan Reid, Atiq Zaman
Attendance:	22 members and 6 guests

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Venue: Damien on Fisher
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President Stephen's Announcements

Presidential Announcements

1. The assembly of the Prosthetic Hands, which will be going to Cambodia in July to assist land mine victims, was a great success last week at Unley Shopping Centre thanks to Jerry and our team, ably coached by Linda Sweeney.
2. Sheila Evans and Pam Trimmer have been very sick. Both are slowly recovering and we wish them all the best.
3. Next Monday (Easter Monday) we have the Bunnings BBQ and it is expected to be a very busy day.

On Wednesday 6 April there will be a Group 6 breakfast meeting at the Adelaide Royal Coach Inn to display the Rotary youth programs to Principals and teachers of secondary schools in our area. Alison Carter of RC Mitcham is coordinating and would like early indications of those attending.

Photos of hand assembly - Jerry and passing Rotarian Grant from Hallett who stopped to help – a hazard for shoppers caused by the glare of reflected light.



President Stephen Baker



Nathan White makes use of one of the instructions from the assembly pack. Good advice! And useful for a lawyer to cover his mouth so no-one will know he is lying.

Cove 6 breakfast meeting at the Adelaide Royal Coach

Guest Speakers – Diana Maneva & Graham Beckett

Lamentably Rotarian Pam Trimmer was unwell and unable to deliver the advertised presentation on teaching English as a second language. Two other Rotarians stepped up to the plate however, and in the spirit of the planned presentation they were both born overseas in countries where English (as we know it) is not widely spoken.

Marlene Small was scheduled to be the Chairman of the meeting introducing Pam, but she demonstrated her flexibility by introducing both Diana and Graham, shrugging off the embarrassment of being overlooked by the President.

Diana Mineva who was only inducted into the club recently was born in Bulgaria and we learned a little more about her. For the benefit of other Rotarians we learned that the Bulgarian pronunciation of her name is actually 'Deearna' so we all got the opportunity to learn some Bulgarian. She is an only child, the daughter of an engineer who worked on passenger vessels and a teacher and an owner of hair salons. Diana fell into crime from age 6, stealing cherries from the local nursing home until being caught by the gardener and shown the error of her ways. He was mainly concerned that she wasn't picking them properly and also advised that the nursing home sold the cherries. Diana learned it's good to help rather than stealing and this could be a new motto for Rotary.

Being an only child Diana was indulged and given many opportunities by her parents, including the opportunity for extensive travel and a high quality education. She speaks languages. She didn't take these benefits for granted however and from an early age decided she wanted to help other people.

Prior to coming to Australia Diana had her own recruitment agency with a great contract with a large company to undertake their recruitment functions. She moved to Australia a couple of years ago with her husband and three children, mainly because their son (who is now 16) wanted to study here and they decided to come with him. Diana's husband now works for Telstra while she is studying Psychology at Adelaide University with the aim of becoming a really good psychologist.

Her parents remain in Bulgaria but may be able to move here as Diana is their only child. The process of achieving this result is expensive but is being actively pursued. The photo to the right is Diana (right) with Marlene Small.



Graham Becket was introduced to talk about his favorite subject water. We know Graham was born and largely raised in New Zealand where there is plenty of water both in it and around it, hence his fascination with it. Water is a fundamental building block of the universe as demonstrated by the picture of the Orion Nebula (to the left) where many new stars are apparently born through a process Graham described as Cosmic farts that are evidently water laden.

22nd March is United Nations Water Day demonstrating the importance of water in the world. The earth has plenty of it, in fact 71% of the world's surface is covered by it but most of it can't be used because it has salt in it, 97% of the water being in the sea.

Graham reeled off a number of statistics that he offered to provide me with, but I got the message that less than 1% of the world's water is potable and that with world population continuing to grow it's

the availability of usable water is becoming a major issue.

Already there are 1.5 billion people with insufficient access to drinking water and 2 billion lack adequate sanitation. Without water there can be no civilization as demonstrated by the fact that all major cities in the world are built next to water supplies. Water is not only consumed by people and other animals, it is extensively used in agriculture and in industry.

The only viable solution is that we must get better at using it, especially at recycling it. Australia is a slow adopter of adequate recycling and Graham suggested we take a leaf out of the book of Londoners who apparently drink each other's urine. The picture shows Graham (Left) with Marlene.



Spots

Ken Haines sought volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ on Easter Monday and appeared to be successful by the time I left, although more help is always welcome. If you are available please contact Ken.

Jeremy Casburn reported on a successful three days assembling prosthetic hands at the Unley Shopping Centre. Ten hands will be heading off to Cambodia and Vietnam to help disabled people. The club received 17 expressions of interest in finding out more about Rotary.

Jerry Part 2 advised of the \$1 million dinner on 12th May that aims to get 100 people to leave the Rotary Foundation \$10,000 each in their wills. For those interested in attending he has additional information.

Trevor McGuirk promoted a performance of the Metropolitan Male Choir (incorporating the fine voices of Trevor and Ken Haines). The performance, in collaboration with another choir and with supporting artists, will be at 2pm on Sunday 10th April in Elder Hall. Trevor and Ken both have tickets and they will be available at the door. The cost is \$25.

Lindsay England announced he will be taking leave from the club to recharge his batteries after an extended period at the helm of the Thrift Shop. President Stephen acknowledged the trial and tribulations involved in this challenging role and also praised Lindsay's achievements during his tenancy. Applause ensued.

Sergeant's Session

Wendy Andrews won the abominable squares for the second time in 8 years.....far too often. Sergeant Joan fined mercilessly but some questions remain unanswered:

Trevor and Ken claimed to have singing ability but could not raise a whistle when asked to perform.

Why did Joan, recovering from a broken toe, go down to MARINO ROCKS in thongs with her much loved grand-daughters, and slip and break her toe again?

Can David save his photos?

Why was the president fined mercilessly and why was there not great joy when he announced that the footy season was about to commence?

How come Trevor knows so much about the Incas.....or is it the Peruvian villagers?

Then a miracle occurred, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm. (Too soon perhaps?)

Rotary News

Are you interested in sharing your unique skills and experiences with others in your community?

Rotary unites people from all continents, cultures, and occupations—it's truly one of our greatest strengths. Our members are leaders in their fields and communities. Our diverse perspectives help us to see problems differently—and help us solve them in communities throughout the world.

Through Rotary, our members find many ways to meet, exchange ideas, and make lifelong friendships, including:

- Weekly club meetings
- Online discussion boards
- Interest-based affinity groups
- Local events
- Our annual international convention

Rotary Friendship Exchange between the US and Taiwan

There isn't a place in the world that Richard Huston wouldn't like to see. So when the chance came to visit Taiwan as part of a Rotary Friendship Exchange, he was happy to board the plane with fellow Rotary members from Minnesota. They spent 10 days in Taipei and Yilan, staying with two different host families. It was like nothing he'd ever experienced. "I feel that I now have lifelong friends."

The differences in culture and lifestyle were stark in some ways, says Huston, who is a veterinarian and lives on 150 acres of prairie in a town of 20,000. His new friends live on the 14th floor of an apartment building in a city of 7 million. But they connected on a personal level. "We laugh and we talk about serious things and family and the goals of Rotary," he says.

Since his initial trip to Taiwan, Huston has hosted several of his Taiwanese friends, who visited farms, drove tractors, and watched robots milk cows. They met up again at the Rotary convention in Lisbon and made plans to travel to Africa and Brazil in the next few years. "By traveling the world you get an understanding that other people have the same problems and the same joys that you have."



A world of friendships

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
29 Mar	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Cassandra Attwood: "A Road Less Travelled"	B Casburn	R Elms	J Reed	S Westgarth P Trimmer
5 Apr	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Ben Ernst: "Unley Young Professionals"	S Westgarth	S Evans	H Kilsby	N White W Andrews
12 Apr	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Ian Bailey: "H ₂ O"	R Elms	K Haines	H Kilsby	W Andrews G Beckett
19 Apr	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Graham Ey: "Oh no, is that an ambulance blinking in my rear vision mirror...?"	K Haines	G Hill	H Kilsby	B Beckett P Beckett
26 Apr	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Don Will: "Ten things you don't know about the Maldives"	R Mills	A Jonson	H Kilsby	P Beckett V Bonython
3 May	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Unley Rotary's 4000th Meeting Partners & Guests Night	S Baker	H Kilsby	H Kilsby	V Bonython B Casburn

Usual Meeting Venue: Damien on Fisher, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5063

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	26 Mar 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Stephen Westgarth & Reno Elms
1	2 Apr 16	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	9 Apr 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16 Apr 16	Joan Reed & Nathan White	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines

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

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2016	Apr	Wed	6	Schools Youth Program Presentation	Adelaide Royal Coach Hotel: Breakfast Meeting, 7 for 7.30am, \$25pp
		Sun	10	PENTS Seminar	TBA
		28 Apr–1 May		District 9520 Conference	Renmark
	May	Tue	3	Unley Rotary's 4000th Meeting	Damien on Fisher
		Sun	15	District Assembly	TBA
		Tue	17	SA Police Officer of the Year	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens & Kooyonga Golf Club

On the Back Page

Initiative

After responding to a call, a police officer called the station on his radio, "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?" asked the Duty Sergeant.

"Not yet. The floor's still wet!" responded the officer.

Do you ever wonder why earrings became so popular with men?

A man was at work one day when he noticed that a colleague is wearing an earring.

The man knew his colleague to be a normally conservative person and was curious about his sudden change in "fashion sense" and said, "I didn't know you were into earrings."

"It is not such a big deal, it's only an earring," he replied sheepishly.

His friend fell silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prodded him to ask, "So, how long have you been wearing one?"

"Ever since my wife found it in my car."

Wisdom

A father told his three sons when he sent them to the university: "I feel it's my duty to provide you with the best possible education, and you do not owe me anything for that. However, I want you to appreciate it. As a token, please each put \$1,000 into my coffin when I die."

And so it happened. His sons became a business tycoon, a doctor and a lawyer, each very successful financially.

When their father's time had come and they saw their father in the coffin, they remembered his wish.

First, it was the businessman who put ten \$100 notes onto the chest of the deceased.

Then, came the doctor, who also put \$1,000 there.

Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He dipped into his pocket, took out his checkbook, wrote a check for \$3,000, put it into his father's coffin, and took the \$2,000 cash.



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