



## Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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President Ken Haines

## Our Last Meeting

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| Venue:               | Damien on Fisher                                                                                                                                                           |
| Occasion:            | Rachel and Bella Moon with Mrs Moon                                                                                                                                        |
| Chairman:            | Heather Kilsby                                                                                                                                                             |
| Apologies:           | Geoff Hill, Lindsay England, Nathan White, Bob Mullins, Joan Reed, The Casburns, Sheila Evans, Pam Trimmer, Stephen Baker. Bob Mills, Ali & Soheila Mostaghim, Alex Jonson |
| Guests:              | Leonie Kewen, Emma & Andrew Conway, Mrs Moon (mother of the speakers)                                                                                                      |
| Returning Rotarians: | None                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Visiting Rotarians:  | None                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Departing Rotarians: | None                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Attendance:          | 13 Members 4 Guests                                                                                                                                                        |

## President Ken's Announcements

- I will be sending out schedules for Board and Committee meetings.
- Would like the rosters at the Thrift Shop to show names of Rotarians that are working on Saturday morning. This week J. Reid & N. White in afternoon P. Trimmer & K. Haines
- Reminder that there is a Board meeting on 28th July, to be held at the home of Stephen Baker.
- Thrift Shop – air conditioners will be fix this week; Electrical checks have been done as a donation to the club.
- At present organising a Volunteers gathering at Damien on Fisher, hopefully next week.
- Will introduce "Behind the Badge" talks from this week. First Rotarian to speak is Wendy Andrews.
- International Committee will have a short meeting after this meeting.

## Guest Speakers

### Rachel and Bella Moon - RYPEN Awardees

Before introducing our guests, Heather Kilsby gave new Rotarians a brief description of the two Rotary youth training courses, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) for 18 to 25 years olds – a one-week residential course that deals with the fundamentals of leadership, and RYPEN (Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment) for 14 to 17 year olds - a three day residential course – that aims to develop leadership potential.

The two successful RYPEN graduates who were sponsored by our club are sisters Rachel and Bella Moon aged 16 and 15, both students at Glenunga High School. The course this year was run in May by the Rotary Club of Campbelltown at the Woodhouse Scout facility near Piccadilly. The sisters spoke as a duo, seamlessly switching from one to the other reporting on the experience. They had been influenced to apply to attend by Margaret Northcott, a member of their church community and of the Campbelltown Club, who is well known to many of us. Margaret sold them the sizzle.

Both the girls expressed some reservations about attending when the time came, claiming a lack of confidence in some areas, but on arrival they were made to feel welcome by the leadership group and put immediately into groups and directed to their dormitories. The first activities involved getting to know the other participants. That evening, the bonding continued with a bush dance.

The second day focussed on Problem Solving and Resilience led by guest presenters and that evening each of the groups presented skits for the others before heading outdoors for a flag raiding wide game.

The final day focussed on public speaking.

Both the girls asserted the course had helped them with their communication skills, and built their confidence in working with others and in problem solving.

As with all such presentations, your retiring editor was once again left with the strong feeling the future of our nation is in safe hands as the representatives of the affected youth (who are clearly in the majority when compared to the disaffected, but receive little of the attention) demonstrate they are motivated, competent and just plain good people.



*Bella and Rachel Moon with Heather Kilsby and their awards*

## Behind the Badge - Wendy Andrews



*Wendy Andrews in a pensive, but relaxed, pose.*

Wendy took all of her designated five minutes to tell us her Rotary Story. After the death of her husband in 2006, Wendy took 18 months to move from Beaumont to Unley where someone put a Rotary Club of Unley flyer into her letterbox. And just so we wouldn't associate that piece of promotional effort with the final result, she took another nine months to do anything about it. And she may not have done anything if a tradesman who was a Rotarian with Mount Barker club hadn't joined her for a celebratory cup of tea when the job was done.

In 2009, she got in touch, came along to a meeting, was made to feel welcome and the rest is history. We all know Wendy has been a tireless leader of the Community Committee and said that she has enjoyed the role and got much from it by seeking out and meeting people in the community she would otherwise not have dealt with. Highlights for her were the events run for young carers that she found fulfilling, confronting, moving, and at times, amusing.

The Rotary club of Unley has provided Wendy with a boarder, a travelling companion and a chauffeur (not all the same person). Heather Kilsby was

looking to rent somewhere when she was selling and rebuying and Wendy had a spare bedroom and bathroom. The planned six months extended to two and a half years and they both enjoyed the experience.

Rotarian (the late) Anne Wehr joined Wendy on some trips (sometimes on trains) around Australia, and also took her on a tour of the Yorke Peninsular (Anne's old stamping ground) and to a country football game where Anne's grandson was playing. Anne also provided an example of assertive one eyed barracking.

Greg McLeod is, apparently, Wendy's chauffeur from time to time for Board meetings.

Your retiring editor's reflection about Wendy is that she has become an important contributor to the success of the club and has reliably helped out in a variety of ways. In the times she has stood in as President to run meetings they have been well structured and enjoyable and tinged with elements of wisdom. Also, in my role of recent times in organising the Carols at the Rotunda, Wendy has been a quiet supporter, picking up lots of the pieces I have overlooked.

## Spots

**Trevor McGuirk** promoted the Norwood Dance Spectacular once again. The details are repeated below:

- **Dance Spectacular – Norwood Rotary Club**
- The Medical Health Care Project in Peru is being co-sponsored by Unley and Norwood clubs.
- Norwood's contribution will match that of Unley.
- In order to raise their share, they are conducting a DANCE SPECTACULAR on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The DANCE SPECTACULAR will feature Latin American dancing La Bomba, Tango, Salsa and more.
- There will be 4 or 5 Latin American dance group demonstrations in full costume. If you are not going to the Olympics in Rio, come and see some Brazilian dancing Cabaret style.
- **Norwood Dance Spectacular:**
- **When – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July.**
- **Where: Serbian Hall – Mary Street Hindmarsh (off Port Road)**
- **What a show it will be – we can help with front of house and other duties.**

**Trevor McGuirk** promoted the Metropolitan Male Choir performances once again. This is being promoted as a club fellowship event on the Saturday, and the details are repeated below:

**Metropolitan Male Voice Choir presents:**

**The "Proms", Adelaide Town Hall: Saturday 20th August and Sunday 21st August.**

**2pm Matinee performances for both sessions .**

**A musical variety program featuring the MMC, solo artists, bags and pipes band and traditional Proms songs.**

**Ticket orders next week with payment. Tickets: \$20 (alcoves), \$30 (stalls) and \$40 (dress circle) to Trevor McGuirk mob: 0488797378.**

**Patsy Beckett** reminded us about the car rally planned with the Eastwood Club in October and also the proposed Tasmanian trip planned for early 2017. Decisions need to be made because \$500 is required from each person to lock in the low price of \$1,000 each.

## Sergeant's Session

Mavis Martin found a variety of oblique reasons to fine all those present and then refused to tell a joke claiming she had no aptitude for doing so. The audience was grateful for this wise decision as always been demonstrated by Mavis.

Much was done, it was a good meeting that closed at 7.46 pm. The result speaks for itself!

## Rotary News

### What you don't know about the campaign to end polio

By Erin Biba - *The Rotarian* -- 16 June 2016

When was the last time there was polio in Europe? If you guessed 2002, the year the region was certified polio-free, you were wrong. The last time polio affected a child in Europe was last summer. In 2015, two Ukrainian children were diagnosed with paralytic polio, and, given the way the disease manifests itself, that means many more were likely infected and didn't show symptoms. At least one Western news outlet deemed the outbreak "crazy" – but the reality is that no place on earth is safe from polio until the disease is eradicated everywhere.

Ukraine had fully vaccinated only 50 percent of its children against polio, and

low immunization rates are a recipe for an outbreak. In this case, a rare mutation in the weakened strain used in the oral polio vaccine was able to spread because so many children had not been vaccinated. To stop it from progressing, the country needed to administer 5 million to 6 million vaccines through an emergency program. But as recently as March, Ukraine's ability to do so remained in question.

Finding the occasional case of polio outside Afghanistan and Pakistan, the only countries that have yet to eradicate it, is not unusual. In 2014, just before the World Cup brought travelers from all over the planet to Brazil, the country identified poliovirus in the sewage system at São Paulo's Viracopos International Airport. Using genetic testing, officials traced its origin to Equatorial Guinea. Brazil's regular vaccination efforts kept the disease from showing up beyond the airport doors. Those are frustrating examples for the thousands of people around the world working to eradicate polio. The fight has come a long way, but it is far from over. And while many involved in the effort say we may detect the final naturally

occurring case of polio this year, getting to that point – and ensuring that the disease remains gone – will continue to require money, hard work, and the support of Rotarians around the world.

## **FINDING POLIO**

One of the most important aspects of the fight to eradicate polio is detecting where the disease is present. This continuous surveillance is complicated and costly. Ninety percent of people infected with the virus show no symptoms, and those who do usually have mild symptoms such as fever, fatigue, and headaches. Only one in every 200 cases of the illness results in paralysis, which means that for every child with signs of paralysis, several hundred are carrying the disease and may not show it.



But not every case of paralysis is caused by polio. Other viruses that can be responsible for the polio-like symptoms known as acute flaccid paralysis include Japanese encephalitis, West Nile, Guillain-Barré, and Zika. To determine if a patient has polio, doctors must collect a stool specimen and send it to a lab for testing.

To find the patients who don't present symptoms or don't make it to a clinic, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) – the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – have set up environmental sampling in the areas that are most susceptible to the disease. Fifteen to 20 countries are still at high risk despite having eradicated the illness. Because the poliovirus is most easily detected, and most easily contracted, through stool, researchers take samples from sewage systems and, in places that don't have sewer infrastructure, from rivers and open gutters.

GPEI has developed a network of 145 laboratories around the world that can identify the disease, and Rotary has played a leading role in supporting these facilities. But regular environmental surveillance is "logistically not so easy to do and it's relatively expensive. It adds a considerable burden to the labs to process the sewage samples," says Stephen Cochi, senior adviser to the director, Global Immunization Division, at the CDC. "It costs real money to keep that network operational, and this lab network is the most highly sophisticated, state-of-the-art infectious-disease network in the world. Rotarians should be proud of that – it's the No. 1 network, bar none."

As part of this system of labs, Rotary has helped fund smaller, more sophisticated local laboratories that are trying to keep track of the complicated genetic variations of the disease. These labs genetically test the poliovirus to follow how it changes as it spreads. All viruses mutate to confuse the human immune system, but the poliovirus is notorious for doing so at a rapid rate. This makes it easier to track the virus's genetic changes, though the process, vital to the eradication effort, is expensive and will need continued funding. It was these specialized laboratories that allowed Brazilian authorities to trace the virus they found at their airport to Equatorial Guinea.

"Each virus has a fingerprint," says Cochi, and that is an essential tool for monitoring how the virus is moving around the world.

Vigilance is key to successful surveillance, says Michel Zaffran, director of polio eradication at WHO. "We need to go and investigate a case of paralysis, take specimens, and analyse it. This level of vigilance needs to continue in all of the places that no longer have polio to make sure we are really without polio. This is a hidden cost to the program that people don't realize is absolutely necessary to maintain."

## **VACCINATE, VACCINATE, VACCINATE**

The appearance of polio in Ukraine last year is a perfect example of why vaccination campaigns are essential – and not only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Large-scale vaccinations are an enormous undertaking that require money as well as thousands of volunteers on the ground. And in places where the vaccination programs have been successful, the challenge is now to locate and vaccinate that small percentage of children who have been missed.

The vaccine itself isn't the biggest expense in a vaccination campaign (in fact, Rotary rarely funds vaccines). It's the distribution of the vaccine – transportation and staffing, for example – that costs so much. In January, money donated by Rotarians covered the costs of a Cameroun vaccination campaign that involved 34,000 vaccinators and 21,000 rental cars,

which volunteers used to canvass neighbourhoods and travel from home to home administering the vaccine. Funds also went to more than 3,700 town criers and 45 radio spots in Chad, to more than 14,000 local guides and 500 clan leaders to ensure that the children of nomads were vaccinated in Ethiopia, and to provide training and support for 60,000 community volunteer vaccinators in Afghanistan.

“I think sometimes people don’t realize the scale of what these immunization campaigns are actually like,” says International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael K. McGovern. “Rotary and its partners have administered 15 billion doses since 2000. We’ve immunized 2.5 billion kids. Repeatedly reaching the kids to raise their immunization levels is very personnel intensive.”

A vaccination campaign is almost mind-bogglingly complex. Rotarians’ contributions pay for planning by technical experts, large-scale communication efforts to make people aware of the benefits of vaccinations and the dates of the campaign, and support for volunteers to go door to door in large cities as well as in remote areas that may not appear on any map. It sometimes includes overcoming local distrust of government or outsiders and negotiating complicated religious doctrine. And it means trying to understand the movements of nomadic populations or people pushed out of their homes because of unrest. Regardless of how they live their lives, each of these children must be vaccinated. GPEI has addressed some of these issues by setting up vaccination points in highly trafficked transit areas such as train stations or bus depots.

“In northern Nigeria, for example, when there’s unrest, the population tends to move out of dangerous areas,” says WHO’s Zaffran. “So we monitor carefully when a certain area is accessible and when it is not. If Boko Haram was present, we wouldn’t vaccinate, but the minute it was a more quiet situation, we’d do a hit and run – a vaccinate and run. Go in for a short time and get out.”

GPEI creates detailed logistical blueprints for vaccination teams, which are constantly refined to ensure that every child is reached. In a process called social mapping, health care workers meet with residents of remote or conflict areas and ask them to draw their area, comparing it with maps and other data to try to find settlements that may have been missed. On top of the challenge of discovering previously unknown villages or the difficulty in ensuring that every house in a city has been visited by volunteers, there’s the complicated task of negotiating the religious or cultural beliefs that might prevent people from agreeing to be vaccinated. This is one of the areas in which Rotary has excelled, as local Rotarians have taken on the task of helping to vaccinate their neighbours.

According to Reza Hossaini, UNICEF’s chief of polio eradication efforts, vaccinators on the ground have developed relationships with local leaders to identify what local people want and need. These relationships have built enough trust to overcome the “hard-core resistance” that vaccinators have met with in the past. But this level of detail in understanding the psychological reasons that a community would be averse to vaccinating requires scientific, technological, and social skill as well as finding vaccinators who meet the specific needs of each community.

## **AFTER THE LAST CASE**

Even if the last case of polio is identified this year, a huge amount of work will remain to ensure that it stays gone.

Vaccinations will continue and need to be funded. In the areas where polio still exists and many of the areas where it has recently been eradicated, the vaccines contain a weakened live version of the virus, which is much more effective than a killed virus at protecting communities from outbreaks, creating what is known as herd immunity. It’s also less expensive to manufacture and distribute and, because it is given orally, much easier to administer than the inactivated, injectable polio vaccine (IPV).

But, while vaccine with live virus has reduced polio by more than 99.9 percent, it carries a small risk. The weakened live virus inside a vaccine can, rarely, mutate back to a virulent form. Where vaccination coverage is low, it can reinfect populations, even in countries that have been certified polio-free, such as Ukraine. To prevent this, once the virus has been certified eradicated, all of the live-virus vaccine around the world will be destroyed and replaced with IPV, which does not contain the live virus. This vaccine will be distributed, and trained health care workers will perform injections, a process that has already begun. The polio-fighting community will still need to vaccinate hundreds of millions of children every year until the world is certified polio-free. By that time, polio vaccinations will have become part of routine immunization programs around the world.

Once the final case of polio is recorded, it will take three years to ensure that the last case is, in fact, the final one. That means that if the final case is seen this year, all of these programs will continue to need funding and volunteers until 2019, at a price tag of \$1.5 billion that will be funded by governments and donors such as Rotary. That’s in addition to the more than \$1.5 billion Rotarians have contributed to the cause so far.

“We are so close. We’ve got a 99.9 percent reduction in polio. But we’re not there yet,” says John Sever, a vice chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee, who has been part of the eradication effort since the beginning. “Rotarians and others have to keep working. People will naturally say, ‘Well, it seems to be basically gone so let’s move on to other

things,’ but the fact is it isn’t gone, and if we move on and don’t complete the job, we set ourselves up for having the disease come right back.”

“Rotary was there at the beginning,” McGovern says. “It would be unfortunate if Rotary isn’t there at the finish line. We’ve done too much and we’ve made too much progress to walk away before we finish.”

## Our Upcoming Meetings

| Date   | Venue            | Time                           | Speaker/Occasion                                         | Chairman  | Set-up & Welcome | Sergeant     | Attendance             |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 19 Jul | Damien on Fisher | 6 for 6.30pm                   | <b>My Road to Rotary – New Members Stories</b>           | G Beckett | R Mills          | Mavis Martin | W Andrews<br>P Beckett |
| 26 Jul |                  |                                | <b>No Meeting – See below</b>                            |           |                  |              |                        |
| 27 Jul | Hackney Hotel    | 6 for 6.15pm<br>\$25 2 courses | <b>Friendship Meeting with RC Prospect</b>               | K Haines  | N/A              | N/A          | R Carnachan<br>R Elms  |
| 2 Aug  | Damien on Fisher | 6 for 6.30pm                   | <b>Club Assembly</b>                                     | K Haines  | D Payne          | Mavis Martin | R Carnachan            |
| 9 Aug  | Damien on Fisher | 6 for 6.30pm                   | <b>My Road to Rotary – New Members Stories</b>           | P Trimmer | M Small          | Mavis Martin | H Kilsby               |
| 16 Aug | Damien on Fisher | 6 for 6.30pm<br>Large Room     | <b>‘Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink’</b> | S Baker   | N White          | Mavis Martin | H Kilsby               |

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

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## Upcoming Events

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> August 2.00pm: Proms Variety Concert

Adelaide Town Hall

Followed by dinner at the Treasury bistro/bar

(purchase own ticket for concert, but we need to know numbers to book at Treasury)

## Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

| Week | Dates     | Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm             | Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm |
|------|-----------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3    | 16 Jul 16 | Joan Reed & Nathan White                 | Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines      |
| 4    | 23 Jul 16 | Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer                   | Sheila Evans & Ken Haines     |
| 5    | 30 Jul 16 | Bob Mullins & David Pisoni               | Reno Elms & TBA               |
| 1    | 6 Aug 16  | David Middleton & possibly Jerry Casburn | Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan    |
| 2    | 15 Aug 16 | Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker              | Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin  |

**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 July**

**Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm**

**Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm**

# The Back Page

## What is politics?

- ✓ *In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government.* - **John Adams**
- ✓ *If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.* - **Mark Twain**
- ✓ *Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government. But then I repeat myself.*  
- **Mark Twain**
- ✓ *I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.* - **Winston Churchill**
- ✓ *A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.*  
- **George Bernard Shaw**
- ✓ *Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.* - **Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University**
- ✓ *Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.*  
- **P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian**
- ✓ *Government is the great fiction through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else.* - **Frederic Bastiat, French economist (1801-1850)**
- ✓ *I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.* - **Will Rogers**
- ✓ *If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!*  
- **P.J. O'Rourke**
- ✓ *In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other.* - **Voltaire (1764)**
- ✓ *Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!* - **Pericles (430 B.C.)**
- ✓ *No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session.* - **Mark Twain (1866)**
- ✓ *Talk is cheap...except when government does it.* - **Anonymous**
- ✓ *The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other.* - **Ronald Reagan**
- ✓ *The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.*  
- **Mark Twain**
- ✓ *There is no distinctly Native American criminal class...save government.* - **Mark Twain**
- ✓ *What this country needs are more unemployed politicians.* - **Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)**
- ✓ *A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have.* - **Thomas Jefferson**
- ✓ *We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.* - **Aesop**

