



Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

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President Ken Haines

Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Hackney Hotel
Event:	Annual friendship meeting with RC Prospect
Chairman:	Denise Palmer RC Prospect
Apologies:	Reno Elms, Heather Kilsby, Briony Casburn, Lindsay England, Sheila Evans, Geoff Hill, Bob Mullins, Joan Reed and others
Guests Speaker:	Steve Larkins
Returning Rotarians:	Jerry Casburn
Attendance:	30 in total (11 from Unley)

President Carol Walsh opened meeting number 3190 of the Rotary Club of Prospect at 6.20pm and welcomed Unley Rotarians and guests. PDG Doug Layng proposed a toast to the Australian Defence Forces. President Ken Haines opened meeting number 4112 of RCU.



President Carol

President Ken's Announcements

- Welcome back PDG Jerry Casburn
- There is a Board meeting tomorrow night at home of Stephen Baker
- The Thrift Shop is to be painted on Sunday

Guest Speaker

Steve Larkins Virtual War Memorial

Steve Larkins is a member of Adelaide Rotary Club and was awarded a PHF in 2012 for his Trailblazer collaboration with Operation Flinders. He was born in Sydney and served 40 years as a soldier and reservist. He graduated from the officer school at Portsea, worked with the UK Royal Military College of Science and later with our Army Reserve Staff College. He first came to SA in 1977, stationed at Woodside and settled here in 1994. He saw active service in Rwanda with the UN. Since leaving the army in 1996 he has filled a number of senior roles in the private sector and more recently as CEO of the Construction Industry Training Board.



Steve's passion is the construction of the RSL Virtual War Memorial which covers all conflicts involving Australian soldiers from the Boer War to current engagements in Afghanistan and Iraq. The virtual memorial is rich with accessible information on 800,000 people (and eventually 1.6m), memorials, conflicts, army units and cemeteries (including burials in Russia and South America). It aims to educate and enhance commemoration and

is now becoming a favourite site for students delving into our past. Massive amounts of data have been gleaned from the National War Memorial and National Library. To demonstrate the versatility of the site he chose to display info and photos from the councils of Unley and Prospect. Highlights included:

- Unley Memorial Gardens contains the names of 728 citizens who perished from all conflicts
- In WW1 1664 Unley men volunteered and of those 304 were killed
- The 10th Battalion of 1000 men was the first South Australian contingent which went to Gallipoli.
- There are details of the 5692 soldiers who went from South Australia of which 1200 died; visit the War Memorial on North Terrace
- The story of John Gordon, an army scout (later to become State Coroner) whose group went behind enemy lines at Gallipoli when most were killed but he lived to become a fighter pilot in WW2 winning the DFC
- The story of the Choat family who were advised of the loss of their 3 sons at Frommelle, but one escaped
- Unley had its own 27th battalion, and pictures from the State Library have been incorporated on the site
- Prospect had 1837 volunteers in WW1, including Richard Champion de Crespigny a renowned rower.
- Perhaps Prospect's most famous was 'the bull' Raymond Leane who survived to become SA Police Commissioner – the 'fighting' Leane families provided 17 enlistees
- There are 1700 memorials in SA
- RSL and Legacy were formed after WW1 to care for the families who lost family members.

Steve was thanked by acclamation for his presentation.....it was the sort of contribution that could have captured us for much longer.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Editor's note.....Robyn launched her retail career at Charles Birks not Charles Moore

Rotary News

John Germ: Champion of Chattanooga Kevin Cook The Rotarian 1 Jul 2016

Just before John Germ dropped by, Rick Youngblood took a deep breath. "You want to match his energy," he says, "but he makes it hard to keep up." Youngblood is the president and CEO of Blood Assurance, a regional blood bank in Chattanooga, Tenn., that Germ helped found in 1972. After his visit with Youngblood, Germ strode between mountains of empty bottles and cans at Chattanooga's John F. Germ Recycling Center at Orange Grove, which he designed, before he drove to a construction site and popped a cork to dedicate a Miracle League field where special needs children will play baseball – all before zipping to the airport for a flight to Chicago and a cab ride to Rotary International World Headquarters, where he takes office as president of RI this month.

Why the breakneck pace? "I don't have hobbies," he says. "Civic work is my recreation."

Not long ago Germ, 77, spent a raucous evening at the Chattanooga Convention Center, enjoying jokes at his expense. "John is a very influential person," his friend Harry Fields announced from the podium. "I can't tell you how many people emulate him ... at Halloween. I mean, he's the epitome of tall, dark, and handsome. When it's dark, he's handsome!" Nobody laughed harder than the guest of honor at the celebration of his contributions, which was referred to as the "roast of John Germ." The dinner raised more than \$75,000 for Chattanooga State Community College. In closing, Fields noted Germ's contribution to his community and the world: "100 percent of himself – and everyone else he can shake down!"

A legendary fundraiser, Germ led Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, an effort sparked by a challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotarians ultimately exceeded that number, raising \$228.7 million to fight polio. He has already served Rotary as vice president and director, and The Rotary Foundation as vice chair and trustee. His contributions to the fight to eradicate polio led to his selection as one of 12 U.S. Rotarians honored at the White House in 2013 as a "Champion of Change" – someone who has improved communities around the world. As president, Germ chose three simple, no-nonsense words to be the theme of his year: *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

"Rotary has kept its light under a bushel for too long," he says. "We need to do a better job of promoting our cause. That's the challenge ahead, but I don't see it as a problem. I don't believe in problems – I believe in opportunities."

The son of a stonemason, who built the family home with his own hands, excavating its foundation with a shovel and a wheelbarrow, Germ developed his work ethic early in life. Nothing came easily. Other schoolboys made fun of his name – "they called me 'Bacteria'" – and his parents couldn't afford college tuition. After a stint in vocational school, he paid his way through the University of Tennessee at Knoxville by working in a machine shop and serving food in a dorm cafeteria. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Air Force. Soon promoted to captain, he was navigator on a 50-ton Douglas C-124, ferrying troops and tanks to Vietnam. "Unfortunately," he says, "we flew home with soldiers' bodies." In 1965 Germ's C-124 carried the Gemini IV space capsule to Cape Kennedy. On another mission, the giant plane lost two engines and skimmed the ocean, shaking like a bumper car all the way back to base. "When we landed, we found seaweed hanging off the fuselage," he says. "That's how close we came to a watery grave."

When Germ's military service ended, he joined engineering firm Campbell & Associates in his hometown. His boss, George Campbell, liked the young flier's can-do attitude. "Within 10 years," Germ told him, "I'll either own some of this company or I'll be your biggest competitor." He wasn't wrong. He eventually became chairman and CEO of the firm, which went on to serve Chattanooga's airport, its most prominent hospital, several downtown high-rises, and the Convention



Center. One of his challenges was a new cineplex, where the owner gave him a warning that puzzled him at first: "Don't make the air conditioning too good."

Germ asked, "Why not?"

"Because the customers need to smell the popcorn; we make most of our money at the concession stand."

As president, Germ wants to "find the popcorn smell that'll bring people to Rotary. And what is that? Service. We've got a service-minded generation coming up. We've got to get our message out to them, and we'd better do it fast."

Part of that message, he says, is that polio hasn't been eradicated yet. We may be "this close," but there were still 74 cases worldwide last year (all in Pakistan and Afghanistan). His own father was struck with the disease as an adult. "We were on a fishing trip when my brother said, 'Daddy can't walk,'" Germ recalls. "We carried him back to the car. Doctors said he'd never stand up again, but he did exercises. He tied an iron weight to his leg and tried to lift it. Little by little he got to where he could lift that weight and wave it around. He walked with a limp after that, but he walked." Germ thinks he inherited a little of his father's stubbornness. "I don't give up easily either," he says.

He's certainly not giving up on supporting polio eradication – and he's calling on Rotarians to follow his lead by urging every Rotary club to give at least \$2,650 to fight polio during his term, which is also The Rotary Foundation's centennial year. The number commemorates the first donation – of \$26.50, made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Mo., in 1917 – to the Foundation. During the 2017 Rotary International Convention, a birthday celebration is also planned for Arch Klumph with tickets costing \$26.50. If that all sounds a little gimmicky, fine. "If we can get people to pay attention," Germ says, "they'll see that Rotary is doing great things in the world."

While preparing for his presidential term, he stayed in touch with friends and allies – often from the nerve center of his world, a maroon leather La-Z-Boy recliner in his comfortable home on the Tennessee River. He designed the house himself. He hangs corncobs on the poplars out back to feed the squirrels that run around his porch. His desk holds a photo of Germ dressed as Elvis Presley, entertaining at a district conference, and a plaque his wife brought home from the local Hobby Lobby. The plaque reads, "Integrity is doing the right thing when no one else is watching." "It made me think of John," says Judy Germ.

Since her husband of 57 years became president-elect last fall, "Rotary has consumed our lives," she says. "In a good way."

His presidency marks the apex of a life devoted to service. Previously active in the Jaycees, Germ joined the Rotary Club of Chattanooga in 1976. A natural leader and inveterate schmoozer, he has set fundraising records for Rotary and other organizations. The Blood Assurance program grew from a single blood draw into a regional network that supplies over 70 health centers in the Southeast with more than 100,000 units a year. It began when the United Way sent three doctors to the Chattanooga Jaycees to seek help with a blood shortage, recalls Germ's friend and co-founder of Blood Assurance, Dan Johnson. "John was the Jaycees president and I was treasurer, so I got to watch him in action," Johnson says. "When he goes to work, he never looks back. From nothing, we grew to our current budget of \$29 million." With help from Germ, Johnson, and others, Blood Assurance got its message out: Donating a pint of blood is a painless way to spend 30 minutes and save three lives.

"We owe much of our success to John Germ," says Youngblood. "To me, he epitomizes three aspects of leadership: He's a gentleman at all times, he's compassionate to all people, and he's an achiever. If John can't get something done, it probably can't be done."

According to Fields, Germ's success as a fundraiser comes from his out-of-the-box thinking. "Go back to the '90s, when he was district governor. People thought of him as Mr. Chattanooga. We bought a barrel of Jack Daniel's whiskey in honor of [well-known Tennessee Rotarian] Bill Sergeant. A barrel is 266 bottles' worth, so we gave one bottle from that barrel to anyone who donated \$1,000, and we raised \$250,000." The two men have often tended bar for charity, wearing matching aprons marked "Bar" and "Tender." "My friend John is my greatest hero," says Fields.

At the recycling plant Germ converted from a run-down dairy in 1989, adults with developmental disabilities sort tons of recyclables into great stacks of bottles and cans. "He has been involved in every bit of what happens here, from engineering the building to helping us negotiate contracts with the city," says Tera Roberts, director of adult services for the center. Few of the employees would have a job if not for the recycling center, and they can keep anything interesting they come across. One worker found a crumpled \$100 bill.

To finance the city's new Miracle League field, one of the best-equipped in the country, Germ enlisted co-sponsors including Berkshire Hathaway, BlueCross BlueShield, and his own Rotary Club of Chattanooga. "Every kid should be able to play sports," he says. "It's not just for the child, but the whole family. What's better than a child hearing his mom and dad cheer when he plays?" Another of his causes, the First in the Family program at Chattanooga State, provides scholarships for students who couldn't attend college otherwise. Flora Tydings, the school's president, calls Germ "an excellent role model to many of our students who, like him, are the first in their family to attend college."

Today his schedule changes daily – sometimes hourly – as he keeps up with the duties of his new office. On his agenda, he says he would like to see Rotary operate more like a business. "We've been getting leaner, and I'd like to speed that up. In January, for instance, we're going to hold our Board meeting in Chicago instead of San Diego. That means we won't have to fly a couple dozen staff members to San Diego and put them up there. It's just common sense." He wants to shorten Board meetings, shrink some RI committees, and save money on committee meetings to make Rotary more cost-effective.

Half a century after landing his last C-124, Germ sees himself as Rotary's navigator, plotting a course toward a bright future. "It's going to be a team effort," he says. His main target after polio will be Rotary's static membership. On that issue, he says, "The fault is with us, the current Rotarians." He wants members to "step up their outreach. I really think

one of our main problems is that we don't ask enough people to join. Why? For fear of rejection. We need to get over that – to get out there and bring in new members we'll be proud of."

To appeal to younger members, he supports a new move (approved at the Council on Legislation in April) that allows membership in Rotaract and Rotary at the same time. "I'm all in favor of that," he says.

It doesn't stop there. Germ supports flexibility in many Rotary matters. "Our clubs have always been organized around a meal. Lunch and dinner were part of our dues, and that system served us well. But society has changed," he says. Rotary International is catching up by allowing clubs more leeway in when and how they meet. "How do we accommodate the 30-year-old businessperson raising a family? Well, for one thing, we could pay less attention to attendance," he adds. "My question isn't 'How many meetings did you make?' It's 'How are you making a difference in your community?'"

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
2 Aug	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	KHaines	DPayne	Mavis Martin	R Carnachan
9 Aug	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	My Road to Rotary – New Members Stories	PTrimmer	MSmall	Mavis Martin	B Casburn
16 Aug	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm Large Room	'Water, water' Colin Pitman	SBaker	NWhite	Mavis Martin	B Casburn
23 Aug	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Hutt St Project Ian Cox	MMartin	WAndrews	Bob Mills	J Casburn
30 Aug	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Mary Potter Hospice Cathy Murphy	MSmall	SBaker	Bob Mills	JCasburn

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

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Attendance Desk Enquiries to: Wendy Andrews by **e-mail** to wendyjoyandrews@gmail.com or in an emergency on 8377 7830

Upcoming Events

Saturday 20 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).

Sunday 23 October: Car cruise trial.....for those with brains and driving skill.

Terrific trip to Tassie in process of being organized with Group 6 clubs.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
5	30 Jul 16	(Bob Mullins) & David Pisoni	David Pisoni & Lachlan Reid
1	6 Aug 16	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan
2	13 Aug 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	20 Aug 16	Joan Reed & Nathan White	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	27 Aug 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & 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 29 August Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

The Back Page

JOKE JUDGEMENT TIME

Each year some smart asses with no qualifications attempt to calibrate the jokes made by comics during that year and deliver an order of gratitude. Here is the ranking for 2014.....you can be the judge.....the picture below was my choice but did not feature.

1. A woman gets on a bus with her baby.

The bus driver says: "Ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen!"

The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!"

The man says: "You go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you."

2. "I went to the zoo the other day, there was only one dog in it, it was a shitzu."

3. "Dyslexic man walks into a bra"

4. A young blonde woman is distraught because she fears her husband is having an affair, so she goes to a gun shop and buys a handgun. The next day she comes home to find her husband in bed with a beautiful redhead. She grabs the gun and holds it to her own head.

The husband jumps out of bed, begging and pleading with her not to shoot herself.

Hysterically the blonde responds to the husband, "Shut up...you're next!"

5. I said to the Gym instructor "Can you teach me to do the splits?"

He said, "How flexible are you?"

I said, "I can't make Tuesdays".

6. Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one - and let the other one off.

7. Two aerals meet on a roof - fall in love - get married. The ceremony was rubbish - but the reception was brilliant.

8. Doc, I can't stop singing the 'Green Green Grass of Home'.

He said: 'That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome'. 'Is it common?' I asked. 'It's not unusual' he replied.

9. I'm on a whiskey diet. I've lost three days already.

