



Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

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



President Ken Haines

Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Damien on Fisher
Event:	Clare MacAdam
Chairman:	Nathan White
Guests:	Beckett grandchildren Andrew & Emma, Rachel Harding, Meri Kurtin, Pat McNiffe
Returning Rotarians:	Lindsay England, Sheila Evans, Nathan White
Apologies:	Geoff Hill, Mavis Martin, David Middleton, Bob Mills, Joan Reed, Pam Trimmer
Attendance:	19 Members 6 guests

President Ken's Announcements

- Bunnings BBQ gourmet sausage session will be next Monday
- Ken will be attending the Unley City Council Australia Day Ceremony next Thursday
- A Board meeting will follow this.

Guest Speaker: Clare MacAdam - Crossroads Teenage Retreat

Chairman Nathan White introduced Clare who has been working in fundraising and administration for the last 25 years with Baptist Care SA.

West End Baptist Mission (Westcare) was established in 1913 to help those in need. Today it employs 800 staff in South Australia looking mainly after homeless people. During 2015/16 it helped 13,000 people....5000 of whom were less than 18 years of age. As well as being homeless these youngsters often suffer from mental illness and drug/alcohol addiction.

It is estimated that 4-6% of Australians live in poverty. Housing affordability, stressed family relationships, parental difficulties and employment barriers are big issues. Clare related the story of Patrick who arrived on their doorstep accompanied by 3 of his 5 children, with no job and little means of support. By feeding and providing emergency accommodation, Westcare gave Patrick the capacity to regain his life.

Baptist Care has a contract with the State Government to look after young people (5-18yo) under guardianship orders. BC runs 120 properties across the State. Crossroads House (on Cross Roads of course) accommodates up to 8 people (4 male and 4 female) and provides a wide range of support with the aim of stabilising, rehabilitating and educating. Quite a number have to be taught simple living skills such as hygiene because they have been living rough for years and how to 'hang out' with other people. There have been significant successes, with some returning years later to volunteer.

Clare was thanked by acclamation.



Clare, Nathan and 'the stick'

Spots

Heather Kilsby farewelled TJ to France on Friday (with some delay due to baggage confusion).

Jerry Casburn:

- is searching for more volunteers for the March 2-4 membership drive at Unley Shopping Centre.
- advertised the End Polio Now film fundraiser 'Hidden Figures' on Sunday 5 February at Piccadilly Cinema.
- announced that on May 14 there will be a special District event to celebrate 100years of the Rotary Foundation.

Greg McLeod confided that Evelyn Birnie (wife of PP Robert Birnie and Thrift Shop volunteer) had died last week.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Valerie Bonython somehow managed to organise the selection of Ken's number for the atrocious squares.....the second week in a row.....perhaps small recompense for having his wallet and other possessions stolen last week. Twas good singing happy birthday to Sheila for her 75th. Valerie nailed her procreation joke. Andrew & Emma hit the golf ball further than their grandparents.....Graham's excuse is that he may have been overcome by the strong smell of the Tour Down Under sweaty lycra. Wendy reported how pleased Bunnings was with the quality of cleaning up by our club.....congratulations to Ken and Jerry.

The meeting closed at 7.53pm.



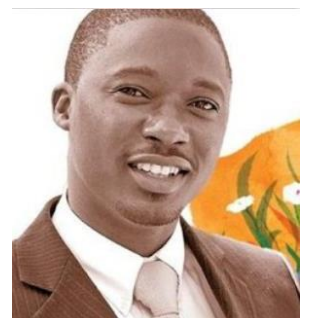
Greetings from our UK sister club
President Graham Davies and PP Brian Whitham of Aireborough Club with Mavis

Rotary News

Cultivating Peace *From The Rotarian by Steve Almond*

Growing up on his family's farm in Lusaka, Zambia, Muyatwa Sitali understood the power of water in his own life. His father grew corn, cabbage, and other crops, all of which depended on rainfall and irrigation. But it wasn't until Sitali began his Rotary Peace Fellowship that he came to realize the profound and far-reaching need for clean water globally.

He was doing fieldwork in Niger when he spotted a young boy making his way across a busy highway with a bucket of water on his head. "He did this every day with a smile on his face," Sitali recalls. "He reminded me of myself as a boy, to be honest. He knew the water was desperately needed at home. But I kept thinking about what this job was taking away from him – the chance to go to school."



Sitali chatted briefly with the boy, then watched him disappear into a wealthy neighborhood that was on his route home. "I knew the people inside those big houses had running water, and I was struck by this contrast of opulence and poverty," he says. "I could see that the solution was possible, even here. It was an issue of who got access."

The more Sitali studied developing regions, the more convinced he became that water held the key to economic empowerment and, ultimately, peace.

He saw how many girls refused to attend schools with no running water or toilet, and how disease ravaged communities lacking proper sanitation. "We think of development as being about economic aid or education. But you cannot have these things without the basics. And nothing is more basic than water."

In regions undergoing reconstruction in the wake of mass violence, he saw how access to water – or the lack thereof – triggered tribal or religious conflicts. Rival factions would use water as a weapon, by blowing up a pipe, for instance.

"Too often, the cause of the conflict was the result of inequality," Sitali notes. "Providing water and sanitation may not guarantee peace, but it reduces the chance of grievance that leads to armed conflicts."

After his fellowship ended, Sitali was a consultant for the World Bank and, now, for UNICEF. He has teamed up with Rotarians to provide basic resources to communities recovering from violence. But the most profound impact of the fellowship, he says, has been the vast network of fellows he calls upon for help. "We're like this big army of peace soldiers, so to speak. If I have to do work in Latin America, for instance, I know I can look at a list of peace fellows and pick up the phone and I immediately have a starting point in that country. It's been a tremendous gift."

Upcoming Events

Sunday 26 February: District Leaders & Team Training, (Flinders Uni Science and Innovation Learning Centre)

16-21 March 2017: Terrific Trip to Tassie

Saturday 8 April: Presidents Elect and Nominees Dinner (Marion Sports and Community Club)

Sunday 9 April: Presidents Elect and Nominees Training (Flinders Uni Science and Innovation Learning Centre)

Sunday 28 May: District Assembly Office Bearers Training (Unity College, Murray Bridge)

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
31 Jan	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	John Cheesman An Amazing Life in the Philippines	MSmall	LReid	The very best	JRussell
7 Feb	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	The Prez	J Russell	That one too	MSmall

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

Apologies to: Stephen Baker as early as possible by e-mail sandbbaker@internode.on.net or 0403 687 015

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Venue Set-up/Bar Enquiries to: Bulletin Editor – Stephen Baker 8377 7156 or M 0403 687 015

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

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	4 Feb 17	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan
2	11 Feb 17	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	18 Feb 17	Nathan White & Vera Holt	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	28 Jan 17	Bob Laws & Stephen Baker	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Jerry Casburn, Lachlan Reid, 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 shifts are from 8am to 5pm

Next Date: Monday 30 January Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

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During those occasional warm days this summer there have been one or two complaints about being too hot. Spare a thought for those on the other side of the globe doing it tough.



2 feet of snow fell this morning



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