



Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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:	John Cheesman
Chairman:	Wendy Andrews
Guests:	Beverley Baker, Rachel Harding
Visiting Rotarians:	Briony Casburn (Seaford), Erik Pukitis (Mitcham)
Apologies:	Stephen Bone, Geoff Hill, Mavis Martin, David Middleton, Joan Reed, Pam Trimmer
Anniversaries:	Birthdays: Lindsay England 17/1 and Sheila Evans 24/1 sometime last century
Attendance:	22 Members 5 guests

President Ken's Announcements

- The Unley Road Association is holding its *Symphony Under the Stars* at the Rotunda on Saturday 18 February.....it's free and all are welcome on what promises to be a fabulous night.
- The Bunnings BBQ yesterday grossed about \$1100

Guest Speaker: John Cheesman - Political change in Asia

Chairman Wendy Andrews introduced John who helps in our Thrift Shop, is a former Rotarian and current member of Probus. After graduating 'top of his class' from the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Technology Degree in Building, John applied his skills to the building industry both here and abroad. On the home front, Cheesman Architects, were involved in the design and administration of well known hospital and school building projects. His work in the Philippines included management of a number of major projects including the 48 story Philam tower and The Peninsula Manila Hotel, and other less grand projects such as redevelopment of the Union Church of Manila and building of the WHO San Lazaro Clinic. John is married with 3 children, including daughter Emily who was adopted in the Philippines.

It must be said that the arrival of President Donald Trump may have motivated John to choose a somewhat different address than that originally planned about the wonders of the Philippines.....Donald does what Donald does.

John was involved in the building of the Asian Development Bank headquarters in the 1980s, and has noted the shifting of power in the region since that time towards the Chinese. In 1992 he was invited to build a luxury resort hotel in the Republic of Palau which is about 600km from Manila. On arrival he found it was a bum deal.....no finance available.



John & Wendy with stick

Back in 1898 after being thumped by the Yankees, Spain ceded a number of its territories including the Philippines, Guam and nearby Micronesian islands (including Palau) to the US under the Treaty of Paris. The US now has a Compact of Free Association with this Republic which requires the US to foot most of the bills for the development and maintenance of its islands in exchange for defence cooperation. It forms part of a secure seaway from Japan to the US.

The 20,000 Palauans have it real good. They had their capital built by the Taiwanese. Most other infrastructure has been paid for by the US, and the \$15m annual grant is a sweet budget top-up. The compact allows ready visa access to the US. There are 8000 Filipinos who do most of the hard work. 80% of the pristine waters form a dedicated marine park. Blue Corner continues to be rated as one of the top scuba dive spots in the world. Tis close to paradise for the locals!

With the election of President Donald Trump, John conjectured whether the accumulation of power in the region by China will gather pace. In the background, there has been a long history of integration of chinese families and businesses into most parts of Asia and the Pacific. For example, in the Philippines the business community has a very strong chinese component (and it may not be all that surprising that the Philippines President has turned from the US to China). The strategic Spratley Islands are now effectively under China control. Trump is sending signals of a withdrawal from Asia. It may eventually include the relinquishment of the Compact arrangements. China will dominate the region. No one can be sure what form this will take.

John was thanked by acclamation, and presented with the Rotary stick.

Spots

Briony Casburn announced that Calperum has been booked for 5-7 May to accommodate a contingent of Unley Rotarians and members of the Community Corps at Mt Barker of which Lachlan Reid is President. The visit to Calperum which covers 400,000 hectares is special and Briony asked for an indication of numbers attending....cost \$30pp per night.

Jerry Casburn drummed up support for the membership drive in March.....needs more males for the sewing machines to demonstrate that we have what it takes, and more women to electrify/educate the audience about Rotary. in the region

Stephen Baker mentioned a thank you letter received from RC Adelaide, which had successfully joint ventured with our club and RC Adelaide Light to refurbish the Mocatta units at Catherine House.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bob Mills whipped out Jerry's marble for the abominable squares.....number 23 is red hot! Heather was the happiest human on the planet having just taken possession of her Mazda CX3..... speeding fine revenue is about to blossom. There was considerable pleasure expressed by those who had waved goodbye to grandchildren and those about to receive them..... sharing of notes would help. The sergeant was blessed for his papal story.

The meeting closed at 7.53 pm.

Rotary News



Join the fight against slavery

Millions of people are being held captive for commercial gain. Mass migrations, poverty, natural disasters, and conflict create situations in which vulnerable adults and children are exploited. No nation or neighborhood is immune. While slavery is illegal everywhere, it is likely happening near you. The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery raises awareness and helps Rotarians take action against slavery and human trafficking through its programs, campaigns, and projects. The group is made up of 1,600 members and supporters across 65 countries who support clubs around the world.

Rotarian Action Groups are open to Rotarians, family members of Rotarians, and Rotaractors who want to join together in support of clubs and districts planning and implementing service projects in their respective areas of expertise. To join, visit ragas.online.

Check out Rotary.org's modern, new look

Rotary.org, our public-facing website, has a fresh, contemporary look that clearly answers the often-asked question: "What is Rotary?" It's the first step in a two-part update to our entire website: first Rotary.org, and then My Rotary.

For many people, our website is their introduction to the great work that Rotary members do to improve lives around the world. It's meant to create an emotional connection that inspires potential members, donors, and partners to get involved. The latest changes to the public site do that, and more.

Some of the updates will be obvious: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics to tell our stories, and better organization of content to help readers find out who we are and what we're doing. Other changes, like the improved readability and speed of the site, will be a welcome surprise.

These upgrades are made possible partly by the dues increase the 2016 Council on Legislation passed to allow Rotary to provide additional support to clubs and districts. As part of our work to refresh My Rotary, we'll also update Rotary Club Central and the Club and District Administration pages — more information about these improvements will arrive in the coming months.

Visit www.rotary.org to see all the enhancements to our public site.

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
7 Feb	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	The Prez	J Russell	Valerie	MSmall
14 Feb	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Club Discussion Peace in our Time	Patsy & Valerie	MSmall	Another star	NWhite
21 Feb	Hawthorn Bowling Club	6 for 6.30pm	The World Series Lawn Bowling Competition against RC Mitcham Please practice hard!!!!!!	SBaker	n/a	n/a	WAndrews

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

Meeting Chair Enquiries to: Secretary Greg McLeod on 0417 811 838 or email to unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au

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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	25 Feb 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 (But no longer last Monday in month)

Next Date: Monday 20 February Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

The Back Page.....little tit bits from the US

Simply Amazing

When I heard Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson were guest preachers at a nearby church, I decided to go there and check them out in person.

As soon as I sat down, Reverend Sharpton came over to me. I don't know why, maybe it was because I was the only white person in the church. He laid his hands on my hand and said: "By the will of Jesus the Lord Almighty, and the will of God, you will walk today." I told him I was not paralysed.

Then Jesse Jackson came by and said: "By the Grace of God, and his Son Jesus, the Lord Almighty, you will walk today." Again I said that there is nothing wrong with me.

After the sermon I stepped outside and lo and behold... My Car Was Gone!

Amen!

And in the same vein

Two good ol' boys in an Alabama trailer park were sitting around talking one afternoon over a cold beer after getting off work at the local Nissan plant.

After a while the 1st guy says to the 2nd, "If I was to sneak over to your trailer Saturday & make love to your wife while you were off hunting and she got pregnant and had a baby, would that make us kin?"

The 2nd guy crooked his head sideways for a minute, scratched his head and squinted his eyes thinking real hard about the question. Finally, he says, "Well, I don't know about kin, but it would make us even!"

