



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
Guest Speaker:	Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masuru
Chairman:	Jerry Casburn
Guests:	Briony Casburn, Maria Mills, Margaret Payne, Glenyss Steadman, Pat McNiffe, Eve Yeh, Julie Monis-Ivett, Jenny Eapps, Linda & Philip Byron, Binta & Morlai Barrie, Karl Sayegh
Visiting Rotarians:	PDG Roy & Marilyn Armstrong; Keith & Susanne Harris, Jan & Geoff Hooper (Flagstaff Hill); Chris Dodsworth & Ros Gooden (Mitcham)
Returning Rotarians:	David Middleton
Apologies:	Stephen Bone, Valerie Bonython, Reno Elms, Rachel Harding, John Russell
Attendance:	20 Members 22 guests

President Ken's Announcements

- Ken heartily welcomed our many guests
- Those 'models' who have not yet been kitted out for the exclusive fashion parade displaying the best of Thrift Shop clobber on April 18 need to get on their bikes
- There will be a Board meeting after this.

Guest Speaker: Dr Luc Mulimbalimba Masuru MP Days for Girls

Chairman Jerry Casburn profoundly introduced Dr Luc who is a member of parliament of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He received his medical degree in 2006, is married to Delice and has five children. Dr Luc is a humanitarian with his primary goal to support communities and groups left war ravaged by war with Burundi, Uganda and Rwanda.

In 2006 he founded the Mission in Health Care and Development, a non-government organisation providing cheap and good health care in villages and rural areas. He now acts as Director for the Mission. Since 2008 and under his guidance the mission has achieved an amazing number of projects, including opening two hospitals, six village schools and two orphanages supporting street children. He opened a community radio station with regular programs on health, hygiene and topics of local interest, constructed a bridge, held surgical campaigns treating thousands of people, and installed tapped and purified water. He has also constructed a community centre, built accommodation for women being trained from distant communities, started microfinance programs bringing communities out of poverty, opened a medical school and distributed four containers of medical and humanitarian aid from Australia.

In 2006 Dr Luc began working with Birthing Kit Foundation Australia distributing 150,000 birthing kits and personally training nearly 1000 Traditional Birth Attendants. Since 2014 microfinance programs have been funded by Zonta represented here by Julie Monis-Ivett. Again these programmes have achieved a great deal, supporting communities devastated by M23

soldiers raping, killing and taking children as child soldiers. Dr Luc is a pastor in his Spring Life Mission Church and in 2011 became a member of parliament because of his community development work. He is president of the Democratic Republic of Congo Australia Friendship group, attending the first meeting in Canberra in 2016.

Luc talked about the marvelous and unique wildlife that abounds in the Congo. His country has been ravaged by conflicts on its borders for decades and many areas have been left devastated. After graduating as a doctor, Luc returned to his village to take stock. Water has to be carried from over 5kms away by the women....this is a back breaking task as is the carriage of wood to market. The water is often disease ridden. Many suffer from malnutrition, health facilities were almost non-existent, housing in disrepair, massive unemployment and little venture capital (lost when cattle taken during the raids). Mortality rates are high.

Luc with the support of his Mission and friends (local and international) set about reversing many of these detriments with a new hospital and school being built; introducing technical education, teams of surgeons brought in to deal with high rates of cleft lip, goitre and appendix operations which are normally unaffordable; improving sanitation and bathing facilities, providing bicycles and menstrual kits. His next project is solar electricity. Much has been achieved through community groups and donors. He likes the emphasis on technical education which provides practical skills for the many unemployed.

Luc was thanked by acclamation and a \$1000 cheque presented by the President to assist his mission.



Luc, Ken and our donation

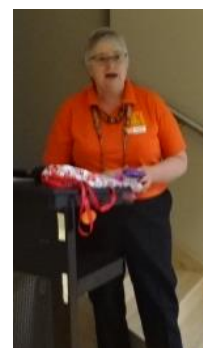
Spots

Susanne Harris from RC Flagstaff Hill spoke about the club's *Days for Girls* project. The reusable pads enable girls to carry on their normal daily activities, including attendance at school, during their menstrual cycles.....previously they were isolated. 1000 South Australian kits were sent to Luc in the Congo. This is now becoming a world-wide movement with 100 countries, including the US, receiving the kits. Help is needed with money and materials to maintain momentum.

Jerry Casburn talked about the *Days for Girls* display and membership drive this week at Unley Shopping Centre.

Patsy Beckett announced her *Fashions with a Twist* (using classy gear from the Thrift Shop) on April 18 with world class models.....price \$5 a ticket.

Trevor McGuirk is off to Peru on Friday and mentioned the calisthenics of money movement from RAWCS to Cusco.



Susanne

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Mavis Martin organised the extraction of Marlene Small's marble for the atrocious squares. We were all very happy until the Prez mentioned the sad bowling result from last week. Nice to have David M back so we can again hear his summation of most events as *Marvellous!* Graham B seemed happy that he had contributed to traffic delays in Sydney and Melbourne.

The meeting closed at 7.54pm to ensure David remained happy.

Rotary News

Rotarian builds his own iron lung replica to teach a new generation about polio

Dispatched to Ghana with a fellow British Rotarian to scout club service opportunities, Roger Frank hadn't planned their visit to coincide with National Immunization Days, but the pair – Frank and Dr. Carl Hallam – jumped, unhesitating, into the thick of inoculations. During a four-day stretch in October 2015, nearly 2,000 children in the area were protected from poliomyelitis. The effort galvanized Frank, who brainstormed for a way to do even more at home:

Recalling the fear that gripped the UK, the U.S., and elsewhere during the height of the polio epidemic in the early 1950s, Frank, a past president of the Rotary Club of Upper Eden, thought of the iron lung, a device largely relegated to museums and history books. The lifesaving mechanical respirator was a potent, if depressing, symbol of the debilitating disease. An iron lung, Frank reasoned, would educate younger generations who grew up free of the fear created by polio, a virus that spread easily, during the 20th century.

He hoped to borrow a model to put on tour to serve as a reminder that the polio fight remains unfinished but there was none to be found. I had no other option than to build an iron lung myself. "This proved quite a challenge," even for a retired mechanical engineer and self-described "nut and bolt man," particularly after he resolved that only a fully functioning machine would do. "I learned many years ago that the dafter the project, the easier it is to get good publicity for the cause," he quips.



Using the outline dimensions of a unit in the Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds as a reference, Frank rolled and welded steel for a cylindrical main chamber, fabricated tracks for a mattress that slides into and out of the unit, and cut access doors and windows. "I cajoled various local companies into assisting with the project," he says, particularly painting the unit and a trailer used to transport it; Upper Eden club members also assisted. Frank, who bore most of the construction costs, concedes that most of the 650 hours he spent over four months on the heavy metal labor of love were devoted to the trailer, itself a showcase worthy of a Rolls-Royce Phantom.



Roger Frank put his engineering background to good use, rolling and welding all the steel components himself.

"To finish the job, he then created visual displays to fit into and onto the trailer, including a television program of iron lungs being used 'for real,'" notes Ben Lyon, the club's immediate past president. "The finished result is a stunning promotional and educational tool in aid of polio eradication." Onsite, a computer-controlled sequence activates the lung, in thumps and whooshes, for five minutes before triggering a YouTube video about iron lungs.

For many polio patients, the apparatus was crucial to surviving the disease's early stages, when their muscles were too weak, or paralyzed, for independent breathing. The lifesaving mechanical respirators were a common sight, lined up in rows at hospitals. The stricken, mostly young children, were confined in the chambers, normally for at least two or three weeks, exposed only from the neck up, with mirrors above their heads providing their only glimpse into the world around them amid the machines' cacophony. Most people, especially young ones, are totally dumbfounded by the whole spectacle.

As a static exhibit the lung is lifeless and really comes alive when the motor starts and the end bellows operate. I think it really helps give people an understanding of how it would be to be locked in it," Frank says. "Also the drive unit, or mechanism, is quite noisy and adds to the atmosphere, just as the original units did." It has been deployed to agricultural shows and schools, with area club members staffing the unit. On occasion, a "lucky" visitor might be invited inside the lung.

Sara Dumbell, a journalist with BBC Radio Cumbria who reported on the project, says: "I get sent on many exciting jobs, but getting to see a real life-size replica iron lung was a first for me. The iron lung itself was hugely impressive. I'm 28, and so the major UK outbreaks of polio were a little before my time, but it was deeply moving to learn about how so many children across the world were forced to live in these machines. "I couldn't leave without trying out the iron lung for myself, but having the metal lung separating your head and body at the neck I found to be the most uncomfortable feeling," she adds. "I must admit I was quite relieved when I was allowed out."

With a nod to the red End Polio Now donation buckets at the ready, Frank says, "I kid people that it is £1 to get into the unit and £50 for me to let you out."

Upcoming Events

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 Mar	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Ian Steel Kickstart for Kids	Mavis Martin	SBaker	Another goodie	GBeckett

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
1	4 Mar 17	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan
2	11 Mar 17	Greg McLeod & Pam Trimmer	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	18 Mar 17	Nathan White & Vera Holt	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	25 Mar 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: Saturday 25 March Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

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SIGNS OF THE WORLD to help travellers

Cocktail lounge, Norway:	LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.
At a Budapest zoo	PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUITABLE FOOD, GIVE IT TO THE GUARD ON DUTY.
Doctors office, Rome	SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.
Hotel, Acapulco	THE MANAGER HAS PERSONALLY PASSED ALL THE WATER SERVED HERE.
Information booklet about using a hotel air conditioner, Japan	COOLERS AND HEATERS - IF YOU WANT CONDITION OF WARM AIR IN YOUR ROOM, PLEASE CONTROL YOURSELF.
In a Nairobi restaurant	CUSTOMERS WHO FIND OUR WAITRESSES RUDE OUGHT TO SEE THE MANAGER
On an Athi River highway	TAKE NOTICE WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.
On a poster at Kencom	ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO, WE CAN HELP.
In a cemetery	PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.
Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations	GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.
In a Bangkok temple	IT IS FORBIDDEN FOR A WOMAN TO ENTER, EVEN A FOREIGNER IF DRESSED AS A MAN.
Hotel elevator, Paris	PLEASE LEAVE YOUR VALUES AT THE FRONT DESK.
Hotel, Yugoslavia	THE FLATTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE IS THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID.
Hotel, Japan	YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.
A laundry in Rome	LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME.
Airline ticket office, Copenhagen	WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

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