

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 4054 – 6 June 2017 Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

# Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

#### District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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





President Ken Haines

#### **Our Last Meeting**

Venue:	Damien of Fisher		
Event:	Annual Debate Challenge vs RC Hyde Park – Debate Adjudicator Tony Houey		
Chairman:	President Ken		
Returning Rotarians:	: None		
Departing Rotarians:	None		
Guests:	Vera Holt, Judi Corcoran, Jeanette Houey		
Apologies:	Stephen Baker, Rachel Harding, Alex Jonson		
Attendance:	17 Members, 11 Hyde Park and 4 Guests		

#### President Ken's Announcements

There were no announcements.

# Annual Debate Challenge vs RC Hyde Park:

#### "That Celebrities Make Good Role Models"

The debate was opened by **President Ken**, who introduced our adjudicator Tony Houey, thanking him for stepping in at short notice.

Tony has enjoyed a long career in education. He was educated in Melbourne completing this with a Bachelor of Jurisprudence, Bachelor of Law and Diploma of Education from Monash University. He had a short career in the law profession and moved on to be an educator, commencing at St Michael's Grammar School in Melbourne. His recent experience was as Deputy Principal at Pembroke School, retiring in 2015.

Tony has held many positions supporting his profession, the law and more applicably to our evening working with debating in the school system. Tony has acted as



adjudicator in many debates and brought his wealth of experience to bear on our grudge match with the Hyde Park club.

Tony lives in Mt Barker and is married to Jeanette who joined him for the evening.

**President Ken** opened proceedings by introducing our speakers. For the motion that "Celebrities Make Good Role Models" our team was led by **David Middleton** as first speaker, **Valerie Bonython** as the second and **Sheila Evans** as our third speaker. Speaking against the motion were Hyde Park's finest **Andrew Sullivan** was the first to pick apart the argument

for the case, followed by Gerry Greenway as their second speaker and concluding the negative case Peter Griffiths.

Setting the argument, the Unley team argued that being a celebrity and being famous were two different entities and that even though celebrities all made good role models they didn't necessarily set a good example. The case was expertly picked apart by those speaking in the negative, establishing the Donald Trump, Kim Kardashian and many others were examples of those who failed to be good role models.

At the end of the debate **Tony** was given time to draw his conclusions, in between grabbing handfuls of the dinner. Following the meal, he gave a brilliant summary, congratulating all of the debaters for their skill and their convincing arguments. Tony praised the good teamwork and went on to analyse the contribution of each speaker. With only three points in it, Tony awarded the line honours to Hyde Park for the more convincing arguments. Great work Hyde Park.

**David Middleton** presented the trophy for the "Ron Shubert Debiting Award", commenting that the clubs had drawn level with five wins each. We look forward to the rematch next year.

## **Spots**

**Reno Elms** provided an update on the Red Shield Appeal with some \$50,000 of the \$60,000 target being achieved. Reno thanked the club and members for their support.

#### Sergeant's Session

There was no Sergeant's session. However, Mike McAuliffe of Hyde Park won the abominable squares.

### South Mildura Changeover

**Trevor McGuirk** and **Jerry Casburn** travelled to the Sunraysia region to attend the changeover at South Mildura. **Rachel White** came in as the 2017-18 President, taking over from **Neville Mitchell**. The club is notable for having a number of members who are under thirty. These members were brought in by **Rachel** and look like a good model for other clubs to follow. It was a fun night, at which Trevor gave his presentation on the Peru project.

Trevor's project was very well received with a number of questions about the progress thus far and the goals for the finish. Trevor was able to show off his poncho and hat presented to him by members of the communities.



### **Rotary News**

## Milk powder for orphaned elephants

By Anna Stein | The Rotarian

While visiting the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre on the island of Borneo in Malaysia three years ago, New Zealand Rotarian Debbie Mair fell in love with a couple of fuzzy orphaned pygmy elephants, the smallest subspecies of elephant.



Mair says the orphans' parents had wandered onto palm plantations in search of food and were killed. Indonesia and Malaysia are the world's largest producers of palm oil, a common ingredient in food and household items. Deforestation to make room for plantations has greatly reduced food sources for pygmy elephants, along with rhinos, sun bears, orangutans, and tigers. Poachers also target the animals.

"I felt we had to do something," says Mair, a member of the Rotary Club of Hutt City. She bought as much milk powder locally as she could to feed the elephants, which need up to 50 gallons of milk daily to survive. Since then several more orphaned elephants have arrived, all hand-fed by staff who add vitamins, coconut oil, and minerals to the powder.

Mair, an executive officer of the Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species, has built partnerships with the Sabah Wildlife Department; the

Rotary Club of Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia; and Fonterra New Zealand, one of the world's largest exporters of dairy products, which supplies the milk powder for the elephants at a discount. The rescue center also receives funding from Rotary clubs where Mair and other action group members give talks.

Last year Mair attended a conference that brought together plantation owners, scientists, and wildlife advocates, and sat down with owners to hear their concerns and work toward solutions. As a Rotarian, she says, she was viewed as an impartial observer. Today, she says, the palm plantation managers are increasingly calling wildlife rescue units when elephants are discovered on their land or when they find injured animals.

"I don't want future generations to only see these wild animals on video," says Mair.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Sunday 18 June: OSSAA luncheon (Glenelg Golf Club)
Sunday 25 June: Udder Delights outing at Hahndorf

Tuesday 27 June: Club Changeover Dinner at Kooyonga Golf Club.

**Our Upcoming Meetings** 

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
13 June	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Sheree Dunsford (Udder Delights) & Stephen Bone	V Bonython	A Jonson	TBA	D Liddle
20 June	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Nena Murat Kurdistan School Renovation	T McGuirk	D Liddle	TBA	T McGuirk
27 June	Kooyonga Golf Club	6.30 for 7pm	Changeover Dinner	TBA	T McGuirk	N/A	R Mills
4 July	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Committees and Assembly Note: Members Only	Pres.Heather Kilsby	M Martin	TBA	A Mostaghim
11 July	Tomich Wines	6 for 6.30pm	Wine Making – Vocational Visit	T McGuirk	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	S Mostaghim
18 July	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	DG Visit – DG Bob Cooper	Pres.Heather Kilsby	D Middleton	TBA	R Mullins
25 July	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Christmas in July (Partners Night)	S Bone	R Mills	TBA	D Payne

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	3 June 17	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan
2	13 May 17	Greg McLeod & Pam Trimmer	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	20 May 17	Nathan White & Vera Holt	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	27 May 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: Pam Trimmer (T) 8293 2612; (M) 0415 238 333; e-mail: <a href="mailto:pamela.trimmer@bigpond.com">pamela.trimmer@bigpond.com</a>

#### **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 19 June** 

Morning shift: 8.30am - 12.30pm | Afternoon shift: 12.30 - 5pm

#### The Back Page

#### A retired corporate executive, now a widower, decided to take a holiday.

He booked himself on a Pacific Islands cruise and proceeded to have the time of his life -- that is, until the ship sank. He found himself on an island with no other people, no supplies, nothing; only bananas and coconuts. After about four months, he is lying on the beach one day when the most gorgeous woman he has ever seen rows up to the shore. In disbelief, he asks, "Where did you come from? How did you get here?"

She replies, "I rowed from the other side of the island. I landed here when my cruise ship sank."

"Amazing," he notes. "You were really lucky to have a row boat wash up with you."

"Oh, this thing?" explains the woman. "I made the boat out of raw material I found on the island. The oars were whittled from pine tree branches. I wove the bottom from palm branches, and the sides and stern came from a eucalyptus tree."

"But, where did you get the tools?"

Oh, that was no problem," replied the woman. "On the south side of the island, a very unusual stratum of alluvial rock is exposed. I found if I fired it to a certain temperature in my kiln, it melted into ductile iron. I used that for tools, and used the tools to make the hardware."

The man is stunned.

"Let's row over to my place," she says.



After a few minutes of rowing, she docks the boat at a small wharf. As the man looks to shore, he nearly falls off the boat. Before him is a stone footpath leading to an exquisite bungalow painted in blue and white. While the woman ties up the rowboat with an expertly woven hemp rope, the man can only stare ahead, dumbstruck. As they walk into the house, she says casually, "It's not much, but I call it home. Sit down, please. Would you like a drink?"

"No! No thank you," he blurts out, still dazed. "I can't take another drop of coconut juice."

"It's not coconut juice," winks the woman. "I have a still. How would you like a Pina Colada?"

Trying to hide his continued amazement, the man accepts, and they sit down on her couch to talk. After they have exchanged their stories, the woman announces, "I'm going to slip into something more comfortable. Would you like to take a shower and shave? There is a razor upstairs in the bathroom cabinet."

No longer questioning anything, the man goes into the bathroom. There, in the cabinet, is a razor made from a piece of tortoise bone. Two shells honed to a hollow ground edge are fastened on to its end inside a swivel mechanism. "This woman is amazing," he muses. "What next?"

When he returns, she greets him wearing nothing but vines, strategically positioned, and smelling faintly of gardenias. She beckons for him to sit down next to her.

"Tell me," she begins suggestively, slithering closer to him, "We've been out here for many months. You've been lonely. There's something I'm sure you really feel like doing right now, something you've been longing for?" She stares into his eyes.

He can't believe what he's hearing. "You mean... " he swallows excitedly and tears start to form in his eyes. "Don't tell me you've built a Golf Course!"



