



## 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 on Fisher
Guest Speaker:	<b>Dipak Dhamala</b>
Chairman:	David Payne
Guests:	Eve Yeh, Kay Cooke, Rhonda Hoare, Judi Corcoran
Apologies:	Stephen Bone, Jerry Casburn, Reno Elms, Dennis Liddle, Mavis Martin, Trevor McGuirk, Pam Trimmer
Returning Rotarian:	Geoff Hill
Attendance:	18 Members 5 guests

## President Ken's Announcements

- The fabulous clothes from the Thrift Shop for the finest fashion fiesta on April 18 are almost finalised.
- At the last Board meeting it was resolved that: the website upgrade would be through Forsyte Consulting; a donation of \$3,300 be made to fund 2 participants for Operation Flinders; the Congo rebuilding program be supported by a donation of \$1000; honorary club membership be bestowed on resigned member and Past President Joan Reed.

## Guest Speaker: Dipak Dhamala - Rebuilding Nepal

Chairman David Payne introduced Dipak who is the State's Honorary Consul for Nepal and a member of the Rotary Club of St Peters. He arrived in Australia with his family 10 years ago and has established the Himalayan Travel experience, an agency covering Nepal, India, Tibet and Bhutan.

Dipak explained that Nepal with a population of 30 million has three main regions – the Plains with 16% area and 60% of the population, the Hills with close to 40%, and the Mountains where 8 out of the 14 world's tallest peaks belong. The country that is now Nepal was, from time immemorial, a collection of disparate fiefdoms/tribes. In 1640 King Ghorka nobly made an effort at unification by expanding his realm. The next major event was the Nalapani Wars with England 1814-16 where 17,000 ghurkhas kept 40,000 red coats at bay for a while. There was peace for 104 years under the Rana Regime. Independence from the Brits was granted after WW2 and BP Koraila was the first democratically elected PM.....but did not last long. King Mahendra took power and governed from 1955-1972, and by all accounts, did a good job of building the country's physical and learning infrastructure. Later royals were less well regarded and in 2001 most of them were massacred. Dissent in the country grew, fermented by the Maoists. PM Prachanda became the first democratically elected communist leader in the world.



Dipak took us on a pictorial journey of the wonders of Nepal including the origins of Buddhism, the many shrines, centuries' old architecture, 300 yo Living Goddess Kumari, the walking trails, the daily festivals, the scenic flights, the animal reserves equal to African game parks, the daunting mountains and the smartest of accommodation. Hindus and Buddhists worship together. There are over 100 different languages spoken. A truly spectacular country.

On 26 April 2015 a devastating earthquake struck, destroying about 20% of the country's housing and infrastructure. Many villages were levelled with great loss of life. The road to recovery is slow. Initial international aid efforts prevented the country from becoming a humanitarian disaster.....and Rotary did its bit through Shelter Box and other programs. The capital of Katmandu (where the money is) has improved rapidly but this is not replicated in most other areas. The situation was not helped by India cutting off fuel supplies through the border and the drying up of many mountain springs by quake rock realignments. Nepal needs more support through donations, visitations (tourist and humanitarian), and special projects to rebuild houses and schools. Care should be taken however as there are unscrupulous 'aid' operators. Dipak can assist in getting money to areas of greatest need.

Dipak was thanked by acclamation.

## Spots

**Stephen Baker** announced:

- Jerry was looking for 4 more participants for his Barossa event on April 2
- Trevor is looking for people to home host a couple or singleton from the 9 member visiting Indian friendship team from mid June for 4 days; it is likely that the club will arrange a special meeting event on June 20.
- The website upgrade needs the attention of all members.

**Valerie Bonython** exhorted members to sell tickets for the fabulous fashion parade starting at 7.15pm on April 18. To date we have 36 bookings and aiming for 100 – cost \$5pp.....which does not come close to covering the normal fees of the outstanding models.

## Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Valerie Bonython organised for Sheila's marble to be drawn for the atrocious squares. The \$10 prize could be useful in getting her email system unclogged. Valerie, who has not a mean bone in her body, somehow listened to mate Graham for the fine session and applied a \$1 impost for those not wearing ties including those of the fairer sex.....and then tried to penalise those not wearing the Rotary pin (which we all do in our underwear). The happiness award goes to Heather who is having a birthday, attended the Adele concert, and is off to visit her family in the wilds of Tasmania. WE WISH ALL THOSE TOURING TO TASMANIA A BLOODY MARVELLOUS (David M terminology) TIME.

The meeting closed at 8pm.....just-in-time as the Japanese would say.

## Rotary News

# Women share stories of humanitarian service on International Women's Day

By Jane Lawicki

What motivates everyday women to do extraordinary things — to positively change the lives of people halfway around the world while inspiring so many folks at home? Three Rotary members answered that question at a celebration of International Women's Day hosted by the World Bank at its Washington, D.C., headquarters 8 March when each was honoured for her humanitarian achievements.

Speaking to an audience of more than 300, with thousands listening to the live-stream, Razia Jan, Deborah Walters, and Ann Lee Hussey told their personal stories and explained what inspired them to build a girls school in Afghanistan, assist people living in a Guatemala City garbage dump, and lead more than 24 teams to immunize children in Africa and Asia.

"I'm so inspired to see the faces of the children, what they're learning, how to stand up for their rights, to have ambition ... to want to do things that may even be impossible — to have dreams," said Jan, a member of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, Massachusetts, USA.

An Afghan native now living in the United States, Jan has worked for decades to build connections between Afghans and Americans while improving the lives of young women and girls in Afghanistan.

Founder and director of the Zabuli Education Center, a school that serves more than 625 girls in Deh'Subz, Afghanistan, Jan said the first class of students graduated in 2015 and a women's college will open soon. The girls school teaches math, English, science, and technology, along with practical skills to prepare them to achieve economic freedom within a challenging social environment.

Dr Deborah Walters, a neuroscientist and member of the Rotary Club of Unity, Maine, USA, has served as a volunteer for Safe Passage (Camino Seguro), a nonprofit organization that provides educational and social services to children and families who live in a Guatemala City garbage dump.



Razia Jan



Dr Deborah Walters

Walters, known as the “kayaking grandmother,” traveled from her home in Maine to Guatemala in a small kayak to raise awareness of the plight of the residents.

Hussey, a member of the Rotary Club of Portland Sunrise, Maine, has made the eradication of polio and the alleviation of suffering by polio survivors her life’s work.

A polio survivor herself, she’s spent the past 14 years leading teams of Rotary volunteers to developing countries to immunize children during National Immunization Days.

She often chooses to lead or participate in NIDs in places that don’t often see Westerners: Bangladesh, Chad, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and remote areas of Egypt and India. There, the need is greatest, and the publicity and goodwill that the trips foster are critical in communicating the urgency of the need for immunizations.

“These women exemplify what the World Bank is striving to attain every day with the twin goals of ending extreme poverty within a generation and boosting shared prosperity,” said Daniel Sellen, chair of the World Bank Group Staff Association. “They illustrate the power of women to change the world and improve people’s lives through innovative and impactful projects in education, economic development, and health.”



Anne Hussey

## 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)

**South Australia Police Officer of the Year 19 May 2017 – Rundle Mall noon, Glenelg Golf Club 7 for 7.30pm**

**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
21 Mar	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	<b>Bryan Harris RAWCS</b> World Water Day & Rotary	David Middleton	P Beckett	Only the best	VBonython
28 Mar	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	<b>Carrie Foster SAPOL</b> Detecting scammers	Geoff Hill	V Bonython	Another goodie	JCasburn
4 Apr	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	<b>Jerry Casburn</b> Building a Strong Foundation (Rotary Foundation 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	Ken Haines	J Casburn	Another goodie	RCarnachan

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

**Apologies to:** Stephen Baker as early as possible by e-mail [sanddbaker@internode.on.net](mailto:sanddbaker@internode.on.net) or 0403 687 015

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**Attendance Desk Enquiries to:** Wendy Andrews by e-mail to [wendyjoyandrews@gmail.com](mailto: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	1 Apr 17	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan
2	8 Apr 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)**

## The Back Page

### From where did that word derive?

#### Manure

*An interesting fact about Manure: In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything for export had to be transported by ship. It was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure were quite common. It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles - you can imagine what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOOM!*

*Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening. After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction Stow high in transit them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this "volatile" cargo and start the production of methane. Thus evolved the term 'S.H.I.T', (Stow High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day. You probably did not know the true history of this word. Neither did the editor who had always thought it was a golf term.*

### A golden oldie about the true meaning of life



*Two old diggers are drinking in a bar.*

*One says to the other, "Did you know that Lions have sex 10 to 15 times a day"*

*"Aw shit," says his mate, "and I just joined Rotary"*

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