

The Rotary Club

of Brisbane Inc.

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Sophie Joseph

Talk: "Ghana Adventure"

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President Bill's Weekly Message

We are now six weeks out from this year's district 9600 Conference. As previously reported our club will be participating with a display not showcasing one of the Programs of Rotary but of Rotary itself. This display is intended to provide a snapshot of our organization from the outside for the benefit of the public and future members. We sometimes forget that our organization, while simple in aspirations is complex in structure and Programs. This can be very daunting to the public and in this time of constant change, may be seen as too complex to explain in a few words or symbols. Our club is endeavoring through our display to do just that through the authoring of our secretary Des Knight and our marketing strategist Karissa Douglas. They are crafting a display that will provide an easily absorbed snapshot of Rotary and what it means to be a Rotarian. Des last week unveiled a model of the proposed display, and over the next few weeks will refine it towards the construction stage in time for the Conference. Members who would like to assist with this endeavor should register their interest with Program Coordinator Graeme Whitmore who will liaise with the team.

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Last week we enjoyed a great presentation by our intrepid sailor Tony Love who described his most recent adventure skipping his yacht Sweetheart in this year's Sydney to Hobart Race. He left the moorings at Manly for the pre-race trip down the coast to Sydney with a short crew. This leg ended by berthing at the Cruising Yacht Squadron at Rushcutters Bay for the pre-race preparations. Tony described the anticipation of the big day and the excitement of the start with the competitors vying for position in a crowded Sydney Harbour. The big maxi's took off ahead of the field as expected trailed by the main race flotilla. Once outside of the heads it was on to a southerly bearing and the run down the coast. Tony's seasoned crew of eight good friends settled in to a practiced routine. All the crew have been well trained for their roles in the sometimes dangerous sport of ocean racing. Each has Sea Safety and First Aid certificates and ready for any eventuality in the uncertain open water environment. The weather was kind this year and the trip was pleasant. Tony described the on board environment and said the accommodation on his boat is sparse and practical but comes with nearly all mod cons

including a door to the head. It is noisy below decks with the lightweight construction of the boat acting as conduit for the pounding of the seas. A firm onboard management regime ensured a harmonious environment during the four nights of the race. Tony told us that his craft is a 39 footer (13.26m) and was constructed in 1993 for competition in the big race. Although today it's specifications have been bypassed by the newer craft it has acquitted itself well on handicap. The race continues around Cape Howe for run down the east coast of Tasmania. The pressure is finally off as the yachts run up to the finish line

in Hobart. After the post race celebrations, it was time for the return journey undertaken by four crew only. It was a leisurely cruise with nightly stops and included a spot of fishing. Tony has participated in the Sydney Hobart a number of times previously and each return provides it's own unique memories. It is odds on that there are plans to return to do it all over again.

This weeks speaker Sophie Joseph is travelling to Ghana to live with a local family and teach at a local school. The trip has been arranged by Antipodeans Abroad, a travel organization with a difference that specialised in in travel programmes with a purpose. For both the young and not so young the range of travel programmes are structured to get to the heart of the local people and their culture with the purpose of making the experience rewarding and inspiring. The offerings vary from a one month volunteer placement in Sri Lanka, a student expedition to Peru, to a French language exchange to Lyon. The organisation was founded by and is still led by Colin Carpenter who spent many years teaching and organising trips for students at The King's School in Sydney including expeditions to Nepal from 1980. He has overseen the development of Antipodeans as a provider of unique learning experiences for young Australians, particularly leadership training opportunities. We look forward to Sophie's talk.

NOTICES

PP Marjorie Carss update. This week we can again report further improvement in PP Marjorie's condition. Arrangements are currently being made to transfer her to a rehabilitation centre to assist in her recovery. Brian be contacted for an update before any visit is made. Our continuing best wishes are extended to PP Marjorie, Brian and family.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

Minimum package cost for attendance with morning and afternoon teas \$30.00

Discounts of 10% still available for Registrations prior to end of February for full packages including lunches, opening function and Saturday night gala dinner.

****Please register your intention to attend with Bob Estler or Graeme Whitmore at the reception desk****

Call for nominations for Board Members for 2006-2007

POSITIONS FILLED: (Ratified by members)

- **Graeme Ridler** **President 2006 - 2007**
- **Brian Carss** **Secretary 2006 - 2007**

Note: Mal Evans has been appointed by the Board as Vice President 2005 2006 to fill the casual vacancy resulting from the resignation of Peter Savage.

Members are now invited to put forward nominations for the following positions:

1. **President Elect** **2006 2007** (Mal Evans will accept nomination for this position)
2. **Vice President** **2006 2007**
3. **Treasurer** **2006 2007** (Marjorie Herrington will continue in this position)
4. **Directors (4)** **2006 2007**

The Board operates at present with 4 Directors for the following Directorates: Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, and International Service.

Nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 4pm on Friday 24 Feb
All nominations must be signed by the nominee. It is proposed to place the nominations before Members at the meeting on **Monday 27 Feb**

Secretary
06 Feb 2006

Typical Ghanaian classroom in which today's speaker Sophie Joseph will teach for twelve weeks during her forthcoming volunteering immersion trip.

The Sweetheart moored at Port Arthur on her return home from this years Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. The rumour that the crew chose the onshore accommodation to that on board is reported as being totally untrue.

District 9600 Youth Exchange is seeking nominations for this years outbound Program.

Applications by 16th March
Enquiries contact Cheryl Kerr

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The Ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says, "A beer, please, and one for the road."
6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
7. "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'" "That Sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" Well, "It's Not Unusual."
8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.
9. An invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
10. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't Find any.
12. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't - I've cut off your arms!"
13. I went to a seafood disco last week ...and pulled a mussel.
14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh. (A New Zealand Species?)
16. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

17. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."
18. A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
19. Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him... a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
20. And finally, there was the person who sent twenty different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least ten of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.

Duty Roster

27 February	6 March	13 March	20 March
<i>Chair</i> Bas Veal	<i>Chair</i> Peter Anderson	<i>Chair</i> Wal Bishop	<i>Chair</i> Russell Mann
<i>Set-Up & Put-Away</i> Greg Sellars Peter Ulrich	<i>Set-Up & Put-Away</i> J Torrance Clive Morman	<i>Set-Up & Put-Away</i> Keith Watts John Charlton	<i>Set-Up & Put-Away</i> Michael Stephens Bob Aldred
<i>Raffle</i> Cheryl Kerr	<i>Raffle</i> Mario Pennisi	<i>Raffle</i> Don O'Donoghue	<i>Raffle</i> Michael Kelly
<i>Make-ups</i> Max Winders	<i>Make-ups</i> David Charlton	<i>Make-ups</i> John Smerdon	<i>Make-ups</i> Peter Dawson
<i>Fellowship</i> Dougal Henderson	<i>Fellowship</i> Mel Evans	<i>Fellowship</i> David Cain	<i>Fellowship</i> Peter Ulrich
<i>Speaker review</i>	<i>Speaker review</i>	<i>Speaker review</i>	<i>Speaker review</i>

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange a swap with another member. Please don't forget as your failure to turn up affects Club organisation. If you are designated as the Chair and you will not be available, please advise the President. Members listed should ARRIVE by NOON.

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	INDUCTION DATE	
05 Ron Dixon 09 Peter Anderson 16 Peter Ulrich 20 Marjorie Carss 28 Graeme Ridler	04 Peter & Lyn Anderson 27 Ian & Joc Wilson 28 Stan & Pauline Francis	02 Clarrie Manning 05 Robert Seaman 13 Bob Bland 15 Don O'Donoghue 20 Graeme Ridler 24 Peter Tsikleas 25 Phil Little	1981 1979 1972 1982 2000 1969 2002

ATTENDANCE: 13Feb 2006

Members	36	
Visiting Rotarians	1	John Giles. Ashgrove the Gap, Architecture
Partners		
Guests	1	James Ball (Guests of John Puttick)
Club Guests		Karissa Douglass Guest Speaker
TOTAL	38	

ATTENDANCE: 20 Feb 2006

Members	24	
Visiting Rotarians		
Partners		
Guests	2	Maj. Wayne Maxwell, James Ball
Club Guests		Tony Love Guest Speaker
TOTAL	26	

ROTARY INFORMATION

Object of Rotary	Four Way Test
<p>The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:</p> <p>First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;</p> <p>Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;</p> <p>Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;</p> <p>Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.</p>	<p><i>Of the things we think, say or do</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
National Anthem	
<p>Australians all let us rejoice, For we are young and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil, Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in nature's gifts, Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.</p>	
Club Officers & Directors	
<p>Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Bill Cunningham • President Elect: Graeme Ridler • Secretary: PP Des Knight • Treasurer: Marjorie Herrington • Imm. Past Pres: Marjorie Carss 	<p>Directors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ? Club Service: Graeme Ridler ? Community Service: David Cain ? International Service: Warren Hampton ? Vocational Service: Cheryl Kerr <p>Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love</p>
District 9600 Governor	Rotary Grace
Charles Guesdon	<p>O Lord and giver of all good We thank You for our daily food May Rotary friends & Rotary ways Help us to serve You all our days</p>
Rotary International President	
Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar	
<p>The Bulletin is printed on the Friday prior to the regular meeting. Please submit your items by <i>Thursday pm</i> by e-mail to Secretary,. Articles in MS Word format only please and pictures in jpg or tif.</p>	