



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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**GPO Box 2909
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Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
241 Adelaide Street
Brisbane

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	Graeme Whitmore
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Dai Mason

Rotary International President
Sakuji Tanaka

President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends,

As reported at Monday's meeting, Past President Bas Veal has been successful in securing a meeting with the Lord Mayor on Wednesday next week, during which we will present the Lord Mayor with a cheque for the City Hall Restoration Fund, as well as inducting the Lord Mayor as an honorary member of the club. For the purpose of the presentation, Phil Gresham has kindly prepared an oversize cheque, and we will be organising to have photos taken, with a view to sending these to local media. If anyone has any contacts that can assist with this, let me know. At the moment, Bas, Past President and Honorary member Michael Mauger and myself will be attending. I am not sure if we have a limit on numbers, but if other members are interested in attending, let me know and I will look into this.

While we are on the subject of City Hall, Bas and I attended a tour of the Hall on Monday, followed by a cocktail evening with the Lord Mayor and fund raising committee members. It was incredible to see the work that has been performed, and understand the safety deficiencies they have had to correct, whilst maintaining the heritage aspects of the building. Indications are that the work is 70% complete, so it looks like it will be a busy few weeks if they are to finish by early next year.

On to other matters, Brisbane Youth Service are having another collection, this time associated with Anti-Poverty Week, which is being held 14th-20th October, and details are set out in the attached flyer. BYS are hoping to receive items of non-perishable food, which can be dropped off by 12th October 2012. If everyone can bring donations to our next meeting on Monday 8th October, I will arrange for these to be delivered.

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4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





President's Message – continued

I have also received an email from Sean Hagan, the Past President of the Rotary Club of Portadown, Northern Ireland, indicating a legal secretary who has worked for him is emigrating to Brisbane and wondering if we can assist her with contacts for employment. If anyone has any suggestions, let me know.

Finally, just a reminder there is no meeting on 1st October. I am organising with Mid-City for us to attend one of their meetings shortly as a make up, and will let members know once a suitable date has been agreed. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all on 8th October.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting – 24 September 2012

The Chairman introduced our P Alistair who welcomed our only guest Ian Broad of the RC of Maclean in northern NSW. P Alistair thanked Stan Francis and his helpers who had transported desks and tables from the Slacks Creek State School to the DIK Depot in Durack last Thursday. He reminded members of the Rotary sponsored "free" breakfast on Wednesday the 26th to raise money to help addicted women at the Salvation Army's Moonyah Center. Details of this function appeared attached to our Bulletin notice last week. P Alistair reminded members that there would be no Rotary meeting next week the 1st. of October due to the public holiday in Queensland.

Secretary Michael Stevens brought up the subject of a Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes similar to those conducted by the Club in past years. After some discussion the rather ambitious target of 300 tickets at \$100 each was proposed.

Stan Francis told us that due to the large number of tables, about 80, yet to be moved, he needed another group of volunteers to assist him to finish the job on the 27th of September. Phil Little, Michael Kelly, Michael Stevens and Wal Bishop's apprentice volunteered to assist Stan

P Alistair stood in for PP Bas Veal, who could not attend today's meeting to let us know that Brisbane's Lord Mayor Graham Quirk had accepted Honorary Membership of the Rotary Club of Brisbane. He also informed us that the Lord Mayor would formally be presented with a cheque for the restoration of the City Hall from our Club at a ceremony on Wednesday the 3rd of October. He hoped to get media publicity to cover the event.

Phil Little contributed a word of wisdom that he had read that you had to keep your body chemistry alkaline and not acidic for optimum health and wellbeing. Rick Tamaschke added his words of advice gleaned from the newspaper that the husband and wife who shared a bottle of wine over a meal regularly were more likely to share marital bliss.

As there was no guest lecturer members enjoyed fellowship for half an hour. Discussion at our table was lead by Patrick Caragata who gave us a great talk on the regulation, or lack thereof, of the American banking system prior to the GFC.

SAA Cam Bishop was given extra time as we had no guest speaker. He reminded us again that there was a Public Holiday next Monday and there would be no Rotary meeting. Clive Morman won the raffle. A total of 18 attended the lunch including one visiting Rotarian.

ROTARY GRACE

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank You for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve You all our days.

Calendar

15 October:

Keith Watts
Constitution & Bylaws for Club approval

22 October:

Fellowship +
Malcolm Campbell, Rotary International Amsterdam

29 October:

TBA

Roster

8 October 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman J Worrell
Set Up/Away K Watts
Raffle K Hamburger
Visitor Register G Holtman
Attendance J Smerdon

15 October 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman D Phillips
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle P Anderson
Visitor Register J Delahunty
Attendance J Smerdon

22 October 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman K Hamburger
Set Up/Away M Evans
Raffle P Little
Visitor Register P Little
Attendance J Smerdon

29 October 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman M Kelly
Set Up/Away L Stalley
Raffle P Cluff
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance J Smerdon

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Using vocational service to build peace

By Sakuji Tanaka

http://blog.rotary.org/2012/10/02/tanaka_vocservice/



In Japan, we place great importance on the value of work. Whatever we are called to do, we should do it to the very best of our abilities, with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.

I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year in Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard? What is the importance of our work?

I had never thought about this before. I never saw it as a question. We work to earn money. We work to be successful. We work because it is required of us. To me, this was all.

On that day, I learned about the idea of vocational service. It was the idea that through our work, we can serve others. We think about others' needs, and grow to care more for the needs of our communities. We build positive connections between people, and a more peaceful world.

This is the idea that has changed my life. It did not change how much I worked, or how hard I worked. But it changed why I worked, and how I experienced my life. It has made me see a higher purpose in everything I do.

The idea of Service above Self is an idea that is unique to Rotary. But it is an idea that can be embraced by anyone. And I believe very much that in Rotary, and beyond Rotary, we can build Peace through Service.

3,000 miles for 3 minutes: A global call to end polio

By Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

<http://blog.rotary.org/2012/09/26/gates/>



This week, I am heading from Seattle to New York to speak for 180 seconds. I will be talking at a United Nations meeting about the fight to eradicate polio. I am very passionate on the subject, and I usually prefer to discuss it for hours at a time. In this case, however, I am happy to stop at three minutes. Because the reason my time is short is that so many people are committed to eradication we can barely all squeeze into the program.

When the UN event on ending polio is one of the hottest tickets in town, you know you are witnessing an extraordinary moment of global solidarity. And the timing couldn't be better, because we're at a particularly critical juncture in the fight.

New polio cases are the lowest they've ever been and there are currently just three countries, down from 125 in 1988, where polio is still endemic: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. India has defeated polio and Angola has defeated it twice. We have never been this close.

In New York, the world's leaders will show how seriously they take this opportunity and pledge not to let it slip through our fingers.

On Thursday, the presidents of all three endemic countries are scheduled to be in New York to talk about their personal commitment to wiping polio out of their countries. They'll also describe how they're holding leaders at all levels of their governments accountable for results.

The three presidents will be joined by representatives from many existing and newer donors to polio eradication: Australia, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as Rotary International.

And by brand new donors: for example, the Islamic Development Bank, which is stepping up with contributions to support efforts in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Also joining is the president of our partners FC Barcelona and the FC Barcelona Foundation, who with their partners Etisalat, a Middle East telecommunications company, will be working to engage a global movement in support of polio eradication.

This amazing group is coming to New York because UN secretary general Ban Ki Moon has made it clear that ending polio is among his top five global health priorities.

Eradicating a disease is very hard to do—so hard that it's only been done once in the history of the world. But the world is coming together with the financial resources, the political commitment, and the innovation necessary to do something absolutely extraordinary, to protect every child everywhere from this preventable disease.

When we succeed, the disease will be gone, but the lessons we learned from this fight will remain. We will be able to build on them to vaccinate more children from more diseases and save millions more lives, to mobilize more countries to donate to global health, and to inspire more heads of state to put development at the top of their list of priorities.

That's a lot of impact, and that is why I am travelling 3,000 miles to say 300 words.