

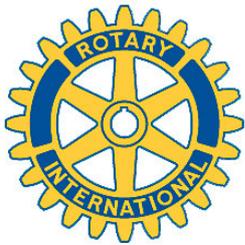


The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

11 February 2013



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Brisbane Qld 4001**

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
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Vice President	Keith Watts
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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

There is no President's Message this week – apologies from President Alistair.



Date Claimer

**Wednesday
5 June 2013**

Celebration of the
**90th Anniversary
of the Charter
of the Rotary
Club of Brisbane**

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?





Rotary Meeting 21 January 2013

The Chairman Greg Sellars introduced P Alistair who opened the meeting by welcoming our guest lecturers, Mercedes Staff and John Prosser, whose subject was The Legacy Way Tunnel. He also welcomed our two prospective members Heidi Dahles and Tony McKinnon. He reminded members of the opening of the RC of Samford Valley's Signatures Fine Art Exhibition on Friday the 8th of February. He said that our Sister Clubs around the world would soon receive invitations to our Club's 90th Anniversary Celebrations on the 5th of June 2013.

In Rotary Spots Graeme Whitmore reminded members that the Club's Golf Day was to start on the morning of Wednesday the 15th of May to be followed by lunch at North Lakes Club house.

Our guest lecturers shared the podium and their subject of The Legacy Way Tunnel dealt mainly with the legal process of the acquisition of the land and permits for this major project. Mercedes Staff has a background in IT, and her joint lecturer John Prosser is an Engineer. We learnt that fortunately the land at both ends of the project was owned by either the Brisbane City Council or the State Government. However altogether the tunnel involved changes to the title of 347 individual parcels of land. Householders who owned freehold homes were each given \$5,000 as compensation if the tunnel passed under their property. The Boy's and Girl's Grammar Schools and the sporting Clubs surrounding the exit near Victoria Park, and the Botanic Gardens near the entrance were consulted and compensated for the impact the Tunnel construction would have on their amenities. The Botanic Gardens would have an extra 4ha of developed gardens provided by the Tunnel Consortium. The Acoustic Shed at the entrance near Toowong Cemetery provides all the services to the two 2800 ton Tunnel Boring Machines. These German designed and built machines have been refurbished after being used in other tunnel boring operations in Brisbane. They can bore 50m per day and line each tunnel as they go with a ring of 9, seven and a half ton, pre-cast concrete segments, each 2 m long as they proceed.

The one million tons of spoil from the boring is taken by conveyor belt from each machine, through another tunnel under Mt. Coot-Tha, to fill the disused former quarry. The project has created 5,000 new jobs. The Legacy Charity will receive a small benefit from each toll when the project opens. The Tunnel will remove a lot of traffic from the surrounding roads, particularly Moggill Rd., and Coronation Drive. Extensive new works will also be undertaken at the Junction of the Centenary Highway and Moggill Rd., to improve traffic flow and safety. In questions after the talk we were told that it was expected that it would take 45 years of tolls to pay for the project. From the lecture we gained some idea of the scale and complexity of the undertaking by concentrating on the planning, legal, community, and social problems involved in acquiring the land and relevant permits to get the immense concept off the ground.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our guests, and entertained us with jokes. He managed to get through his session without once mentioning the name of the celebrated vineyard, but more than made up for that by the blatant plugging of a certain E Laundry that was named half a dozen times. The raffle was won by Chris Muir. A total of 28 enjoyed an entertaining and informative meeting.

ROTARY GRACE

○ 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

18 February 2013:

Phil Gresham
*From analogue to Digital
Where did my Memory Go!!*

25 February 2013:

To be advised

4 March 2013:

Fellowship

Roster

11 February 2013:

President	A Smith
Chairman	C Shepherd
Set Up/Away	D Smith
Raffle	P Caragata
Visitor Register	C Morman
Attendance	J Smerdon G Whitmore

18 February 2013:

President	A Smith
Chairman	S Francis
Set Up/Away	B Veal
Raffle	W Bishop
Visitor Register	H Dahles
Attendance	J Smerdon G Whitmore

25 February 2013:

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

4 March 2013:

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

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How polio changed my life

By Eliana Zagui, author of *Pulmão de Aço* (Iron Lung)



Pulmão de Aço (Iron Lung), published this year in Brazil, tells the story of Eliana Zagui, a polio survivor who has lived for decades in a hospital in Brazil.

Before it was eradicated through the effort of massive immunization campaigns in 1989, poliomyelitis was prevalent in Brazil. The lack of vaccine and poor sanitation in small towns resulted in thousands of victims a year. Avoiding polio was often a matter of luck.

In January 1976, at the age of two, my luck ran out. I woke up with a fever and weak lower limbs. Although my parents were used to my recurrent episodes of sore throat, they brought me to the nearest city of Jaboticabal for medical treatment. The next day, lacking a diagnosis, I was sent to Ribeirão Preto, a larger city with better medical facilities. By the time the doctors came to the conclusion that I had contracted polio, the virus had already started its devastating muscular paralysis process.

We lived in Guariba near São Paulo, more than 180 miles from the major polio treatment center in Brazil. Getting to the 'Hospital das Clínicas' in São Paulo was a struggle. But after several hours, we received a ride from a charitable individual. By that time, I was already paralyzed from my neck down, and my breathing was restricted by the paralysis of my diaphragm.

I was placed in an iron lung a number of times in an attempt to reverse the respiratory failure, but eventually the doctors concluded the battle was lost. I was tracheotomized and connected to an artificial respirator. More than 36 years later, I still depend on the artificial respirator to breathe.

I have lived the rest of my life at the same 'Hospital das Clínicas.' Out of hundreds of children admitted to the hospital in the '60s and '70s, seven of us formed a family, and developed bonds with the doctors and nurses who looked after us. Five of our family died in the '80s, and now only Paulo Henrique Machado and I remain. We still share a room in the Intensive Care Unit.

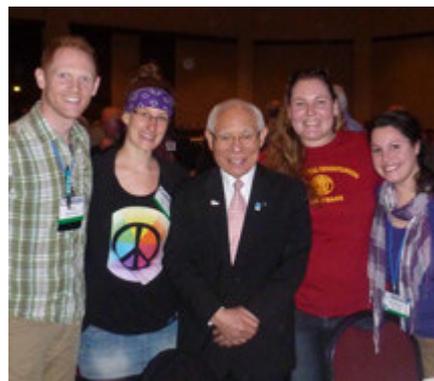
It was in that room that Paulo and I learned how to read and write. While Paulo has limited hand movements, I can only move my neck and head. Everything I can do with some autonomy has to be done with my mouth. That includes my paintings, which are sold around the world through an association.

The story of how Paulo and I survived polio and how, for decades, we have lived almost completely paralyzed at Hospital das Clínicas is told in the book *Pulmão de Aço* (Iron Lung), published this year in Brazil by Belasletra Editora

Source:
<http://blog.rotary.org/2013/02/07/ironlung/>

Everyone has a role in peace

By Kai Nestman, a member of the Rotaract Club of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada



This past weekend I was fortunate to participate in a Rotary Global Peace Forum in Honolulu, Hawaii. The forum placed a heightened emphasis on young people as catalysts for peace. Workshops brought together participants from around the world to discuss and engage in peace education, technology, intercultural understanding, peace through humanitarianism, and world peace through personal health, among many others. Young people offer us the greatest opportunity to move towards world peace.

Peace can be described as a lifetime journey that individuals travel through in the quest to achieve harmony – a personal expedition in search of harmony that could extend to the cosmos, our environment, the relations between each other, and our harmony with oneself. Peace could include a world free from violence and suffering, yet full of tolerance and love.

Aung San Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient and Member of Parliament in Burma (Myanmar), was the keynote speaker at Rotary's peace forum.

"Young men and women should not need to think about peace. If they need to think about peace there is something wrong with society; there is something wrong with their family situation, or their social situation," described Daw Suu Kyi when I asked, "what encourages people to believe in peace, and especially youth in this process?"

Suu Kyi continued in her response that, "the young must also understand the sedative for peace and the drive for peace... (and) because there is so much turmoil in the world we live in, that more and more young people understand the value of peace."



Youth must gain access to the opportunity to broaden their horizons and cultural understanding through experiences such as a Rotary Youth Exchange. Rotary International sends more than 8,000 secondary school students each year to over 80 countries where students live with host families and bridge international friendships over a year-long exchange.

There are many opportunities for young people to study abroad, live in another country with host families, and engage in a new culture and language. These experiences through high school or during college and university develop international relationships between two similar yet different cultures. This exchange precipitates peace.

As Aung San Suu Kyi stated, "we depend on our young people to take us forward." This could be significant in the quest to achieve world peace; however, we must look to organizations such as Rotary International and educational institutions to promote this shift in international experience and ensure greater accessibility. Everyone has a role in peace, but we must empower youth to grow as peacemakers.
