



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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.

We have received a message from Shinya Kizaki who is a member of Hirakata Kuzuha rotary club in Hirakata-city, Osaka, Japan. Shinya has indicated he will be in Brisbane 22nd to 25th November, and has asked if members would be available on the evening of 24th November to meet up. I would appreciate it if you could let me know whether or not you would be available so I can organise dinner and/or drinks.

We have also received a request from Jean Patrick Harry, a member of the Rotary club of Senart in district 1770, asking if anyone can assist in finding a six month placement (January to June 2013) for the son of one of their members so he can fulfil his final year student course in engineering. I can provide a CV and covering letter should anyone be able to assist.

It has been a bit of a week for requests, as we have been contacted by an individual to see if we could assist in securing accommodation near RBWH for rural families that have loved ones in hospital. By way of background, the lady indicated her father had a farm accident that resulted in him being transferred to ICU at RBWH. The family then had to find accommodation while he was a patient, which was both difficult and costly. Consequently, they are hoping to secure accommodation so other families can make use of this in similar circumstances, and have so far raised over \$5000 towards this, indicating that their community is willing to raise more funds as required. I would appreciate feedback from members as to whether we should assist with this project, and if so, whether anyone would be willing to take the lead.

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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

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Further to Secretary Michael Stephens earlier email, I would also like to remind you that district are holding an AGM on 18 November 2012. Please let me know if you would be available to attend this.

Finally, I would like to remind you that Michael Knox will be speaking on Monday, and it would be great if we could get as many members as possible to the meeting, for what should be a fascinating talk.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting – 5 November

Chairman Phil Little opened the meeting with the usual toasts and then welcomed President Alistair to the rostrum who in turn welcomed our Guest Speaker Russell Postle from Brisbane Highrise Club. Spots were then called - Patrick Caragata spoke about the Social Entrepreneurs Mentoring Programme and again sought assistance from members in providing details of the Charities that members would like to support. Responses to Patrick's recent email would be appreciated.

Greg Sellars provided an update on the Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes and members were asked to return all ticket sales proceeds to Greg Sellars or John Smerdon as soon as possible.

Treasurer Dougal Henderson gave a timely reminder to those members who have not yet paid their half yearly membership fees.

Secretary Michael Stephens advised that we had received correspondence from District Office asking whether our Club would like to support the relief effort following Hurricane Sandy in the US. There was unanimous agreement and the level of support will be decided at the next Board meeting. Michael also mentioned that expressions of interest for Board positions next year were now being sought.

Phil then introduced guest speaker Rotarian Russell Postle, Partner Private Clients at Accountants BDO Australia. Russell has over 30 years experience covering many of the disciplines in the accounting profession and his presentation today was on his long association with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. He has served on The RFDS Board since 1994 and is also Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. Russell gave a very informative presentation on the history and many achievements of the RFDS since its establishment by Rev John Flynn at Cloncurry on 17 May 1928. A vote of thanks was extended by Chairman Phil.

Sergeant at Arms Cam Bishop then extracted an appropriate level of fines from all present and raffle prizes were won by Peter Anderson and Stan Francis. President Alistair then closed the meeting with the usual reminders for next week's Duty Roster.

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

19 November:
TBA

26 November:
TBA

3 December:
TBA

Roster

12 November 2012:

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

19 November 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman P Anderson
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle J Worrell
Visitor Register P Dawson
Attendance J Smerdon

26 November 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman C Muir
Set Up/Away C Muir
Raffle R Tamaschke
Visitor Register C Shepherd
Attendance J Smerdon

3 December 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman H Monaghan
Set Up/Away P Little
Raffle M Evans
Visitor Register A Gillespie
Attendance J Smerdon

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at

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Interactors take part in Rotary-UN Day

By Marty Peak Helman, governor of District 7780 (parts of Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire, USA)



What could be more exciting than bringing a bus-load of Interactors from District 7780 in Northern New England to the Big Apple for Rotary-UN Day? The annual event includes a special program for Interactors and Youth Exchange students, and a chance not only to learn more about Rotary opportunities, but also to meet like-minded youth from all over the world.

But then, just a few days prior to our departure, Hurricane Sandy hit. We held our breath — and learned to our delight that even though the New York Marathon was canceled, Rotary-UN Day would go on!

We gathered at midnight in southern Maine to board the bus, and traveled through the night to reach New York City. After a quick change of clothes and breakfast at a Dunkin' Donuts, our 48 youth and 10 adult chaperones arrived at UN Headquarters promptly at 8 a.m.

What a thrill it was for the youth to have their picture taken with RI President Sakuji Tanaka. It was also a thrill for them to sit at the desks where the UN Ambassadors sit, with the names of each delegate's country on the desk. The program told us about projects that Interactors could get involved with, and ways to strengthen our Interact clubs. President Sakuji spoke to the youth, and told them that they are the change agents of the world, and that they must work hard to accomplish their dreams and be the best they can be.

At the program's end, we left the UN to walk to the Empire State Building, and rode the elevator up to the observation tower on the 86th floor. Afterward, there was time to go shopping in Times Square, dinner at Bubba Gumps, and a Broadway musical. We arrived back in New Hampshire and Maine early in the morning.

It was an amazing day in New York — even if this particular day ran about 30 hours long! The Interact youth came home with new knowledge about themselves, about Rotary, and about what it takes to build peace. Already, we are making plans to go again next year!

Source: <http://blog.rotary.org>

Interact is just the beginning

By Emily Wood, a member of the Rotaract Club of South-West Brisbane, Australia, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Interact.



In Interact, it doesn't matter that you're only a teenager; you still have the chance to make a positive difference in the world. Age is no barrier when you have a group of passionate individuals and the support of Rotary.

As a member of Interact, I was given the opportunity to have fun with friends while also helping others and exploring my abilities. From door-knock charity appeals to large-scale fundraising events, we were given the power and responsibility to "run the show." We challenged ourselves and managed to achieve great things, both personally and also for the

communities and organizations we were working to help.

After graduating from high school, and subsequently aging out of Interact, I found something was missing in my life. I still had my wonderful friends and family, as well as university study and part-time work, but I no longer had something to focus my passion for wanting to make a difference.

As the song goes, "you don't know what you've got till it's gone." I missed the friendship and sense of purpose that Interact provided.

Interact ended up being just the start of my journey with the Rotary family. I've since been a member of Rotaract for five years and also a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

Interact opened my eyes to the challenges and opportunities of the world, and to what an individual — teenager or adult — can achieve if they set their mind to it.

It is heartening to see that Interact continues to have this same influence on teenagers around the globe. A quick look at entries in the annual Interact Video Contest and you can see that Interact continues to foster future generations of bright, passionate and community-minded individuals.

Congratulations Rotary on the 50th anniversary of Interact. It truly is a wonderful program!

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