



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

13 April 2015



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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

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| President | Graeme Whitmore |
| President Elect | Phil Gresham |
| Imm Past President | Alistair Smith |
| Vice President | Keith Watts |
| Secretary | Michael Stephens |
| Treasurer | Warren Walker |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Cameron Bishop |

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Today we welcomed back PP Bas Veal after an illness, and it was great to see Bas back with a smile and I am sure he enjoyed the clubs fellowship.

I spoke with Max Winders today and he is still in the wars with treatment and may not return for a while, we wish Max a speedy recovery. He said that he has not been to the farm for a few weeks so that indicates all is not well.

Peter Anderson had an operation for the removal of a melanoma, which has been partially successful, but his bulging discs is still giving him trouble, we likewise seen our best wishes to Peter.

Our speaker this week was ABC Radio talk back host Steve Austin, and he gave an insight to radio talkback and the continuing success of Radio as a medium of communication. The speaker highlighted the need for a balanced presentation and the process to achieve this.

The new Rotaract Club CBD (official club name) was Jointly Chartered on Tues 31st March 2015; this is the start of getting young persons (18-30) involved in the CBD, which will hopefully lead to their involvement in Rotary clubs in the city at a later date.

I and wife Doris attended and 15 Rotaractors were inducted by District Governor George, and our Cluster Leader ADG Lisa Bateson. All members were previously invited to the charter evening held at "Spring Restaurant" cnr Felix and Eagle Street, 6.30pm.



**What's on?
13 April:**

Fellowship

Date Claimers

1-3 May 2015:
District 9600
Conference 2015

28 May 2015:
RCOB Charity Golf
Day at North Lakes

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

A great night was held and this joint sponsorship signifies a renewed interest by young persons in Rotary. This is the first Rotaract to be sponsored jointly in District 9600.

It is likely that a second Rotaract Club will be started in our district (River link) with a similar number of members, and a third group is the Redcliffe area is also under serious discussion. If the Rotaract clubs start to grow in our district all bodes well for future of the districts Rotary Clubs, it will be important, for our joint sponsorship of the CBD club, that we keep them involved is not only their own challenges but also in the joining with Rotary club projects and functions.

GOLF is on again for 28th May (Morning game with Breakfast roll, & lunch) more details later but put this in your diary or smart phone, as we want to get to the 100 players or more this year. Any Members who have access to sponsors and suitable prizes please contact Michael Stephens or myself as soon as possible.

As decision has been made that this year's earnings from our Golf Day will go to The Prostate Cancer Foundation to help with Community care nursing, **the more players and sponsors we get the more cash we can offer to PCF. PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!!**

The meeting last week accepted my suggestion that our club give \$5000 for relief aid to Vanuatu following the recent cyclone, subject to clarification thro District that our contribution will be committed to direct aid and not lost in administration, and I am awaiting a response.

District Conference is on at Bribie Island from May 1st to 3rd with a social golf day the day before, any members wishing to attend contact Bribie Island Club.

VP Keith Watts has recommended that all members take the opportunity of READING the Rotary Down Under 50th Anniversary Edition which you would have received in your mailbox over the past few days; there are a number of interesting articles that are thought provoking in the life of all Rotarians.

Due to difficulties to gain access to a larger room at the Brisbane Club, The Morecombe Visit and presentation has been pushed back until 3rd August, more details later

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 30 March 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Stan Francis. After Rotary Grace and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Patrick Caragata, as chairperson of the Project Committee, discussed various possible initiatives, including developing close links with the Prostate Cancer Foundation, and youth-oriented projects. He asked for volunteers to join his Committee.

After a short period of Fellowship, Chairperson Stan introduced the guest speaker, Steve Austin from Radio 612 Talkback. Steve provided a very interesting talk on 'The Influence of Radio', based on his 27 years' experience in the industry. He is passionate about Radio and feels 'privileged and blessed' to have his job. Each on air session requires lots of preparation, and he typically meets his producers at around 5am, well before his broadcast begins at 8.30am. Despite many pronouncements of its impending demise, Radio is still a powerful (perhaps the most powerful) means of communication, which is well understood by some world leaders.



Calendar

20 April 2015:
*Brigadier Ray McNab CSC
RFD, President
United Service Club.*

27 April 2015:
*Angel Flight - Michael
Solomon.*

4 May 2015:
Queensland Ombudsman

Roster

13 April 2015:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Little
Set Up/Away P Anderson
Raffle P Caragata
Visitor Register W Bishop
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

20 April 2015:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson J Ryder
Set Up/Away P Ryan
Raffle P Ryan
Visitor Register M Evans
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

27 April 2015:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Caragata
Set Up/Away A Smith
Raffle A McKinnon
Visitor Register R Tamaschke
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

4 May 2015:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Ryan
Set Up/Away A Gillespie
Raffle W Walker
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance J Smerdon
D O'Donoghue

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Rotary Meeting – 30 March 2015

Those that have 'understood Radio, have been able to put it to good effect, notable examples being US president Barack Obama and former Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who really understood Talkback Radio. Radio messages can impact on the imagination and can easily be repeated. The talk was very much enjoyed by members and a number of questions and discussion followed, during which it transpired that in his spare time Steve is also a motorcycle enthusiast. Finally, Chairperson Stan and President Graeme presented Steve with a memento of the occasion (pictured).



Acting SAA Phil Gresham ran a 'simplified session' and asked members to contribute \$5 each in place of the usual fines. He used his time to remind members of the District 9600 conference and hoped for a good RCOB attendance, particularly on Saturday 2 May.

Attached is a link to the conference speakers program:

www.rotarydistrict9600conference2015.info/#!speakers/cfvq

Denise Schellbach won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2pm

Rotary Down Under turns 50

Rotary Down Under celebrates its 50th Anniversary and has published a special 50th Anniversary Edition. There are some very readable and thought provoking articles, notably:

- Evan Burrell: Rotary 2.0 – what will Rotary look like in the future?
- Paul Henningham: An Elephant and a Makeup.
- John McIntyre: Use it or lose it.
- Dr Usha Garg: The Gap – Where have they gone?
- David Cook: Work/Life Balance.
- Sir Clem Renouf et al: Congratulations Rotary down Under.
- Mark Wallace: How will our story be read?
- Rodeo with a difference.
- Weekend Goal break.

Is your club fun?

By Danielle Lalletment, past president of the Rotary Club of San Francisco Evening
Source: Rotary International

Walking into our district assembly recently, I looked up and saw fellow club members at the top of the bleachers in crazy wigs and big funky glasses, passing out noisemakers. When our president-elect, Ehlani Siddiqi, crossed the stage to receive his pin and banner for his presidential year, we raised the roof with our noisemakers and cheers.

This is just one example of the fun and energy that we are trying to create in our district. Our club may have unconventional ideas, but we are bringing more life and vitality to the organization.



The San Francisco Evening club makes its presence known during a recent district assembly.

We have learned a number of things through our club's formation and development, and chief among these is that if we want to attract more people into Rotary, we have to listen to what they want. We have made an effort to be extremely member-focused and flexible.

We are aware that our members have many choices when they decide which organization they would like to support. And many of the competing organizations do not require dues. Because of that, we ask members what they want, take surveys on how we are doing, stay flexible to their needs, and create a fun and warm environment that brings them back.

We have also placed an emphasis on creating a large social network, promoting fellowship, and encouraging many hands-on service projects. My members want to socialize and have fun, create meaningful relationships in both life and business, and make a resounding difference in the world. And ultimately, we want them to feel supported, recognized, encouraged, and important.

So we offer a social event once a month, plan monthly community service events, and take part in international projects (two thus far), allowing members to make a difference and have fun.

And even with our crazy wigs and funny glasses, we still honor the traditions of Rotary and its values. We have simply incorporated newer technology and concepts with the old. I like to think that if Rotary founder Paul Harris were alive today, he would have enjoyed visiting my club, and just maybe, it would have reminded him a little of his own.



Working together, we get more done

By Joe Kamau, service project chair for the Rotary Club of Naivasha, Kenya
Source: Rotary International

My Rotary club recently completed a very successful Rotary At Work Day in January where we cleaned up a poor community near Naivasha, Kenya.

This activity was truly a collaborative and inter-generational effort, bringing together members of the Interact Club of Trinity Mission School, the Rotaract Club of Naivasha, members of Rotary, friends, community health workers, and local government officials.



Members of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact join community health workers in cleaning up an impoverished community near Naivasha, Kenya.

In total, more than 300 volunteers turned up for the activity, which went on for six hours. The slum has over 200,000 people. Due to the poverty level, the rate of infection from preventable disease is quite high in this neighborhood.

Our club, through our president, Juanitta Ndila, promised to donate dust bins to the community. In April, Rotaractors from the Naivasha club in partnership with the Rotary Club of Naivasha and health workers will host a free medical camp in their community. Collectively, we work together to have a bigger impact. Isn't Rotary great!