



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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of the Brisbane Club
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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

Just a reminder that the golf day is being held on Wednesday 15th May. This is a signature fund raising event for our club, so attendance is encouraged regardless of golfing ability, and if nothing else you can all enjoy my pathetic attempts at playing.

Plans for the dinner are progressing well, but I would request that all members let Michael Stephens know whether or not they are attending (E: mjs@qedgroup.com P: 3221 8195). We have also now received an invite from the Mayor for (and I quote here) "key members" of the club to attend a cocktail reception at City Hall on the evening of 5th June prior to the 90th Anniversary dinner. Numbers are limited, so this will be open on a first come first serve basis to dinner attendees only. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Brisbane High Rise is also celebrating its 20th birthday on the morning of 30 May. We've received the attached invitation, but in case you have problems opening this, the details are:

Date : Thursday 30 May 2013

Starts at 7.00 for a 7.30am sit down and will be finished by 9.00am sharp.

Venue : Polo Club corner of Felix and Mary st, Brisbane City

RSVP : r.meadows@optusnet.com.au

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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?





Presidents Message (continued)

Otherwise, I would like to thank Tony for his enlightening talk on Monday, with a stance like this anyone would think he's a barrister....



As always, I look forward to catching up on Monday.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting – 6 May 2013

Chairman for the day was Clive Shepherd who got the meeting underway in the normal manner of Grace and the relevant toasts to the Queen and Rotary International.

President Alistair took time to remind members about the Golf Day and the need for additional support, even by those that don't play golf. Moral support is just as important. He also reminded members of the 90th Anniversary Dinner on the 5th June and advised that invitations had been sent out. If you haven't received one and need one, get in touch.

In the Spots section, Graeme Whitmore said that the numbers for the golf day had dropped and were at about 50 now, 70 would be a better number, so we need more participants.

Mike Kelly said that tickets for the Bolshoi Ballet were available for members to collect.

There had not been a scheduled speaker for the day, but Tony McKinnon very kindly stepped into the breach and gave a job talk.

Tony, with an LLM from UQ, informed us that he had 29 years of post-admission experience in government law and a 15 further years in private practice specializing in Commercial litigation, Insolvency, Property and Succession law. He then went on to illustrate the kind of work that he undertook offering advice and engaging in representative work for clients in the civil and criminal areas. Sergeant at Arms Cam began by thanking Tony and then went on to talk about his sister's 50th birthday which made him very aware of his 49 years - old age overtakes everyone, so grin and bear it. He lamented the fact that this week he had not received any kisses on his very late attendance and therefore fined everyone.

His report from 'Sara's Bar & Winery' this week was all about his saddleback pig named Lilly who apparently enjoys looking for unwanted scraps left on the ground after functions. He spruiked how intelligent Lilly was in that she showed an aversion to electric fences and stayed at least one metre away from them - clever pig! With this piece of important news out of the way, he asked how many members had seen a UFO - none had of course, so that was a cheap fine for all. (All riveting stuff isn't it?). This was followed by 3 jokes and from the quality this week and last week we are in desperate need of our 'jokemeister' to return from holidays in Europe.

The raffle was a shambles as Alistair, first up drew his own ticket; Heidi redrew the next which turned out to be hers, the third was Wal's which Cam didn't allow because it was all in the family and finally Brian drew the winning ticket for Mike Kelly (Phew!!!!). No wine was available and Mike drew the Ace of Hearts.

Alistair then closed the meeting with the singing of the National Anthem

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 May 2013:
Golf Day

4 June 2013:
Bolshoi Ballet event

Roster

13 May 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Raffle TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance TBA

20 May 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Raffle TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance TBA

27 May 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Raffle TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance TBA

3 June 2013:

President A Smith
Chairman TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Raffle TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance TBA

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RI President Tanaka's Rotary Moments in February, March, and April

By Sakuji Tanaka

While I was preparing for a Major Donor dinner in Tampa Bay, Florida, on my birthday, which is 4 February, I thought about the past year. As people often do on their birthdays, I was reflecting about how quickly time passes and about my purpose in life of being useful to others — especially during my year as RI president when I feel I must do my best for Rotarians. I was remembering all the places I've traveled as a Rotarian and the interesting people I've met along the way.

For instance, during February, March, and April, I attended several 100th anniversary celebrations in places such as Birmingham, Alabama, and Indianapolis, Indiana, in the United States and Toronto and Vancouver in Canada. I'm fortunate to be the RI president during a time when there are so many centennial club celebrations. I enjoy celebrating these Rotary milestones, and I wish I could be at more. With the time I have as president, I try meeting as many Rotarians as many ways as I can, such as on Skype, which allows me to reach more people while saving Rotary money.

In late March, I visited District 3010 in Delhi, India, and participated in my first Holi celebration. It was an unforgettable experience and great fun to watch everyone throwing colored powder on each other. It seemed that the people who had the most colored powder on them were also the ones having the most fun.



RI President Sakuji Tanaka (second from left) takes part in a Holi festival 27 March, organized by Rotarians in District 3010 (Union Territory, India) during a visit to the district. Holi is a festival of colors celebrated by Hindus mainly in India and Nepal.

Later, in Jaipur, India, I received an honorary degree of letters. When someone called "Dr. Tanaka," I was surprised they were speaking to me! I never dreamed that one day I'd receive such an honor. It was a very moving experience for me.

A visit to the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA, also was important to me. It's an amazing Rotary-sponsored program that produces incredible peace scholars. I wish they could get more applicants to their program and more people knew about the work of their alumni.

Council on Legislation

I attended the Council on Legislation 22-26 April. Several people told me how cooperative the Council was and about the fellowship they felt. The Council leadership did a tremendous job and helped everything run smoothly. I heard several good discussions and numerous items were referred to the RI Board. This is a big responsibility to be placed on the board, which must review and act on each proposal referred to them. I hope the Council and all Rotarians are aware of the challenges faced by the Board in their careful consideration of each of these proposals.

Brazil, India, and Israel

I have visited so many unforgettable Rotary projects. While I was in Brazil, I went to a lab that trains doctors to perform microsurgeries, and, also in that country, I visited a deaf education center.

In Israel, some projects that stood out for me included a rain water harvesting project and a project called Save a Child's Heart, in which doctors at a hospital in Israel perform heart surgeries on Palestinian children. These are all noteworthy examples of how lifesaving work is being done by Rotary. And it shows how, through Rotary's humanitarian work, countries can promote peace.

Another project I visited was a medical mission in Udampur, India, which provided medical and dental services. I visited so many worthy projects during my travels, and though I can't mention them all here, I haven't forgotten any of them.

I'm so impressed to see Rotarian involvement in these projects, which require dedication and a significant commitment of time. I know that there are many more impressive Rotarian projects that I haven't had the opportunity to see. All these projects together will help Rotary become stronger. The more I think of Rotary, the more amazed I am.

I'm proud to be a Rotarian and know that we are "This Close" to eradicating polio, and we've been dedicated to working on this historic goal since 1985. This is what makes Rotary great — the focus, tenacity, and persistence to reach such an important goal. The eradication of polio will be an achievement that will forever benefit the world's children. It will be a tremendous success for Rotary of which we all can be proud.

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