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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

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
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District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Welcome back to a new year for our club, I trust all members had a great Xmas and holiday break and come back ready to meet the challenges that we as Rotarians face in our troubled world. One can only hope that we have seen the last of the individuals that do not believe in our free and easy Australian way of life,

It was great to speak with both Stan Francis and Bas Veal over the holiday period and the good news is that we hope to see them back at Rotary to start the New Year.

I have no more to report on DIK or PNG except to say that both issues are ongoing and will be resolve over the next couple of weeks.

PP Wal Bishop provided the refurbished Sundial, Rotary symbols and plaques just before Xmas and I visited site again, and will undertake the work this week (19th to 23rd Jan) ready to hand back to school for the new school term. I have purchased all the necessary bits & pieces for painting and fixing of new plaques and logos. Any Person prepared to spend a day with me this week please advise to arrange a suitable day. No a big job, Paint and patch base, Drill and epoxy plaque fixings and fit new flag pole rope.

Denise Schellbach continued her good work with Eddies Van and for those who have helped to date, Thank You, It was an interesting few mornings, "fast and furious," those receiving the benefits of the breakfast certainly can stack away a good wholesome breakfast.



**What's on?
19 January:**

BJ from Nepal

Date Claimers

2 February 2015:
Lady Mayoress Anne
Quirk
*Speaking about
Foundation H (Hope)*

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

It has been brought to my notice that our meetings are running over time and for those members with business commitments it may be a deterrent to attending, I hope this is not the case. So as of today we will start sharp on our scheduled start time, No waiting for stragglers (late arrivals will help Sargent Cams Collection Tin)

We will run to our schedule Time table (Chair Persons Responsibility)
Spots will be limited to 1 minute each except for fellowship days where we will deal with club business.

I will reframe from Gloating over Kiwi Sporting Successes, may be difficult at time but in those cases a fine may be warranted!!!

As a consequence of the above we will be able to give our speakers the correct allocated time, and still wrap up the meeting at 1.45pm. I trust this schedule will contribute to a vibrant meeting, which will bring along a few more of our missing members.

Let Us continue to be a club that all members are welcome both as Rotarians and as common interest friends where we care for one another

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 15 December

The Chairman for the day was PP Wal Bishop. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, PP Keith Watts reported on the operation of Donations In Kind (DIK). Among other matters Keith mentioned that no further containers could be sent because DIK had 'run out of money'...currently the shipping company was owed money.

Also government agencies no longer allowed pharmaceuticals, but other donations remained OK. RCOB needed to consider whether it should provide some funding to help get DIK back 'on the road'.

PP Graeme Riddler, who had worked in PNG, promised to report on the impact of DIK on the recipients.

PP Wal Bishop reported that the 'Gems' had raised \$365 and this would be donated to the Burnett Farmers' drought relief fund.

Tony McKinnon reported that RCOB's Xmas Party had spent less than the bar tab and it was agreed that the surplus should be donated to charity (via RCOB).

Phil Little provided an update on the environmentally friendly housing and food security venture he was 'driving' with Geoff Wilson from RC Carindale (previously discussed).

After a lengthy period of 'Fellowship', SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session. As usual members were asked to 'dig deep'. Phil Little won the raffle, but, the joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot continues to grow and remains to be won...a real incentive for attending the first meeting of 2015.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

What young professionals are looking for in Rotary

By Chris Davidson, Rotary Club of Newport News, Virginia
Source: blog.rotary.org

I attended the first-ever Rotary Young Professionals Summit held in Chicago on 26-27 September, which gathered 30 Rotarians under the age of 40 to discuss how Rotary can better attract and engage young professionals.



Calendar

2 February 2015:

Lady Mayoress Anne Quirk
Speaking about Foundation H (Hope)

9 February 2015:

Dr John Arvier
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

16 February 2015:

Matthew Condon Journalist
Queensland Newspapers
(Three Crooked Kings)

Roster

19 January 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson M Winders
Set Up/Away W Walker
Raffle M Stephens
Visitor Register P Little
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

2 February 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Caragata
Set Up/Away R Tamaschke
Raffle J Delahunty
Visitor Register P Anderson
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

9 February 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson A Gillespie
Set Up/Away S Francis
Raffle C Shepherd
Visitor Register P Ryan
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

16 February 2015:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson D Henderson
Set Up/Away P Gresham
Raffle G Holtmann
Visitor Register A Smith
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

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The summit was a huge success and thoroughly captured the essence of what Millennials and members of Generation Y are looking for — mentorship, friendship, opportunities, and fun. One of my Rotary mentors, past RI Vice President Anne L. Matthews, who I had worked with on district membership projects, had encouraged me to apply.



Joining Rotary as a 32-year-old young professional was a life-changing event. I knew I wanted to develop my leadership skills and was looking for ways to meet influential members of my community. Once I was exposed to Rotary, I realized that the best way to develop relationships with successful people was to work alongside them in the service of others. One year after joining the Rotary Club of Newport News, I traveled to Zambia as part of a grant to build footbridges in remote “limited access” communities. Rotary offers so much to young people who have the desire to help others, make connections, and learn servant leadership in a world that desperately needs more of that.

The Young Professionals Summit took place in an unconventional meeting space in downtown Chicago, furnished with coffeehouse-style seating and optimized for creative thought. For two days, we engaged in a variety of brainstorming exercises, interactive games, and small group activities, concluding each with a facilitated discussion. Ideas were documented live on large white boards by a professional sketch artist.

Common themes that emerged included:

- Young professionals are not opposed to joining a club with older members, but they are seeking clubs with a broader range of members that reflect many different categories of diversity.

- Millennials and members of Generation Y want to do significant acts of service that make a real difference in the lives of others.
- Young professionals are appreciative of the business and mentorship opportunities they experience through Rotary. However, they do not feel these benefits, and others, are being marketed effectively to their generation.
- The younger crowd is looking for a fun, flexible experience with Rotary and prefers to avoid stuffy traditions, rituals, and internal politics.

Summit attendees came from all over the United States. My favorite part was definitely the new friendships I formed. I also got a sense that Rotary International intends to put our collective ideas into action. As one of my new friends, Adam Barth from North Carolina, said, “Rotary should be a verb, not a noun.” If these young professionals are any indication, I’d say the future looks very bright for Rotary!



About the author: Chris Davidson, 36, is a member of the Rotary Club of Newport News, Virginia, USA, and served as club president in 2012-13. He is currently membership chair for District 7600 (Virginia).

Wildlife runs revive South African club

By Judy Brown, a member of the Rotary Club of Parys, South Africa
Source: blog.rotary.org

Raising funds is crucial when you are faced with rebuilding a club. I am an avid runner and enjoy a holiday home in a beautiful area of South Africa, so I decided organizing a race would be a perfect fit.

My partner, Peter Watson, has been a Rotarian for many years. I never joined Rotary in the United Kingdom, where we live. But when we bought our second home in Parys, South Africa, in 2011, we became aware the local Rotary club was in decline. I decided to join and immediately became secretary.

Jim Thomas, an American married to a South African, became president. With the two other remaining members, we set out to rebuild the club.



Event details

Parys is about an hour’s drive south of Johannesburg, named after Paris because of the beautiful Vaal River that flows through it. It is the gateway to the Vredefort Dome, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world’s largest meteor impact site. Erosion of the crater has created an area of great natural beauty, fantastic for all outdoor sports.

Our first event, the 5 kilometer and 10 kilometer Valentine’s Day runs are now held annually, with profits split equally between a program for special needs children at the local primary school and our Rotary club. It is held on a golf course on an island in the Vaal River. Runners and their families can picnic after the run.

Our second event, the Vaal Eden Rhino Challenge, has four trail runs which take place over two days in two different wildlife parks with over 25 different species including rhinos, buffaloes, zebras, giraffes, ostriches, waterbucks and springboks. We held it for the first time in 2014 and over 250 South African runners took part, many running on both days. Peter was given unrestricted access to the wildlife parks to set the routes. Runners World South Africa will feature it as their Race of the Month for March.

Weekly park-runs

I am now promoting a holiday to coincide with the run with help from our international agent, 2:09 Events Ltd, run by Mike Gratton, winner of the London Marathon in 1983. All profits from the holiday will go to the Rotary Club of Parys for local causes.

Our latest venture is park-run, a free 5 kilometer run/walk every Saturday. There are 1.3 million park runners worldwide and over 150,000 in South Africa. It’s not a fundraiser, but a great community event bringing young, old, fast, and slow together to enjoy exercise. We have a beautiful route along the banks of the Vaal River. Rotarians have been instrumental in getting our local park-run going.