



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	Graeme Whitmore
Imm Past President	Alistair Smith
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
Trevor Taylor

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

We had a very good meeting at the club last Monday. Our speaker was Terry Vos from the USA who spoke to us about her role as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and her study at the University of Queensland for a master's degree. We also had three guests who came from Germany, England and Holland.

Our treasurer, Dougal reported that our finances are in good shape and I reported that the club had donated ten thousand dollars to the Philippines disaster in the form of shelter boxes and that we were going to formally support our member, Denise Schellbach with her food van project.

Next Monday our guest speaker is the Professor of Architecture, John MacArthur from UQ who will discuss major projects from 1945 to 1975 in Brisbane which would have changed our city dramatically, but unfortunately did not eventuate mainly due to lack of finance and political interference.

I look forward to seeing a good number of members at our lunch next Monday.

Bas Veal
Acting President

What's On?

2 December:

John MacArthur
*Professor of Architecture
University of Queensland*

Date Claimers

10 April 2014
30th Charter Anniversary of the RC of Taipei Tatum
Hotel Taipei Regent
Details on their website
<http://www.regenttaipei.com>.

1-4 June 2014
Rotary International Convention, Sydney

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 Report 25 November 2013

Today's meeting was presided over by PP Bas Veal with Patrick Caragata as Chairman. Patrick opened the meeting and introduced PP Bas who welcomed our four International visitors. Firstly our Guest Speaker M/S Terry Vo from the USA, then PP Klaus Reitzen from the RC of Duisburg, Germany, then Peter Jackson from the RC of Beauville, France. Banners were exchanged with these three International guests. Also attending was our regular visitor PP Malcolm Campbell from the Amsterdam International RC. Another guest was Jarred Ryder, a prospective new member, who was Phil Gresham's guest.

PP Bas commented on the results of the Board meeting held last week and his report is presented elsewhere in this Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots Treasurer Dougal Henderson informed the meeting that the raffle jackpot won last week by PP Bas Veal was worth \$1,144 and he presented Bas with a cheque. The Treasurer then produced the audited accounts for the 2013 financial year which showed that the Club has \$63,379 cash in hand with a clean balance sheet, and that the Club had made a profit of over \$40,000 from its fund raising activities during the year. The Treasurer then declared that a Special Meeting was being held and he moved that the Audited Financial Statement be accepted. This was seconded by Rick Tamaschke and the motion was passed unanimously by the meeting. The accounts can now be sent to the Office of Fair Trading to bring our financial affairs up to date.

PP Keith Watts announced that Rotarian Phil Gresham had accepted the nomination of Vice President to take over from P Graeme Whitmore in 2015. He also read the names of the nominations for Directors that appeared in an attachment with last week's Bulletin and called for further nominations to contact him. To comply with our by-laws a Special Meeting to accept these nominations needs to be held before the end of the calendar year and Secretary Michael Stevens will arrange this.

Tony McKinnon said he still had 8 or 9 cases of wine that he would like to sell to members and get out of Wal's shed prior to Christmas. He appealed for more members to put their names on the list to attend the Special Christmas dinner on the night of Monday the 9th of December in the Brisbane Club's Cellar as he needed 16 to attend otherwise he would have to cancel the event.

Denise Schellbach reported on the good progress of her ROMAC charges. She reminded members that she needed support to run Eddie's Van for the next few weeks. She also collects stamps for Donations in Kind so if you can please save used stamps for Denise.

Our Guest Speaker of the day was M/S Terry Vo, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Nashville Tennessee, USA. Terry explained that her parents had spelled her name Terry with a "y" and this often confused people, as in most English speaking countries Terry with a "y" is a boy's name. Terry is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of Queensland studying for a Master's degree in Governance and Public Policy. Terry is from Nashville Tennessee, the "Athens of the South", and went there because of her interest in country music. She was a singer in a band for a while, and has performed in the Grand Old Opry. She grew up in Arkansas and her first contact with Rotary was when she was awarded a Rotary Educational Scholarship which enabled her to get her original undergraduate degree. As part of her undergraduate education she studied in Europe and Japan. She speaks both Vietnamese and Japanese. She then spent some time as an Intern working at the US Embassy in Japan. After graduation she worked as a teacher in Yatsushiro City in Japan.

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

9 December 2013:
Fellowship

16 December 2013:
Job Talk - TBA

Roster

2 December 2013:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up/Away	S Francis
Raffle	M Winders
Visitor Register	P Ryan
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

9 December 2013:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Henderson
Set Up/Away	P Gresham
Raffle	G Holtmann
Visitor Register	C Shepherd
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

16 December 2013:

President	K Watts
Chairperson	D Zhang
Set Up/Away	M Kelly
Raffle	M Evans
Visitor Register	A Gillespie
Attendance	J Smerdon J Charlton

23 December 2013: NO MEETING



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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Rotary Meeting Report (cont.) 25 November 2013

On her return to the USA she got a job with the Japanese Embassy in Nashville where the Japanese representative was a country music fan so they formed a band called "Beauties and the Beast" where he was the "Beast". He has since moved on and is now the Japanese Ambassador to Cuba. Terry then decided she would like to pursue a career in the US Diplomatic Service. To achieve this she decided to do a master's Degree and was made aware of the existence of Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships. She was sponsored by the Green Hill's RC in Nashville and was one of the 3 successful applicants out of 15 in her District in Tennessee. She arrived in Brisbane in February and her host Club is the Pine Rivers RC. She attended the District Conference in March and has made friends with the Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary Peace Fellows already studying at the U of Q. She has attended the Spring Racing Carnival and a Bronco's game and even enjoyed a day's cricket at the Gabba over the last weekend. She hopes to graduate next July, and then plans to stay around and possibly get a job at the G20 meeting in Brisbane later in 2014. Eventually she would like to join the US State Department and become an Ambassador. Terry feels that Rotary has given her so much that she would like to give something back by eventually becoming a Rotarian herself. I am sure we all wish Terry well in her studies and hope she is successful in plans for her career. Terry is an excellent example of the high standards expected for successful applicants for Rotary Ambassadorial and Peace Scholar Fellowships. For those interested in following Terry's career she has a blog at - www.tv0320.wordpress.com

Providing shelter and hope in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan

By Bill Decker, past president of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, chair of the ShelterBox USA Board, and a ShelterBox Response Team member
Source: blog.rotary.org

I am on the ground on the island of Bantayan in the province of Cebu, Philippines, where the eye of Super Typhoon Haiyan (locally called Yolanda) passed over just a couple weeks ago. The devastation is unlike anything I've seen, and ShelterBox's ongoing efforts will be required to alleviate the suffering here of the hundreds of thousands of displaced people. This is not my first visit to the Philippines as a ShelterBox Response Team member.

This is an unfathomable tragedy. But I am amazed at the resilience of the people – the hope of the families, the smiles from the children. The hope that we're bringing them by tending to their shelter needs is only possible because of the generous people who support ShelterBox.



Rotary and ShelterBox

As I reflect upon my past deployment experiences to major disasters both in the Philippines and elsewhere, it's hard to think of a more productive partnership than that of Rotary and ShelterBox. Time and time again, Rotary has been there to help, and this recent calamity is no different. Rotary members in Cebu city helped ShelterBox with some very useful transport and logistics support, as well as other key contacts that helped get our response moving quickly once we arrived in country.

I've spent the last few days distributing ShelterBox aid with members of a Philippines Marine Corps Reserve Unit, which is also a result of a Rotary contact in the region. This type of volunteer power is invaluable, as are the Rotary generated trucks which moved our aid to Bantayan over the long and arduous journey from Cebu city for this particular distribution.

When it comes to funding, Rotary members absolutely surge and rise to the challenge following a large disaster like Typhoon Haiyan. ShelterBox is grateful for the support. A very high number of clubs also provide ongoing support to ShelterBox, which is critical as we respond to the myriad of other serious disasters around the world that get less media coverage.

Outpouring of support

The outpouring of funding, accommodation, transport, storage, translation, networking, and manual labor from Rotary members continues to have an impact as we together seek to provide shelter, warmth and dignity to the survivors of both natural disasters and other humanitarian crises.

As a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Philadelphia, I know the commitment my fellow Rotary members share in putting Service Above Self, and this is certainly evident in the desire to help following disasters. I've also had the privilege of playing a role in setting the course for ShelterBox USA as chairman of the board since 2010. I've watched the relationship between Rotary and ShelterBox grow into a powerful partnership that touches the lives of hundreds of thousands in their darkest hours. Please join us, and help us together bring relief to those most in need.

At the last Board meeting of the RC of Brisbane on the 18th on November the Board authorised a donation of \$10,000 to purchase ShelterBoxes to assist the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.



