



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Today was an all-male affair, not by choice but that is how it worked out, Denise arranged another good speaker and then left for an overseas holiday with family.

Our speaker Graeme Higgs represented the Prostate Cancer Foundation, which was started by a Rotarian from Sydney, many years ago with the intention of researching the cause and to establish a cure for this "all male" medical condition.

The speaker highlighted the need for annual full medical checks, and the need to be aware of family history in relation to Prostate Cancer.

It was also very pleasing to see two International Rotarians visit us today President Tanny Panahon from the Rotary club of Paranaque Southwest (Philippines) and Rotarian Bob from Hicksville OHIO USA. As usual our club members gave them a great welcome.

No members' medical report today but we hope that BAS, MAX, & PETER are in recovery mode and we trust we will see them shortly.

VP Keith Watts, my wife Doris and I attended a DIK pack up supplies morning at the Old Royal Children's Hospital, amazing amount of good medical supplies that will be of benefit to some children overseas through DIK, but one wonders about the merits of this being available as "medical surplus or waste". The request made through District as attended by about 20 Rotarians from various clubs.



**What's on?
30 March:**

Steve Austin
ABC-Radio 612
talkback

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

The new Rotaract Club CBD (official club name) will be 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. All members are invited to the charter evening 31st March, at "Spring Restaurant" cnr Felix and Eagle Street, 6.30pm. Cost is by purchasing tickets at \$70 two course meal and pay bar.

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 today also 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.

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.

Chairpersons were appointed today for Administration (Rick Tamaschke) Membership (Tony McKinnon) and Service projects (Patrick Caragata) each of these chairpersons will engage their respective committee members.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 23 March 2015

The Chairperson for the day was Rick Tamaschke. 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, PE Phil Gresham asked members to consider attending the District 9600 Conference scheduled for 1-3 May. He attended last year and found it a rewarding experience. He hoped that a number of members would attend this year, particularly on Saturday 2 May. Attached is a link to the conference speakers program:

www.rotarydistrict9600conference2015.info/#!speakers/cfvq

Tony McKinnon indicated that he had agreed to chair the membership committee for the coming year. He would be approaching interested members to join his committee. He also reminded members that he was organising another wine sale. Further details will follow.

After a short period of Fellowship, Chairperson Rick introduced the guest speaker, Graeme Higgs, State Manager of the Prostate Cancer Foundation. Graeme's family has had a close association with Rotary over the years. Graeme provided an excellent and detailed presentation on the nature, diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer. His talk was richly supported by PowerPoint slides. Key points covered in his talk can be found at: www.prostate.org.au/awareness/what-you-need-to-know-about-prostate-cancer



Calendar

6 April 2015:
Easter Monday

13 April 2015:
Fellowship

20 April 2015:
*Denise and Bruce Morcombe
(Daniel Morcombe
Foundation).*

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

Roster

30 March 2015:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson S Francis
Set Up/Away W Walker
Raffle P Little
Visitor Register C Muir
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

6 April 2015:
Easter Monday



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

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Rotary Meeting – 23 March 2015

This presentation was of obvious relevance and interest to the audience and an extended period of interactive discussion followed, including some members sharing their experiences. Finally, Chairperson Rick presented Graeme with a memento of the occasion (pictured).



Given the importance of today's talk, SAA Cam Bishop readily agreed to run a considerably shorter session, very much in extra time. John Smerdon won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck...so the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2pm

Rotary Peace Fellows are the connectors that build peace

By Wendy Coulson, Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University, Class of 2015
Source: Rotary International

We talked a lot during our first two weeks at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University about connectors and dividers — what brings people or groups together and what drives them apart — in conflict situations.

As soon as our class of Rotary Peace Fellows arrived, we looked for ways to connect with each other. In fact, our tallest classmate found many of us on Facebook and began friendships and organizing workshops even before we arrived. We were so keen to meet each other that we threw open our doors to see who had arrived and threw open our arms to greet those we had only known virtually.

When you look at conflict situations around the world, dividers are typically differences in religion, language, ethnic group identity, or over resources. Our class has all of these as potential dividers, but they are used as connectors here. We connect through talking about sports, food, the arts, and celebrations. We also connect by talking about each other's culture, families and places we've traveled, and things we celebrate. We put business cards on our doors, leave them open, send messages, hang out and play in the hallways signaling to each other our desire to connect. So far, I do not see any dividers on the horizon.



Do we behave this way just because it is our job to connect as peace builders and Rotary Peace Fellows? I don't think so. I believe that it is our human nature, and, in the case of the Rotary Peace Fellows, also our calling.

During our class work on conflict assessment, it was clear that we were all looking for long-term sustainable solutions. There are teachers, restorative justice and traditional mediators, and police officers among us. It occurred to me that it mattered who was sitting around the peace building table. If teachers were not present, would anyone have thought of education as a solution for peace? Had there not been mediators, would we just create more violence and economic burden for already devastated economies? If our resident nutritionist were absent, would the donated, stored, and processed food be enough for the children, elderly, and infirm? If we saw peace as only part of our jobs, would we care so much about the outcome?

For me, teaching is connecting. If you have ever had a passionate, caring teacher in your life, you know the power that this can have on a child and in relatively little time. Imagine if every teacher were a peace educator! As a curriculum developer for a children's peace studies organization and a long-time educator, I know that every subject can be taught through the lens of peace.

Many of us Rotary Peace Fellows are the main bridges, or connectors, of peace in our communities through the various agencies or projects we work with. In working on a particular class assignment, I realized the large communication gap in my community between the ex-pat community that mostly does not speak Spanish and the local Mexican community that does not speak English. There is also quite a large economic gap between them. The chief obstacle is their isolation from each other. I realized that I could be a connector through a peace education program I am hoping to bring to the community.



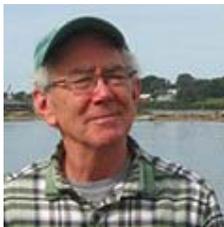
The Rotary Peace Center in Bangkok is the chief connector for our class. Together we are creating our own super-culture of peace during these three months. We are connected to each other forever by this experience, to the center in Bangkok, to Rotary, and to our communities.

Editor's note: There is a Rotary Peace Centre based in the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland

Why I am sharing my story as a polio survivor

By Kerry Jacobson
Source: Rotary International

I feel more urgently than ever the need to share how polio impacted my life. In 1952, I contracted bulbar-polio, the rarest and most dangerous of the strains of the polio virus. I had just turned 7. I caught the virus from a neighborhood friend of my older sister who had been playing at our house and then was admitted to the hospital with polio.



Kerry Jacobson

A week later, I was in our family doctor's office to hear the diagnosis: bulbar polio — very critical. My mother and I were sent on to Mercy Hospital. I remember being quickly taken from my mother, put in a wheelchair, whisked away to a nearby room with other children, and then wheeled past a group of onlookers, including my mother, who were kept separate from us behind a rope to prevent contact. I can remember her waving and crying. Up to that point, I had been smiling and enjoying the wheelchair ride, clueless about what was happening.

I was taken to a room that housed children with contagious cases of polio. There were probably 30 of us randomly placed either in hospital beds or in iron lungs.



Kerry Jacobson at the Iowa State Fair in 1953.

One morning, the iron lung that had been next to my bed was gone. I must have asked where the child went, because I remember the nurse explaining that he had gone "downstairs." I knew that when we were no longer contagious, we went "upstairs," but I hadn't been aware of a downstairs. By afternoon, there was a new boy in the iron lung. Only later — and I mean years later — did I understand that the boy had died. I don't remember how many other occupants of the iron lung went "downstairs."

After three weeks, I was lucky enough to go "upstairs," and was spared a one to three month stay for rehab because they were short of space. My parents were willing and able to set up a homemade gym for my rehab. I was restored to full activity within seven months, and have always been grateful to my parents for their dedication to my rehab.

Back then, the world was not friendly to polio victims, and we had strong motivation to keep our scars hidden. While my right leg and hip were impacted, and strength and endurance are an issue, my major and enduring areas of difficulty are swallowing, breathing, talking, and articulating. I am experiencing increasing challenges in these areas.

Even for those of us lucky enough to avoid visible paralysis, keeping up requires a huge effort. Many polio survivors become driven to achieve, and the harder we try, the more we are open to the effects of Post-Polio Syndrome.

I am extremely concerned about the re-emergence of polio. Ironically, in our efforts to be normal, many polio survivors have dropped out of the public's sight and don't serve as reminders of polio's ongoing threat. This is why I am choosing now, after so many years, to share my story.

Thankfully, Rotary has been leading the way in the effort to eradicate this crippling disease for good.