



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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Brisbane

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.

I am pleased to be able announce that Past President Ron Barnwell has been elected an honorary member of the club in recognition of Ron's meritorious service over many years in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and particularly to the Rotary Club of Brisbane. We look forward to seeing Ron at our meetings when he is available.

We have received a request from Eve Bradley, the granddaughter of John Haworth past president of the Rotary Club of Southgate, for assistance in seeking temporary employment whilst she is in Australia. If anyone can assist, please let me know.

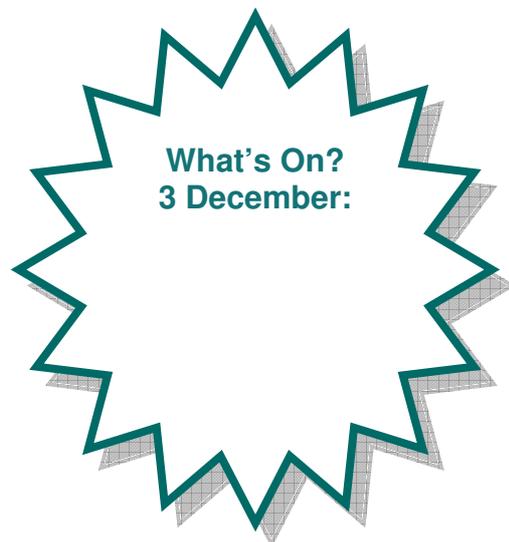
Whilst we are on the subject of assistance, I would like to remind members that Rotarian Denise Schellbach is seeking assistance in serving breakfasts. Denise requires up to three helpers at a time, from 6:00am until 8:15am on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you can assist Denise, please contact her on me via email on dschellbach@bigpond.com or by phone on 38320767 or 0417632052.

Finally, I would like to thank Rotarian Patrick Caragata for his presentation on Monday, and his ongoing assistance in putting this program together. I would remind members that Patrick is seeking volunteers to assist in vetting charities, and if you would like to help in this regard, please let Patrick know.

That is all for this week, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours in Rotary

President Alistair



Date Claimer



**Wednesday
5 June 2013**

Celebration of the
**90th Anniversary
of the Charter
of the Rotary
Club of Brisbane**

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 – 26 November

Chairman Chris Muir introduced P Alistair who welcomed our only guest Denise Schellbach from Brisbane Planetarium RC.P Alistair informed members that our Club was NOT required to help load containers at Donations in Kind on Saturday the 1st of December as had been previously announced. He informed us that at the Board meeting it had been decided that to avoid onerous raffle regulations and conditions the Brian Carss' Penfold's Grange Collection raffle was to be limited to the sale of 200 tickets at \$100 each, which should result in a profit to our Club of \$16,500. In Rotary Spots PP Keith Watts encouraged all Club members to attend our meeting on the 10th of December as we needed a quorum to vote to change our constitution and by-laws to free up our membership locality restrictions. He also called for more members to volunteer for positions on the Board and in the Club leadership structure as the election of officers and board members will be voted in at our final meeting of the year on Monday the 17th of December.

Phil Little alerted members to the situation where the local solar house and solar car project that has taken the technical people at TAFE and local Universities five years and a couple of million dollars to develop is currently looking for partners to take it to the next stage of its development.

Our guest Rotarian Denise Schellbach called on members of our Club to volunteer to assist her to run the Eddie's Coffee van that takes food and drinks to the homeless on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday breakfasts. Normally the van is staffed by students from Gregory Terrace, so your help is only required until the students return to school on Wednesday the 6th of February. If you can assist please phone Denise on 38320767 or 0417632052.

The speaker for our meeting was our own Board member Patrick Caragata. Patrick gave a very detailed analysis and explanation of his proposal for the RCOB to initiate an Emerging Leaders Development Programme.

I would urge members to go to their computers and open the separate attachment that arrived with their Bulletin on Sunday the 25th of November at approximately 12.18pm. Here the document is presented in full. Even if you have read it previously, it deserves a second perusal, as there is so much information and detail that it is difficult to absorb it in one reading. Patrick has obviously put a lot of time, thought, and intellectual effort into the document. Patrick expanded on his vision for the proposal. He used the analogy of Mark Twain's hero Tom Sawyer who persuaded others to do his work of white-washing the picket fence. Most charities are struggling and would be grateful for any assistance we could offer them. They need to attract the right leaders. We needed to attract fifteen to twenty young prospective leaders, and future members of Rotary, and match them with retired business leaders who could monitor their progress. These young leaders would be organised in teams of five to work as a group on recommended projects. They would work along Donald Trump lines involving co-operation, but also competition, within the membership of the group, to achieve the desired outcomes. Through our existing contacts we already have access to the leaders at the Business Schools at U of Q, Griffith and QUT. We could outsource the day to day administration responsibilities to outside sources for a fee. As a bonus, through our new contacts with universities, businesses and charities, we would have access to quality speakers for our own meetings. Patrick acknowledged that progress would take time, and that we would have to make the right decisions and consult with the marketplace. He advised us to progress it slowly and carefully.

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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

10 December:
TBA

17 December:
Christmas Closing Day
BCC PR
Legacy Way Tunnel

Roster

3 December 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman H Monaghan
Set Up/Away P Little
Raffle M Evans
Visitor Register A Gillespie
Attendance J Smerdon

10 December 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman C Shepherd
Set Up/Away B Carss
Raffle M Kelly
Visitor Register C Morman
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

17 December 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman P Gresham
Set Up/Away H Milne
Raffle B Veal
Visitor Register P Caragata
Attendance J Smerdon
G Whitmore

24 December 2012: 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

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



Rotary Meeting 26 November (continued)

Patrick has presented the Club with a valuable long term project and plan to reinvigorate and reenergise the Club and he deserves the full support of all the Club membership to ensure its implementation and success. In discussion following Patrick's talk Rick Tamaschke offered his strong support for the proposal. Gerald Holtmann also presented an interesting proposal that had worked overseas, where a \$5,000 award was presented to the journalist who had written the best story on business awareness for a charity, to ensure increased media coverage.

SAA Cam Bishop welcomed our now regular guest Denise Schellbach, and also Bob Aldred, who we had not seen for a couple of months. As Brian Carss was not present Cam refrained from mentioning Sarabah wines. He told us of his encounter with a nine inch huntsman spider. Chairman Chris Muir won the raffle.

News Item from the Board

At its most recent meeting the Board of the RCOB conferred Honorary Membership on PP Ron Barnwell. PP Ron joins PP Michael Mauger, Bob Aldred and Brisbane Lord Mayor Graeme Quirk, who have all been rewarded by our Board with Honorary Membership for the current Rotary year.

Fighting AIDS through the power of Rotarians

By Marion Bunch, Rotarians for Family Health and AIDS Prevention (formerly RFFA)

World AIDS Day 1 December holds special meaning to me. I lost my second born child, Jerry, to AIDS early in the American epidemic (1994). At that time, the disease was so stigmatizing, I felt quite lonely not being able to discuss Jerry's illness with anyone outside my family. I never thought I'd do anything about it until one day, three years after his death, I felt a tap on the shoulder and a voice in my ear said "mom, get up and get going,

you haven't done anything, and it's been three years."



Epiphany

It was an epiphany of a moment that completely altered the course of my life.

In 1998, I was propelled into taking the first step to begin a project in my Rotary club. The fact that our club president said 'yes' to my idea made me a passionate Rotarian for life! From the start, I realized that finding partner organizations in the field of HIV/AIDS would be important because Rotarians are not AIDS experts. I created a partnership program with a local AIDS service organization whereby together, we provided AIDS education in the middle schools of Georgia. This sobering program has now been seen by 450,000 students!

My interest ultimately took me to Africa in 2001, where I quickly realized the huge disparities between America and the developing world. I was struck by the hugeness and the filth of the slums in places like Nairobi, Kenya. I realized that there are 20 million orphans living there now because their parents died of the consequences of AIDS.

They have little to eat, they are often shunned by their community, and they drop out of school because they don't have the funds to pay the schools fees or get uniforms.

I was also amazed at the reception given me in African countries by fellow Rotarians who were so glad to welcome an American Rotarian woman who was interested in working on this issue. The year was 2001. I ultimately began a Rotarian Action Group recognized by the RI Board of Directors in 2004. It was so rewarding to meet thousands of Rotarians out in the world that had an interest in doing something about this disease!

Incredible journey

Today, I look back and realize what an incredible journey I have been on since then. I gained ideas from public health experts, and I met people that I'm sure God put in my path because I didn't have the knowledge or good sense to even know that I should be meeting them. I have gained mentors in many parts of the world on this issue. I got to thinking that the 'partnership' concept was the right way to approach helping the children and their families. We can't do things alone but must work together to really get something done.

The action group (now known as Rotarians For Family Health and AIDS Prevention) is in its third year of doing a huge health event in Africa, which takes place in May 2013. We will provide free health care services of all kinds (from HIV Testing to Polio immunization, tuberculosis and malaria screening, etc.) to 200,000 children and families at 400 different sites in three countries, all during a three-day event led by Rotarians from 365 clubs. The action group has obtained partnerships with The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation, the Center for Disease Control, USAID, at least 100 non-government organizations who provide the medical work, Delta Airlines, and the Ministry of Health in each country. Can you believe it?

I'm certainly not a genius and have faced many challenges along the way. But I have never lost my passion because I remember all the challenges that my son realized when he was alive. That drives me as it would most moms. But most importantly, I have been able to achieve this work because of the power of Rotary's brand and the respect it receives everywhere. I am so proud to be a part of this organization!!

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