



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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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	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
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
George Grant

Rotary International President
Gary C K Huang

President's Message

Welcome fellow Rotarians & Visitors

Today we were advised that our Past President Bas Veal is in Hospital and will be missing in action for a few weeks, the members wish Bas a speedy recovery.

Another great fellowship meeting day and while the numbers were a bit skinny there was a great deal of interaction and discussion on a number of current topics. Our club members are all getting used to the idea that we can gain some economic benefit from the sun, while helping the environment, Max Winders highlighted the use of membrane solar gain from shade structures over his feed lots, and Phil Little continued on his hobby horse of OFF GRID housing and this appears to be gaining a lot of support from developers and communities.

As mentioned in my last week's notes the Benevolent fund reported a slight decrease (due to daily timing of market and our Board meeting) I am pleased to advise that since that time, 1 week, we have not only regained the reduction but have had another substantial gain. With the type of securities held in my opinion the trustees have made some wise decisions in the past.

I reiterate: Would members who are nominated for meeting duties please arrange a replacement with another member if they cannot make the scheduled meeting, this saves rushing round at the start of a meeting looking for a chairperson. Attendance is greatly appreciated.



Date Claimers

**3 November:
Melbourne Cup Raffle**



**28 November:
RCOB Christmas Dinner**



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 small sundial project has been delayed pending the availability of refurbished Logos and plaques, a further days' work for a couple of people will see this completed and handed back to school.
- The Melbourne Cup Sweepstake, Tickets are still available, Please make every effort to sell all our tickets as a club project. Tomorrow (Tues 4th Oct) is race day make sure you have brought tickets for a chance to win!!
- Rotary Foundation Seminar is scheduled for Sunday 9th November (refer separate email sent out by secretary)
- We have been rostered on for DIK packing Sat 6th December at Durack good offer of help was received.
- Nomination forms were issued for club officers closing with secretary 1.15pm 3rd November 2014
- AGM scheduled for inclusion with lunch meeting Monday 8th December 2014. All members are requested to attend on that day and vote as required.

Yours in Rotary

Remember: LIGHT UP ROTARY

President Graeme

Building peace through story telling

By Kiran Singh Sirah, 2011-13 Rotary Peace Fellow, Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Source: blog.rotary.org

There are moments in our lives that we remember forever. These moments become our stories and help us understand and connect with a larger global community. When we tell our stories, we inspire others to tell their stories, and that produces positive change. Ultimately, through the power of storytelling, we build healthier communities, more effective workplaces, and schools of learning that enrich our lives.

My own story began when my family was forced to flee Uganda in 1972. Then President Idi Amin ordered the expulsion of the Indian minority from his country. My father, a young architect, received a job offer in south England from a sister company of the one he had worked for in Kampala, and there I was born. The refugees took with them stories of the lives they'd lived with classmates, co-workers, family members, and friends. They became a part of their new communities and identities. I grew up around these stories, and they became part of my story.



Kiran Singh Sirah (left) at the United Nations in New York during International Day of Peace

Growing up in England, I learned to tell these stories in my own voice, and they helped me navigate my own sense of belonging. We faced racism, but my parents encouraged me to pursue an education and embrace opportunity. I became an art teacher, and began to use storytelling and the power of visual and performing arts to enable young people to escape their feelings of marginalization, loneliness, and isolation.



Calendar

Roster

3 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	TBC
Set Up/Away	TBC
Raffle	TBC
Visitor Register	TBC
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

10 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	TBC
Set Up/Away	TBC
Raffle	TBC
Visitor Register	TBC
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

17 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	TBC
Set Up/Away	TBC
Raffle	TBC
Visitor Register	TBC
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

24 November 2014:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	TBC
Set Up/Away	TBC
Raffle	TBC
Visitor Register	TBC
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

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secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



After moving to Scotland, I established a number of art programs with the aim of fostering peace in Edinburgh and Glasgow. It was there that two retired police officers and members of Rotary noticed what I was doing, became my friends, and encouraged me to think of myself as a global citizen.

After a Rotary-backed cultural exchange, I applied for the Rotary Peace Centers program, and received a fellowship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, pursuing a master's degree in folklore, peace, and conflict resolution. I further developed my understanding of storytelling. And I met many Rotary members, who I worked with to build local community partnerships, develop grassroots programs for schools, and serve in advisory roles at the United Nations.

When I left Scotland for the United States, I made a commitment to myself to dedicate my life toward peace. I have been given a great opportunity to advance storytelling at the International Storytelling Center. When we engage in storytelling, we experience new worlds, and draw closer to others, who are traveling similar paths to our own. These are the roots that build peace. Please join me in using your story to promote peace.

On 21 September, millions of people around the world will celebrate the International Day of Peace through activities, events, concerts, and festivals. What will you or your club be doing? Let us know below, and learn more about how Rotary Peace Centers equip leaders to be catalysts for peace in their communities.

About the author:



Kiran Singh Sirah is executive director of the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tennessee, USA. The center oversees the National Storytelling Festival which takes place this year 3-5 October in Jonesborough. Read an interview with Sirah on the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation blog.

10 tips to enhance your next service project

By Ellina Kushnir, Rotary staff
Adapted from Rotary Service Connections

Your Rotary club has decided to do a service project. You've met with the local community and determined the needs they identify as the most pressing. You've put together a project plan, and are ready to roll up your sleeves and get started. Now what?



Young professionals and university students may have unique insights that can assist your service project

Here are 10 practical tips from the webinar, Lifecycle of a Service Project, Part 3, which focus on acquiring the resources you need to carry out an effective and sustainable project:

1. Start locally. The skills and knowledge your project needs may already be in the local community, in the form of NGOs, community-based organizations, or otherwise. Webinar panelist Ron Denham, a past district governor and member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada, notes that when the local community invests resources, it is more likely to remain involved for the long haul.
2. Build partnerships. Partnerships provide expertise, local knowledge, and insights into local culture and values. They can also identify local sources of training for those who will maintain the project after your club's involvement ends.

3. Seek a grant. By working with The Rotary Foundation through district and global grants, you harness the power of Rotary worldwide to have an even greater impact. Learn more on Rotary.org, or contact your District Grants Subcommittee Chair or your district's Rotary Foundation Committee Chair.
4. Use Rotary Ideas. Our crowdsourcing platform makes it easy for you to post your project and share it through your social media channels, blogs, and club website.
5. Organize a Rotary Community Corps, a group of local people in the community who are not members of Rotary but work closely with a sponsoring Rotary club to assist with projects. They can help mobilize a community, ensure local culture and customs are incorporated, and ensure that local needs are met.
6. Consult a Rotarian Action Group to help you or your district conduct needs assessments, incorporate monitoring and evaluation components, and secure funding.
7. Check with your district. Every year, district governors appoint leaders to head service committees and assist clubs with service projects.
8. Network at Rotary events. Many partnerships begin with a face-to-face meeting at the Rotary International Convention, International Assembly, a regional project fair, or a zone or district event.
9. Connect with a Rotaract club. These young professionals and university students may have unique insights into a community's needs, offer technical skills and expertise as volunteers or fundraisers, and be adept at promoting your project through social media.
10. Communicate often and openly. Frequent communication is a key to building relationships and acquiring needed resources.