



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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

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
Dai Mason

Rotary International President
Ron Burton

President's Message

Greetings Fellow Rotarians and Friends & Visitors

Another quiet week in Rotary but I am confident that our attendance will improve as we challenge our members to become involved, and with more social involvement under the guidance of Rotarian Tony McKinnon.

Attendance this week reflected a slight increase from last week and it was very pleasing to see PP Keith Watts bring a guest, whom I am sure Keith will convert to a member of our Rotary club.

A number of members sent an apology for non-attendance and I certainly appreciate their contact and thought about our and their club. Generally a quiet week, but we received a monthly message from Rotary International President for August. I recommend that all members access this letter via the District webmaster site. For those without access there were three or four pertinent points

- The commitment to achieve 1.3 million Rotarians by the end of 2013
- The commitment by all Rotarian clubs to get their members more actively involved, and engaged, highlighting that motivated members are the ones that will lead us into the future
- Clubs should make sure that every Rotarian has a meaningful job one that will make a real difference to the club and the community, because when you are doing something meaningful in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

I consider these are statements worthy and highly relevant to not only Rotary in generally but to our club in particular.



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 - continued

In response to the above I am still looking for a member to take over the arranging of our weekly speakers, and Public relations, and other committee position.

This can be your individual Challenge please see me if you can help

We have committed the club to Provide our services for a Sausage Sizzle for Christmas in the Park for Wesley Mission on 6th Dec (Friday 4pm to 8pm) I thank those members have offered to help at this early stage.

Changes by the RI Legislation Council are being addressed by PP K Watts, as these will affect our constitution and we await these changes for review in due course and subsequent re submission to the Dept. of Fair Trade for approval.

Yours in Rotary

**REMEMBER: ENGAGE ROTARY
CHANGE LIVES**

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting – 29 July 2013

Our new member, Dinah Zhang was chairperson for the day and got the meeting off to a cracking start with Grace and the Toasts to the Queen of Australia and the Rotary Club of Brisbane (sic). She introduced our two guests for the day, Richard Langford from BYS and Mark Steinhardt a guest of Keith Watts.

President Graeme addressed a number of topics including:

1. Computer4Kids project is in need of disused computers that can be refurbished and passed on to others. They are looking primarily for modern systems, Windows 7 and IOS 5 and better. Laptops would be particularly welcomed. The Aviation College at Nundah is the repository.
2. RI is looking to increase participation in Rotary to 1.3million members. He recommended looking at the RI website for more details.
3. Date claimer, RC Toowong, Kenmore, Karana Downs are hosting an event on 23 March 2014.

4. RI has made a number of administrative changes: Club Secretaries must now be Board members; Presidents must have served for at least one year on the Club Board and in order to qualify for exempt attendance, a member's age plus the number of years in Rotary must be equal or greater than 85.

In the Spots segment, Keith Watts drew members' attention to Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) as a valuable source of current information about Rotary. He used the latest information on Polio Plus as an example.

Phil Little talked about unemployment and the need for Rotary to marshal its resources to do something about it. He did not suggest what we should be doing.

The speaker for the day was Richard Langford from Brisbane Youth Services. He had been asked by the Board to give an update on its activities a part of the condition of our Club's recent financial donation. Richard began by referring to Gareth Evans then Kieran Perkins and finally Wal Bishop. I was through Wal that our involvement in this project developed.

Richard then went on to give details of their program. Our Club has supported 50 scholarships spread over several years with a success rate of more than 90%. Cancellations only amount to 1 in 20 that undertake the program. 60% of the participants are short term (up to 6 months) and the remaining 40% take up to a year. He then presented the following details of specific participants:

Chloe Strachan – Cert 3 Business Admin at Bremer TAFE –completed and is now looking to enrol in Cert 4. She wrote a letter of thank you to the Club which was circulated during the meeting.

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

12 August 2013:
Fellowship

19 August 2013:
TBA

26 August 2013:
TBA

Roster

5 August 2013:

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

12 August 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson H Dahles
Set Up/Away C Muir
Raffle D Phillips
Visitor Register B Veal
Attendance J Smerdon
 T McKinnon

19 August 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson P Caragata
Set Up/Away G Burnett
Raffle D Zhang
Visitor Register D Smith
Attendance J Smerdon
 J Charlton

26 August 2013:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson A Gillespie
Set Up/Away S Francis
Raffle J Worrell
Visitor Register P Dawson
Attendance J Smerdon
 T McKinnon

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Teta Yearney – enrolled in a Diploma Children Services at the Aust. Inst. of Childcare Training.

Naomi Revell – Cert 4 in Child, Youth and Family Intervention at Bremer TAFE

Mamou Doe – Cert 3 Aged Care at Apex Training Inst.

Grace Maketema – enrolled in a B Ed at the Christian Heritage College. She sent a Thank you card to the Club which was circulated.

Klaire Ah Sam – has completed a Cert 3 in Fitness at Bremer TAFE.

Josh Blake – has now completed a Diploma in then Visual Arts at the Southbank Inst. He has been accepted into Griffith Univ. to continue his studies and will be given one year credit for his previous studies. At his graduation, he received an industry award of excellence and Jugglers Art Studio Mentoring award. Josh has been commissioned to do his art work by Businesses BCC and Not for Profit organisations, which includes doing a mural for the Disabled Riding School.

Linder Edwards – has obtained a HR Truck License at Major Training and is now looking for employment in the mining industry, which prefers women drivers because they treat their trucks with care.

SAA Cam had a field day with the name George – refer newborn royal. Anyone parking in King George Square; having an office in George St; being called George etc. etc. He socked Mel Evans for having the wrong badge and then anyone who had not signed up to ROTI. He told a joke about the Irish Johnson twins that didn't recognize each other in a pub even after swapping birthdates, schools and places that they had lived. No doubt about the Irish!! It's amazing what a few Guinness's will do.

John Smerdon won the first draw but couldn't find his ticket. Brian Carss won the redraw and drew the Jack of Hearts. He even accepted a bottle of wine from Sara's Bar & Winery – amazing!

True to her form, Dinah had the meeting wrapped up by 1:45pm

The beauty of friendship: a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Italy

By Veronica Dudo, a television journalist in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, and member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Italy.



Breathing crisp mountain air in the Italian Alps, feeling warm sunshine strolling along Lake Como, coasting through the canals of Venice, and taking in the majestic landscape of the Lombardy region are just some of the adventures I enjoyed as a member of the South Jersey Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from New Jersey, USA, to northern Italy.



For a portion of my stay, I enjoyed the hospitality of Italian Rotarian Paolo Sanguettola, his wife Silvia Bernini; and their daughters Anna, Benedetta, and Federica. They were as gracious and kind as all the Rotarians we met during our month-long trip. We also attended the 50th anniversary mass commemorating the death of Pope John XXIII at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, presided over by Pope Francis.

I was extremely honored to have been recommended and selected by the Rotary Club of Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA, to take part in the five-member GSE team to the Lombardy region of Italy. Adventure, knowledge, culture, business, peace, service, and friendship are at the core of this unique and special journey thousands of young business professionals have taken part in around the world.

The GSE teams are made up of a Rotarian leader and four non-Rotarians between the ages of 25 and 40, and last between four to six weeks. Our team included leader Ken Landis, Anna Brudnicka, Nathaniel Young, Maria Pinardo, and myself, a journalist in the Philadelphia area. A team from Lombardy, Italy, visited District 7640 in New Jersey in April.

Fireworks, shoes, and coffee

Our trip began 11 May, where we stayed in Legnano, and were treated to a fantastic fireworks display, toured a local shoe factory, and tasted coffee made from a machine at the Giorgio Rancilio factory. We also attended an annual parade commemorating the Battle of Legnano in 1176. Hundreds of people dressed in medieval costumes, and I was invited into the press box of the stadium to cover the main event, a bareback horse race between several competing districts.

Our Rotarian hosts Gianluca Azario, GSE Chair for District 2040, Paola Taborelli, and Laura Barbera took us to beautiful Lake Como where we climbed to the top of Faro Voltiano di San Maurizio and to Lake Maggiore. We also visited Livigno in the Italian Alps; toured the valley with Rotarian Fabio Giacomelli; and dropped in on a local TV station where we taped a video segment about the GSE program. In Bormio, we indulged in rest and relaxation in famous Roman baths dating back to the first century B.C.

There were many more wonderful experiences than I could capture all here. During the trip, I had the opportunity to meet fellow journalists from several Italian news organizations and exchange ideas and information. While I enjoyed the educational component; it was the Rotarian's time, energy, generosity, kindness, and ultimately the beauty of friendship — that I will remember forever.