



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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*A global network of community volunteers*

**6 August 2012**



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**GPO Box 2909  
Brisbane Qld 4001**

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

**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

### OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	
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  
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor  
Dai Mason

Rotary International President  
Sakuji Tanaka

### President's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians

Firstly, some good news, Madalyn Conwell was successful in her application to the National Youth Science Foundation. Whilst I don't think any of us would be surprised given how eloquently she spoke at our meeting, this is nonetheless an excellent achievement. Madalyn has sent an email thanking the club for our support, and in turn I would like to thank Brian Carss for his work in guiding Madalyn through the process.

Next, preparations are underway for the birthday celebrations next year, and Mike Kelly is busy organising a venue for a dinner to be held on 5th June 2013, and we will keep you update on progress.

As reported in Monday's meeting, we have received an update from Richard Langford of Brisbane Youth Service on the Scholarship program, and Richard's update is set out at the end of this message for your reference. It seems as though the scholarship program is having some wonderful success and we are looking at building on this over the next 12 months. In this regard, Richard, Phil Little and I met with Edwin McKenzie of Liang O'Rouke in Tuesday, and we are investigating how it might be possible to engage with Laing O'Rouke to expand on the program and assist in placing those completing appropriate training in a trainee position at Laing O'Rouke.

Following Phil's mentioning of the Red Rock of Las Vegas Rotary Club, and the success they have had in attracting younger members, there has been some discussion via email this week on how we may achieve similar success.



**What's On?  
6 August:**

### Date Claimers

**19<sup>th</sup> August:**  
Membership Seminar

**9<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Public Relations and Media  
Training Seminar

### 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)

Patrick Caragata has suggested we run a junior program along with a current members program. As part of this, we could set up a business incubator/mentorship type program that offers assistance to young business people with new ideas. This seems like a fantastic idea, and Phil Gresham has expressed interest in progressing this further, so we will be considering this further over the next few weeks.

That is all from me for this week, but I look forward to catching up with you all on Monday. In the meantime, don't forget if you have any suggestions regarding the RCoB Website (<http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/>), please email Greg Burnett [greg.burnett@team.telstra.com](mailto:greg.burnett@team.telstra.com).

Yours in Rotary

**Alistair Smith**  
President

## Rotary Meeting – 23 July 2012

Greg Burnett, as Chairman of the day, led members in Rotary grace. He followed this with toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International. He then called President Alistair to address members.

President Alistair informed members that the Board had extended an invitation to Lord Graham Quirk to be an honorary member. It is hoped that the Lord Mayor will attend a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> August at which time his honorary membership will be recognized and Alistair will present a cheque for \$25,000 in aid of the City Hall restoration.

He also reported on having received an invitation to a Charter Celebration Night of Red Rock RC, Las Vegas. This new club is a New Generations Club and will focus on creating a fellowship of young professionals. Phil Gresham encouraged members to look at the Club's website to see why they have been so successful.

In response to comments received to his Annual Report last week he tabled a printout of the present website content and invited members to contribute changes to bring it up to date. Greg Burnett is to serve as the focal point of all changes which will then be sent to our Web secretary for entry.

President Alistair opened an AGM for the purpose of approving the 2009/10 financial audit. The financial report was received, Proposed: Brian Carss Seconded: Keith Watts; Carried Nem Con.

It was then proposed that the financial statement be approved, moved: Dougal Henderson, Seconded Phil Little; Carried Nem Con

There being no further business President declared the meeting closed.

President Alistair read a report from Richard Langford of BYS reporting on the success of the scholarship scheme which is a major project for our Club. No doubt Alistair will report more fully on this in his weekly spiel.

There were no spots, so after a period of Fellowship, Greg introduced the birthday boy and Sergeant Cam. As you would expect, the Olympics played an important role in helping the sergeant levy fines. No one escaped. Clive Morman won the draw and decided he did not need another Rotary shirt or the Rotary wine, so a redraw was called for. Wal Bishop was the winner second time around and he did need the shirt.

This was a busy meeting which finished bang on time.

### 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

**6 August:**  
TBA

**13 August:**  
TBA

**20 August:**  
Graham Blackman

## Roster

### 6 August 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** M Evans  
**Set Up/Away** F Alpert  
**Raffle** C Morman  
**Visitor Register** M Stephens  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 13 August 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** P Anderson  
**Set Up/Away** J Smerdon  
**Raffle** J Worrell  
**Visitor Register** P Dawson  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 20 August 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** M WInders  
**Set Up/Away** C Muir  
**Raffle** R Tamaschke  
**Visitor Register** C Shepherd  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

### 27 August 2012:

**President** A Smith  
**Chairman** H Monaghan  
**Set Up/Away** P Little  
**Raffle** M Evans  
**Visitor Register** A Gillespie  
**Attendance** G Whitmore

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*[secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au](mailto:secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au)*



## Stock Market Explained:

CEO -- Chief Embezzlement Officer.

CFO -- Corporate Fraud Officer.

BULL MARKET -- A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

VALUE INVESTING -- The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO -- The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER -- What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR -- Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT -- When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER -- A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION -- The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW-- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO -- What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

WINDOWS -- What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR -- Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT -- An archaic word no longer in use.

## Helping save kids' lives in northern Rwanda

By Dr. Alexandra Vinograd, a former Rotary Scholar and Youth Exchange Student



I just returned home from two years living and working as a physician in rural Rwanda.

Like the other times I have returned home from abroad, I welcome the familiarity of things. I love understanding the subtleties of language and knowing how to greet someone without seeming awkward. I like the hot showers and my spring mattress and the coffee shop on the corner.

But, inevitably I miss what has become my home away from home. This time, I miss the hospital on the terraced green hill-top in northern Rwanda.

As any returning exchange student can attest, the most common question you are asked upon returning home is: "How was it?" I struggle to come up with a few words or a phrase to sum up my last two years in Rwanda.

It was amazing and challenging and inspiring and tragic and beautiful and frustrating all at the same time. I want to tell you about the thousands of hills in northern Rwanda and the green and blue and purple hues that light them at sunset and the gorillas that play in their forests.

I want to tell you about the children who must never have been told that the yellow jerry cans of water they carry home every day are heavy because they lift them with such ease.

I want to tell you about the women in their bright clothes balancing rainbow colored umbrellas and baskets of pineapples piled high upon their head all while climbing up and down impossibly steep mountain trails.

I also want to tell you about my patients. I want to tell you about the infants who would have died if that hospital was not there. They are now learning to coo and babble and crawl and toddle. I want to tell you about Alice and Axel and all of the other children who died despite our best efforts. They remind us to try harder. I want to tell you about the sorrow on a father's face when he hears that there is nothing we can do for his son except control his pain as he dies. I want to tell you about the doctors and nurses I worked with who keep trying and keep learning in spite of these tragedies in hopes of saving more lives.

Instead, while those images and emotions and memories wash over me like a tidal wave, I tell you, "It was great." And it was.

*Editor's Note: Vinograd returned to the United States in June, after working for two years at a hospital in Rwanda, helping to treat children in life-threatening situations. The only pediatric specialist serving an area of 400,000 people, she accompanied doctors to teach other doctors and nurses to improve the quality of care provided.*

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