



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

13 February 2012



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23 Dean Road
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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

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| President | Alistair Smith |
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| Vice President | Keith Watts |
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| Sergeant-at-Arms | Cameron Bishop |

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Carolyn Krueger

Rotary International President
Kalyan Banerjee

President's Message

Welcome Rotarians and friends

There were a number of issues I was hoping to cover in the message this week. Unfortunately, I have been caught up in a number of urgent work matters this week, so I will have to be brief.

Firstly, we had a cluster meeting on Wednesday morning, at which it was mentioned that there are still 10 places for the upcoming RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) course, details of which can be found at: <http://www.rotary9600.org/RYLA/> The course is intended for 18-26 yr olds, and will include a 3 day excursion on the South Passage 30th March - 3rd April (this is from the RYLA website so please no jokes about my mathematical ability). If you know anybody that might be interested in attending, please contact me as soon as possible.

At the cluster meeting, the issue of joint meetings was also raised, and in this regard I mentioned the upcoming talk by David Barbagello to be held on 12th March. There was significant interest from the other cluster clubs, so Rick Tamaschke and I are putting together a flyer inviting members from other clubs to attend. I am hoping that we can make this a well attended event!

A further issue that was raised at the meeting is that District Governor Carolyn Krueger is requesting assistance from clubs in sponsoring presidents from clubs in PNG to attend the upcoming district conference. I am trying to obtain more details of this and will keep members up to date as to what is expected.

What's On?

13 February:
Fellowship

Date Claimers

3 March:
PP Mel Evans
Tour of the XXXX Brewery at 2pm

24th April:
Annual Golf Day
Northlakes Resort Course
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?





President's Message (continued)

As mentioned in Monday's meeting, Wal Bishop and I met with Richard Langford from Brisbane Youth Service last week. A photo of Wal and I with Kura, who is one of the scholarship recipients, is attached, together with an update on the progress of some of the recipients. It is extremely pleasing to see the program is proving to be of benefit.

This week I received an email from Rob Byrne, updating us on his bike ride for Polio Plus. This is an inspiring read, so I am also forwarding this with the bulletin.

Finally, we have been asked to supply a photo of the club for the upcoming district conference, so I will be bringing a camera to Monday's meeting, I would appreciate it if we could have as many attendees as possible.
Yours in Rotary,

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting 6/2/12

The Chairman of the day Stan Francis introduced P Alistair who welcomed our speaker Max Winder's guests – Jamie Marshall, an Engineer, and Bernadette Miller-Greenham, an undergraduate student from the University of Qld., who assisted Max in his firm's work in the analysis of the Brisbane 2011 flood. P Alistair spoke of his and Wal Bishop's contact with Richard Langford of the Brisbane Youth Service, and detailed how our Club's contribution had assisted several previously unemployed people to enter the paid workforce.

PP Brian Carss' now regular spot on Rotary detailed the interesting early history of Paul Harris and the foundation of Rotary from small beginnings in Chicago early last century into the huge global organisation of Rotary International today.

Secretary Michael Stevens called for more suggestions from members for activities that would involve the members.

Treasurer Dougal Henderson said that dues notices would be out soon, and recommended that any proceeds from the Golf Day be committed to pay our existing obligations to Brisbane Youth Services. PP Mel Evans again reminded members of the XXXX Brewery tour on Saturday 3 rd. of March, and said he would soon have details of tickets to the Queensland Red's game later that evening.

Prior to his talk Max Winder was welcomed back into full membership of the Rotary Club of Brisbane by P Alistair to loud and enthusiastic applause. Max, an engineer, gave a talk with the aid of a relief map and large posters attached to the walls illustrating the various creeks and waterways involved in the disastrous events of the Brisbane and Ipswich floods of January 2011. In the 1974 flood Max had been out in a dingy in the middle of the Brisbane river measuring water flows to be used in flood modelling studies. He told us that Somerset dam could not be raised because of the danger that if anything happened to the dam Kilcoy would be swept away. To overcome this problem the Wyvenhoe Alliance was commissioned to reinforce the dam, raise the height of the dam structure, increase the flood mitigation capacity, add additional spillways and add fuse plugs that would self-destruct so that the dam would not over top, as a cost effective way of improving the dams capacity.

Our former member, Stuart MacNish, had been actively involved in the design and construction of this huge project over several years. These extensive and expensive works were designed to minimise the destructive effects of a 1 in 100,000 year flood.

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

13 February:
Fellowship

20 February:
TBA

27 February:
*Frank Alpert
Club Talk*

Roster

13 February 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman R Tamaschke
Set Up/Away K Watts
Raffle K Hamburger
Visitor Register K Watts
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

20 February 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman J Delahunty
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle A Gerardo
Visitor Register W Bishop
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

27 February 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman P Ryan
Set Up/Away M Evans
Raffle G Sellers
Visitor Register P Little
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

5 March 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman C Shepherd
Set Up/Away C Mormon
Raffle G Holtmann
Visitor Register M Kelly
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

*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 6/2/12 (continued)

Complicating factors in the 2011 flood included the flash flooding from Toowoomba and down the unmitigated Bremer river which inundated Ipswich and added to Brisbane's problems. Lack of attention to and correction of problems related to back-flow through drains compounded the problems and added to the flooding of the inner city and other suburbs adjacent to the river. My understanding and summary of Max's opinion on the subject of the current problems being investigated by the Commission of Inquiry seems to be that the benefits of the extensive work to supplement the existing dam were not incorporated into the current management of the dam, and that the previously existing dam operation manual was not updated sufficiently to take this additional augmentation of the operation of the dam into consideration. Max indicated that the controversy and discussion regarding the management of Somerset dam will not stop after the report of the Commission has been issued. Max gave an excellent and well-presented talk on a most topical subject. Half a dozen members asked questions and contributed to the vigorous discussion.

SAA Cam Bishop told us of the perils of fording the creeks around Canungra in the current wet weather. PP Mike Kelly won the raffle. 26 attended the lunch.

Attendance Intent

Hello folks,

I've noticed the ebb and flow of discussion about attendance requirements. It bothers me. It concerns me that Rotarians do not want to attend meetings. So, if we do not have attendance, do we just send our contributions in as a "proxy" for our not showing up? Is that the intent of our "Grand Mission?" I don't think so. Rather than summarize the pros and cons, let's look at the intent of an attendance requirement. Why is it important we attend meetings, functions and conferences?

Rotary is about "World Peace and International Understanding THROUGH FELLOWSHIP (emphasis added.)" That's it. That's our purpose. Admittedly it's idealistic. But without idealism, how does anything improve? Fellowship is the heart and soul of Rotary and leads to our wonderfully productive philanthropy and good works ... locally, regionally or internationally. Fellowship is the salve that promotes our conviviality and makes our selfless contributions possible. If we do not attend meetings, participate on committees, or "show-up," none of what Rotary does is possible. The intent is to avoid the inevitable process of people sending checks/contributions in lieu of their physical presence and participation. Rotary is participatory. Participation means attendance ... and not just the passive, sit around and have lunch kind of attendance. It means to actually DO something. If we do not "show up," get involved and actively participate, we do not engender and promote the essential Fellowship among ourselves: especially among those with whom we are not likely to otherwise know and spend time with unless it's at a Rotary meeting, conference or convention. Attendance is the beating heart of Rotary.

It's about Fellowship. If we don't attend meetings, we don't get to know each other, we don't generate the needed Fellowship and nothing gets done. Really, it's not that difficult. We are leaders in our respective fields. We are selected because we have a certain amount of executive control of our time and resources. We have expertise and capabilities that the world needs. Just schedule the meeting, plan for the conference, and show up.

Sure, we raise money, mostly by and through each other. But it's not about our money having a meeting in some club account or Evanston trust. Piles of bank notes is a vault don't decide how to improve the world. Money is simply a potential waiting for an idea to make it work.

When money gathers together it just "sits there" doing nothing until Rotarians attend meetings, identify a need, design a matching grant, organize a community service project, participate in an NID, or create a concept to improve the lot of people who need it. Then the Rotarians get off the butts and DO SOMETHING about it. Most of us are multiple PHFs and make grand contributions treasure and resources. The generosity is often humbling and a true testimony to our love of our fellow man. But contributions and donations of money, our capital, alone is idle paper. It takes the Fellowship and participation that comes from the attendance of Rotarians (you and me) to combine those resources with our hearts, minds, and sweat to make our combined contributions of treasure and time work. Given the time and personal presence of Rotarians and we will change the world ... indeed, we already have and are continuing to do so.

The most important capital we invest is our time and personal participation, our ATTENDANCE leads to our fellowship. THAT's what makes it happen. THAT's how world peace and international understanding will occur and is occurring. Attending a meeting 60% or more of the weeks in a year is easy! Make up opportunities are numerous. But you must WANT to do it. If you can't, or won't, show up then Rotary is not for you. But if you can and will show up, then Rotary is for you and the world will be a better place because of you.

My opinion. Take it or leave it.

Onward and upward,

Jon Deisher, PP
(12 years perfect attendance)
Anchorage Rotary/D5010
Anchorage, Rotary



RI president's monthly message February, 2012

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

This November, I had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary institute in Kolkata, India. The focus of this institute was on peace and the ways in which we in Rotary could work to build peace. When I received the invitation, I began to think about what I might say, knowing that with all that Rotarians do in this area, my main challenge would be keeping within the time limit!

But just before I arrived in Kolkata, I spoke at a water conference in Tel Aviv. It was a wonderful event at which Rotarians and non-Rotarians from all over the world came together to discuss the many challenges of keeping an ever-growing population supplied with an increasingly scarce resource. Before I could begin to talk about Rotary's contribution, however, I had to explain what Rotary is and what we do – because even in that very educated audience of scientists and entrepreneurs and executives, there were many people who had simply never heard of Rotary.

As I left that event, I began to think again about what to say in Kolkata, because so much of what we do in Rotary to build peace depends on public awareness of who we are. Why have we been so successful in our work to eradicate polio? Because Rotary is able to go where no government and few other nongovernmental organizations can – into homes, into schools, and into communities, with the trust and confidence of the people we serve.

When we in Rotary work for peace, we don't do it by negotiating treaties or demonstrating in the streets. Instead, we build peace by example – by working together, whatever our nationality or background, and putting others' needs above our own.

We build peace by dealing with the problems that disrupt people's ability to live normal, peaceful lives – whether those problems are a lack of water, or sanitation, or safe, affordable housing; whether they stem from a shortage of education or health care, or a need to build productive and positive connections between communities. In everything we do, we rely on our good name.

This is why all of us have a responsibility to be sure that our good name is indeed known. We need to not just work through Rotary, but talk about Rotary – letting the world know about the work we are doing, the differences we are making, and the benchmarks we are setting. Our Rotary work speaks to our belief that a better, more peaceful world is possible, and we need to be sure that our voices are heard.

Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International

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Fellows

Registration is now open for
District 9600 Conference 2012

Registration may be done electronically directly from the District Website.

A flyer with the program details and information is available on the Brisbane Rotary [website](#)

Early Bird Caloundra accommodation specials are listed on the Conference web page

Let's make this the best attended conference ever!!

There is no charge for conference registration only for your selected meals