



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

MAKE DREAMS REAL

18 August 2008

President's Message

Fellow Rotarians,

A much shorter message this week due to some out of State travel, but mention must be made of District Governor Wayne Morris's visit last week. Although I could not make the meeting, I think that it is important to reiterate those messages he did pass on to members who attended lunch.

Firstly, to maintain the work that Rotary has, is and will be doing takes a committed membership and it is important that we do all we can to maintain and even increase the level of membership. He mentioned that there was a largely untapped source in the female population which is not currently reflected and also we should approach middle management of organisations. I am sure Michael Stephens and his team will have picked up on this, but it is still incumbent on the rest of the members to assist in recruiting new members.

The other area that DG Wayne addressed was health, hunger, water and literacy. I know that we in the Rotary Club of Brisbane are certainly doing our bit towards this effort with assistance with the Amsterdam International Club with water schemes in Africa, with MAMCI to supply and maintain medical and dental equipment in PNG, and assistance to ROMAC with the sponsoring of training in Brisbane of a Dentist from PNG.

The main point is that we are all doing something towards the main goal, which is to support our community both local and global and to Make Dreams Real.

Michael Kelly, President

President Michael needs your help.

Each week we will identify a number of Membership classifications for you to suggest possible Club members.

This week the featured classifications are:

Entertainment & Sports

- Performers
- Radio/TV Announcers
- Producers & Directors
- Sports Coach
- Umpire/Referees

All your ideas to Michael Stephens, Don O'Donoghue or Wal Bishop



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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Michael Kelly
President Elect	Mike Mauger
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Secretary	Brian Carss
Treasurer	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Wayne Morris

Rotary International President
Dong Kurn Lee

**GUEST
SPEAKERS**

To be advised



Meeting Review
11th August 2008

Our attendance this week for the DG was low, with only 22 members attending, one visiting Rotarian and one member's guest.

Chairman Kevin Jenkins welcomed those attending and asked all to say grace and then proposed the loyal toasts. He welcomed Vice President Mike Mauger to the rostrum.

Vice Pres Mike again thanked all those attending and welcomed our guests:

- DG Wayne Morris, District Governor 9600 from the Rotary Club of Honiara
- John Hocken, guest of Keith Hamburger

Vice Pres Mike mentioned the Riverfestival 2008 River Breakfast on the Goodwill Bridge on Sunday morning 31st August. 20-25 members were needed to cook breakfasts and any volunteers should inform Greg Sellars if they can assist.

He also mentioned that we would have a new raffle starting today 'Pick the Joker' with the winner of the raffle receiving a RCoB Polo Shirt and a chance to draw the Joker.

Chairman Kevin then called for spots:

- Brian Carss drew members' attention to the Yellow Box in the Bulletin which will give each week a new set of classifications from which to draw members.
- Michael Stephens followed by reiterating the Membership Committee's request for members to bring along potential members of any classification to our meetings.

After some time for lunch and fellowship, Chairman Kevin introduced our Guest Speaker, District Governor 9600 Wayne Morris. District 9600 covers 67 Rotary Clubs in South East Queensland, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

DG Wayne said that there were four key areas that had to be addressed - health, hunger, water and literacy. Rotary offers the opportunity to be part of the answer to poverty and health problems, and also provides its members with valuable business networks.

In the case of Infant mortality, over 30,000 children under 5 years of age die every day from preventable diseases. Rotary programs that are making significant differences in the improvement of infant mortality, health and hunger programs include the Rotarians Against Malaria Program, Water Programs and the Polio Vaccination project. He urged us to support programs that will reduce this horrifying infant mortality rate. He said that the provision of bed nets had reduced cases of malaria down from 350 per 1000 to 25 to 30 per 1000.

It was hoped to supply bed nets to the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu to eradicate malaria. He said that to continue to conduct these and other major projects requires an increased commitment of Rotarians and the recruitment of new members. He encouraged District Clubs to partner with clubs in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands either financially or members becoming a Rotary Volunteer in these countries.

As far as increasing the profile of Rotary and increasing membership, a case is going to Parramatta to make February 23 National Rotary Day so that we become as well known as Red Nose Day etc. possibly in 2009 but definitely for 2010.

Finally, he invited everyone to the District Conference on 27 -29 March 2009 at Caloundra which will have excellent speakers of interest to all Rotarians but be a casual affair commencing with fellowship on the Friday night and the Saturday night would be a Beach Party. After some questions, Chairman Kevin thanked Wayne on behalf of the Club and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Chairman Kevin then introduced Sergeant-at-Arms Tony who thanked DG Wayne and again lamented over the low attendance. He happened to mention that a certain company had announced a 60% lift in profits! He chided his assistant Cam Bishop who had failed to ask the Sergeant's permission to be absent! Overseas and local travel as well as football received a mention, and a little more about the loss by the Sea Eagles and the absence of Bob Aldred.

He then regaled us with a few jokes and extracted appropriate fines for misdemeanours and transgressions. He then drew the ticket for the 'Find the Joker' raffle. This week's winner was Alan Gillespie who won a RCoB Polo Shirt and drew the Two of Diamonds.

Good luck!

CALENDAR

**Rotary Club of Brisbane
Partners Luncheon –
September 2008**

The Venue is:
**The Brisbane Polo Club [Library]
Naldam House
1 Eagle Street Brisbane**

To be Held On:
**Monday 1st Sept. 2008
12.15pm for 12.30pm**

At a Cost of:
\$35.00

Please reply by:
Thursday 28th August 2008

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Sunday 31st August 2008

**RIVERFESTIVAL 2008
Sunday River Breakfast
8 am – 11 am
Goodwill Bridge**

ROSTER

Monday 25th August 2008

President	M Kelly
Chairperson	G McHarrie
Set Up	C Shepherd
Put Away	G Sellers
Raffle	G Cause
Visitor Register	K Hamburger
Fellowship	R Buchanan
Attendance	B Esler G Whitmore

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.**

FOUR 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?

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