



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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Post Office Square
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Brisbane

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

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President	Alistair Smith
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Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
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District Governor
Carolyn Krueger

Rotary International President
Kalyan Banerjee

President's Message

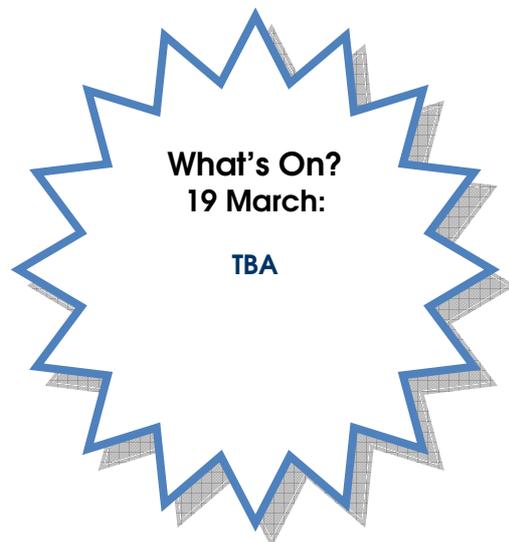
Welcome Rotarians and friends

On Monday we had the pleasure of hearing from David Barbagello, who outlined the trials and tribulations involved in trying to develop the mindset of the Endeavour Foundation from that of a charity to a social enterprise. The challenges David and the organisation have faced, and the manner in which they have responded is an inspiring story. I believe there are many lessons Rotary could learn from individuals such as David, so we can only hope that once he has achieved what he wants to with Endeavour, he could be encouraged to join us in Rotary.

For those of you who were unable to attend and are not aware of the Endeavour Foundation and the fantastic work they have done since their humble beginnings on a verandah in Coorparoo, more information can be found at: <http://www.endeavour.com.au/page/our-endeavour/who-we-are/history/>

I recently received a copy of Brisbane Youth Service's monthly newsletter "Streetspeak", which included an update on Kura, one of the Scholarship recipients, so a copy of this is being forwarded with the bulletin for your interest. This not only reinforces the benefits of the scholarship program, but also showcases the great work being done by BYS as a whole.

I also received details of a programme BYS are running called "Getting Schmick", details of which can be found on the flyer forwarded with the bulletin.



Date Claimers

23-25 March 2012:
District 9600 2012 Conference
Caloundra
(flyer on website)

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)

In essence the goal of the program is to collect hygiene products to give homeless and disadvantaged individuals the chance to spruce up their appearance for National Youth week. Whilst most of us would take a certain level of personal hygiene for granted (even me, despite my Pommie upbringing), it is important to remember that many of the individuals BYS deal with self-esteem issues following years of living in abusive or disruptive environments. In view of this, I would strongly encourage members to consider contributing to this cause by bringing items listed on the flyer to Rotary. I will arrange to store these and have them delivered to BYS on the club's behalf (and I promise not to use these in dealing with any of my own hygiene issues).

Finally, on the subject of district conference apart from Rotarian Frank Alpert and Rohan Johnson, no one else has confirmed to me whether they will be attending. In view of this, I would ask that those of you attending register via the link below and then please confirm with me that you are attending by emailing me at either: asmith@davies.com.au or alistairinrotary@gmail.com so we can try and coordinate travel.

Registration Link

http://rotary9600.org/rotarycms/modules/view_wysiwyg/index.php?pagenum=19.

Of interest will be the new members lunch on Saturday, and I would strongly encourage our newer members, or those who have not been to the district conference before to register their interest with John Blane (E: jnblane@bigpond.net.au or P: 3300 4425, M: 0411 042 900) who is organising this event.

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend Monday's meeting due to lecturing commitments with QUT. However, in the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at the conference or at the meeting of 26th March 2012.

Yours in Rotary,

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting 12 March 2012

Chairman Rick Tamaschke introduced P Alistair who welcomed our guest lecturer David Barbagello and three visiting Rotarians, ADG Allan Stevens, Bill Phillips from Brisbane High Rise and Norm Hodgkinson from Brisbane Mid City.

Keith Watts announced the sale of Cam Bishop's merlot based Rose at \$200 per case. A vineyard labelling day social event was being planned.

Phil Gresham thanked members for their interest in helping the Chinese lady student get an internship in accounting. She now had a job with Phil's accountants Crowe Horwath.

Graham Whitmore now has 54 starters for the golf day but he appealed for more golfers, and would appreciate prize donations and sponsorships.

PP Brian Carss presented the Rotary Spot which is given in detail elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Chairman Rick introduced our eminent Guest Speaker Adjunct Professor David Barbagello.

David's initial degree was in Surveying from the University of Queensland, but over the years he has added qualifications in Technology and Financial Management. He spent some time at the University of Queensland involved with Entrepreneurial Technical Start-up companies. He has an impressive business background. He has been Executive V-P of Mincom, and CEO of Distributed Systems Technology Centre. Perhaps he is most famous for his time as the Chief of Staff to the Premier in the times of the Wayne Goss Labor Government.

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ROTARY GRACE

○ 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

Roster

19 March 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman L Spano
Set Up/Away B Carss
Raffle B Aldred
Visitor Register M Evans
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

26 March 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman P Gresham
Set Up/Away G Sellers
Raffle L Stally
Visitor Register P Caragata
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

2 April 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman TBA
Set Up/Away TBA
Raffle TBA
Visitor Register TBA
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

9 April 2012: NO MEETING

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 (continued)

David thanked the Club for asking him to address us. The Endeavour Foundation was currently involved with Rocklea RC in a community project. The Endeavour Foundation had a complex structure. It was not really a charity as it aimed to make a profit. It was a social enterprise but there were no dividends. Any profits were given back to members. It had revenues of \$168m. Half of this was earned; the other half was Government money.

Australia has a sorry history of its treatment of persons with intellectual disability. Of the top 27 OECD nations we are the worst in terms of our Governmental assistance. Endeavour is the largest employer of persons with an intellectual disability in Australia. David stressed the importance of work to these people. Not only did it provide them with a sense of purpose in life, often it was their only social activity. They were reluctant to take holidays as they would miss their work contacts and friendships.

David mentioned that Endeavour started on a veranda in Coorparoo in the early 1950's after the State Government, whose schools could not physically accommodate the post war numbers, decided that education for children with an intellectual disability, was not necessary. With the help and sponsorship of Sir Fred and Lady Eleanor Schonell, prominent in Education reform immediately after WW2 in Queensland, Endeavour has prospered and expanded and recently extended into NSW. Endeavour itself has moved into education and training and its Business College has trained 1190 people to date. From now on anyone wanting to be employed in Disability Assistance will have to have appropriate qualifications.

David acknowledged that Government could not provide service delivery to Charities efficiently. Endeavour had overheads of 8%. He made a plea for a more supportive community response to persons with intellectual disability.

Why was there such a low response? Did it hark back to the bad old days when such a child brought shame on the family and had to be hidden away? Practically nothing was spent on scientific research in this area.

David was a very candid, informative and capable speaker. He made us realise that beyond the art unions, the Opportunity Shops and the Workshops, Endeavour was a huge business employing thousands of normal workers as well as persons with disabilities, distributed in diversified communities all over the country. It provided more than just a job for its members – it provided motivation and purpose for living. To manage such a huge enterprise involving so many conflicting and competing needs obviously takes a very talented and capable individual. David has plans to make Endeavour even better.

The lecture was followed by intelligent questions. Phil Gresham responded that his wife Caroline was involved with the education of children with hearing problems. They had similar difficulties in that there was inadequate funding made available for the training of teachers for the deaf.

SAA Cam Bishop efficiently shortened his fund raising activities so we could finish only slightly overtime. A total of 28 attended the Lunch.

Rotary segment Future Vision March 12th 2012 By Brian Carss

I know that many members, particularly the elder ones see Rotary as doing the same thing (fundraising for Polio Plus and Service to the Community) year after year. But the Rotary world is changing.

The Trustees of the RI Foundation have identified 6 areas to focus on with the new grants structure. In the past most of RI's programs have been administered centrally from Evanston.

The new grant structure reflects critical humanitarian issues and needs and will be more decentralised.

The areas of focus are:

1. Peace & Conflict resolution
2. Disease prevention and treatment
3. Water & sanitation
4. Maternal and child health
5. Basic education numeracy and literacy
6. Economic & community development

Peace & Conflict resolution is something that we as a club have had first-hand experience with. The UQ was one of the original 7 world sites selected to offer this program. We sponsored one of the first scholars, Derren Moss, who took up his scholarship at Duke Univ. in North Carolina. At the time of taking up his scholarship he was a lawyer working in the Attorney General's office.

The program aims to train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict as well as assisting people affected by conflict, particularly children & youth. Marjorie Carss was the Rotarian host for the first few years of the program at UQ. As you can imagine, the Carss family got to know them very well. In the first group was Sofia Ledberg from Sweden presently working on a PhD. Don O'Donoghue was her mentor and he continues his contact with her. There was also a young lawyer who went to Sierra Leone where she worked with one of the British High Judges in setting up a judicial system. Another came from Sri Lanka and returned there in the middle of the civil war that was raging at the time. He was hell bent on helping to solve the country's problems. A fourth went into the Afghanistan mountains after the dreadful earthquake there, to help distribute food through the WHO. These are just 4 examples of the kind of young professionals engaged in this program.

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Future Vision March 12th 2012 (continued)

Disease prevention & treatment concentrates on improving local health care professionals. Particular attention is directed to combating the spread of HIV/AIDS and malaria. It is hoped that by educating local communities that the spread of disease will be arrested.

Water & sanitation It goes without saying that having clean water and good sanitation facilities will go a long way to preventing the spread of disease. Our club was involved with Amsterdam International to drill and complete 15 water wells in Africa. These people now have a plentiful and reliable source of clean water. Sometimes things don't work out quite the way we wish. For example, some water wells drilled in India were found to have tapped into an aquifer which was contaminated with arsenic. Our club funded the scientist from UQ to help solve this problem, which turned out to be simpler than first thought. The wells were sealed and the redrilled to aquifers much lower down where there was uncontaminated water.

Maternal and child health the concentration here is on reducing child mortality for those under 5 as well as the mortality rate of the mothers

Basic education and literacy was the area of attention of the Foundation during Glen Kinross's year as World President. He believed that no significant change could occur in the underdeveloped world until their level of literacy & numeracy were greatly improved and so it still continues as an area of major concern. This is not rocket science type stuff, as the need was identified and addressed in the USA through the Head Start program when Lyndon Johnson became President. The US Government poured more than \$US 4Billion a year into this program and it was successful in helping to break down the poverty barrier.

Economic and community development is aimed at strengthening the local entrepreneurs and community leaders. Special attention is given to women as they are the one in the family that is most committed to ensure the wellbeing of her children. Educated women strive to ensure that the children will also gain an education to foster their success in adulthood.

We will begin to see these initiatives emerge in the 2013 Foundation funding.

23-25 March 2012:

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

http://rotary9600.org/rotarycms/modules/view_wysiwyg/index.php?pageenum=19

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

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



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