



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

MAKE DREAMS REAL

30 March 2009



President's Message

This week saw the new Parliament of the State of Queensland decided. To those members of RCOB who have helped with things Rotary whilst I was otherwise engaged with the election campaign thanks to all with particular thanks to President Elect Mike.

We can all be assured that Rotary does make a difference on a number of occasions in recent times I have been impacted by what Rotary is and has done. At a recent professional workshop on the Commonwealth Terror Laws (here's hoping that such laws are not often applied) we were given a presentation from two Rotary Peace Fellows currently visiting at University of Queensland. Both gave real-life perspective on terror and its effects. Further last week's guest speaker Rotarian Brian on Shelter box and how it was deployed in Victoria during the bush fires was telling in how Rotary can make a difference.

This week I ask all members to consider Rotary and a current project the re-development and extension of the Wesley. We made a small start at a recent meeting. I am proposing as a club we do a bit more, to help this worthwhile project, I welcome input and hope us as a club maybe able to further assist.

Reminder to those interested that the monthly board meet for RCOB will be Tuesday 31st March 2009, 1700hrs (that 5.00pm) at Louey's Restaurant, Kangaroo Point. Have a great week and Make Dreams Real.

President Michael Kelly

New Links

Rotary Promotes Literacy
<http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en ppt/rq07 literacy promoting.ppt#257,1,Rotary>

Shelter Boxes
<http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/>

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
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Brisbane

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Michael Kelly
President Elect	Mike Mauger
Imm Past President	Mel Evans
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

Members,

We are now well into 2009 and it would be remiss of us not to remind you about attracting and recruiting new members to the Club!

Invite them to lunch and introduce them to Michael Stephens, Don O'Donoghue or Wal Bishop and they will do the rest!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday April 06 2009

Mario Pennisi
Quality Systems for Business



Meeting Review
23rd March 2009

This week's meeting was attended by 29 members, two visiting Rotarians and one member's guest.

Chairman Stan Francis welcomed those attending asking all to say grace and proposed the loyal toast and toast to Rotary International. He said that he was pleased to see that Pres Michael had returned from his election duties and welcomed him to the rostrum.

Pres Michael again welcomed all to the meeting and said that he had returned from 16 days on the campaign trail and was having a welcome break. He welcomed the attendance of Ron McLeod, who was paying us one of his rare visits in his retirement! He then introduced our guests:

- Rtn Ray Crompton – The Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City
- Julie Adams – Guest of Michael Kelly
- Rtn Brian Springer - The Rotary Club of Pine Rivers Daybreak and Guest Speaker

Pres Michael said that AG Gordana Blazevic and the other city club Presidents had met to discuss activities for Q150. Details to follow. Also, the Board Meeting has been rescheduled to next Tuesday 31st March at 5 pm at Louey's Restaurant, all are welcome.

Chairman Stan then called for spots;

- Mel Evans drew members' attention to the play '39 Steps'. The opening night on 29 April is in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. Indications of attendance are still open and tickets will be booked on 31 March. Full details are in the Calendar section. He also mentioned that he had attended a meeting on the National Street Soccer Championships which will be held in Brisbane this year. There may be some Rotary involvement and he would keep us updated.
- Cam Bishop said that receipts were available for donations to The Wesley Hospital.

- Brian Carss gave a brief talk on the efforts of Rotary on worldwide literacy. March is Rotary's Literacy Month. A presentation on RI role is in New Links.

Chairman Stan then introduced our guest speaker Brian Springer, District 9600's ShelterBox representative. Brian explained District 9600 and Australia's role in the system, in particular Rotary's role in the recent bush fires in Victoria where 50 boxes were used by families that wished to stay on their properties.

Full details of ShelterBox Australia are on the website. As an example, he went on to explain that Xiaomei Liu, the People's Republic of China's first Rotary World Peace Fellow, had expressed her thanks for ShelterBox's aid efforts in China last year at the Rotary District 1290 Conference 2009 in Bideford, Devon, England.

Liu comes from the town of Chengdu, only a few miles from the epicentre of the Sichuan earthquake that killed 69,000 people in August last year, and saw at first hand the ShelterBox relief effort.

ShelterBox sent out more than 2000 relief boxes together with separate tents to the disaster area giving shelter to more than 40,000 people. Details on ShelterBox can be accessed through New Links.

Chairman Stan thanked him for his excellent presentation and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Chairman Stan then introduced Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love, who also thanked Brian for his presentation. Tony said that local Rugby teams had had a successful weekend and made mention of the absence of Bob Aldred who had sent a message saying he was administering to the needs of the Sea Eagles!! He then extracted appropriate fines for misdemeanours and transgressions.

The winner of the 'Find the Joker' raffle this week was Ray Crompton, who won a bottle of wine. Ray drew the Two of Clubs, no luck this week!!! The jackpot stands at approximately \$760, plus Monday's raffle share.

Good Luck.

CALENDAR

"39 Steps"
Winner Best New Comedy -
Laurence Olivier Award 2007
Where:
Twelfth Night Theatre
When:
29 April 2009 8.00pm
Opening Night Tickets
\$49.90
in aid of the
Leukemia Foundation
Closing date for tickets
31 March 2009
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Signing of the Sister
Club agreement between
the Rotary Club of
Brisbane and the Rotary
Club of Kobe East.
Tuesday 14th April 2009
Kobe, Japan
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ROSTER

Monday 6th April 2009

President	M Kelly
Chairperson	G Cause
Set Up	J Burton
Put Away	S Dunlop
Raffle	P Dawson
Visitor Register	C Shepherd
Fellowship	R Dixon
Attendance	B Esler
Leave of absence	G Whitmore
Assistant	J Smerdon

DATECLAIMER

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Club Secretary at

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au

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?