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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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Brisbane

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Alistair Smith
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Basil Veal
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Bob Aldred
Treasurer	Dougal Henderson
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

I quite rightly received a suitable fine at the last meeting for the length of my previous message, so I will endeavour to keep this one shorter.

As you all know, Graeme Whitmore and Michael Stephens have been busy preparing the Golf Day, which is to be held on 24 April 2012. They requested some assistance from club members in helping to organise this event so if anyone is willing volunteer that would be much appreciated.

In addition to this, in order to assist with advertising and seeking sponsorship, we believe it would be beneficial if the event were associated with a particular cause, such as a specific charity. This will enable us to provide some context when seeking advertising and, as long as the selected cause is suitably familiar to individuals, should help increase attendance at the event. If possible, we would like to seek attendance of a representative of the cause at the event allowing us to present a cheque to them which will assist the club significantly in PR and marketing. With this in mind, we would appreciate suggestions of an appropriate cause, with these preferably being either local, or at least well known.

Also attached together with the bulletin for members' interest is an update from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Whilst this is not specific to the Polio Plus programme, it does provide an interesting read as to some of the goals of one of Rotary's partners in the Polio Plus programme.

What's On?

6 February:
Max Winders
Queensland
Flood Control

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)

Following on from the message last week soon-to-be Rotarian, Frank Alpert, and I, have exchanged some emails regarding the idea of providing bios of club members. As part of this, we would like to capture information as to how they became involved in Rotary and what they get out of this, as well as a little bit of background information regarding the individuals themselves. We can then include these as bios on the website, members permitting. This can help us show the calibre of individuals involved within the organisation and provide useful information to potential members as to what Rotary is about. More importantly however, it will help us to identify what in particular has attracted members to the Rotary Club of Brisbane so we can help in further membership drives. Frank and I are to prepare a questionnaire which will then be made available for individuals to answer at their leisure. For those of you who are less inclined to spend hours typing away at the keyboard, as an alternative, Frank and I are happy to interview you, record the interview so that this can be typed up into a document for your approval. Again, any feedback on this would be appreciated.

I have also spoken to Bas Veal and we are going to investigate and clarify the commitments to the City Hall Restoration Fund, with a view to this being discussed at a meeting moving forward.

In the meantime, I can confirm that the speaker for next week will be past member Max Winders speaking about Dam Failings and Flood Gates. It would be great if we could get as many members along as possible to this talk, which I'm sure you will all find fascinating.

That about covers things for this week and I hope I have not taken up too much of your valuable time.

Yours in Rotary,

President Alistair

Rotary Meeting 30/1/12

The Chairman introduced P Alistair who welcomed our prospective member Rohan Johnston to the assembly. Alistair reminded us of the valuable contribution of the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation to the work Rotary is doing to improve health in the developing world. He reminded us of the District Conference at Caloundra from the 23 – 25th of March and urged members to attend. He said PP Keith Watts was assisting him to update the Club Committee structure, and to contact him if anyone had a preference for a certain job allocation.

PP Mike Kelly reminded members of the XXXX Brewery tour at 12.30 pm on Saturday 3rd March to commence with a \$40 BBQ lunch that included 4 beers followed by the Brisbane Reds game for those who wished to attend.

PP Brian Carss gave the Rotary information spot, which was a reading from an inspiring essay, the work of the president of Rotary International in 2003 at the time of the Rotary World Congress, Bhichai Rattakul, and titled "Why I am a Rotarian".

Graeme Whitmore gave a spot on the Golf Day at Northlakes on Tuesday 24th of April. Graeme called for volunteers and asked for assistance from members. Graeme has very generously has donated a shield as a trophy. The cost will be \$90 per player. There will be a prize of a car for a "hole in one" and other sponsorship is being sourced.

Our new Secretary Michael Stevens asked us to let him know if there was any Club business that needed his attention.

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

6 February 2012:

President A Smith
Chairman S Francis
Set Up/Away P Anderson
Raffle C Muir
Visitor Register J Worrell
Attendance B Esler
G Whitmore

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

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)

He too reminded us of the impending District Conference. He spoke on Youth Exchange and the impact that impending changes to Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines was going to have on all service clubs. Michael called for anyone interested in nomination for District Governor to let him know.

John Smerdon updated members on the state of Youth Exchange and our Club.

PP Wal Bishop reported on the success of his phone contact with members who had missed recent meetings. He reported that business must be booming as that was the excuse most had used for their absence.

Chris Muir started a spirited discussion on the subject of leaking roofs in high-rise buildings in Brisbane. He had experience of palm thatched roofs in Papua that did not leak. Bob Aldred had a childhood house in Manly where the leaking tin roof had strategically positioned jam tins in the ceiling under the drips. They had a felt insert and the water evaporated when the rain ceased. Phil Little said the secret was to have a minimum angle of 30degrees to the roof. Bas Veal said that prior to the 1930's roofs did not have sarking and there were few leaks. PP Brian Carss recounted how Henry Milne had solved the leaking roof in his previous home by raising his flat roof on one side and installing bigger gutters. SAA Cam Bishop blamed the cutting of holes in the roofs of commercial buildings to install air conditioners for all the problems. Cam warned us of the dangers of fording flooded culverts in the current wet weather, and that the 40km speed zone close to schools was being rigorously enforced. Phil Little won the raffle. A total of 24 attended the meeting.

Did you know that?

- District 9600 supports ad promotes Donatelifa, a Federal Health initiative supporting organ and tissue donation?
- Australia has one of the lowest donation rates in the Western world?
- We, as Rotarians can help to promote public awareness of this vital procedure?

I am happy to attend interested Clubs to provide further information about this project and can be contacted at sullylp@tpg.com or phone 07 3325 2371.

Please give a thought to the thousands of patients currently on transplant waiting lists. your assistance could help save lives.

Peter Sullivan
Community Service Coordinator
Rotary District 9600

Rotary is 'well on the way' to a new Foundation

By Megan Ferringier

Halfway through the three-year pilot of the Future Vision Plan, Rotarians are designing innovative projects and providing valuable feedback that will help improve The Rotary Foundation's new grant-making model.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd shared these and other highlights from the pilot during the International Assembly -- an annual training meeting for incoming district governors -- this week in San Diego, California, USA.

"We are on a Future Vision journey that will lead us to a new Foundation," said Boyd, noting that "we are well on the way."

Boyd said Future Vision is built on the principles of simplicity and sustainability, and a desire to involve districts, clubs, and Rotarians more in spending and stewardship.

Under Future Vision, the number of grant types is being streamlined from 12 to just two: global grants and district grants. Global grants support large international activities with sustainable impact in one or more of the six areas of focus. District grants can be used for a wide range of activities that align with the Foundation's mission.

All districts will begin using the new model on 1 July 2013. Boyd said that concentrating on the six areas of focus has been one of the chief advantages of the plan.

"We needed to lift ourselves above the multitude of little projects that felt good but addressed symptoms, not causes, and were too short-term in their benefits," he said. "We have finite resources and cannot do everything for everybody, but these are key areas in which Rotarians can make a difference. We can change the world."

Boyd described the service activities of District 5020 (parts of British Columbia, Canada, and Washington, USA), one of the 100 districts participating in the Future Vision pilot. Through a dozen global grants, district Rotarians have supplied schools in Kenya with books in English and Swahili, installed solar panels at schools in Peru and the Philippines, and furnished classrooms and washrooms at a vocational and literacy school in Honduras.

"We are seeing Future Vision re-energizing clubs, so that they are breaking from the cycle of doing last year's projects this year and again next year," Boyd said.

Boyd told incoming district governors that they can prepare for the global launch of Future Vision by closing old Matching Grant reports so they can focus on new projects, and by tapping resources like the regional Rotary Foundation coordinators. He also encouraged them to think big, to keep pushing boundaries, and to avoid trying to fit old procedures into the new model.

"We are here to serve, and each one of us is a Rotarian because we know that our lives are measured by what we do for others and not by what we do for ourselves," he said.

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During the assembly's third plenary session, Trustee Chair-elect Wilfred J. Wilkinson also set out the Foundation's goals for 2012-13, which are eradicating polio, achieving Peace Through Service, strengthening the Foundation through the Annual Fund, and providing good stewardship of Foundation funds at the district level.

Source: Rotary International News
Courtesy: www.eflashonline.org

District 5320 reaches 100% PHF Clubs level

District Governor Johrita Solari (Dt. 5320) has a justifiable right to be extremely proud of her clubs in her District's accomplishments this year. They have indeed done some great work in solving problems and making life better for people around the world.

Perhaps their most stellar accomplishment, though, has been to become only the second district in the entire Rotary world to reach the level of having 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs.

This is an exemplary level of commitment by all of the Rotarians in these clubs to the support of Rotary Foundation. It certainly raises the bar for all the rest of us in Zone 26.

Many DGs have been convinced that their districts could never accomplish something like this. And up until now, only one other district in the world has.

But leadership is all about having a vision of what could be, with the help of others – and convincing them that it really can be done with their help.

Without doubt, Johrita is that kind of visionary leader. She had a dream, and with the help of her district team, Johrita's dream has been transformed this year into reality.

We salute this exceptional district, its leaders, its clubs and each and every one of the members of those clubs on this phenomenal achievement. Without the united commitment of every member, this could not have been done.

District 5320 Rotarians are obviously convinced that the Rotary Foundation is indeed the enabling arm of Rotary, and that is worthy of their significant personal support. Most important, they have demonstrated to all of us that they "walk the talk".

You are an inspiration to us all!

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Fellows

Registration is now open for
District 9600 Conference 2012

Registration may be done electronically directly from the District Website.

Previously a flyer with the program details and information has been emailed

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



Good news....
PP Ron
Past ROTI Chair
RC Mabalacat D 3790
Philippines

Rotary receives about 2.5 million United airline miles for humanitarian projects
Rotary International News -- 27 January 2012

Thank you to all those at United -- including President and CEO Jeff Smisek -- for their generosity and the opportunity to participate in United's 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway. And thank you to everyone who voted for us. We couldn't have done it without your participation and persistence.

For the miles giveaway, we officially came in second place and will receive 2,488,070 charity miles from United. Rotarians will use the miles for humanitarian missions, such as transporting sick children to hospitals.

Looks like good use of the charity miles....

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