



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
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A global network of community volunteers

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of the Brisbane Club
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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.30 pm

OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
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Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
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Club Admin	Rick Tamaschke
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Rotary Foundation	John Smerdon
Service Projects	Patrick Caragata

District 9600
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District Governor
John Leddy

**Rotary International
President**
K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran

President's Message

This week's speaker is Dr Ashok Raj a PhD Scholar from the School of Medicine, University of Queensland; Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Princess Alexandra Hospital and a colleague of our club member Gerald Holtmann. He will be talking on non-alcoholic liver disease. Don't let this put you off attending I am sure that he will make a most informative and entertaining presentation.

Last week's club bulletin was Rick's 70th bulletin, I am sure that you will all join me in thanking Rick for the huge effort that he has made. The bulletin is the best source of information on what is happening and has happened in our club, so read it!

The new club website is not far off from being launched, it will be a huge asset as a communication tool for existing and potential new members, and the weekly bulletin will be easily accessed from the new site. Did you know that we have bulletins online going back to the start of 2006?

Finally please check to see if you are rostered, if you can't make the meeting please arrange for a member to take your place.

See you Monday, especially if we haven't seen you for a while.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

24 August 2015

Dr Ashok Raj
*(non-alcoholic liver
disease or
steatohepatitis/fatty
liver)*

DATE CLAIMER

31 August 2015:
Hummingbird House

14 September 2015:
Inauguration of RCOB's
Mentors for Charities
Program

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?





Rotary Meeting 17 August 2015

Chairperson for the day Patrick Caragata welcomed attendees to the meeting. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Phil Gresham. Phil's message is reported in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Tony McKinnon reminded members of the current RCOB wine offer. Members could choose a Cab Sav or a champagne.

President Phil spoke about RCOB social activities for the year. Possibilities included: a cellar night, a family BBQ, and an overnight trip to Kingaroy. Other suggestions are welcome.

After a short period of Fellowship, Patrick Caragata introduced the guest speaker, Brisbane dentist Dr Ross Dunn. Ross has been part of humanitarian teams operating in Third World Countries in Africa and Asia, and since 2013 has been part of an international team focussed on East Timor. His topic was 'Tropical Timor Leste...Oral Health Desert'. He had previously addressed RCOB on the topic and this presentation was intended to provide an update.

Ross began by providing a summary of his previous talk as a background, including an overview of chronic oral health deficiencies in this nation. Among other matters, there is a history of deficient education in oral health and in dental training - an appropriate university dental degree course is still being developed. However, there has been some progress in helping the community at a 'grass roots' level. One such initiative has been 'Clinic Café Timor' (CCT), a primary health program within Cooperative Café Timor (the organic coffee farmer's cooperative of East Timor).

Some 110,000 rural Timorese can access CCT's clinical and community services, provided by a small number of therapists (see: www.comohotels.com/como-group/como-foundation/completed-projects/clinic-cafe-timor-east-timor)

Additional therapists are needed urgently. In response to Ross' earlier talk, RCOB had agreed to provide funding to help train two additional therapists. Ross reported that due to a number of difficulties, the project had been delayed but was now about to start. Overall, the aim was to train 30 therapists through CCT and also through the Bairo Pite Clinic, a non-profit health clinic in Dili (see: www.bairopiteclinic.org)

This was an interesting presentation and a number of questions followed. Finally, Ross was presented with a memento of the occasion (pictured).



Very much into 'extra time', SAA Cam Bishop ran a shortened session. The raffle was won by James Delahunty ...the joker is still in the pack.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.



Calendar

31 August 2015:
Hummingbird House

7 September 2015:
Surprise Guest Speaker

Friday 18 September:
Joint meeting with RC Brisbane
Mid-City

Roster

24 August 2015:

President P Gresham
Chairperson P Caragata
Set Up/Away J Delahunty
Raffle D Hendersson
Visitor Register K Watts
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

31 August 2015:

A/President K Watts
Chairperson W Bishop
Set Up/Away M Evans
Raffle A Gillespie
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance J Smerdon
D Schellbach

7 September 2015:

President P Gresham
Chairperson P Little
Set Up/Away S Dunlop
Raffle T McKinnon
Visitor Register G Holtmann
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

14 September 2015:

President P Gresham
Chairperson G Whitmore
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle C Muir
Visitor Register W Walker
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

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

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Building connections with young professionals

By Jeris Gaston, Rotaract Club of Birmingham, Alabama, USA

Source: blog.rotary.org

At the recent Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil, there were several breakout sessions geared toward the next generation of Rotarians. The one that stood out the most for me was “thirtysomething: How Clubs/Districts Can Provide Rotary Experiences for Young Professionals,” moderated by John Smola, a past president of my club, and Christa Papavasiliou, of the Rotaract Club of Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

A panel discussed the challenges and opportunities of allowing younger Rotarians into clubs worldwide. Throughout the question-and-answer segment that followed, there was quite a discussion about how to engage young professionals. Many great ideas were suggested, such as creating community-based Rotaract clubs or local satellite e-clubs to recruit members, as well as not being afraid to let younger members bring new ideas and energy to the club. Throughout this discussion, I couldn't help but think of a program my own club started five years ago that allowed us to partner with our sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Birmingham, and bridge the gap between the young professionals in our club and Rotary.



Bobby Keith, a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham, Alabama, chats with Rotaractor David Knight during a recent meeting.

My club has the privilege of being one of the largest community-based Rotaract clubs in the world. With almost 300 members, we have our own challenges but also amazing opportunities to lead our members to one day become Rotarians. The program we started in partnership with our sponsor club is called “Professional Partners.”

It began purely as a membership development initiative, allowing our members to make connections with Rotarians who are also established leaders in our city. What has evolved is a program that not only establishes a direct personal connection between our members and Rotarians, but also develops leaders and fosters a strong sense of what it means to be a Rotarian.

The program starts each fall and lasts nine months. Each member of our Rotaract club who applies and is selected for the program is paired with a Rotarian from our sponsor club. There are minimum meeting requirements, but each pair is allowed to cater these meetings to their schedules and convenience. While flexible, the program is built around our club's motto of Learn-Socialize-Serve, with events focused on each of these areas.

We typically try to pair unrelated industries, so that lawyers, accountants, and business-minded individuals are meeting with someone not in their field to further discussions. Also, each mentor and mentee is encouraged to bring the other to their respective meetings. At the end of the term, we have an informal gathering of all the participants to share ideas and network further. Each year, without fail, we get positive feedback from both sides, but overwhelmingly the Rotarians mention that they gained far more from the program than they had expected.

It doesn't take a 300-member club to start a program like Professional Partners, and it seems to me this could be duplicated in clubs all around the globe. In many districts, the number of Rotaractors who become Rotarians remains small. While clubs encourage Rotaractors to join through their words, they may not encourage them through their actions. With all of that untapped potential, it is crucial, I believe, for clubs to follow the Rotary Club of Birmingham's lead and embrace programs like Professional Partners. What if every Rotary club developed twenty Rotaractors each year through a similar program? It might not be the ultimate solution, but it is one way to strengthen connections with thirtysomethings in the community and invest in the future of your club.

Pakistan Rotary members distribute free books

By Noshewan Khalil Khan, a member of the Rotary Club of Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan
Source: blog.rotary.org

Back in June, my Rotary club partnered with the Hashoo Foundation to distribute books to schoolchildren in Rawalpindi during a ceremony held at St. Mary's Academy.

Through the Rotary Books for the World program, Rotary members in Pakistan are working with the Hashoo Foundation to actively promote education throughout Pakistan, and to help our country meet the Millennium Development Goals for literacy set by the United Nations. The books and educational material help teachers and students increase their knowledge, enhance classroom learning, and promote community development.



Students at St. Mary's Academy in Rawalpindi, Punjab, Pakistan, display the books they received from the Rotary Books for the World program and the Hashoo Foundation.

The Rotary Books for the World program began in Houston and has spread to Rotary clubs in 16 U.S. states, involving multiple book shipments a month. The Second Wind Foundation is the financial arm of the program, which handles collecting, warehousing, and shipping the books. It received funds from Rotary Foundation grants and donations from Rotary members and private donors.

My Rotary club and the Hashoo Foundation have agreed to distribute the books to selected schools and institutions across Pakistan.

A number of members of my club, including past district governors and officers, were present for this glorious event at St. Mary's Academy. Past District Governor Iftikhar Ahmed and our club president, Abdul Mannan Khan, also handed over a wheelchair to the academy's principal to give to a disabled child.