



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
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Brisbane Inc.
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Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
241 Adelaide Street
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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.30 pm

OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
President Elect	Tony McKinnon
Imm Past President	Graeme Whitmore
Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

Directors, Main Committees

Club Admin	Rick Tamaschke
Membership	Tony McKinnon
Public Relations	Denise Schellbach
Rotary Foundation	Graeme Whitmore
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 meeting is an important one for the club, "Mentors for Charities" a project devised and lead by Patrick, supported by our club mentors and Rotaract mentors. Three speakers from the nominated local charities will be speaking on their charities. Please plan to attend and bring a guest.

There are many members away at the moment for various reasons, as well as three on the "sick list". Attendance at last week's meeting was probably a club record, for the smallest ever attendance! Despite this it was good meeting and the speaker from aeioi Foundation made us all aware of the impact that autism is having on the community and indeed to club members.

This Friday is another joint meeting with Brisbane Mid-City I urge you to attend both meetings if you can this week, it is very important that we forge closer ties with Mid-City.

Last week Michael shared an email from Yvonne Williamson who was a visitor at our changeover meeting. Yvonne is a member of the Rotary Club of Tianjin, if you haven't read her email do so. Yvonne outlines the work done by her club and of the staff of her school as a result of the Tianjin disaster. Hopefully we can forge closer ties with the Tianjin Club.

I have just received a call from Marjorie Hetherington (Patel) a past member of our club, she has been looking after six large plastic containers of our clubs records. Marjorie is moving and we need to find a new home for them, can anyone help, please call me if you can assist.

Remember you joined Rotary because someone asked you, that's all you have to do, ask someone to join.

See you Monday and Friday!
PS Board Meeting will be on the last Monday meeting of the month.

Yours in Rotary
Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

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

DATE CLAIMER

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

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 – 7 September 2015

President Phil Gresham welcomed attendees to the meeting. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he delivered his President's message, which is reported elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach reminded the meeting that 9 October was Rotary Mental Health Day. She is a great supporter of Mental Health and hopes that an annual Mental Health Day can be slotted into RCOB's program in the future. She also urged members to attend the joint meeting with RC Brisbane Mid-City on Friday 18 September.

After a short period of Fellowship, President Phil introduced the guest speaker Jenny Heenan, a Director of the AEIOU Foundation and is also a Rotarian. Jenny's talk focussed on the activities of the Foundation, which is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2005 with 'the goal of making high quality, intensive early intervention therapy and learning as accessible as possible for children with autism.' Amongst other matters, she indicated that in Australia 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with autism, the condition is more prevalent in boys (by a factor of 4 to 1), and while there is no cure, early intervention works. Approximately 15-20 hours of one to one tuition a week is required with a highly qualified teacher and the costs are high. The Foundation is supported by a number of community and business organisations, including Rotary. Jenny's talk was illustrated with PowerPoint slides and a video clip.

This was an excellent presentation appreciated by attendees. A number of questions and discussion followed. Finally, Jenny was presented with a memento of the occasion (pictured).



(Note: members may obtain further details about autism and the activities of the AEIOU Foundation at: www.aeiou.org.au).

A/SAA Michael Stephens ran an entertaining session and exacted the usual fines. The raffle was won by Michael himself but the joker is still in the deck. Michael had to wait for his draw until after cards were drawn on behalf of two previous winners...these draws were also unsuccessful.

In closing the meeting President discussed the recent Tianjin disaster in China, and in particular an email to RCOB from Yvonne Williamson, who is the Primary Principal of the TEDA International School. Yvonne was present at RCOB's Changeover Meeting on 29 June. Her email was circulated to members (by Secretary Michael Stephens on 31 August) and provides details of the extent of the devastation. President Phil suggested that we should explore the possibility of establishing Sister Club relationships with Chinese Clubs, including the Rotary Club of Tianjin of Yvonne is a member.

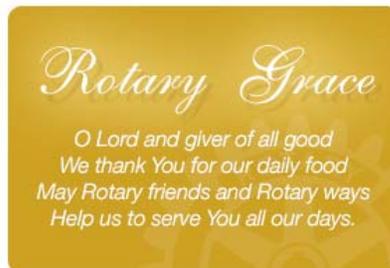
The meeting closed at 1.40pm.

A simple idea benefits many in Mexico

By Jon Kaufman
Source: blog.rotary.org

From 2 to 8 July, I led my club's second H2OpenDoors expedition to central Mexico. The three-year-old Rotary project provides SunSpring water purification systems for poor villages and schools and allows the villages to sell the surplus water from the systems.

The project touches on several of Rotary's areas of focus: providing clean water, building peace (by combating poverty), and educating youth.



Calendar

21 September:

No Meeting (two meetings previous week)

28 September:

Awaiting confirmation from speaker

5 October:

No Meeting (Labour Day)

Roster

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

21 September 2015: NO MEETING

28 September 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	M Stephens
Set Up/Away	R Tamaschke
Raffle	B Veal
Visitor Register	P Anderson
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

5 October 2015: 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



We bring along a dozen or so students, as well as a few teachers, so they can see how a simple idea can become a project and benefit thousands of people. We hope the students return to their schools empowered to make a difference.



Rotary members, students, and teachers in front of the water purification system in San Miguel.

Presidential visit

Last year, we were able to visit with former Mexican President Vicente Fox, who pledged to partner with us on future efforts.

This year's trip included 24 Rotary members, friends, family, students, and teachers. We installed a solar-powered SunSpring water purification system in San Miguel de Allende. The plant will bottle water into 10-liter reusable jugs and sell it to the public at a third the cost of other water. Even so, it will raise close to \$200,000 a year for CRISMA, a rehabilitation center for disabled children and adults with cerebral palsy and Down syndrome. Fox and his wife support the center through their foundation.

The implications of this project are huge. All over the developing world, social services like these close for lack of funding or government support. At CRISMA, mothers and their disabled children travel for up to three days by bus for therapy sessions vital to the children's growth and recovery.



A student applies paint to the window of a school.

A thirst for change

Mexico is the world's No. 1 consumer, per capita, of bottled water. The vast majority of sales are by four multinational companies. By launching a new water-bottling enterprise whose sole purpose is to support services for the poor, we our creating a model others can follow.

During our trip, students spent time painting, planting, and helping with aqua-therapy classes. One of our teachers noted that the trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We spent the final three days of the six-day trip at Centro Fox, the presidential library and international conference center named for the former president. Fox told us he enjoyed hosting the students as an opportunity to help them develop a purpose in life and learn leadership skills. My day job is running KL&P Marketing in San Carlos, California, and our largest client, AT&T, is running a college promotional campaign that will raise \$100,000 for H2OpenDoors. When the campaign ends in October, 10 college students from all over the country will be chosen to join a team to install water systems at two villages in Guanajuato State in central Mexico. We also have expeditions planned for Nepal, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Cuba.

About the author:



Jon Kaufman owns KL&P Marketing, a large agency in the Silicon Valley. He has been a member of the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club in Redwood City, California, since 2012. Jon started H2openDoors as a Rotary project to provide drinking water technology to the poorest villages and schools who spend up to a third of their daily income on bottled water.

Enriching education for our keiki (children)

By Michael Carlsson
Source: blog.rotary.org

As incoming president of our club, I wondered how we could have an even greater impact on the education of our local keiki (children).

We have been supporting Koloa Elementary School over the years with our Rotary Readers program and dictionary distribution to third graders. We have also provided funds and volunteers for the Growing Our Own Teachers program on our island in order to fill a teacher gap. But I still felt we should be doing more.

Our elementary school in Koloa does a wonderful job but continues to struggle when it comes to resources. Like many teachers across the U.S., the teachers here often reach into their own pockets to purchase classroom supplies. They have to forgo field trips that would get the local keiki out into the community to broaden their horizons. And lack of public funding has prevented the school from providing creative extracurricular activities after school.



Mike Curtis, a member of the Rotary Club of Poipu Beach, reads to students at Koloa Elementary School.

Aloha Angels

We learned of a way to partner financially with Aloha Angels, part of the Hawaii Community Foundation, to make a greater impact. Working through them, we have donated \$19,500 to Koloa Elementary School teachers for the year. We are adopting all 20 classes and five after-school clubs. That means that each teacher receives \$700 for classroom supplies and a field trip. It also means paying teachers to mentor five after-school clubs each quarter.



We surprised the teachers with the donation at their staff meeting. Their reaction and gratitude were heart-warming. They shared with us some of the ideas they had to get the keiki out into the community and to provide other learning experiences.

Some were so overjoyed, they hugged all the Rotary members present!

We're looking forward to seeing the creative ways the teachers use this funding, and also to volunteering our time to participate with them.

About the author:



Michael Carlsson has been a member of Rotary in Kauai for more than 15 years. He has served in various capacities including treasurer for both the Kauai and Poipu Beach clubs, and as 2015-16 president of the Poipu Beach Club. Carlsson's professional career includes nearly 30 years of service with Marriott International as Director of Finance for various Marriott properties around the world
