



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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

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Club Admin	Rick Tamaschke
Membership	Tony McKinnon
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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 we have a mystery speaker, one of our own members, I'm not too sure why it is a mystery but Rick has deemed it so, it will be very interesting!

Last Friday we joined with Mid-City, it is obvious two meeting in the one week doesn't work as we had a very poor attendance from our club. We will make sure that future joint meetings do not clash.

Patrick will give us an update on the Mentors for Charities program this week, before he departs for five weeks for business in New York. He also had lunch with the new Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull a couple of weeks back so he may have some insight into the future under the new leadership.

Next Monday is a public holiday, Labour Day, enjoy the long weekend and see you on the 12th October.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

28 September 2015
Mystery Speaker

DATE CLAIMER

5 October:
No Meeting - Labour
Day Holiday

16 November:
Dr Peter Catt, Dean of
St John's Cathedral
Restoration of St John's
Cathedral

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 – 14 September 2015

Chairperson for the day Graeme Whitmore 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 provided in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Tony McKinnon reminded members of the RCOB wine sales and announced a proposal for a "Spring Has Sprung Day" social in the Roma Street Parklands on Sunday 11 October 2015. There would be a Guided Tour of gardens beginning at 1100 followed by lunch at the restaurant at 1300. (The date was set to avoid a clash with the Brisbane Festival/Riverfire and school holidays.)

Next followed the 'Inauguration of RCOB's Mentors for Charities Program', developed under the leadership of Patrick Caragata, RCOB's Director of Service Projects in collaboration with Brisbane City Council. The program was launched today with presentations from the following charities nominated by the Lord Mayor's Office, which is deeply involved in assessing various charities:

- Aunties and Uncles...an early intervention program helping vulnerable and socially isolated children aged 1 to 11 years. (See: www.aandu.com.au)
- Bestlife Foundation....helping kids with disabilities to build a more independent future. See www.bestlifefoundation.com.au
- Australian College of Community Services...provides quality education and training programs, including youth suicide prevention. (See: www.accs.edu.au)

Three RCOB members have volunteered to act as mentors for these charities: Mel Evans (Aunties and Uncles), Clive Shepherd (Best Life) and Denise Schellbach (ACCS).

Members of the Rotaract Clubs of Brisbane CBD and Brisbane Rivercity are also involved and will provide 'hands on' support for the charities in collaboration with the RCOB mentors.

RCOB will also help mobilise corporate support and the mentoring team will make recommendations for performance improvement.

This was a very interesting and forward-looking meeting with implications for Rotary membership growth.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

Success stories from a program to develop great teachers

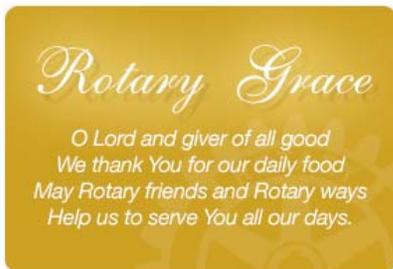
By Meg Spencer
Source: blog.rotary.org

Many young professionals in Florence, Oregon, end up leaving when their children reach school age, seeking greener educational pastures for their kids. Our club began to think about how we could help our schools keep those bright young families around.

We came up with the idea of a Continuing Professional Education Fellowship program, modeled after a national teacher grant program we had seen, to help teachers pursue professional development. Each year, our club offers two \$2,000 fellowships to teachers and other professionals serving the community who are interested in improving their skills. Seven years after its launch, the program is thriving. Here are some of the results:



Vicki Rankin used funding from the Rotary Club of Florence, Oregon, USA, to introduce small-group workstations in her classroom at Siuslaw Elementary School.



Calendar

5 October:
No Meeting (Labour Day)

12 October:
Fellowship

19 October:
TBC

Roster

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

12 October 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	K Jenkins
Set Up/Away	J Delahunty
Raffle	W Bishop
Visitor Register	P Caragata
Attendance	D Schellbach D O'Donoghue

19 October 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up/Away	M Evans
Raffle	S Francis
Visitor Register	D Henderson
Attendance	D Schellbach J Smerdon

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- A middle school science teacher attended a graduate-level course at Portland State University focused on engineering and design education. He now leads a robotics club, and his students are award-winning robotics “engineers” who use Legos and other materials to design new projects. His classroom not only introduces young people to science, technology, engineering, and math skills, it is also a fun place where students are better prepared for the workplace of the future.
- An elementary-school teacher who was struggling to engage the highest and lowest achievers in her classroom used our funding to attend a national conference about using tablets to manage differentiated learning. This approach advocates the use of small workstations throughout a classroom where students can learn in different ways — using a computer or tablet, touching or interacting with objects, engaging in discussion, or pursuing individual study.
- A teacher of Spanish was able to travel to Guatemala with members of the advanced Spanish class (who raised their own funds for the trip).
- A counselor received training to teach women and children how to deal with domestic abuse, and the organization that provided the training also provides similar support for the Siuslaw School District staff.
- A teacher received training to offer an advanced-placement literature and composition course at Florence’s high school, which significantly improved resources available to students planning to go on to college.
- Our elementary school music teacher was able to attend professional conferences.

We use a simple application and reporting process that keeps the program attainable for busy professionals. We look for teachers and staff in local non-profits who want to improve their professional skills and who can present a plan, which becomes our contract with them. Fellowship recipients are expected to remain with their employer for at least a year.

As Rotarians, we have many opportunities to help our communities overcome challenges. Our club uses this simple grant program to help the teachers who educate our children and the professionals working with vulnerable populations to do their jobs better.

About the author:



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Nigeria’s president shows strong support for polio eradication

By Rotary Voices staff
Source: blog.rotary.org

In September, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari immunized children against polio in his hometown, Daura in Katsina State. In his first months as Nigeria’s leader, Buhari has shown strong support for polio eradication efforts. On 24 July, the country celebrated one year since its last case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus. To mark the milestone, President Buhari publicly immunized his granddaughter against the disease.

Later this month, the World Health Organization could remove Nigeria from the list of polio-endemic countries, leaving only Pakistan and Afghanistan on the list.



Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, center, immunizes a child against polio in his hometown of Daura.