



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

Directors, Main Committees

Club Admin	Rick Tamaschke
Membership	Tony McKinnon
Public Relations	Denise Schellbach
Rotary Foundation	Graeme Whitmore
Service Projects	Patrick Caragata

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
John Leddy

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

President's Message

This week we have a speaker from the AEIOU Foundation (children with autism), most of us have contact or know of someone who suffers from autism so this will be an interesting presentation.

Last Tuesday our new website went live after a lot of hard work from Rick, it has the content of the old website and more but with a modern look. Our club website will be the "go to" place for members, the public and potential new members. The "Member Login" will have club member only information, more details to come soon. I urge you to check it out <http://brisbanerotary.org.au/> any feedback is most welcome.

The launch of the Rotary Club of Brisbane's Mentors for Charities Program is on the 14th of this month. Please try to bring a guest on the Patrick has put together a fantastic project for our club that we will be proud of for years to come.

Make sure that you don't miss the joint meeting with Mid-City on the 18th with speaker Jeremy Scott - Round the World Cyclist, it is important that we have a good turnout of our club members at these joint meetings, this one replaces our meeting on the following Monday.

My personal thanks goes to VP Keith for taking my place at last week's meeting, from all accounts he did a fantastic job and hopefully we will even gain a new member from the meeting.

The bulletin comes to you now on Friday mornings, to give you time to arrange your schedule so you don't miss lunch meetings, if at all possible.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

7 September 2015
AEIOU Foundation
(children with
autism)

DATE CLAIMER

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

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?





Message from VP Keith Watts – 31 August 2015

Tony McKinnon and I attended the District 9600 membership seminar on Sunday 30th. Tony will make a full report to the board meeting on Monday 21st September. We were given a 10-year picture of the membership levels of every club in the District. These are on the tables today. Our club has been in steady decline over the past 10 years, along with other clubs in the district, though some have grown, and we heard why and how they have grown. Tony will have more to say about that in the weeks ahead. We must take up the challenge to reverse the trend in our club. We've started this: we have 2 new members recently, and a third whose name will be published to the club following the last Board meeting. We heard 3 key questions: What does our club stand for? What are we know for in our community? What does our club want to be in the future? Also the 3 Fs that mark a good Rotary club: Friendship, Fellowship and Fun. We've heard President Phil talk about these in his plans for the year. The challenge is to extend friendship to any potential members that come to our meetings to look us over: to make sure that we do make visitors and potential members very welcome, and that we follow up and mentor them if they become members. One strong message was the use for social networking such as the Facebook page to attract new members, and to set it up so we all see it daily and can use it. President Phil has offered to run a program on this.

We spoke to DG John Leddy about the new Mentoring Project for Charities, and he is suggests we consider making a presentation about this to the District at seminar targeting The Rotary Foundation and other programs scheduled for November. One for Director/Club Projects Team Leader Patrick Caragata? Let's put this date in our diaries to support our club at this meeting.

Yours in Rotary Service
Vice President Keith

Rotary Meeting – 31 August 2015

Chairperson for the day Wal Bishop welcomed attendees to the meeting. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced Acting President, VP Keith Watts. Keith's message focussed mainly on membership issues and is attached.

In Rotary Spots, Rick Tamaschke reported that RCOB's new website would be on online very soon. Among other matters, the new site linked the weekly Bulletin and also the Club's Facebook site.

Denise Schellbach urged that we needed good attendances at RCOB meeting. She has organised high quality speakers and good attendances were essential. She strongly supported joint meetings with RC Brisbane Mid-City...the next was scheduled for Friday 18 September.

After a short period of Fellowship, the Chair introduced the guest speaker, Paul Quilliam, who spoke about Hummingbird House. He and wife Gabrielle co-founded Queensland Kids (trading as Hummingbird House) in February 2011 to address gaps in services for Queensland children and their families, particularly palliative care. Prior to this initiative there were no palliative care facilities for children in Queensland, and only two in Australia. Hummingbird House is a joint initiative between Queensland Kids and the Wesley Mission Brisbane, and is made possible with government and community support. It is being strongly supported by Rotary District 9600 and is a special interest of Rtn. Barbara Leddy, wife of District Governor John Leddy (see RCOB Bulletin 17 August). Hummingbird House is now under construction and will be a home 'where families who live in the shadow of loss, can be together to celebrate life and create a lifetime of memories'. Hummingbird House will operate as an 8 bed, 24/7 medical facility providing physician and nursing support and pain and symptom management. The building will include 5 fully self-contained family units as well as a dedicated suite for end of life care. (For further details see: www.hummingbirdhouse.org.au)

Calendar

Friday 18 September:

Joint meeting with RC Brisbane Mid-City

21 September:

No Meeting (two meetings previous week)

28 September:

Awaiting confirmation from speaker

Roster

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

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

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



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

SAA Cam Bishop ran an entertaining session and exacted the usual fines. The raffle was won by Patrick Caragata who will get the opportunity to draw a card from the deck at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

What keeps me in Rotary: capturing good through the lens of my camera

By Hannington Sebuliba, Rotary Club of Kajjansi, Uganda
Source: blog.rotary.org

I joined Rotary in 2010 after spending five years covering Rotary events for our local newspaper. I used to see the way Rotary members were serving the disadvantaged in our community, and it left a mark on my heart.

One day, Rotarian Charles Baganja asked me to give a talk at the Rotary Club of Kajjansi, Uganda, on newspaper production, and I accepted the invite. After the talk, members of the club asked me to join. Ever since, I have not looked back. I have served as bulletin editor, director of public relations, and now membership director. Rotary has shaped my way of life.



Hannington Sebuliba works on an issue of his club's bulletin.

Newsletter redesign

When I first joined, Baganja told me that the club lacked someone of my profession. But I couldn't figure out how a broke person like me could be useful to Rotary.

I was no longer an active journalist by then, and I had always thought Rotary was a club for rich people who had money to spare for bus shelters and water tanks and things.

But I began attending the weekly fellowship and was warmly welcomed. One of the members asked me to help with the club newsletter, which at that time was very small and printed in black and white. It wasn't long before I was helping design the newsletter, eventually expanding it and producing it in color.

I began taking photos of club events to pair with items in the newsletter. It was not always easy, because you have to find just the right vantage point to capture the moment, tell a story, and save it for history. I tend to focus on capturing little details that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Sharing photos

Soon, I was looking for other ways to share the images and publicize our club. I began a Picasa album and launched our club's Facebook page. We also have a blog and videos on YouTube.

Because of the visibility our club was gaining, other clubs invited me to speak, and I did my best to encourage their members to use the tools at their disposal to promote their clubs.

I could never have managed any of this on my own. I am grateful for the support of my mentor, the Rev. Grace Sentongo, a member of the club; past president Peace Taremwa, who has supported me financially; and many other members and past presidents. Rotary has given me the satisfaction of helping my club and others. You, too, can make a difference through Rotary.

Supporting education in Nepal: technology that improves teaching and student learning

By Quentin Wodon
Source: blog.rotary.org

Rotary members come in many different styles. Most have a day job and engage in service work in their free time. Some go a step further: They make service work their day job!

Rabi Karmacharya belongs to the second group. In 2007, he founded Open Learning Exchange (OLE) Nepal. His organization is respected internationally as a pioneer in the integration of technology in the classroom. OLE Nepal has worked with Nepal's Department of Education to make laptops available in schools. But much more importantly, it has also developed great digital learning materials for students, and trained teachers to use technology and digital libraries to enhance learning.



Students in Nepal use laptops provided by OLE Nepal. Photo by OLE Nepal

Measuring results

Providing laptops to schools is relatively easy. Making sure that the laptops and other resources, such as digital libraries, are used to improve classroom instruction and learning is not.

Rabi is up to the challenge. Before launching OLE Nepal, he worked in California as a design engineer and later co-founded one of the first successful software outsourcing companies in Nepal. And, yes, he is an active Rotarian, a member of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town.

Earlier this month, Rabi presented a seminar in Washington, D.C., for staff of the World Bank's global education practice. On the basis of in-depth program evaluations, he explained how OLE Nepal has refined its programs over time. Examples include increasing support to teachers after an initial, one-week training session in the use of digital resources, and aligning digital educational resources even more closely with the curriculum, to ensure that they're actually used.



Helping earthquake-damaged schools

OLE Nepal's programs are more needed than ever in the wake of the earthquake that hit the country a few months ago. For that reason, Rabi's club, Kathmandu Mid-Town, and my club, the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill in Washington, hope to team up with other clubs and districts to apply for a global grant from The Rotary Foundation. The objective will be to help repair some of the schools that have been damaged by the earthquake, but even more importantly, to provide primary school students with access to OLE Nepal's great programs and to support teachers during this difficult post-earthquake transition.

The project aims to reach at least a dozen schools in some of the most-affected areas. School repairs will be made, and low-cost but resilient laptops (about 25 per school) will be provided. The laptops will be used by students (and teachers) from different grades at different times during the day, under a shared-use model. OLE Nepal's digital libraries and other learning resources will also be available to teachers and students, and extensive training will be given to teachers to achieve the maximum impact.

About the author:



Quentin Wodon is a lead economist at the World Bank. Previously, he held roles at Procter & Gamble and the International Movement ATD Fourth World. He holds PhDs in Economics and in Theology and Religious Studies, has more than 400 publications, and has taught at universities in Europe and the U.S. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.), is active in his club and Rotary district, and is implementing several innovative global grants. He is also author of the blog *Rotarian Economist*.
