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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.30 pm

OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
President Elect	Tony McKinnon
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Treasurer	Warren Walker
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President**
K.R. (Ravi) Ravindran

President's Message

Today's meeting is a job talk from one of our own members it is sure to be entertaining and enlightening! You will have received an email from me last Wednesday asking for guest speakers from our club for the Rotoract Club of Brisbane. All of us have a great story to tell regarding our vocation or past vocations so please consider sharing it with our Rotoractors.

Last week's meeting was again light on numbers and it is becoming a concern that we all need to address. My thanks go to Tony the President of the Rotary Club of Wareham UK for his informative talk on what his club is doing this year. Also thanks to Peter for filling in at short notice as chair for the meeting, please check the roster, if you are on it but can't make it, please arrange a substitute.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President



WHAT'S ON?

26 October 2015
Mystery Speaker

DATE CLAIMER

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?





Presidents Report (cont.)



Rotary Meeting 19 October 2015

The Minutes are unavailable at this time.

Looking (way) back at a big adventure

By Katherine Ward
Source: blog.rotary.org

Thirty years ago, at the age of 18, I started a grand adventure and boarded a plane on my own toward Istanbul, Turkey. I was headed off on a yearlong Rotary Youth Exchange.

Before I left, I attended several camps that prepared us for culture shock and gave us a general sense of some of the changes we could expect. My high school wouldn't accept any credits from Turkey, so I had accelerated my course schedule, completing all but one required course to graduate.



Katherine Ward (middle) and her daughter (behind, left) in Turkey.

I spoke absolutely no Turkish but, despite my struggles with language learning at the beginning, my host families were wonderful. They took in a scared, noncommunicative teenager and showered me with affection, kind concern, and caring. They were hard to leave at the end of the year. One of my host fathers even made a special show of sending me home with the keys to the house, so I knew I'd always have a home there. I still have them, to this day.

Holidays were odd. For Halloween, the other exchange students and I carved a watermelon during lunch break at school. We skipped school on what would have been Christmas Day — going would have been too much. My own Christmas package didn't arrive until March, so my little celebration was a bit delayed! Thankfully, my host mother had prepared a few little treats for me.

Turkish holidays turned out to be major food fests. Seker Bayrami, perhaps better known here as "one of the Eids," was an all-out three-day food marathon. It comes at the end of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, and I spent the first day with my host family visiting relatives and friends — my journal says 11 different houses — and the second day hosting relatives and friends at home. I don't remember what we did on day three, but I imagine it involved a lot of recovering from the vast amount of sweets devoured!

I learned some Turkish cooking. My manti-making lesson stands out as one of the best, as a lady I came to call Teyze (Auntie) taught me how to form the thin dough around morsels of meat and into delicious little dumplings that would be served under a blanket of garlicky yogurt sprinkled with paprika. In return for these cooking lessons, chocolate chip cookies were the best I could do.



Calendar

2 November:
Fellowship

9 November:
To be confirmed

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

Roster

26 October 2015:

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

2 November 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	M Winders
Set Up/Away	G Holtmann
Raffle	J Ryder
Visitor Register	G Whitmore
Attendance	J Smerdon D Schellbach

9 November 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	C Muir
Set Up/Away	C Shepherd
Raffle	W Walker
Visitor Register	A Smith
Attendance	D Schellbach D O'Donoghue

16 November 2015:

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

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I did some writing while I was there — both for my local newspaper back home and for a couple of Turkish publications — describing my experiences and thoughts about this wonderful, strange city that was more and more becoming home the longer I was there. I was encouraged by a friend's father, himself an author. It helped me know that it was right to go back to Canada and pursue my journalism degree when, every day, my year got closer to ending. It got harder and harder to think about leaving.

My exchange year had a huge impact on me. I've been back a few times in the three decades since, most recently this past summer when I got to share the trip with my teenage daughter and see it anew through her eyes.



About the author: Katherine Ward is a Canadian communications professional who takes pride in helping companies tell their stories clearly and succinctly, with a view to increasing brand awareness. Her Rotary Youth Exchange experience in the 1980s had a lasting impact on her life.

Memories of Kenya fuel my ride to end polio

By Lindsay Griswold
Source: blog.rotary.org

My passion for working with youth at an international level first blossomed during my time with the Peace Corps in Kenya. I served as a Deaf education volunteer from 2006 to 2008 at Gede Special School in Coast Province.

While I was not aware then of the significance Rotary would later have in my life, the school was built by the Rotary Club of Malindi, Kenya, a few months before my arrival. Gede serves not only students who are Deaf but also those who have physical and cognitive disabilities such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and even polio.

Living and teaching in Kenya was an incredibly meaningful journey that I continue to learn from and reflect on, even today. I miss the mamas at the village cafe, the beauty of the Indian Ocean, and most importantly, my former students.

My love of biking flourished when I moved to Chicago after the Peace Corps. I bought a road bike from Ciclo Urbano, a West Side bicycle shop that supports local at-risk youth through its earn-a-bike summer program. I used this as my sole mode of transportation and quickly learned the necessity of avoiding Chicago's numerous potholes and car doors along the way. A few years later, I met my now husband, and our mutual love of bikes easily solidified our relationship. In fact, we even got engaged at the top of a mountain during a bike ride in Crested Butte, Colorado — an incredibly romantic event until I had my first-ever bike crash soon after. Now, I find myself riding long distances on the weekends, discovering new trails, and road tripping with my bike always in tow.

After six years of working in Chicago schools, I made the decision to return to my Peace Corps roots and continue working with youth worldwide. Little did I know the Rotary wheel painted on the wall of my Kenyan classroom had foreshadowed my professional future! Rotary International has been a perfect fit for my interests. As the senior specialist for Youth Exchange, I work with district leaders to support Rotary Youth Exchange students during one of the most eye-opening, adventurous years of their lives. As a member of the RI staff Miles to End Polio team, I am able to build fellowship with like-minded colleagues and push myself in different ways than I can when riding on my own.



To me, Service Above Self means being generous with my time, opening my mind to new experiences, and putting others' comfort before my own. What better testament to Rotary's mission than biking 104 miles to end polio? When the Tucson hills loom ahead this November, I will draw strength from my time in Kenya and think of the students at Gede.

I will remember Sidi's smile, Zawadi's dancing, and Kupata's storytelling. And I will keep on pedaling through the pain.

Lindsay Griswold is a Youth Exchange senior specialist for Rotary International. She is one of several Rotary staff members who will join General Secretary John Hewko in biking El Tour de Tucson in Arizona to raise money for polio eradication.