



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Brisbane Inc.
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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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Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

Directors, Main Committees

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's speaker is our own member Clive Shepherd the topic "3 government policies that are wrong" I am sure that he will be both entertaining and informative, not to be missed.

As a retailer we are in the middle of the silly season working very long hours with demanding customers but there still is time for Rotary such is the life of a President, who said "it will be easy"? Today we are catering for 100 staff from Urban Utilities and this Sunday planning on selling 400 gourmet sausages and drinks at the New Farm Carols, members would have already received an email asking for assistance on Sunday.

Last week it was a pleasure to welcome visiting Rotarians Isabelle and Frank and daughter Louisa from the Rotary Club of Cologne Ambassador. Isabelle was the club President last year. They are a very young club both in terms of charter and average age, finding it very hard to initially charter being so young. The other older clubs around them in Cologne now see them as something to aspire to, as they are so active within the community. Both Isabelle and Frank will be helping on Friday and Sunday!

Last Friday many current and past members attended Bas's funeral, we were not surprised to hear Bas was still actively working on a project up until a few weeks ago, such was the man. We look forward to seeing Alaine and her daughter Amanda early next year, Amanda has been working on a presentation, no doubt with Bas's help, on Brisbane Rotary between the wars.

WHAT'S ON?

7 December 2015
Clive Shepherd
RCoB

DATE CLAIMER

14 December:
RCOB Annual General
Meeting

April 29 to May 1, 2016:
District 9600
Conference'

January 18 2016:
RCOB participation in
the 'Eddie's Van
Initiative' begins

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?





On a sad note we note the passing of Phil Little's daughter Diane last week, some of our members attended her funeral, we send our sincere condolences to Phil and his family at this time.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President



Isabelle & Frank with daughter Louisa from the Rotary Club of Cologne Ambassador



Mel & Marg Evans were hard at work at the Aunts & Uncles Christmas Party

Rotary Meeting 30 November 2015

James Delahunty chaired the meeting.

President Phil welcomed members and introduced two guests from Cologne in Germany, namely Isabil Thana and Frank Milstan and their daughter. A banner was presented to them.

Spots

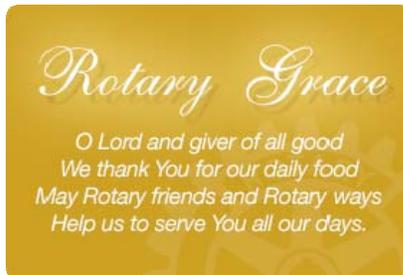
- James Delahunty reminded members of the Time Capsule in the Park and suggested that members make a codicil to their will so that their children were reminded of its existence and that their grandchildren would organise to be there at its opening by the club in 2088.

- Pres Phil spoke of two barbecues to be organised by RCOB and asked for volunteers.
 - Next Friday at Roma Street park for 100 Unity Water people
 - Sunday at New Farm Park for the Carols for 400 people, with the help of the local club and a Rotaract club.
- Michael advised that
 - The last meeting of the year 2015 is December 14, 2015 and will include the AGM
 - The first meeting of 2016 is January 18, 2016 - you will have had a month off Rotary to recharge your batteries.
- Name Badges (Lunch Disc). If you have lost your disc or require a replacement, please let Michael know as I am about to place an order for a couple of other members.
- Isabil gave a talk on how she came to Australia in 2007 on a Rotary exchange and met her husband Frank here. They returned in 2011 to be married and they are returning this year to introduce their friends to their lovely daughter. They are staying for three months.
- Pres Phil discussed the East Timor donation of \$2000 through the local Rotary club to buy medical and dental supplies. This was approved. A bank transfer was recommended to the club.

Phil won the raffle and the Joker is still in the pack.

Pres Phil closed the meeting.

Next week was to be a fellowship meeting and so Clive Shepherd volunteered to give a talk that he recently presented to the Indooroopilly men's shed about three examples of very poor government policy namely the car industry, the renewable energy surcharge and the mining tax.



Calendar

14 December:
RCOB Annual General Meeting

Roster

7 December 2015:

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



14 December 2015:

President	P Gresham
Chairperson	T McKinnon
Set Up/Away	R Tamaschke
Raffle	P Little
Visitor Register	S Dunlop
Attendance	D O'Donoghue 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: secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



Rotaract allowed me to expand my horizons

By Hari Chandra Satyal
Source: blog.rotary.org



Members of the Rotaract Club of Phulbari, Nepal.

I am a civil engineer by profession and have been a member of the Rotaract Club of Phulbari, in central Nepal, since 2008. I consider myself a youth volunteer and young entrepreneur.

After completing high school in my remote village, I had a big question in front of me: How do I find interest and satisfaction in life beyond my studies? Each day, I had virtually the same schedule and contact with a limited pool of friends. I was not happy with the routine and wanted to expand my horizons.

Then, in 2008-09, I was introduced to a new world of serving others. Joining my Rotaract club, I became united with 18 amazing, enthusiastic, and dynamic youngsters in Phulbari who shared my passion for serving others and their community.

Taking risks

Living in Kathmandu for my studies, I had to travel 45 kilometers to Phulbari for the Rotaract meetings. But I made it work because of the joy of seeing the rest of my team. Sometimes we found the experience surprising, sometimes a bit terrifying, but almost always entertaining as we took risks and tried new things in our pursuit of serving others.

As we matured in our knowledge, we tackled our first project, a trail maintenance effort, with almost no funds. The project will always hold a special place in my heart, as I was suffering a serious leg injury at the time. I was also facing issues at home, and struggling with a heavy study schedule. But the support and enthusiasm I found in my club and from the Rotarians we worked with kept me going.

I can never repay them enough for the support, hospitality, and care they gave me during this tough time. I do not have the words to thank them properly. I have heard many similar stories from Rotaractors who were blessed by their involvement in their club and with Rotarians who helped them.

Our projects

I grew so much as a person and became more mature socially, professionally, and as a leader through my club and the projects we tackled. I had the pleasure of coordinating some remarkable projects, including a Green Eco-Phulbari Village project, a cultural program, an Education for All project, a Safe Drinking Water for All project, and our transit shelter construction program. I now enjoy serving as district secretary for 95 Rotaract clubs in Nepal.

My involvement in Rotaract at the national and international levels opened up still other opportunities for growth. I entertained fellowship recipients, experienced cross-cultural exchanges, and met with hundreds of kind-hearted Rotaractors, Interactors, and Rotarians.

I used to budget the time and money I gave to Rotaract events. But now, every Saturday is a Rotaract-Rotary Day. Every moment I spend in Rotaract is an investment in personal growth. I have found a deeper meaning in life than I would ever have known before I discovered Rotary and Rotaract.



About the author: Hari Chandra Satyal is past president of the Rotaract Club of Phulbari, in Nepal, and secretary of the District 3292 Rotaract committee. He is also a member of the United Nations Youth and Student Association of Nepal.

Rotary Scholar urges alumni to stay connected

By Kathleen Plaza, Rotary Scholar
Source: blog.rotary.org



I was born and raised in a rural barrio (neighborhood) in Mindanao, Philippines. I moved to Guam when I was about 18 years old. I became a member of the Rotaract Club of the Marianas in Guam when I was completing my undergrad degree in biology, and served as secretary in 2011-12 and as youth services director in 2012-13.

I moved to Hawaii in August 2015, and with a Rotary Scholarship funded by a global grant, began taking classes in public health, focused on disease prevention and treatment. I will finish my program in May 2017.

I have always been interested in ending polio and finding ways to help our club make a difference. Rotary's This Close campaign is inspiring and resonates with my dream of developing and promoting programs that address health care needs and decrease the occurrence of communicable and vaccine-preventable diseases in medically underserved communities like the barrio where I grew up. As a humble immigrant from a developing country, I want, in my own way, to Be a Gift to the World.

The global grant scholarship is helping me achieve that goal. I have tremendous support coming from Rotary District 2750, and I also have a supportive host club, the Rotary Club of Honolulu. I'm very proud and honored that the club asked me to serve as a judge for the Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Committee, which grants \$5,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at Hawaii high schools who wish to go to college. My role on the area selection committee will be to judge applicants from my area.

I would encourage other Rotary alumni to continue to find ways to stay involved with Rotary, even after you finish your program or studies. We all can make a difference.

About the author: Kathleen Plaza is a Rotaractor and a Rotary Scholar from the Philippines to Hawaii. She is currently pursuing an advanced degree at the University of Hawaii-Manoa.