



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

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Brisbane Inc.
ABN 75 152 438 499

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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 – 1.45 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
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District Governor
John Leddy

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

President's Message

Our speaker this week is our very own member Patrick Caragata, Patrick is the executive vice-chairman and head of research and development for Rapid Ratings International, based in New York. Patrick has devised world beating unique solutions, that enable clients to most effectively assess the financial health of their global public and private counterparties, including their customers, suppliers and vendors, trading counterparties, and investments. Don't miss it I am sure it will be very entertaining see you there.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

11 April 2016:
Dr Patrick Caragata
"A History of
Disruption"

DATE CLAIMER

April 29 to May 1, 2016:
District 9600 Conference

May 28 – June 1
107th Rotary International
Convention, Seoul, Korea

June 12 2016
District 9640 Training
Assembly for club officers
and directors

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 4 April 2016

Meeting commenced 1250

Chairman: Phil Little opened meeting with welcome to all, Grace and Toasts. President PHIL introduced.

President: Advised that he would be attend Aspley Rotary Club to see how they host and attempt to have ex-rotaract members join their club.

Date claimer made for attendance at District Conference from 29 April to 1 May 2016 at Caloundra RSL. The cost per day is only \$32.00. Four members are attending but President Phil wants six more to attend. Our club will man a part of one of the information booths.

Spots: Chairman Phil called for spots.

Denise Schellbach advised that a joint meeting with Mid City would be held on 29 April and that there will be no meeting for RCoB on 25 April and 1 May 2016.

Patrick Caragata advised that four projects (Salvation Army trailer, Shaftesbury, Aunties & Uncles, Best Life) would be supported by the club in the New Year. Funding monies will come from Testimonial Dinners in honour of prominent members.

In the absences from a guest speaker, there was a general discussion about Internet use and social media.

There was no Sergeant-at-Arms session.

Attendance: 15.

Meeting closed with National Anthem at 1405.

My UNESCO-IHE scholarship has defined my career

By Bernice Asamoah
Source: blog.rotary.org

When I first arrived in the Netherlands, I marveled at how clean everything was and how neatly water was channeled through town. It was very different from my homeland of Ghana, and I was struck by the diversity of Delft's population.

I had arrived in the Netherlands on a scholarship from The Rotary Foundation to study sanitary engineering at the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education. The opportunity came unexpectedly, but has turned out to be a career defining moment. I am so grateful to the Rotary Clubs of Kumasi East and Accra who supported my efforts to meet all the requirements for the scholarship.

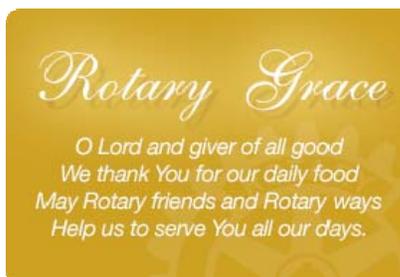
Social coordinators from the school worked hard to make our stay as comfortable as possible. Our Ghanaian predecessors met us at the airport to greet us and take us to the school on a cold and rainy day. I was already experiencing the Dutch weather! Local Rotary members also went out of their way, despite their busy schedules, to help us and make us feel welcome.



Rotary and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education scholarship recipients at the April graduation ceremony. From left: Gonzalo Duro (Argentina), Godfrey Baguma (Uganda), Bernice Asamoah (Ghana), Kaycee Okoli (Nigeria), and Temesgen Adamu (Ethiopia).

I am confident and ready to begin contributing my part to solving my country's water management and health issues.

We were taken on so many tours our first week in the Netherlands that I lost count. I learned a lot from the people I met. I was able to relate to the issues they shared about their countries and how they dealt with them. I saw how I could model these experiences to help meet the needs of my country, and the world as a whole.



Calendar

18 April:

Kylie Thornton
President of the Rotaract Club
of Brisbane River Rivercity
'Australian Rotaract
Convention 2016, Brisbane'

April 29 to May 1, 2016:

District 9600 Conference

25 April:

Anzac Day – no meeting

2 May:

Labour Day Holiday – no
meeting

Roster

11 April 2016:

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

18 April 2016:

President P Gresham
Chairperson C Muir
Set Up/Away C Shepherd
Raffle K Watts
Visitor Register W Walker
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

25 April 2016:

ANZAC DAY
NO MEETING

2 May 2016:

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
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



Scholars take a field trip to study water treatment

One gets around the Netherlands principally by bicycle, which proved difficult for me to pick up at first. But eventually I got used to it, and can even say I found it a comfortable and easy way to get around.

My main purpose in accepting the scholarship was to gain knowledge in water and sanitation related issues, which proved totally worth my time. It was an educational journey that included excellent teaching and enlightening field trips. Apart from my studies, I also had the opportunity to meet other students from a variety of backgrounds and learn from their different lifestyles. I left the school a much more rounded person.

This has definitely been an important stepping stone in my career. I am confident and ready to begin contributing my part to solving my country's water management and health issues. I look forward to striving to achieve Rotary's motto of "Service above self."

The key to a successful multi-generational Rotary club

By Emmanuel Rey, a member of the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto, Argentina
Source: blog.rotary.org

In 20 years as a member of the Rotary family, I have learned much. I began my Rotary journey as a member of Interact when I was 12, and six years later moved on to Rotaract. After passing the maximum age of 30 for that program, I proudly became a member of my Rotary club two years ago.



Emmanuel Rey addresses his multi-generational club.

At first, I dreamed of building a big and youthful Rotary club, especially as I observed how hard it was for my fellow Interactors and Rotaractors to bridge the generation gap and become members of Rotary. But while I was still a Rotaractor, an old friend of mine gave me a new perspective. He said, "when I'm 30, I'm going to join a Rotary club with older people, to be the link with young people."

Membership diversity strengthens Rotary clubs.

My friend kept his promise, and his words still ring in my mind. I have come to the conclusion that "youth is not a number, it is a state of mind," as one of my Rotary mentors, Enrique Blainstein, taught me. A club is not young by the age of the people it comprises. It is young by the characteristics exhibited by its members, such as dynamism, resiliency, strength, and a desire to work. In other words, the youth of a club is not the average age of its members, it is the spirit with which they work.

Membership diversity strengthens Rotary clubs. I had the luck to join the Rotary Club of Villa Devoto and I have friends who are in their 70s. We've been able to break down generational barriers and work together, learn from each other, join forces, and pool our knowledge to serve Rotary and enhance our personal and professional lives.

I have come to the conclusion that effective clubs are clubs that find a way to blend the knowledge and experience of older members with the strength and drive of younger members. This is the greatest challenge facing Rotary as an organization, and the success of any club depends on how well they do this.