



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
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A global network of community volunteers

21 March 2016



The Rotary Club of
 Brisbane Inc.
 ABN 75 152 438 499

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 Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4th Floor
 (Edinburgh Room)
 of the Brisbane Club
 Post Office Square
 241 Adelaide Street
 Brisbane

MONDAYS
 12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

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| 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

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| 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's speaker is Dr Joanne Redburn, on the topic of "Establishing a 'PAF'" but don't let the topic scare you! John Smerdon has engaged NFP Lawyers <http://nfplawyers.com.au> to get our Benevolent Fund documentation to meet current government requirements. We have been assured that Joanne will keep the legalise simple and entertaining.

Last week's meeting speaker Adam Cole of SAES, as per Rick's report, bought us up to speed with the current operations and requirements of the organisation. I hope to have photos next week of the RCOB mobile kitchen which is undergoing a refurb in Warwick.

We are in need of serious fund raising if we are to meet the commitments we are undertaking, we will discuss some ideas that members have suggested at this week's meeting. Hope to see you Monday, if not have a great Easter.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
 President



WHAT'S ON?

21 March 2016
 Dr Joanne Redburn
 Establishing a 'PAF'

DATE CLAIMER

13 April 2016
 RC Brisbane Hi Rise St Judes
 School Dinner
 6:00pm to 10pm AEST
 Brisbane Marriott Hotel

April 29 to May 1, 2016:
 District 9600 Conference

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 March 2016

Chairperson for the day was Patrick Caragata. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced President Phil Gresham, who welcomed members to the meeting. Phil's message is presented in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, dentist Dr Chris Muir reported on a collaboration with colleagues to provide equipment for dental services in New Britain, PNG. During his regular visits to provide dental services in Bundaberg, he found that the Base Hospital was disposing of serviceable dental equipment. Chris was able to source two dental chairs plus supporting equipment and has arranged to send these to PNG through DIK. Chris hopes that RCOB will be able to assist with the transport cost.

John Smerdon provided an update on the conversion of the Benevolent Foundation to a 'Public Ancillary Fund' (PAF) in line with recent legal changes. The required legal work is currently under way and solicitor Dr Joanne Redburn would be attending the 21 March meeting to provide further details of the process.

Patrick Caragata, Club Service Project Director, reported that the RCOB Board will be asked to approve short listed Service Projects at its meeting on 21 March. In his view these provided excellent opportunities for team work, which should be strongly encouraged. VP Keith Watts spoke in support and also felt that there should be a mix of RCOB and community involvement.

After a short period of Fellowship, Patrick introduced Adam Cole, the Queensland State Coordinator of Salvation Army Emergency Services (SAES). Adam coordinates some 400 volunteers and is based in Warwick. His talk was supported by a PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation outlined the role and operations of SAES in Queensland. The focus of SAES is on meeting people at their point of need and helping to get them on their feet. The nature and scale of the services required, as well as locations were central issues in planning an appropriate response.

A key part of Adam's presentation centred on catering. RCOB has been supporting SAES with the provision of mobile kitchens since the 1970s, and subject to RCOB Board approval, plans to extend this relationship through the provision of a suitably equipped trailer. SAES will play a major role in the development of this unit, which will supplement existing trailers and trucks. RCOB's previously supplied catering truck is being refurbished and will be redeployed to Townsville, in the Central and North Queensland Division, later this year.

"Equipping the SAES in a strategic location will give us a fantastic ability to respond to any disaster along the coastal areas of Queensland within four to six hours," said Adam. During the 2010-11 floods some 100,000 meals had been supplied across Queensland.

This was a very interesting and well-presented session with lots of participation from members. Finally, Adam was presented with a memento of the occasion. (Further details on the activities of SAES may be found at: www.salvationarmy.org.au/who-we-are/our-work/emergency-services).

Patrick Caragata was also Acting SAA and ran a short but entering session backed by some good jokes. Wal Bishop won the raffle and will be the first to draw from the new deck.

The meeting closed at 2pm.



Calendar

28 March:

Easter Monday – no meeting

4 April:

David Pich, CEO Australian Institute of Management 'Leadership Matters'

April 29 to May 1, 2016:

District 9600 Conference

11 April:

Fellowship

Roster

21 March 2016:

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| President | P Gresham |
| Chairperson | P Caragata |
| Set Up/Away | M Evans |
| Raffle | S Francis |
| Visitor Register | D Hendersson |
| Attendance | D Schellbach J Smerdon |

28 March 2016:

EASTER MONDAY
NO MEETING

4 April 2016:

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

11 April 2016:

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



Creating peace in Myanmar

By Rachel Hall Beecroft, Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland, Australia
Source: blog.rotary.org

I looked around me at the faces of these change makers and felt overwhelmed by happiness, power, and positivity. These everyday people were coming together for a shared cause — peace. They were giving up aspects of their life to become something greater than themselves alone. They were contributing, they were committing, and most importantly, they were changing the world around them.

As a Rotary Peace Fellow studying for my master's degree in Brisbane, Australia, I spent eight weeks creating the change I want to see in this world through my Applied Field Experience (AFE). The AFE is an opportunity to get out of the classroom and into the field, applying my new skills and new knowledge to real world situations.

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I found myself in Myanmar (a country in Southeast Asia formerly known as Burma) working for a civilian peacekeeping organization. Myanmar has an incredibly tumultuous past between more than sixty years of civil war and decades of rule by an oppressive military dictatorship.



Rachel Hall Beecroft with local youth on a field visit to Hpa-An, Karen State

The organization works for peace in war-torn countries using two principles: nonviolence and civilian action. In Myanmar, they train civilians from targeted areas to act as civilian protection monitors and civilian ceasefire monitors. These villagers are trained in nonviolent techniques, relationship building, confidence building, and on what actions they, as community members, can take to ensure fellow civilians are protected from violence and that local ceasefire agreements are respected.

These civilians told of their actions to create peace and end violence — about how they held awareness raising trainings at churches, schools, and community centers to teach their fellow villagers about nonviolence, peace, and the power they communally had to create change. They met with local stakeholders including government officials, military commanders, and guerrilla leaders to inform them that they would be taking steps to protect civilians in that area and any incidents perpetrated by any of the warring sides would be monitored, documented, and conveyed to the relevant authorities.

As I looked around the room, I saw regular people whose lives had been transformed by their contribution to the peace process. I saw people who had previously lived in an environment of oppression and fear, and who now had the courage to stand up to create change in their own communities.



A poster describes the villagers' desire to live in peace

5 concerns facing professional women today

By Clara Montanez, a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., USA
Source: blog.rotary.org

Women are mothers, sisters, daughters, wives, supporters, even a shoulder to cry on. Yet women still earn less than their male counterparts. In my field, women comprise maybe 12 percent of all financial advisers. Women need to feel there is a support group, a sisterhood, they can go to for help.



And that is why it is important for us to celebrate this special day, International Women's Day. Motherhood is one of the most important roles a woman can have. But it can be an isolating role in a society where most women work. We need to celebrate all aspects of womanhood. We need to support the women who are pursuing careers, and those who choose to have children and take a break from their careers, and those who decide to do both.

I see five fundamental concerns most professional women face today. I have found Rotary has something to offer in each.

Family

The burden of raising a family still falls primarily on women. We need an extended network. For me, Rotary was that network. As I became active on more committees, one of the things I wanted to do was have my Rotary friends visit my home, so I did a lot of committee meetings at my house. They became potlucks. I wanted my daughters to meet my Rotary friends and see them like family. It became that to the point where my daughters can pick up the phone and call any of quite a few of my Rotary friends and feel just like family.

Finances

Many young professional women are saddled with college debt. And salaries don't pay for everything. Rotary has given me a platform to empower young women to overcome their fears and take control of their finances. I teach them to not focus on the dollars and cents, but to focus on their goals. If you focus on what you want to do, it will happen. Rotary is a place where you can safely reach out and get help.



Career

Most women now work outside the home. At their jobs, they are trying to envision how to climb the corporate ladder. Mentoring is a huge benefit Rotary provides. A lot of young people come to me for help, and not just financial. I find that I can always refer them to a Rotary friend in their line of work who can help.

Health

Happiness is a key ingredient of health, which is an essential component of a balanced life. Happiness flows from being with friends, giving back to the community, and being allowed to be creative. In Rotary, this means coming up with projects, working with your friends to see how you can help others. All of this contributes tremendously to my happiness and as a result I find the energy to exercise, take care of myself, and find time to help others.

Future planning

The biggest concern of many women is what is going to happen to them in their retirement years. The statistics say many women will live 30 years beyond work, and many will outlive their partners. Women tend to think of everybody else first. But it is vital for women to begin putting aside money for themselves. What are you going to do with yourself after your career? What kind of lifestyle do you want? This is where Rotary can play a huge role. I have invited quite a number of my retired friends to join Rotary, and it has become the main source of their happiness and community. It is an outlet that lets them feel like they are contributors.



About the author: Clara Montanez is senior director of investments for Oppenheimer & Co., Inc., and is based in Washington, D.C. She has served as Rotary's alternate representative to the Organization of American States since 2010.