



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

A global network of community volunteers

4 April 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

Unfortunately this week's speaker David Pich from AIM has postponed his visit this week. Let's take the opportunity to discuss fund plans for the current projects including testimonial dinners and the club's annual golf day.

If you were thinking about attending the Brisbane Hi-Rise St Jude's Dinner, it is sold out, let's hope we can arrange events that sell out! We often talk about Rotoract members becoming Rotary members, this month I am attending a meeting of the Rotary Club of Aspley, they are inviting a group of ex Rotoractors (from the early 2000's) from their area to the meeting.

The 9600 District Conference is on late this month, full details are here <http://rotary9600.org/conference/ProgramPromo.html> Our club is sharing a space with Hi-Rise and Fortitude Valley for the "Rotary Showcase" we should attend as a club on Saturday 30th at least. For those who are finding it hard to attend regular Monday meetings I hope you can join me, I would like to see at least ten of our members there.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
 President

WHAT'S ON?

4 April 2016:
 Fellowship

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 21 March 2016

Chairperson for the day was Patrick Caragata. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced Acting President Keith Watts, who welcomed members to the meeting.

In Rotary Spots, President Elect Tony McKinnon reported on a D9600 preparation session for incoming Presidents, at which the DG spoke about the directions in which Rotary is heading internationally. Among other matters there would be a focus on the Rotary Foundation and on membership...including closer interactions with Rotaract, with the view of encouraging Rotaractors to eventually join Rotary. RCs would also be encouraged to become more flexible with the view of 'loosening up' meeting formats and procedures.

Clive Shepherd provided an update on his mentoring work with Best Life. The organisation has taken steps to place itself on a stronger financial footing...it had raised fees on 1 January and had been successful in gaining grants.

Keith Watts, on behalf of Mel Evans, provided an update on activities of Aunties and Uncles. He also indicated that the 2016 Australian Rotaract Convention would be held in Brisbane. Rotaract Club of Brisbane RiverCity President, Riley Thornton, would be speaking to RCOB members about this soon.

After a short period of Fellowship, John Smerdon introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr Joanne Redburn, a solicitor from NFP Lawyers. Her talk was supported by a detailed PowerPoint presentation which is being circulated to members.

Her talk focussed on the steps required to convert RCOB's Benevolent Foundation to a 'Public Ancillary Fund' (PAF) in line with recent legal changes. Joanne has been hired by RCOB to undertake the legal work. When the work is completed, RCOB Inc. will be the Corporate Trustee of the new PAF and the existing investments will be transferred to the new Fund.

This was a very interesting and well-presented session with lots of participation from members. Joanne was thanked by acclamation.

Michael Stephens was Acting SAA and ran a short but entering session backed by some good jokes. Phil Little won the raffle and will be the second person to draw from the new deck.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.

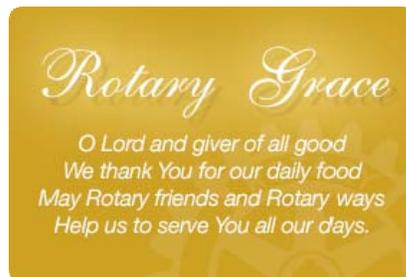
Touching lives in Honduras

By Neal Beard, Rotary Club of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, USA
Source: blog.rotary.org

Since 2006, I have traveled to Honduras on numerous occasions as part of a village electrification project organized by the Rotary Club of Lawrenceburg and our Rotary district. The Rotary Club of Madison, Alabama, has also been working with us in the same area for about nine years, doing incredible work delivering healthy burning Eco-Stoves, eye clinics, and dental clinics.

Last year, I wired this lady's home for electricity (photo at right). All she wanted was one light bulb to illuminate her kitchen. On her first attempt the string broke. I had to repair it and let her try again.

This year my friend and fellow Rotarian, Rick Copeland, sent down a bag full of shoes and asked me to carry a pair to this lady. I emptied out the bag and she picked out a pair of shoes. She then took them into the next room where she could put them on without us watching. When she came out, I checked the shoes for fit and asked her to pose so that I could take a picture of her to prove to Rick that I didn't keep the shoes for myself.



Calendar

11 April:
Mystery Event

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

Roster

4 April 2016:

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:

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

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



Sometimes little things like a new pair of shoes can mean so much to the person receiving them and humble them to tears. But what this lady didn't know was how much her smile and excitement at getting a new pair of shoes had touched me — deeply inside. I was the one truly humbled.



New shoes bring a smile

The giver is not capable of setting a gift's true value; only the receiver can do that. Sometimes, you get a rare chance to see with your own eyes just how important your gift means to the receiver. We have touched the lives of a lot of people on this year's Honduran village electrification project. But if the only person we had helped was this lady, then the trip would still have been worthwhile.



A woman in Chaguiton, Honduras, pulls the string to turn on her new ceiling light

Special car enhances Rotary's image in New York

By Kathy Ziobrowski, executive director of the Sunnyville Rehabilitation Hospital, Schenectady, New York
Source: blog.rotary.org

At our rehabilitation hospital, we have a piece of equipment that we use in our therapy to help patients practice getting in and out of vehicles, in preparation for their leaving our care and recovering at home.

When Rotary members in our county of Schenectady, New York, heard about the limitations of our "transfer car," they generously stepped in to raise money to provide us with a newer model that has many additional features. The selflessness of these Rotary members speaks volumes about their motto of "Service Above Self," and has greatly enhanced Rotary's image in our community.

The therapists are excited to now have a vehicle that will more completely simulate their patients' own vehicles, as it is adjustable in height to resemble everything from a small sedan to a one ton truck. It also allows us to adjust the seat to accommodate hip precautions, patient medical restrictions, and joint limitations.



The transfer car that Rotary members gave to the Schenectady rehabilitation hospital

The selflessness of these Rotary members speaks volumes about their motto of "Service Above Self." Our patients have been thrilled. "Wow, you have a new car. It's just like mine." and "I can move this seat forward and back to get in and out easier," are just a few of the comments we've heard. They are excited to try something in their therapy sessions which they can see will have a real tangible benefit when they return home.

The transfer unit has a bright blue Rotary banner across the rear window, letting everyone know the generosity of the clubs involved. We are thankful to past governor Terry Philips of the Rotary Club of Scotia, and all the clubs representing Schenectady County in New York, for this wonderful gift.