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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
President Elect	Tony McKinnon
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Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cameron Bishop

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Club Admin	Rick Tamaschke
Membership	Tony McKinnon
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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

This week's speaker is Dr Carrie Hillyard the Deputy Chair of Mater Research, the topic is Mater Miracles. Last week's meeting had one of the largest club attendances this year I hope we can keep it up. We attempted to get a club member to attend PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) this weekend without success, this was due to PE Tony being unable to attend due to his absence for the remainder of this Rotary year.

Please make sure that you circulate the Golf Day to friends and business contacts, a copy is attached, PP Graeme sent a copy to members earlier in the week.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

16 May 2016:
Dr Carrie Hillyard
Mater Little Miracles

DATE CLAIMER

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

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

June 23 2016
RCOB Charity Golf Day

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 9 May 2016

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

In Rotary Spots, PP Graeme Whitmore reminded members of RCOB's Charity Golf Day scheduled for 23 June at North Lakes (Brochure previously circulated and attached to this Bulletin). This year the major beneficiary is the Rotary Rural Doctor Training initiative. Gerald Holtmann, who had championed the initiative, spoke in support and promised to circulate the brochure at PA Hospital.

Denise Schellbach outlined the RCOB Speaker program for the remainder of the month (as listed in this Bulletin) and hoped for good attendances.

After a period of Fellowship, President Phil introduced new RCOB member Jacqui Page, who provided a report on the D9600 District Conference. Her full report is attached to this Bulletin. This was a very interesting report. The Conference was well attended and organised and covered a number of interesting topics including on espionage, the challenge of getting the Paralympics team and equipment to Rio, provision of outhouses in the Solomon Islands, and research into nutritional values to help combat malnutrition. Her report was much appreciated by members and she was thanked by acclamation.

President Phil and James Delahunty conducted a joint SAA session and exacted the usual fines. Phil Little won the raffle but the joker is still in the pack.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

Stop worrying and love social media

By Evan Burrell
Source: blog.rotary.org

Did you know Baby Boomers are the fastest growing demographic on Facebook?

This doesn't surprise me at all! I think there's this myth that anyone over 50 is technically inept, but I'm not buying it.

Perhaps some "seniors" might not be as technically savvy as the younger generation. But I don't think all of them are clueless when it comes to new technology or social media.

Facebook and other social networks have enabled Boomers to get in touch with long-lost friends and relatives, as well as see pictures of their grandchildren. If they can use social media for a few family happy snaps, it's not that far a stretch to get your older members over their initial fear or discomfort with social media, and to start thinking about using the tools in an even more beneficial way for your club.

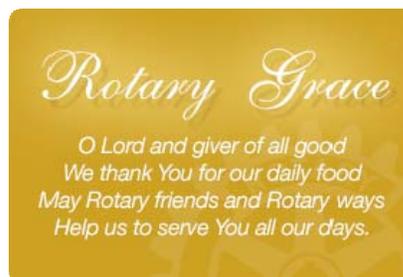
Quick and painless

Social media provides a powerful and accessible tool for highlighting causes and acting on issues, and for this reason it's perfect for reaching potential members.

You can use social media to organize events, communicate with the public, and showcase your achievements as a club. You can quickly and painlessly make a wider audience aware of the good work your club is doing. Take Facebook for instance. Your page can advertise and coordinate club activities and fundraisers, and create awareness for Rotary's number one cause, eradicating polio.

Being able to adapt to new technologies is not just a nice skill to have. It is absolutely vital to sharing Rotary's story and reaching out to people who might make great members.

Social networks encourage discovery. People can pursue just about any interest be it types of books, music, recipes, or even their favorite causes, easier than ever. If your Facebook page reflects what your club members are interested in, you may attract people who share these same interests. Have a lot of golf enthusiasts? Organize a golfing event, promote it on your Facebook page, and see how many golfers you attract.



Calendar

23 May 2016:

George Grant, past DG
Speaking about DIK

30 May 2016:

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

6 June 2016:

Mystery Event

Roster

16 May 2016:

President P Gresham
Chairperson T Kung
Set Up/Away J Delahunty
Raffle K Jenkins
Visitor Register A Gillespie
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

23 May 2016:

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

30 May 2016:

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

6 June 2016:

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:

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Or maybe wine is your thing. How about a great wine tasting fundraiser?

Connecting with the world

Social networks introduce people to new things and ideas. They make it possible to reach across incredible distances. Suddenly, it's possible to connect and share thoughts with someone on the other side of the world!

Managing an online presence is essential. Clubs must be able to interact effectively online, if they are to keep up with all the other competing interests out there. Being able to adapt to new technologies is not just a nice skill to have. It is absolutely vital to sharing Rotary's story and reaching out to people who might make great members, but who otherwise would never know your club exists.

So stop worrying, and learn to love your social media channels.



About the author: Evan Burrell is a member of the Rotary Club of Turrumurra, New South Wales, Australia, and a former member of Rotaract. He has been involved with Rotary since he was 18. He currently manages social media for Rotary Down Under, the Rotary regional magazine of Australia. Follow Evan on Facebook.

Seaside sessions on leadership and peace in Sri Lanka

By Lucas Wolf (and the team of Leadership Retreat Peace Fellows)
Source: blog.rotary.org

On the southern coast of Sri Lanka, there is a special place just north of Galle where the waves crash over the rocks after their long journey across the Indian Ocean.

The rains arrive in the early evening to inundate the verdant, tropical lands. This was the setting for the second Rotary Peace Fellow Leadership Retreat from 7-9 March, attended by 10 former Rotary Peace Fellows and one gifted facilitator from Northern Ireland, Susan McEwen.

We arrived from all corners of the globe, including Juba, Mindanao, Nicaragua, Somaliland, Kurdistan, London, Ottawa, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka itself.

McEwen is the Head of Programs at the prestigious Corrymeela Community, Northern Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation organization. Along with two of the peace fellows, she designed the retreat to highlight the importance of reflective practice, echoing the works and teachings of John Paul Lederach. It also incorporated the unique ethos and experience of Corrymeela and the dedication to service and peace inherent in Rotary's philosophy.



The team of Leadership Retreat Peace Fellows

Reflective practice is designed to allow practitioners to dig deeper into their own perspectives, observations, and experiences, while also taking time to listen carefully to fellow participants and enhance listening and communication skills. It proved invaluable for sharing lessons and struggles from the field and discovering how we can unite to form networks of resilience. Susan's mastery of facilitation, dynamic energy, and skill in discussing sensitive areas surrounding peace and conflict resolution helped us grow together tremendously.

There was a special group chemistry from the start and it was clear that these hours together marked critical building blocks for our professional development and personal well-being.

Sri Lanka is a unique and inspiring destination for such a Peace Fellows reflection: On the one hand it possesses all the magic and allure of any top tourist destination in the world, but on the other hand, it is a post-conflict country seeking to turn the page and change the dialogue after years of struggles.

On the final day of the retreat, Peace fellows received an overview of the post-conflict realities and challenges facing Sri Lanka via a prominent field worker, Ananda Galappatti. This opened up a wider and deeper discussion on our collective experiences in conflict or field settings. Ananda is the founder of the Good Practices Group and the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services Network. We discussed psychosocial approaches to trauma, reconciliation, and recovery at length and emerged with a much greater understanding of the history and scope of the Sri Lankan struggles, and lessons we can use to inform our own work.

Three days is a relatively short time for a retreat, but this session was unique from the beginning. There was a special group chemistry from the start and it was clear that these hours together marked critical building blocks for our professional development and personal well-being.