



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

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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 PDG George Grant who now heads up DIK, (Donations in Kind). Our club was instrumental in setting up DIK with the assistance of club member James Delahunty. So far many millions of dollars in pharmacy, medical and educational supplies have been sent. Victoria also has been very successful with DIK and has their own website <http://www.rotarydik.org/index.html> while Queensland has very little online information on the program, maybe George can explain why.

Don't forget the Golf Day next month, and Wal Bishop's Testimonial Dinner will be on Wednesday the 7th September TBC.

Many thanks to PP Graeme for covering for me last week as I was needed at the "coalface" with staff away sick.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

23 May 2016:
George Grant
Past DG
Speaking about DIK

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 16 May 2016

Chairperson for the day was Terry Kung After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced Acting President, PP Graeme Whitmore, who welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. .

In Rotary Spots, PP Graeme Whitmore reminded members of RCOB's Charity Golf Day scheduled for 23 June at North Lakes (Brochure previously circulated). This year the major beneficiary is the Rotary Rural Doctor Training initiative. 30 players had registered so far and Graeme is hoping for final numbers near 100. He had also made some progress with sponsorships.

Jacqui Page provided a progress report on arrangements for the Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner, intended to honour Wal, but also to raise money for charity. The function is scheduled for early September. Among other matters, her committee was currently evaluating alternative locations and catering, assembling an invitation list and designing the invitation with the help of members of the Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity.

Denise Schellbach outlined the RCOB Speaker program for the remainder of Rotary 2015/16 (as listed in this Bulletin) and hoped for good attendances.

After a short period of fellowship, the Chair introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr Carrie Hillyard, Deputy Chair of the Mater Research Institute. Her topic focussed on Mater Miracles and particularly on studying new ways to predict and prevent stillbirths that remain of major concern internationally. Carries' talk was accompanied by a detailed PowerPoint presentation which is attached. In Australia, six seemingly healthy babies are stillborn every day, there has been no reduction in rates for over 20 years, indigenous and disadvantaged women are twice as likely to have a stillborn child, for every child that dies of SIDS 35 are stillborn, and half of stillbirths are 'unexplained'. Further research into the prediction and prevention of stillbirths requires urgent attention and funding. A current fundraising effort for this is the Miles for Miracles 2016 Great Wall Trek in which Carrie is participating (see: <https://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/Milesformiraclestrek2016>).

This was an excellent presentation that generated numerous questions and discussion. Finally Carrie was thanked by acclamation.

Patrick Caragata was Acting SAA. He presented some good jokes and exacted the usual fines. James Delahunty won the raffle but the joker is still in the pack.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

How Rotary creates lifelong friendships

By Hilary J. Caldis, Rotary Peace Fellow
Source: blog.rotary.org

I am constantly in awe of the power of connection. This is what Rotary is all about. We unite in friendship to realize truthful, fair, good-willed, and beneficial outcomes in our communities and the world. For Rotary members and people like me, our lives are forever transformed by this powerful network.



Kate Kimmer and Hilary Caldis

I was 17 years old when Rotary became a guiding force in my life. I was a young woman hungry to see the world outside my own country. Thanks to Rotary, I was granted the opportunity to live in Brazil as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student for a year. The experience was transformative for many reasons, the foremost being the people I met along the way who continue to be central figures in my life.

Rotary Grace

*O Lord and giver of all good
We thank You for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve You all our days.*

Calendar

30 May 2016:

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

6 June 2016:

Mystery Event

13 June 2016:

Fellowship

Roster

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

13 June 2016:

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

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Chance meeting on a night bus in Brazil

One of these important figures is Kate Kimmer, who I first met 10 years ago in the middle of Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, on a night bus. Instantly, we become friends — spending hours on end discussing the world and all the things we wished to do to make it a better place.

In June 2008, I reunited with Kate in the Atlanta airport on layover to Thailand. Kate had done a previous exchange in Thailand and was headed back, and I was lucky enough to join her along the way. On this trip I saw first-hand what life is like for many women in South East Asia (and more broadly for many women around the world) who survive by selling their bodies for sex. It was a reality I had been aware of previously. But like many things in life, it's not until you see something first hand that you begin to comprehend the true reality.

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Soon after, I headed off to India for a year to study international development in one of the most poverty and drought stricken areas in the country. Again, I had the opportunity to expand my understanding of life. India is a place one goes to see everything and more.

Returning to the United States, I began over time to realize a reoccurring problem, gender inequality, existent in every place no matter how rich or destitute it was. I endeavored on a new trajectory, to bring female voices to life and make them publicly accessible from anywhere online. And so The Female Voice was born to give voice to women and girls from all different backgrounds, nationalities, and walks of life.



Hilary Caldis and Kate Kimmer

Meanwhile, Kate was also working hard to translate her passions and global awareness into work. After graduating from Indiana University, she eventually made her way to Portland where she began working to support victims of sex trafficking. With the encouragement and support of Rotary members in Portland, she was selected as a Rotary Peace Fellow and began her studies at the International Christian University in Tokyo in September 2014.

As Kate was off to Japan, I continued to work on The Female Voice. Then it hit me. Why not go for the fellowship and further expand my work and mission? I did and a year later received the news that I, too, was headed for Tokyo.

Peace fellows in Tokyo

I have found amazing people, incredible culture, and critical academic exposure within my chosen fields in Tokyo. I continue to develop and realize my own dreams as a Peace Fellow alongside one of my best friends — Kate Kimmer — a person I would have never known if it were not for Rotary. The chance to study abroad with Kate for a second time has been a profound experience for both of us. Being a part of each other's journeys for so long, we are able to support, encourage, and inspire one another in unique ways that often push us towards greater achievements.

In the process, we live inside the truth that the universe works in mysterious yet intentional ways that push us toward becoming the people we are meant to be. All of this, in the end, relies on the spirit of friendship — the essence of Rotary that I hold so dear and could never live without. To Rotarians worldwide, I thank you for making this friendship and so many others possible.

Opening doors in Cuba

By Jon Kaufman, director of H2OpenDoors
Source: blog.rotary.org

Along with 40 friends and supporters of the H2OpenDoors project, I took part in an eight-day exploratory expedition to Cuba on 8 April.

Members of six Rotary clubs in District 5150 and their friends and family joined The Bay Area Cuba Community Alliance, starting on the far eastern side of the island for a visit and site survey at a small village in Granma province. Each person presented a suitcase of donations to the Town Delegate in an emotional ceremony.



Jeri Fujimoto, governor-elect of District 5150, displays some of the gifts delivered by the team of Rotary members.

Baseball equipment, animal husbandry tools, school supplies, and children's clothing were among the gifts for over 550 residents. The town had been home to one of the best community baseball teams in Cuba, but they have been unable to play for over two years for lack of equipment. After a great ball game, the town elders hosted us for a lunch feast.

H2OpenDoors will return in December to install a SunSpring water purification plant to provide safe drinking water for the entire community, and an additional system in a similar community near Havana.

Following the visit to the rural colonies, our group hosted a cocktail gala at Havana's iconic Hotel Nacional for Cuban entrepreneurs to start a dialogue about Rotary and the recent visit by U.S. President Barak Obama's administration, and to build new friendships. The 120 participants broke out into four focus groups for lively discussions about the arts, education, water and infrastructure, and businesses.

Another 40 people will be able to join H2OpenDoors between 8-17 December for a similar schedule, including a day at the Havana International Jazz Festival.



About the author: Jon Kaufman owns KL&P Marketing, a large agency in the Silicon Valley. He has been a member of the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club in Redwood City, California, since 2012. Jon started H2openDoors as a Rotary project to provide drinking water technology to the poorest villages and schools who spend up to a third of their daily income on bottled water.