



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
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of the Brisbane Club
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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
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District Governor
John Leddy

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

President's Message

This week our guest speaker is the President of Rotaract River City Riley Thornton speaking on the topic of "social media", if you don't understand or even want to understand the impact on communication today of social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc, Riley will explain it all to you.

Last week's meeting with PDG George Grant speaking on DIK reminded us of the wonderful work this program does, founded way back with the help of James Delahunty and our club. The Rotaract Club of Brisbane CBD has a project for this year of providing school books and other educational tools for the Fijian school on Tavenui Island. I have asked George to get costings on delivering a container to the island with the assistance of Fiji Rotary. A Rotaracter will be visiting the school next month so we can perhaps see what other equipment we can send to the island, perhaps for their medical post. The funding can come through our Benevolent Fund via RAWCS which DIK is associated with.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

30 May 2016:
Rylie Thornton,
President of the
Rotaract Club of
Brisbane River Rivercity
*'Australian Rotaract
Convention 2016,
Brisbane'*

DATE CLAIMER

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 23 May 2016

Chairperson for the day was Stan Francis. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Phil Gresham who welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Phil's message is provided in full 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). 40 players had registered so far and Graeme is hoping for final numbers near 100. He had also made some progress with sponsorships.

VP Keith Watts publicised 'Rotary on the Move' and recommended it to members. A link would be placed on the RCOB website.

Denise Schellbach reported that the \$5,000 RCOB had donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation had been spent on sending kits consisting of child safety information to schools. A kit was circulated at the meeting for the information of members.

After a short period of fellowship, the Chair introduced the Guest Speaker, PDG George Grant who now heads up DIK (Donations in Kind), which RCOB had been instrumental in setting up with the assistance of club member James Delahunty. PDG George's presentation focussed on key aspects of DIK and was supported by detailed slides that are attached. So far many millions of dollars in pharmacy, medical and educational supplies have been sent to the Pacific Islands. Volunteers are required on a continuing basis to help sort donations and pack containers. Rotary Clubs participate according to a roster, but additional help is welcome at other times. Further details are provided in the attached slides. (See also: rotary9600.org/rotarycms/.../Rotary%20DIK%20NR%20aid%20JulyAugust%202015).

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

President Phil was Acting SAA and asked members to contribute \$5 in lieu of the usual fines. Stan Francis won the raffle but the joker is still in the pack.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.

Jubilee celebrates a year of mercy, unity

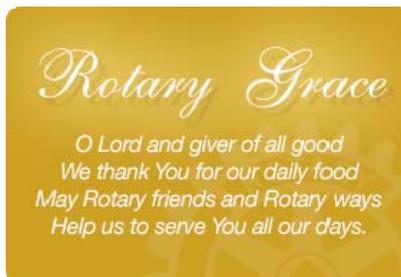
By Elizabeth Celi, Rotary Club of Rome International
Source: blog.rotary.org

The audience at the Papal Jubilee, though buzzing with excitement, exuded serenity. Despite a sea of thousands of people right behind us in St Peter's Square, I sensed a palpable feeling of tranquillity. We were positioned up close to Pope Francis' outdoor podium with the sun shining and the soothing sound of water surging through two magnificent stone fountains on either side of us.



Thousands of Rotary members gathered at the Vatican in Rome to celebrate a message of compassion, inclusiveness, and service to humanity.

As a member of Rotary for eight years in Melbourne, Australia, and now in the Rotary Club of Rome International, I was delighted to attend this event which focused on stories of extending a hand to help our fellow human beings, especially refugees. The experience was humbling. Before Pope Francis greeted us, we listened to several members of the Italian armed forces and emergency service personnel share accounts of helping save lives.



Calendar

6 June 2016:
Mystery Event

13 June 2016:
Fellowship

20 June 2016:
Ms Christy Frank
Motivational Speaker

Roster

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

20 June 2016:

President P Gresham
Chairperson W Bishop
Set Up/Away R Tamaschke
Raffle M Stephens
Visitor Register P Anderson
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

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A 16 year old shared the story his parents relayed to him, when he was old enough to understand, about the day he needed emergency cardiac attention when he was just 17 days old. He stood next to an aeronautical emergency service worker who represented the very organization that ensured his safe, emergency transport from remote southern Italy. One action nearly 16 years ago connected these two "strangers," and enabled his story to be told.

This message was gently, yet powerfully extended in Pope Francis' homily, one that spoke about not interfering with those who are pursuing their passions to do good. As a Rotarian, I was reminded by the Jubilee of why I do what I do as a member of my club. I'm not disadvantaged, I don't suffer from oppression, yet I was enormously uplifted by hearing the many acts of care. Imagine how an extended hand of mercy could benefit refugees who have had their homes ripped from their grasp, their dignity compromised, and their resources to build a future taken from them.

Rotary enhances my ability to extend a hand of mercy and support toward my fellow human beings. Perhaps this will be a story the recipients of that mercy can share 16 years from now!

About the author: Elizabeth Celi has a PhD in psychiatry from the University of Melbourne, and is a psychologist, author, and travel writer. She is a past president of the Rotary Club of Mt. Martha, Australia, and serves as project chair and Foundation chair for the Rotary Club of Rome-International.

Alumni of three Rotary programs unite to advance 'Service Above Self'

By Courtney Lawrence, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar 2009-10; Katherine Grennier, Rotary Peace Fellow 2016; and Hermes Huang, Rotary Scholar, 2014-15
Source: blog.rotary.org

From the coastline of Costa Rica, to the sidewalks of Bangkok, to the jungles of Indonesia, we have been supported as individuals by The Rotary Foundation to make this world a better place; one where service comes before self. As a team of Rotary alumni, we have been able to pull together in pursuit of empowering grassroots social innovators around the world.



The three Rotary alumni and DSIL Global participants at the Zero Baht Shop, a domestic migrant community that has developed a recycling program that funds insurance and social support programs for the community.

The three Rotary programs that have supported us: Courtney's Ambassadorial Scholarship at the University for Peace in Costa Rica; Hermes' global grant supported scholarship at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand; and Katy's Rotary Peace Fellowship at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand; have been critical experiences in defining our work and the experiences that we create for our participants at Designing for Social Innovation & Leadership (DSIL) Global.

At DSIL Global, we train social entrepreneurs from around the world using a combination of design tools, leadership development, and business frameworks. Above all of this, we weave in themes found when peace and conflict studies, sustainable management, and international development intersect; all skill that we developed as Rotary scholars and fellows.

Our lives would not be the same without the support of our clubs back home, our host communities, and the support of The Rotary Foundation.

In all three of our Rotary programs, we were encouraged to develop a network with local Rotary members who supported and mentored us through our times as Rotary scholars. They were there when we got sick or needed advice on the local bureaucracy. They provided a community for us to engage in service to better the places we lived and help the people we worked with. All three of our programs involve exchanging ideas and experience across diverse perspectives. We shared with and learned from scholars, fellows, and practitioners from over 80 countries.

This would not have been possible without the support of Rotary and the global community of Rotarians, alumni, and support personnel.

Today, as friends and colleagues, we are using our experiences to continue finding innovation in daily dialogue and shared experiences. In partnership with the University for Peace, we select people who are ready to make a positive impact in their communities and bring them together to accelerate that impact. In the process, we are developing a global network of innovators who can lean on each other. Five times this year we will be facilitating our DSIL programs to bring grassroots innovators together in conversation and fellowship in a creative environment to seek solutions to challenges facing Southeast Asia.

Our lives would not be the same without the support of our clubs back home, our host communities, and the support of Rotary. We're looking forward to working with more Rotary alumni in the future to create an even greater impact. Rotary is empowering people to change the world, and we're excited to be a part of it. We're looking forward to providing new ways for Rotary members to apply Service Above Self, and we can't wait to bring DSIL Global to a community near you.



Katherine Grennier leads a session for global social impact entrepreneurs in Manila.