



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.
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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
President Elect	Tony McKinnon
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Vice President	Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
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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
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District Governor
John Leddy

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

President's Message

This week's meeting will have club speakers and guests who are attending this weekend's District Assembly, attending the meeting will be PP Keith, Jacqui, Warren, Terry, Riley (Rotoract RiverCity and Tony Pilkington from the RC Adelaide who visited our club last week. This week I attended the monthly cluster meeting of the CBD, New Farm and Fortitude Valley clubs as well as CBD & Rivercity Rotoract Clubs. It was a large meeting with most of the incoming presidents attending. The incoming ADG (Assistant District Governor) is Rosemary Meadows the current President of Brisbane High-Rise. There will be a lot more sharing of what projects all the clubs are doing as well as the sharing of good speakers, these cluster meeting are invaluable. PE Tony has indicated that he may not be attending these meetings I hope that a board member can take his place.

Board positions have been filled for the 2016-2017 year however we still need a SAA replacement for Cam Bishop, I am still hoping that he might return, but in the meantime we need someone to take up that role, is that you?

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

13 June 2016:
Ideas and Actions
from the District
Assembly

DATE CLAIMER

June 23 2016
RCOB Charity Golf Day

August 31 2016
Wal Bishop Testimonial
Dinner

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 6 June 2016

PP Graeme opened the meeting, we had two club visitors Dr Ashwin Hurribunce and Tony Pilkington formerly of Adelaide RC, both have recently moved to Brisbane and we hope that they may consider joining our club. PP Graeme advised us that he only had 50 players so far and was seeking more the target is 100. President Phil discussed the results of the Club Survey and all members will be sent details of the results which will be taken to the board meeting later in the month for discussion and action. There was lively discussion by many many members but especially from our visitors Ashwin and Tony who have an excellent insight into what makes up a great club. The raffle was won by Secretary Michael, sad distressing news for him and good news for us, he didn't win the jackpot!

Reported by President Phil in Rick's absence.

Life-giving water in Ghana

By Theresa Osei Tutu, a member of the Rotary Club of Accra-Airport, Ghana
Source: blog.rotary.org

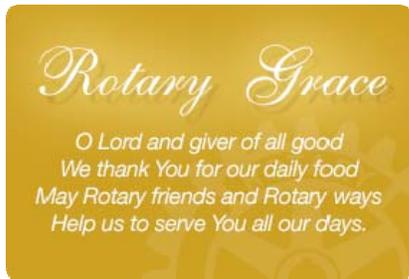


It is often said that water is life. But for many in Ghana, water is disease and death. It is for this reason that Ghanaian Rotarians have embraced the RI-USAID Water and Sanitation Project, to help reduce the diseases that break out as a result of poor water quality and improper sanitation.

About 80 Rotary members from 31 clubs assembled at the Tema Rotary Centre on 12 March to get more insight on their role in the project. Facilitators from Rotary, Global Communities (the implementing partner for USAID) and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency headquartered in Accra (the implementing partner for Rotary) created a lively exchange.

Global Communities covered Behavior Change Communication (BCC) Strategy which includes the need to maximize the benefits of wash interventions by making them sustainable.

This includes encouraging proper hygiene habits at home and improving the supply of clean water and sanitation in communities, schools, and health facilities. They talked about educating community members to wash their hands with soap before eating and after using the toilet, and giving instructions on safe collection and storage of drinking water.



Calendar

20 June 2016:

Ms Christy Frank
Motivational Speaker

27 June 2016:

TBA

Roster

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

27 June 2016:

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

4 July 2016:

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

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The Community Water and Sanitation Agency plays the role of providing basic WASH services to rural communities, small towns, and institutions. The agency integrates hygiene education with water and sanitation improvements including: hand-dug wells fitted with hand pumps, boreholes fitted with hand pumps, spring development, rain harvesting, and mechanized water systems.

In this project, Rotarians are the legs, hands, eyes, and noses, monitoring the work of the implementing partners to ensure that every single dollar is well-spent. Rotary members will be involved in confirming the needs of the communities selected for improvements, and selecting local contractors to do the work. Rotary members will make at least six trips to each of the 150 communities over the next four years, and report on the progress on a timely basis to the local host committee.



Participants of the event at the Tema Rotary Centre.

There are many challenges to WASH in Ghana such as:

- Insufficient funding for WASH in the national budget
- Inequitable resources for teaching people about good hygiene compared to other areas such as proper disposal of garbage
- Weak accountability
- Institutional fragmentation

The advocacy team set up by the Rotary host committee at the seminar will work to:

- Increase funding for WASH services in the 13 Municipal and District Assemblies (MDAs) by 2020
- Serve as liaisons between WASH partners and stakeholders in the 13 MDAs to coordinate five yearly national planning meetings
- Bring together donors, service providers, and community members to promote participation, transparency, and accountability

Over 103,000 people in 150 communities will benefit from improved toilets and safe drinking water.

Rotary members have so much to gain from the project and so much to learn in interacting with women, children, and leaders in the communities. Knowing that we are contributing to eliminating open defecation, providing safe drinking water, and raising the dignity of Ghanaians brings us much meaning and fulfillment.

We are excited about this project and the opportunity to be a gift to the world!

About the author: Theresa Osei Tutu is chair of the Ghana National PolioPlus committee and a past assistant governor. She is a member of the RI/USAID Water and Sanitation Host Committee in charge of training.

Winning big with chess and Rotary

By Jo-Anne Nina Sewlal, a member of the Rotary Club of Point Fortin, Trinidad, West Indies

Source: blog.rotary.org

I have always had an interest in chess. So I was thrilled when Raymond Aaron, project coordinator of the "Chess in Schools" project and a past president of my Rotary club, invited me to be on the project committee. Our project is introducing primary and secondary school children to the game of chess.

When I joined Rotary in January, it was a life changing experience for me. I come from a background in academia, which can be quite isolating, no matter how hard you try for it not to be. So joining my Rotary club helped me get reconnected to my community.



Mother and son enjoy a game of chess as part of the Rotary Club of Point Fortin project.

My family has lived in Point Fortin for three generations. It's an hour's drive from Trinidad's other large city, San Fernando. The journey is made even longer by the poor condition of the roads caused by a relatively constant stream of heavy trucks and machinery to and from the industries in the southwestern peninsula. As a child and teenager, I spent many hours in San Fernando, pursuing dance, art, and music.

So it's satisfying to know I am giving back to my community, and helping children enjoy an activity like chess much closer to home.

As an academic, I loved this project for many reasons. Chess helps students with fundamental subjects like Math and English. It also helps them recognize patterns, and develop critical social skills like respect for authority, rule following, and sportsmanship. But most importantly it develops a child's critical thinking ability, a skill that will serve them in all aspects of life.

The project made use of skills and experiences I learned by serving on various committees, conferences, and outreach programs. I am also a trained graphic artist and editor, which came in handy when we launched the Point Fortin Chess Club and designed T-shirts, brochures, flyers, and newsletters. We have a presence on social media and are developing a website.



The author, right, presents Rotaract member Shedron Collins with a first-place award in the club's in-house tournament.

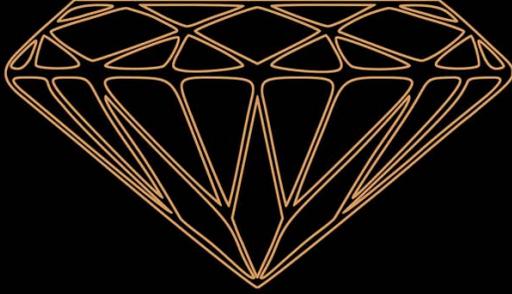


We were fortunate to work with David Martin the founder of the Grant Memorial Presbyterian School Chess Club, who is serving as a trainer along with Carlyle Singh and Edison Raphael of the Trinidad and Tobago Chess Foundation. We are also collaborating with the local Rotaract club where some members have served as trainers. We also hope to involve members of our recently formed Interact club, which meets at the same school as the chess club.

We hope to use the project as a pilot and extend it to other Rotary clubs throughout Trinidad and our Rotary district. Rotary has given me a place to showcase my skills and learn new ones. I look forward to reaching new heights with this project as I continue my journey in Rotary.

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INVITES YOU AND YOUR PARTNER TO

WAL BISHOP'S



TESTIMONIAL DINNER

Black Tie	<i>August</i>	6.30pm drinks
\$195 per person	<i>31st 2016</i>	7pm dinner

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