



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

*A global network of community volunteers*

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Brisbane Inc.  
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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
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	

### Directors, Main Committees

Club Admin	Rick Tamaschke
Membership	Tony McKinnon
Public Relations	Denise Schellbach
Rotary Foundation	Graeme Whitmore
Service Projects	Clive Shepherd

**District 9600  
Club Number 17787  
Founded 29 May 1923**

**District Governor**  
John Leddy

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

### President's Message

This week will be a networking meeting, we have a lot to talk about. At last week's board meeting we discussed the main findings of the Club Survey, despite the majority of members expressing their desire to go to a two meeting monthly option, the decision was made against this. I will have a lot more to say about this and other matters at the changeover on the 18th July. If the club does not make change, to meet the current "market" it will continue to shrink in number and relevance, we have too much to lose, to keep doing the same old things and expect a better outcome.

Thursday's golf day was held in fine but cold conditions, numbers were down and there were many cancellations and no shows, I hope that the cancellations and no shows that the club had to pay for are paid up or pay up. Player VP Keith reported that PP Graeme thought there should be a \$5000 profit from the day despite the low numbers. He reported that everyone had a great day especially one of his four who was very pleased to win a Loyal watch thanks to Wallace Bishop. Graeme must be thanked by all members for the work he has put in once again to make this event happen, perhaps next year he needs more helpers and golfers. The club is also very appreciative to the sponsors that helped to make the day the success it was.

For next year we are in dire need of a Sergeant and a PE, you can self-nominate!

Yours in Rotary

*Phil Gresham*  
**President**

### WHAT'S ON?

**27 June 2016:**  
Mystery Event

### DATE CLAIMER

**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 20 June 2016

Chairperson for the day was Wal. Bishop. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he welcomed President Phil Gresham. Phil's message is provided 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. Even though registrations had now formally closed he was still hoping for some more players. He thanked those members who were playing or making donations, including cash or in kind contributions.

Phil Little spoke about the 'Solar Decathlon' involving Universities worldwide. Unfortunately there had so far been little interest in Australia. The focus was on solar energy to power homes (including 'affordable homes') and solar cars. There was lots of interest in this topic from members with a good deal of audience input including from Max Winders who had first been introduced to solar energy in a course at University in the 1960s, and had been an advocate ever since. There was also discussion about other technologies (including 3D Printing). Phil Little suggested that we might try and get Rotaractors interested in these technologies.

After a lengthy period of Fellowship, President Phil Gresham briefly discussed the findings from the Club Survey. The results had very recently been circulated within RCOB, and he urged members to study and reflect on the results before the next meeting to help with a detailed discussion.

Wal Bishop led an impromptu and entertaining SAA session during which he exacted the usual fines. He actually won the raffle, but the joker is still in the pack and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.50pm.

## Saving mothers and children in Uganda

By Ronald Smith, past governor of District 7430 (Pennsylvania, USA) and a member of the Rotary Club of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

I began planning a vocational training team with my son Ryan in 2006, when he was still a medical student at Drexel University in Pennsylvania, USA, with an interest in doing a rotation in Africa. My previous experience with Rotary grants, and my friendship with fellow district governor Francis Tusibira "Tusu" of District 9200 (east Africa)," inspired me to form a team.

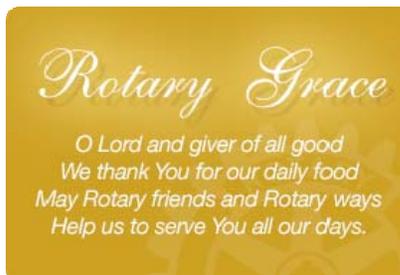


The author, third from right, during the Drexel team's visit to Uganda.

I first met Tusu at the San Diego Zoo while we were both taking part in Rotary's annual training event for incoming governors. Later, we reconnected at several Rotary conventions, and collaborated on Rotary Foundation grants for medical projects. Later, as Foundation chairs for our districts, we were excited about the idea of bringing medical professionals together to exchange knowledge.

With the help of the Rotary Club of Blue Bell, a detailed plan evolved.

I met with the Rotary Club of Kampala North and faculty at Makerere University in Kampala in January of 2013. Meeting with faculty and local Rotarians, we identified the need for improved maternal and child healthcare education in suburban and rural areas of Uganda.



## Calendar

### 4 July 2016:

Speaker: to be confirmed

### 11 July 2016:

Fellowship

### 18 July 2016:

To be confirmed

## Roster

### 27 June 2016:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	J Delahunty
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	T Kung
<b>Raffle</b>	G Whitmore
<b>Visitor Register</b>	M Winders
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

### 4 July 2016:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	D Henderson
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	M Evans
<b>Raffle</b>	G Holtmann
<b>Visitor Register</b>	S Francis
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

### 11 July 2016:

<b>President</b>	P Gresham
<b>Chairperson</b>	S Dunlop
<b>Set Up/Away</b>	P Little
<b>Raffle</b>	P Ryan
<b>Visitor Register</b>	J Ryder
<b>Attendance</b>	D Schellbach J Smerdon

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As we visited more than eight health centers and conducted interviews with health professionals and ministry of health officials, we honed in on the need for midwife education in emergency obstetric care and childbirth interventions.



A mother and her child during one of the team's health camps in Uganda.

Our plan sought to:

- send Uganda medical staff to the U.S. and U.S. doctors to Uganda to deepen skills and exchange knowledge
- Develop a sustainable computer network to educate healthcare professionals.
- Provide equipment and supplies to improve the community health center infrastructure

We selected team members from Drexel's faculty and from Makerere University in Uganda. In Uganda, the Drexel team worked alongside obstetricians to treat patients and provide pediatric training for health center staff. Drexel faculty were trained in Helping Babies Breathe, an infant resuscitation technique used in resource-limited settings, and Helping Mothers Survive, an innovative training initiative designed to equip health workers with the knowledge and skills they need to prevent mothers from dying during birth.

The team helped set up health camps, train midwives, and establish a computer network that will assist with continued self-training and serve as the back-bone for distance education learning. During the Uganda team's visit to Drexel, members were trained in developing distance education courses on healthcare.

These teams of doctors, nurses, midwives, and information technology faculty have exchanged visits. Both teams immersed themselves in the other's environment and culture. Through the personal and professional relationships they have forged, these universities have now signed major collaboration agreements that will sustain this effort well beyond our project. Additionally, the Ugandan health centers will become Centers of Excellence in Midwife Training.

Through this model, Rotary clubs and universities in Uganda and the rest of Africa can work together to develop sustainable technology-based education that will enhance health care and save lives.

### *Rotary Youth Exchange has touched my entire family*

By Linda Mulhern, a member of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minnesota, USA  
Source: [blog.rotary.org](http://blog.rotary.org)

When you become a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you never imagine how it might affect you in the long term. In my case, my exchange has connected my family in more ways than one.

As a Youth Exchange student to Sweden in 1979-80, I learned a lot about what I was capable of doing on my own, my strengths and weaknesses, and what it took to overcome obstacles. I had an incredible year in Sweden, and still speak Swedish fluently. I have contacts with many friends and communicate regularly with my host parents and host sisters.



The author, far right, and her daughter with a former Rotary Youth Exchange student from Chile.

After my exchange, I met my husband in ROTEX, a group for Rotary Youth Exchange alumni. He had been a Youth Exchange student to Argentina, and we bonded over travel stories. Once we had kids, I knew our experiences might inspire them to travel.

Our son has taken part in a Rotary Youth Exchange to Turkey and our daughter is currently on a Youth Exchange in Finland. She is one of three girls on a boy's hockey team and loves it. We have also hosted over 20 Youth Exchange students over the years.

### **Dinner conversation**

I have used my Swedish in my profession, and both my husband and I have been able to reach out to people with our language abilities. Our children are able to talk about world events at the dinner table, and we have received many compliments from our children's friends about how fun it is to talk about world cultures, languages, and politics at the dinner table. They love the laughter, but also realize that to follow the conversation, they need to stay current on world events.

I am most proud of my kids because they will find ways to be inclusive with everyone they meet, find common interests, and start conversations to learn more about the world.

Share your Youth Exchange experience. Your story can inspire others to travel and learn as well.