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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Phil Gresham
President Elect	Tony McKinnon
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Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	

**District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's Message

This week's speaker is our very own member James Delahunty talking on DIK and what government and big business has done to stop DIK sending pharmaceuticals to PNG and other overseas destinations. Millions of dollars in aid have been stopped because of this maybe James has a solution, make sure you are there to find out.

This week I attended my last CBD Clubs Cluster meeting breakfast and met all of the new presidents for the year including Rotoract. At these meetings all club presidents, plus the Assistant District Governor, share what is happening at their clubs, I was told that "Anthony doesn't do early mornings" but I do hope he might make an exception in his year. For those who find it hard to attend our Monday lunch meetings you can now see what the other clubs are doing and consider a makeup there.
<http://brisbanerotary.org.au/cbd-rotary-cluster-club-events/>

It has been along year 55 President's messages, but only one to go and I can hand over to incoming President Anthony, I will be giving my annual report at this meeting.

Yours in Rotary

Phil Gresham
President

WHAT'S ON?

11 July 2016:
James Delahunty
*"DIK - What
happened to the
Drugs?"*

DATE CLAIMER

July 18 2016
Changeover meeting

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 4 July 2016

President Phil Gresham chaired the meeting. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Phil's message is provided in detail elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, PP Wal Bishop spoke about the formation of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid-City that was 'spun off' from RCOB during his presidency during the 1970s. Contrary to some rumours of dissension at the time, he stressed that this had been an amical arrangement and the rumours were unfounded.

Keith Watts indicated the Club By-Laws were changed to reflect RCOB's switch from the Benevolent Fund to a PAF with RCOB as the Trustee (as previously reported). The changes were effective from 3 July 2016

After a short period of Fellowship, Phil introduced the guest speaker, new RCOB member Jacqui Page, who was giving a job talk on her career with The Coca Cola Company (TSSS) in senior executive positions, and also her thoughts about future directions of the Club, based on her experiences elsewhere.

Career with TCCC

Jacqui's career with TCCC spanned 21 years from 1976. TCCC is the American side of the coke business. The company manufactures and owns the concentrate, and the bottler side of the business adds bubbles and water, puts it into cans and bottles, and sells it in the market place.

She started her career with the administration of an in-house defined benefit superannuation fund. Five years later she took on the role of 'Personnel Manager' – this in the 1980's when affirmative action was all the rage. Having decided she needed more education, she ultimately ended up with a Master of Business degree specialising in employment relations.

She became a member of the Executive Management Team (the only female). She was moved to Bangkok as a member of the South East and West Asia Division Executive Team.

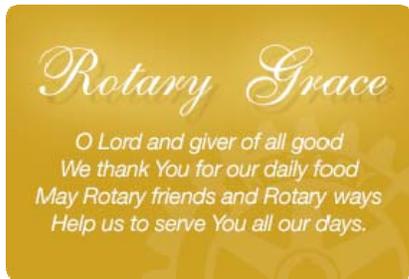
This was sent in to clean up corruption in the Divisional and the Regional Offices, where she encountered solid local resistance including threats (some violent) from some local management.

During her time in Bangkok, a salary structure was introduced that made sense in the local marketplace, benefit plans were updated that hadn't been revised for years, and barriers between division and region were broken down. From her Bangkok base she travelled frequently to Pakistan, and nearly all of the other countries in the Division. In her view, the level of corruption encountered in Pakistan was far worse than in Bangkok.

Eventually, after fighting corruption for several years, she transferred back to the Sydney office that was going through organisational transformation, in which she specialised. She accepted the transfer on the understanding that she would stay only 3 years and then to take early retirement. In Sydney she ultimately led an executive management team with equal representation of men and women, and achieved considerable change, and with a salary and rewards structures that encouraged innovation and creative thinking.

On retirement in 1997, she travelled to many countries over a period of 12 years and decided that she wanted to give something back to her community.

One of Jacqui's many community contributions has been as a member of Rotary, including as President and Secretary of the Rotary Club of Berrima in District 9710 (Southern NSW and ACT). During her time with the Club she was recognised as the 'Key Rotarian in District 9710' and as a 'Hidden Treasure' by Prime Industries NSW.



Calendar

18 July 2016:
Changeover meeting

25 July 2016:
Speaker: to be confirmed

1 August 2016:
TBC

Roster

11 July 2016:
President P Gresham
Chairperson S Dunlop
Set Up/Away P Little
Raffle P Ryan
Visitor Register J Ryder
Attendance D Schellbach
J Smerdon

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At RCBD she soon realised that significant changes needed to take place if the Club was to be seen as an exciting place of action. The Club had an old way of operating, very stuck in its ways, with not enough fun and action.

She worked for three years with like-minded people and today RCBD has achieved amazing results – it is vibrant and there is fun.

Thoughts about the Future of Rotary Clubs Clubs that are stuck using a very old model of Rotary will ultimately simply die. What was acceptable when Paul Harris and his fellow Rotarians created Rotary on February 23 1905 no longer applies. If businesses were operating now as they did in 1905 they would simply cease to exist. They would not be relevant. The pace of life is too fast and people now look for different things.

That doesn't mean the strong platform of Rotary should be lost. The objectives of Rotary and the basic tenets of the 4-way test should never be lost. But that doesn't mean that some of the other things that were used in meetings in the first 30 or 40 years of Rotary should still be in play. The younger generations coming through live in a different world, and Clubs that will survive are already embracing those changes.

She concluded by saying: 'I shall say little more on the subject – but if a Club is to survive and go forward then it needs to be prepared to embrace change and change that reflects business today. I know that is very uncomfortable for some people but people join Rotary because they want to make a difference in their community and with some of the challenges of the world'.

This was an excellent and thought provoking presentation much appreciated by the audience...RCOB is fortunate to have Jacqui as a member. Finally, she was thanked by acclamation.

In the absence of an SAA session, President Phil asked that members contribute \$5 each in place of the usual fines. Don O'Donoghue won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2.05pm.

Why surveillance is so important to polio eradication

By Michael Zaffran, director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization
Source: blog.rotary.org

In a small health clinic in Tharaka Nithi, Kenya, Amina Ismail pours over a register documenting all of the doctors' appointments from recent months, a nurse by her side. She is checking every record for symptoms of polio – the sudden onset, floppy arms and legs that signify acute flaccid paralysis.

As they work, she checks that the nurse knows what the symptoms are, and that she knows what she has to do if a child with acute flaccid paralysis is brought to the clinic. This detailed surveillance for polio, working hand in hand with those who know their communities best of all, has been the linchpin of the work of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

Surveillance officers like Amina work and volunteer around the world with one aim: the eradication of the poliovirus. Networks of health workers, traditional healers, religious leaders, teachers and parents have helped us identify paralyzed children; and then by testing their stool samples in laboratories, we can find out if polio was the cause. This information has enabled us to hold vaccination campaigns to rapidly increase immunity in places where the virus is circulating, to protect children against paralysis, and ultimately remove any hiding place for the virus so that it dies out. Once we have successfully done this everywhere in the world, polio will be eradicated.

We have never been so close to our goal of a polio-free world. There are just two countries left where the wild poliovirus is still circulating – Afghanistan and Pakistan. This means that the partners of the GPEI along with country governments, donors, civil society, and parents are working harder than ever before to make sure we know exactly where polio is, so that we can respond quickly to stop every strain of the virus.

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Surveillance is one of the most important jobs done to eradicate polio. And today, as fewer countries actually have cases to be found through acute flaccid paralysis surveillance, new and innovative approaches are being used to find viruses even before they cause symptoms.

Kano, Nigeria

It is five thirty in the morning in Kano in the north of Nigeria. As the sun comes up and people begin to wake and gather at market stalls, in traffic jams, and by small fires on street corners, two men stand by an open sewage system. The men put on protective coats and gloves and carefully lower a small bucket down to collect a small amount of the slow-moving water. They package it carefully, take off their gloves, carefully place it in a cool-box and the sample begins its journey to the polio laboratory.

By testing water in the environment for the poliovirus, alarm bells can be sounded ahead of time if children in any area could be at risk.

As Director of Polio Eradication for WHO, I depend on thousands of people, including committed Rotarians, to vaccinate children, research new ways to deliver these vaccines, to plan and advocate, and to mobilize essential resources. Tracing every last poliovirus through surveillance is a crucial part of these efforts, showing us the symptoms so that we can prevent disease in the first place.

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Peace Fellow's project improves access to health care for refugees

By Rebecca Bartlett, 2014-16 Rotary Peace Fellow, Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Source: blog.rotary.org



Many refugees rank finding a job and getting a good education for their children as their most pressing needs after finding asylum in a new country. Access to healthcare barely makes their list, even though health affects their ability to acquire and keep a job as well as their children's ability to perform well in school.

What's more, refugees are rarely able to focus on accessing prenatal/postnatal health care and family planning services, despite the fact that 80 percent of most refugee populations are made up of women and children. Many refugees in transit through Europe have little or no systematic support or knowledge of the public health resources and legal rights available to them. They are also particularly vulnerable to exploitation and trafficking.



[mAdapt]

Throughout my time as a Rotary Peace Fellow, I constantly thought about how I could work with Rotary to improve access to quality healthcare for refugees and other vulnerable populations.

mAdapt is a research project which aims to connect refugees in Europe with culturally sensitive, country- and language-specific information intended to address their reproductive health needs using a smartphone app. Additionally, mAdapt has the goal of assisting public health practitioners and data analysts in "crisis-mapping" the needs of refugees through the collection of anonymous data on what information and services were searched for most and where.

Why is this data so important? For years, women and children have ceased to be "counted" at both the global and local levels when it comes to policy-making and funding. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has recognized that closing the gender gap on data is so essential in empowering women to succeed and improving their condition that they have pledged \$80 million over the next three years in support of projects that tackle this issue.

With the support of a district grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Chapel Hill in North Carolina, USA, the mAdapt team has made connections throughout the United States and Europe within the academic, technological, health, and social welfare communities and most importantly, with Rotary clubs across Europe and the U.S. We will be applying for a global grant later this year, and welcome the advice of Rotary members and clubs. To find out more about how you can get involved, contribute to our research, or lend your expertise, visit www.madapt.org or contact Rebecca via info@madapt.org.