



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Anthony (Tony) McKinnon
President Elect	
Imm Past President	Phil Gresham
Vice President	Dr Keith Watts
Secretary	Michael Stephens
Treasurer	Warren Walker
Sergeant-at-Arms	Max Winders

**District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's Message

Fellows,

We are almost two months into the rotary year and it is time to review how the club is progressing towards the overall goals set for this year. Directors should now be finalising the make up of their respective committees which will work together to their achieve service aims.

A club assembly has been set for early next month and directors will report on what has been achieved, what remains to be done and where the opportunities for service will be in the immediate future. Apart from the fundraising challenge the club faces, the club needs to engage with key stakeholders in the Brisbane community to highlight a landmark project that will focus our fundraising efforts and grab the community's imagination and support.

Given the club's proud history of achievement in community service, this is well within our grasp.

Yours in Rotary

Anthony McKinnon
President

WHAT'S ON?

29 August 2016:
Fellowship

DATE CLAIMER

August 31 2016
Wal Bishop Testimonial
Dinner

September 11 2016
Rotary Leadership Institute
(RLI 9) Session 1

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 22 August 2016

Chairperson for the day was Terry Kung. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Tony McKinnon who welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Tony's message is provided elsewhere in the bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach reported that she had been able to find accommodation for the two students from Rotarian families in Denmark who were in Brisbane for their University studies.

Keith Watts reported on the RCOB Membership Committee meeting held on 17 August. Some ambitious targets had been set including eventual 50 per cent female membership. Various membership initiatives and been discussed and adopted. Details may be found under the 'Join us' menu on the RCOB webpage. (www.brisbanerotary.org). He also reminded members of the District 9600 membership functions scheduled for 11 September and 9 October at North Lakes.

Jacqui Page reported that arrangements for the Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner (scheduled for 31 August) were well in hand. So far some 110 persons had registered.

PP Mel Evans reported on the Aunties and Uncles Charity BBQ held at the Roma St Parklands on 21 August. It had been a good day and he thanked RCOB members for their help.

Phil Little again stressed the need to focus on youth membership and suggested that we should study 'smart' communication channels used by this cohort, and tap into them.

After a short period of Fellowship, Terry Kung introduced the guest speaker Sean Lues from Journeys Worldwide, speaking about 'Africa's Diminishing Wild Life'. Sean has extensive knowledge about Africa which became obvious during his talk that was richly supported by photos. Sample pictures may be obtained at: www.journeysworldwide.com.au/ under the 'Gallery' menu.

Among other matters, villagers often killed wildlife to protect their crops, and animals were in greater danger in peaceful times than during wars, when people tended to be more distracted from hunting...hence conservationists had to be more active during periods of peace. Despite declining wildlife numbers there were also some positive signs, for example with elephants.

This was an excellent presentation appreciated by members. Questions and discussion followed. Finally Sean was presented with a memento of the occasion and thanked by acclamation. (Interested members may contact Sean at Journeys Worldwide for further information about Africa and details of conducted tours with which he is associated).

Acting SAA Tony McKinnon provided an entertaining session while managing to exact the usual fines. The raffle was won by a visitor (Jamie), but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

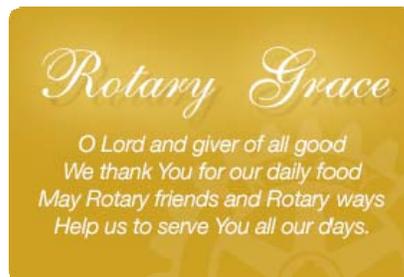
The meeting closed at 2pm.

Reason to love Rotary: mentoring young leaders

By Programs for Young Leaders staff
Source: blog.rotary.org

You're up at 5:30 a.m. for your sunrise meeting. You stay long after the sun goes down to clean up after your club's event. And, last spring, you raced daylight across twelve time zones to join other Rotarians at a national immunization day. Rotary moments? You've got 20. You love everything, from polo shirts to Paul Harris Society pins, except for this mentoring stuff.

For you, youth service has the awkwardness of a school cafeteria, the uncertainty of a drama club trust fall, and the terror of a university quiz on German declension.



Calendar

5 September:
Mystery Event

12 September:
Club Assembly

19 September:
Speaker to be confirmed

26 September:
Tony Pilkington (ex ABC announcer)

Roster

29 August 2016:

President T McKinnon
Chairperson G Holtmann
Set Up/Away T Kung
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

5 September 2016:

President T McKinnon
Chairperson D Henderson
Set Up/Away M Evans
Visitor Register M Winders
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

12 September 2016:

President T McKinnon
Chairperson J Page
Set Up/Away P Little
Visitor Register P Ryan
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

19 September 2016:

President T McKinnon
Chairperson G Whitmore
Set Up/Away S Dunlop
Visitor Register J Delahunty
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

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secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



It's small wonder you're first on the list for the highway cleanup, with its predictable neon vests, and last to host an exchange student, advise an Interact club, or mentor Rotaractors.

But now's the time to see that Rotary's programs for young leaders give you everything you love about Rotary just with a few more emojis, pizzas, and blazers covered with pins. (That's right — even more pins than Rotary.) You'll find the camaraderie of your meeting, the energy of your service project, and the sense of purpose you experienced at your National Immunization Day. Like those other activities, you'll get back much more than you give — a multi-generational group of friends, inspiring Monday morning stories, and, more than likely, an enhanced social media presence on Snapchat.

- Hang out with 300-500 friends-you-haven't-met. Whether you're in Phoenix, Brisbane, or Córdoba, Rotaractors make you feel right at home. Before an hour has passed, you'll have 20 friend requests. That evening, over sashimi tacos, you'll expand your palate and broaden your perspective as you hear how Rotaract clubs make positive change happen.
- Laugh, cry, and learn at RYLA. RYLA is a transformative experience that takes young people out of their comfort zones to discover their leadership potential. As a volunteer, you'll be part of that RYLA magic when you stay up until 2 a.m. to build a soda bottle and duct tape boat with "Team Otter." Don't be surprised if you cry during the RYLA video montage or suggest a trust fall for your next work retreat.
- See the world through Youth Exchange in your hometown. Hosting a Rotary Youth Exchange student means seeing the familiar with new eyes. Boost your brainpower by finally facing those German case endings. You'll forge new neural pathways as you build world peace. Where else can you do that in three months, except through Rotary?



- Venture into the belly of the beast. Middle school. By mentoring a young Interact club, you'll guide emerging leaders through the hormonal, emotional, and social challenges of early adolescence. As you plant trees, dance in an anti-bullying flash mob, or throw a pizza party fundraiser, you'll experience the joy of Service Above Self.

Invest in yourself, and the future of Rotary, by mentoring the enterprising, energizing, and exuberantly unpredictable next generation. Once you're ready to do P4YL (text speak for programs for young leaders) send a Snap to your district leaders. Don't worry — that district Rotaract representative from Argentina will teach you how.

Where are all the young members?

By Evan Burrell, a member of the Rotary Club of Turramurra, New South Wales, Australia
Source: blog.rotary.org



Evan Burrell, left, discusses membership with Rotarians in Sydney, Australia

As a former member of Rotaract and now a young Rotarian, I get asked quite a lot, "where do we find more young members like you?"

It may seem like young members are as elusive to catch as Pokémon, but with the right strategy and awareness, it's not that difficult at all. The truth is, they are really all around us. They may be in your work place, they may be in your neighborhood, or they may be in those other social gatherings you belong to. Others may be active in our youth programs like Rotaract and RYLA, readying themselves for the challenges that lie ahead.

Attracting new members is pretty critical to our clubs. They are the lifeblood of our organization, bringing in fresh ideas and insights, and keeping our clubs alive and relevant. In turn, young professionals seek a sense of purpose and belonging, and this is exactly what your club can give them

As we celebrate Membership Month in Rotary, here are my tips for attracting younger members

1. Don't go too crazy at first. If the average age of your club is over 60, begin by trying to attract members in their 40's and 50's and work from there.
2. Use your age differences to your advantage. Stress the opportunity for career mentoring and set up mentoring programs pairing members with vast experience with those just beginning their careers.
3. Make sure you welcome new members into your club. At meetings, assign a seasoned veteran to each new member to be their host and introduce them to everyone else in your club. In time, the newcomer will get a better feel for the club.
4. Use social media (Twitter, Facebook). Let's face it, anyone under 30 is on social media 24/7. So use it to your club's advantage by promoting your activities and what you do in the community.
5. Sponsor participants for our young leaders programs. College or university students are excellent candidates for a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. Sponsor a high school student for a Rotary Youth Exchange, and you not only broaden their horizons, but also make a lifelong friend of Rotary. Work alongside these future leaders of tomorrow so they become interested in your club and our organization.
6. Keep younger, and newer, members in the loop. This one is a biggie! Don't waste all that effort attracting new members only to forget about them and let them drift away from lack of attention. Engage them in as many ways as you can. Find out what they are interested in, and put them in charge of things that match their likes. If you have enough new members with a particular interest, start up a new program or incorporate their interests into an existing one. Make sure you give them lead roles, and give them a real opportunity to make a difference.

Member recruitment is a must for any club that wants to survive and not turn into the Rotary Club of Jurassic Park. It is not difficult, but you DO have to put some effort into it. You won't regret the time, though, when you see your club take on new life.