



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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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,

Last Monday the club had an interesting club assembly, during which we discussed very important topics affecting the club's functioning and wellbeing. If you were not able to attend please make every effort to come in November. Your opinions and suggestions are important.

As I have said previously, we must focus on how to raise funds to operate the club effectively at an economic cost in money and time to members. Like it or not it is always easy to come up with fundraising initiatives that compete with other fundraisers for the public's ever decreasing, discretionary disposable dollar. We need to consider how the club can attract contributions from the corporate and governmental purse rather than continue to make appeals to our membership. The club also needs to make urgent efforts to fund raise for its operational needs as we cannot continue the way we have.

The club social function is planned for 26 October 2016. It will be a film night at Tattersalls Club, Brisbane when members and their spouses will join the members of Tattersalls' Classic Film club and enjoy a meal and a classic for a budget price. I shall be asking for numbers and money from those who would like to attend.

Yours in Rotary

Anthony McKinnon
President

WHAT'S ON?

26 September 2016:
Tony Pilkington (ex ABC announcer)

DATE CLAIMER

Sunday 9th October
Part B Rotary Leadership
Institute 9 - RI D9600
Centre, North Lakes

Sunday 30th October
Part A Rotary Leadership
Institute 10

Sunday 20th November
Part B Rotary Leadership
Institute 10

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 19 September 2016

Chairperson for the day was Graeme Whitmore. 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. Guests were Thomas Allison (Rotary Club of Brisbane Exchange Student to Denmark) and his mother Janelle. Tony's message is provided elsewhere in the bulletin.

President Tony also reported that Brisbane Mid-City to have a guest speaker on 28 October. They requested that our club cancel our meeting on 24 October and have a joint meeting with them.

As Club Bacchus, Tony advised that the next social event is to a film evening at Tattersalls Club on last Wednesday in October. Attendees would join with Tattersalls' Classic Film Club for the evening. A meal plus movie \$37.50 would cost per head.

After a period of Fellowship, Thomas Allison spoke briefly about his upcoming 12 month student exchange to Denmark. He made the following points:

He is very grateful at being given the chance to be an exchange student.

- His mother was a former exchange student to Denmark.
- He is a student at Brisbane Grammar School (BGS).
- Both parents are medical specialists.
- He has a couple of younger siblings at BGS.
- He wants to learn a second language and will try to learn some of Danish.
- He wants to foster greater understanding between Australia and Denmark.

Thomas received the meeting's best wishes for the 12 months ahead and members looked forward to hearing from him again on his return.

Acting SAA Sergeant Tony McKinnon held a brief but entertaining session. Wal. Bishop won the raffle but could only draw the three of clubs. So the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm.

What makes a Peace Fellow?

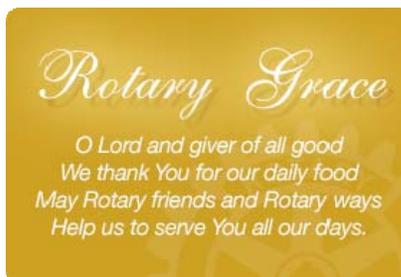
By Christopher John Lindstrom, a 2011-13 Rotary Peace Fellow at International Christian University, Japan
Source: blog.rotary.net

As a Rotary Peace Fellow, I was excited to be able to use my experience building bridges of understanding through language all over the world on board the Peace Boat.

Peace Boat is a 33 year old nongovernmental organization based in Japan that works to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development, and respect for the environment. Peace Boat's first voyage was organized in 1983 by a group of Japanese university students as a creative response to government censorship regarding Japan's past military aggression in the Asia-Pacific. They chartered a ship to visit neighboring countries with the aim of learning first-hand about the war from those who experienced it and initiating people-to-people exchange.

It was my pleasure to travel the world via this cruise ship during 106 days ending in July on board a vessel that embodies many of the same values as our Rotary Peace Fellowship program. Before I began the journey, I touched base with current and past peace fellows in Tokyo at International Christian University, and later three more in Iceland, and finally two more in Venezuela. Through these exchanges, I was able to see the spirit that peace fellows bring into their future careers, whether they be at for profit organizations, NGOs, or government agencies.

In addition to exchanging pleasantries and sharing current professional roles, I decided to ask peace fellow alums another question, "What makes a peace fellow?" They shared with me several great ideas, including:



Calendar

3 October:
Queen's Birthday Public holiday

10 October:
Fellowship

17 October:
Jacki Huestis
'Mercy Ships'

24 October:
Griffith University Research Centre
Music, Health & Wellbeing

Roster

26 September 2016:

President	T McKinnon
Chairperson	M Williams
Set Up/Away	G Holtmann
Visitor Register	K Watts
Attendance/	D Schellbach
Raffle	J Smerdon

3 October 2016:
No Meeting
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

10 October 2016:

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

17 October 2016:

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

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Christopher John Lindstrom and English and Spanish trainers aboard the Peace Boat.

Peace fellows should be a voice for those who need someone to speak up on human rights related issues.

Peace fellows should understand the root causes of conflict, so that they may be positive change agents towards more peaceful solutions.

This was such a good experience, I am planning on doing it again at the end of this year, when I embark on Peace Boat's 93rd Global Voyage, which focuses on countries in the southern hemisphere, mainly on the African and South American continent. I look forward to touching base with more peace fellows and sharing their words with you.

Additional answers from Peace Fellows:



"The value of service and human rights are found around the world, that's the message of the peace fellowship." Christopher Cade Moseley International Christian University 2013-15



"I believe in the power of foreign language education to foster global citizenship, promote community engagement, and increase international dialogue." Sarah Sanderson International Christian University 2013-15



"Peace fellows work for those who are in need; we are concerned about the main issues that negatively impact peoples' lives." Heydee Marquez International Christian University 2012-14



"The qualities of a Peace Fellow include a relentless commitment for taking appropriate action for more peaceful societies and mitigating conflicts and violence." Aldo Perfetto Alexandrow Duke University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2009-11.

How a Rotary Scholarship to Ireland changed my life

By Dave Revsine, former Rotary Scholar and studio host for the Big Ten Network, adapted from a presentation to the Rotary Club of Deerfield, Illinois, USA Source: blog.rotary.net



A year in Ireland as a Rotary Scholar changed my life. It is something I still think about every day. It altered my life trajectory, and allowed me to see the world in a different way.

I was entering my senior year at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and trying to figure out what to do with my life, when a good friend of my dad's, a professor at Rice University, set up a lunch to talk about my career aspirations. As a history major, I had good grades, was starting an LSAT review course, and figured I'd probably end up going to law school. But I wasn't excited about it.

Through a series of questions, he learned I had a desire to study abroad, though I had never wanted to miss a year on campus. He let me know I could still qualify for what was then called a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship.

It sounded like an incredible opportunity, so I called my high school principal who was active with the Northbrook Rotary Club, got an appointment with the district's interview committee, and four or five days later was delighted to learn I was selected!

Time to think

I spent my scholarship year at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. I'd like to say that my life was dedicated to scholarship in that year, but that wouldn't be truthful. But it was dedicated to getting to know my host country, going to Rotary clubs in tiny places in Ireland, and seeing a way of life that was so different from the one I was accustomed to.

That year allowed me to step back and think about what I really wanted to do. It made me realize I didn't have to have all the answers at the age of 22. As a student, I had worked for the radio station at Northwestern calling Wildcat games, and what I really wanted to be was a sports caster. But I had felt the path too difficult or uncertain. During my time in Ireland, I said to myself, what difference does it make? I could be 25 or 26 and figure out what to do with my life, if it didn't work out.



When I got back to the U.S., I tried to get in on some sports casting stuff and wasn't able to at first. I ended up getting a job at a large bank training to work in corporate finance. It was the most miserable year in my life. But it pushed me further in the direction of giving a try to what I really wanted to do.

Breaking into sportscasting

Through a high school friend, I got a job at a small market television station in Texas covering high school sports as the weekend sports anchor at the CBS affiliate. After two years, I got a job in the Quad Cities in Iowa. Then ESPN hired me as one of the first studio hosts for ESPNEWS, a network they had just launched. I spent the better part of a decade moving up through the ranks hosting various programs.

In 2007, the Big Ten Network contacted me and asked if I had interest being their lead studio host to launch this new network. We are going on our tenth year and I've had opportunities to cover some amazing sporting events. I also wrote a New York Times best-seller, *The Opening Kickoff: The Tumultuous Birth of a Football Nation*.

So I just want to say thank you, Rotary. Were it not for you, I wouldn't have had these chances. When people think of Rotary, they mostly think of all the great things in the world you have done, from fighting to eradicate polio to advocating for literacy. But I say, thank you for altering my life, too. I am forever grateful.
