



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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*A global network of community volunteers*

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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

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

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

**District Governor**  
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International  
President**  
John Germ

## President's Message

## WHAT'S ON?

10 October 2016:  
Fellowship

## DATE CLAIMER

**Sunday 30th October**  
Part A Rotary Leadership  
Institute 10

**Sunday 20th November**  
Part B Rotary Leadership  
Institute 10

**Tuesday 29th November**  
The Rotary Foundation  
Centennial 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 26 September 2016

Chairperson for the day was Mark Williams. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International, he introduced VP Keith Watts who was Acting President for the day as President Tony McKinnon was unable to attend.

AP Keith welcomed members and guests to the meeting, including Seton Elick from the charities 'Aunties and Uncles' and Kath Coory from the 'BestaLife Foundation'. RCOB has been providing mentoring and other support to these charities. Both were to be presented with cheques today with some of the proceeds from the recent Wal Bishop Testimonial Dinner. Keith also reminded members of the 2016 Australian Rotaract Conference to be held in Brisbane, during 14 – 16 October. Further details of the event may be found at: <http://conference.rotaract.org.au/arc>.

In Rotary spots, cheques were presented to the charities. The first for \$6,000 was presented to a very grateful Seton Elick (pictured) from Aunties and Uncles (mentored by Mel Evans and Clive Shepherd). Seton indicated that the donation would allow additional assistance for needy children. Kath Coory (pictured) gratefully accepted a cheque for \$5,000 on behalf of the BestaLife Foundation (mentored by Clive Shepherd) which would help 'to continue changing lives'. See: <http://brisbanerotary.org.au/club-projects-current> for further details about the charities and RCOB's involvement.

Denise Schellbach attracted attention to the speaker program published in the Bulletin and indicated that Queensland Police Commissioner Ian Stewart had agreed to speak to RCOB on February 6, 2017. She also urged members to read the Bulletin and take notice of the Duty Roster so that they would attend as scheduled.

After a short period of fellowship, Mark Williams introduced the guest speaker Tony Pilkington OAM, who had recently joined the Club. Previously Tony worked for some 50 years in commercial radio in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales, and his efforts have been recognised with the award of an OAM.

He also worked extensively as MC and Guest Speaker, 'always with a comedic approach to his experiences, personalities met and interviewed and 'bloopers' committed'. In this vein, Tony provided a very interesting and enjoyable session on his association and experiences with Sir Donald Bradman over some 25 years from 1976. His talk was supported by some correspondence between Tony and Sir Donald which suggested that the cricketing legend was a man of few words in public and who valued his privacy. The talk was much appreciated by members. At the end Tony was thanked by acclamation and the audience looked forward to hearing more from Tony in the future.

SAA Max Winders provided an entertaining session including some good jokes, while exacting the usual fines from members. Mark Williams won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.



## Calendar

**17 October:**  
Jacki Huestis  
*'Mercy Ships'*

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

**31 October:**  
Greg Beard  
Mater Foundation.

## Roster

### 10 October 2016:

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

### 17 October 2016:

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

### 24 October 2016:

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

### 31 October 2016:

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

Please forward any dates or articles of interest that you would like to see included in future Bulletins to the Bulletin Editor at:

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## Fighting polio – an emergency response in Nigeria

By Chris Offer, Rotary Club of Ladner, British Columbia, Canada  
Source: [blog.rotary.net](http://blog.rotary.net)

In late August 2016, I had the extraordinary opportunity to be in the National Polio Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Abuja, Nigeria. The center was activated to manage the response to two polio cases confirmed in Borno State.

I was in Nigeria as part of a Polio External Review team with the World Health Organization, CDC, and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that had been planned months before. But with the discovery of new polio cases, our focus shifted.

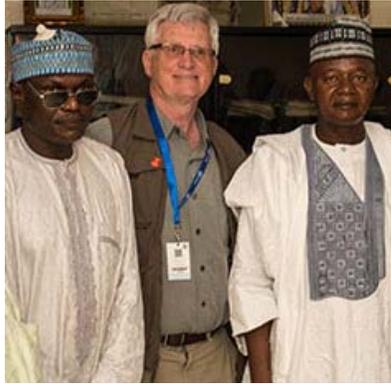


The Emergency Operations Center in Abuja, Nigeria, kicks into action.

As a retired senior police officer, I'm familiar with the use of a central command center to deal with emergencies. The strategy to bring key decision makers into one room from all participating agencies is an effective way to manage emergencies. Communications is face-to-face and decisions are not delayed.

In 2012, emergency centers were established in the capital of Abuja and Nigeria's northern states with the highest polio infection rates. Nigerian government health agencies, Rotary International, UNICEF, WHO, CDC, USAID, and the Gates Foundation are all involved. Rotary is represented by a member of the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee.

The centers provides fully-equipped office space, fast internet access, modern communications equipment, and backup generators. This is particularly important for polio workers in rural areas or areas that are not secure.



Chris Offer, middle, with other participants at the emergency operations center.

### Military provides security

While I was at the center, an emergency teleconference was held between the national and the Borno emergency operation centers which confirmed the use of military personal to provide security for polio vaccinators and military helicopters to deliver vaccine. The conference also approved the dispatch of hundreds of thousands of doses of polio vaccine and verified time lines for vaccination to be completed.

The parties discussed the challenge of the nearly two million people living in camps for Internally Displaced Persons. These are people who have been forced to move by the Boko Haram terrorists in Borno. Vaccination of children in the accessible camps is under way, but hundreds of thousands of children are in camps that are inaccessible. The military is working to regain control of the area, but about half the state is inaccessible.

I was impressed to see the emergency response to the new polio cases. Children are being vaccinated. Border countries in the Lake Chad area have joined the response and are vaccinating children. The Rotary Foundation has allocated \$500,000 in emergency funds.

For all Rotarians, the new polio cases were disappointing. For the two children, who already live in poverty and have had to flee their homes, polio is devastating. This is why we will continue fighting this disease until we finally eradicate it and keep our promise to the children of the world.

## 5 Reasons to apply for a Rotary Peace Fellowship

By Barbara Servulo Herthel, a Rotary Peace Fellow from Brazil  
Source: [blog.rotary.net](http://blog.rotary.net)

As I reached the end of my Professional Certificate Fellowship Program at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University, I found myself dealing with a lot of feelings and thoughts about this experience. I am very thankful for the three months, all the sharing and learning I received from others, the daily routine, the field trips, and more.

To express my gratitude, I decided to come up with 5 reasons to apply for this program, based on my own experience and the lessons I learned.

- Sharpen your motives: Through the application process, you have a chance to reflect on your experiences, review your life story, recap your achievement to date, and affirm your interest in the peace field. This process was my first great learning experience.
- Embrace diversity: Having the opportunity to study, learn and make friends with people from different backgrounds and life experience encourages you to examine your attitudes and values, and in turn broaden your perspective of the world. It also helps raise self-awareness and an awareness of others.
- Learn to face conflict: Yes, we don't have to be afraid of conflicts! The program is a great learning exercise in accepting and practicing peaceful resolutions of conflicts. Understanding conflicts is the first step. They are inevitable, but what the program teaches is finding creative solutions to conflicts through communication, cooperation, and critical thinking. It's important to study conflicts and understand why they occurred and what can be done to bring a peaceful resolution.



- Grow your knowledge of peace and conflict: The program provides access to great resources on conflict resolution, including books, references, classes, field study trips, great professors, and amazing colleagues. Peace fellows have their views broadened, as they gain care, courage, and wisdom to face future interventions.
- Be inspired. The program is intense, and will strengthen you to continue working for a more just and peaceful world. You will be inspired by stories and experiences from other Peace Fellows and your teachers, as they share wisdom and challenge you to rethink our views about conflict and peace. The great staff at the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University will take care of all the details, leaving you ready to learn how to change the world.

*Editor's Note: There is also a Rotary Peace Center right here in Brisbane at the University of Queensland (For further information see: <http://www.uq.edu.au/rotary>).*

