



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Inc.

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Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
241 Adelaide Street
Brisbane

MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
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
Founded 29 May 1923**

District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's Message

It is with pleasure, and I feel humbled to be reappointed as your President for the remainder of the year following the resignation of President Tony McKinnon.

I hope I can fulfil the trust that has been placed in me by the members and board.

With last week my first back in the chair it seemed slightly strange after 18 months of being a general member of our club, but I will get back into the swing of it, as following our club meeting a full on board meeting was held.

It is my intention to have our service chairpersons, carry more club responsibility especially in the area of membership and financial control & service areas.

We must increase our membership, and we have several prospective members in the system for club approval. These new members will add some additional substance, and, a renewed skill base, they will be integrated into the clubs workings and obligations quickly.

We are also under the process of reviewing our budget and cost structures to enable us to fulfil our clubs administration & charity proposals both existing and into the future.

WHAT'S ON?

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

DATE CLAIMER

Sunday 30th October
Part A Rotary Leadership
Institute 10

Wednesday 9th November
5.30 - 6.30pm, Membership
Drive in The Oak Room of the
Brisbane Club.

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?





President's Message - continued

As noted at the meeting my previous company has entered into a strategic partnership arrangement with the recently completed Hummingbird House, as part of the companies 50th birthday celebration, and representing the companies social responsibility, as the person who started the Qld operation of DCWC 16years ago, I am happy that this partnership has developed with Hummingbird House with the intention of developing further like facilities in other parts of Qld.

Since Monday last I have been approached by a State High School who wanted to get rid of some chairs and tables, I have spoken to DIK and they will accept them. I asked for photos and numbers of furniture, I have been amazed at what is on offer, the apparent quality and numbers available. Approx 300 tables (school desks) and 250 heavy plastic chairs, likely to fill a full container. I will be asking members to help with the collection of this furniture and delivery to DIK.

I hope I can continue to provide opportunities for our club to be involved in charity issues.

Next week we will be welcoming President Joseph (Ky Cheung) from our Sister Club in Hong Kong, he is visiting to sign a new Sister Club agreement following a name change of his club to the Rotary Club of Tsim Sha Tsui. He will be at our club for lunch on 24th Oct and leaves for Hong Kong later the evening. I put out a request for a large attendance on this day.

President Graeme

Rotary Minutes – 17 October 2016

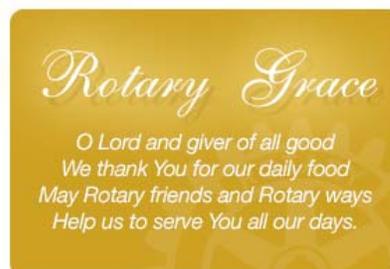
Chairperson for the day was Jacqui Page. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International she introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme welcomed members, visiting Rotarians and other visitors to the meeting. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach reminded members of the duty roster for the coming week. She also publicized the meeting program for the weeks ahead, as outlined in the Bulletin.

Wal Bishop reminded members that 24 October is World Polio Day. Also that Past RI President Sir Clem Renouf, a Queenslander from District 9600, had proposed that RI adopt polio eradication as a Rotary project beginning with his Presidency in 1978-79. (On this see: www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/w-hy-polio-rotarian-january-2014)

Jacqui Page advertised a 'Membership Drive' function scheduled for 9 November between 5.30pm and 6.30pm in the Oak Room, level 4 of the Brisbane Club. The first half of the meeting would be for networking, and the second half would consist of a number of short presentations on topical issues. Tony Pilkington would be MC. Members would be asked to participate.

After a short period of 'Fellowship' the Chair introduced the Guest Speaker Jacki Huestis whose topic was 'Mercy Ships'. Jacki is a Nursing Professional at PA Hospital and is also a volunteer with Mercy Ships. Jacki's detailed presentation was accompanied by videos and slides. She also circulated a brochure entitled 'Bringing Hope and Healing to people who need it most'. In a nutshell: Since 1978 mercy ships has transformed millions of lives, all on board hospital ships docked in developing nations; more than 2,516,000 patients have been treated ; more than 36,650 Healthcare Professionals have been trained in their field of expertise and; more than 1100 Community Development projects have arisen. (Extensive details on the Organisation, including history, volunteers, fleet and partnership with Rotary may be obtained at: www.mercyships.org.au/who-we-are.html)



Calendar

31 October:
Daryl Iseppi
Rotary Foundation.

7 November:
Greg Beard
Mater Foundation

14 November:
Fellowship

21 November:
Saxon Mew - Brexit

Roster

24 October 2016:

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

31 October 2016:

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

7 November 2016:

President	G Whitmore
Chairperson	D Henderson
Set Up/Away	P Little
Visitor Register	P Ryan
Attendance/	D Schellbach
Raffle	J Smerdon

14 November 2016:

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

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This was an excellent presentation much appreciated by the audience. Questions and discussion followed. Finally Jacki was thanked by acclamation and presented with a memento of the occasion.

Acting SAA Steve Dunlop ran an entertaining session including some good jokes, while exacting the usual fines from members. Clive Shepherd won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2pm.



Meet the 2016 Miles to End Polio team

By John Hewko, Rotary International General Secretary
Source: blog.rotary.net

On 19 November, a team of Rotary staff and I will join Rotary members from Arizona (District 5500) and around the world to cycle up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication.

The event is one of the top cycling events in the U.S., attracting more than 9,000 cyclists each year. We are aiming to raise \$3.4 million, which will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of more than \$10 million for the fight to end polio.



Last year's Miles to End Polio team on ride day.

In August, the World Health Organization confirmed two cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in Nigeria, the first cases in the country since July 2014. While this news is disappointing for all of us, we must remain steadfast and fully committed to fighting polio anywhere children remain at risk, including Nigeria and Africa. Now, more than ever, we need to redouble our efforts to help Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria to retain strong immunization coverage globally. Supporting the Miles To End Polio ride is one way to show these countries that Rotary's commitment to polio eradication is unwavering, whatever obstacles we face.

Learn more about each team member, follow them as they train, and add your support by donating to their ride. Team members will be sharing their training experiences here on our blog as the event draws near.

Team members



Courtney Drew is an analysis and pre-conventions specialist, focusing on Rotary's Youth Exchange program. She joined Rotary in 2014 and has worked on two international conventions. Because of her role, she has met hundreds of Rotary and Rotaract members and is impressed by their commitment to Doing Good in the World. As a long time athlete, she's no stranger to training programs and is ready for the opportunity to make a direct impact.



Robson Duarte works at Rotary's Brazil office in São Paulo. Robson says Rotary's work in local and international communities makes him feel proud to be part of the staff. He can be found cycling on the streets of São Paulo during his daily commute to work or on his way to volunteer at orphanages. Besides cycling, Robson also enjoys hiking and other outdoor sports during his free time. He is eager to ride with the Miles to End Polio team.



Christian Pepera manages The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, a group of volunteer Rotarians who monitor and evaluate Rotary's grant projects. He has worked at Rotary for nearly a decade and has had the opportunity to visit Rotary-funded projects to see firsthand the incredible results that members have achieved. Christian sees participating in Miles to End Polio as a chance for him to get out of his cubicle and join colleagues and Rotary members who are directly contributing to the eradication of a devastating disease.



Dave Stumpf is director of auditing services at Rotary International and president of the Rotary Club of Evanston, Illinois, USA. He has participated in several triathlons and has finished two 140.6-mile Ironman competitions, as well as many other running and cycling events over the years. Dave is looking forward to crossing the finish line at El Tour de Tucson and helping Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.



Jose Zambrano is a contribution processor for The Rotary Foundation. For as long as he can remember, he has been passionate about outdoor activities and sports. Jose believes that team activities make you push yourself the extra mile, just as he sees Rotary members push themselves to make their communities better. He is excited to improve his abilities, raise funds for polio eradication, and have plenty of fun along the way.



Nora Zei has worked at Rotary for nearly 14 years, currently as senior director of programs and member services. She is proud of how far Rotary has come in its efforts toward a polio-free world. Nora has spent hours contributing to polio-eradication fundraising efforts in her various Rotary roles, and she is eager for the chance to participate in a much more personal way — through cycling, her favorite hobby. Nora is excited to challenge herself to complete her first 100-mile ride. Let's End Polio Now!

Advocate program builds a culture of peace

By Jean Best, a Peace Officer in District 1020, with Rotary Peace Fellow Flor Yanez and Rotary Coordinator Keith Best
Source: blog.rotary.net

Who would have thought that sitting in an awareness raising session about Rotary Peace Fellows would have led to the creation of a skills based Peace Advocate Programme and an invitation to affect the lives of young people across the entire country of Mexico?

We received an invitation from Mexico's national commission for peace after Rotary Peace Fellow Flor Yanez addressed the state congress in Mexico City about building a national engagement with young people through a culture of peace. The program provides a bridge from oral intention to practical reality. This reality empowers young people to develop conflict resolution strategies for themselves and to work with others in conquering conflict within themselves, their school, community, home, and beyond.



Jean Best addresses participants of a peace conference.

Half of the program develops skills for changing the mindset from acceptance to questioning to making informed decisions. The other half develops service projects to promote peace in their communities. The combined impact of these individual projects and skills contributes to a culture of peace.



From left, Jean and Keith Best with Flora Yanez in Mexico

We are now in our third year and as well as creating Peace Advocate groups in schools and communities, we have developed Peace Conferences designed by and delivered by young Peace Advocates to other young people. Peace Advocates are strongly influencing and shaping change in their schools and communities by using the skills of collaborative conversation, purposeful listening, and purposeful speaking.

Once they have achieved the status of a Peace Advocate, they use their leadership qualities to lead other groups of young people through the same processes.

The project was introduced at the Rotary Convention in Sydney and more recently at the World Peace Conference in Ontario, Los Angeles. We now have a Peace hub coordinated in both venues and projects being developed by Rotary Peace Fellows in Liberia, Nigeria, and Kenya demonstrating a cross-cultural approach. The program is in English and Spanish.