



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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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
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District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's message

Fellow Rotarians

After a short break on the Far North Qld Coast and extremely hot days in the weekend I am back in the Hot Seat.

As noted in my short message last week, members banded together and up lifted Desks and Chairs from Springwood State High School and unloaded into a container at DIK for shipping to the Solomon Islands, we have another uplift this week with an early start at 6am, this will complete the supply from this school, it is probable that a further 300 sets (chair and table) will be made available to our club for delivery to DIK from another school.

I will be running an in club raffle to cover the cartage costs of the current deliveries, and I respectfully ask that all members support this internal fund raiser. I again thank all the members that have helped with this small project, the first since my return to President.

On Monday we had a presentation on the establishment in Australia, or more particular, Queensland of the Sisters of Mercy, that has culminated in what we know today as the Mater Hospital and Research Centre. Great Story and well presented by Greg Baird.

Apologies were received from 5 members and acknowledged.

We have a membership drive this week and hopefully some new and long term members will result.

WHAT'S ON?

14 November:
Saxon Mew
Brexit

DATE CLAIMER

Postponed to February 2017:
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 we near the end of the year we have several joint meeting opportunities with the Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid City, with the aim of working together jointly on some projects, all members are requested to attend these joint Friday Lunch time meetings if possible. We will of course be retaining our own Monday meeting schedule as we have a lot of work to do before we close for Xmas vacation. Of particular note on the 21st November we have a fellowship/business meeting and all members are requested to attend if at all possible as there are many issues that need to be addressed as we move forward. This day will also be our final board meeting for the year.

On the 19th Dec we will hold our final club meeting and AGM all members are requested to attend as this is YOUR Club
On the lighter side the Wallabies found form and had a good win over Wales, and my team was beaten by Ireland (after 111 years and 29 previous test losses). Guess my team now needs to start its new winning streak.

Last week I attended my granddaughters final year prize giving and it was pleasing to see her presented with, amongst other awards, THE ROTARY CLUB OF CABOOLTURE COMMUNITY AND VOCATIONAL AWARD, must be following in my footsteps.

Take care of your loved ones and see you all next week

President Graeme

Rotary meeting 7 November 2016

Meeting Opened: 12.45pm
Chairman: Clive Shepherd
President: Graeme Whitmore

The meeting was opened by Rotarian Clive Shepherd with a welcome to all and a formal toast to Queen and Rotary International.

Clive then introduced three time President Graeme to welcome visitors and presented his address to the Club.

President Graeme then proceeded to pass on several items of business as detailed within his separate report in this issue. He also reminded the meeting of the following:

- Upcoming joint meeting with the Brisbane City Rotary Club.
- Upcoming DIK rescue of additional desks and chairs for shipment to Honiara.

Chairman Clive then invited members for 'spots'.

Vice President Keith Watts reminded members about the upcoming new membership event to be held at the Brisbane Club on Wednesday evening.

Rotarian Denise Schellbach passed on to members details regarding upcoming meetings and guest speakers.

The Chairman then introduced the guest speaker Greg Beard who provided a very informative talk on the Mater Hospital and the Mater Hospital Foundation.

His talk covered the history of the Mater Hospital from its beginning up to the present day and some of the early and notable Sisters involved with the Hospital over the years. He also revealed that the first Mater Art Union prize was a horse and cart, with the very first rubber wheel that progressed to a Chevy in later years and then to the current day Mater Prize Homes.

He also highlighted the physical growth of the Brisbane Mater Hospital and its current day expansion of services whereby the Hospital is also now the home of a major research centre and nurse training.

Following questions from the room, a vote of thanks was extended to Greg.

The Chairman welcomed Max Winders as a stand-in Sergeant at Arms, who proceeded to display a frightening ability to extract fines from the room, which was noted by the cash counters at the end of the meeting. He also managed to extract the winnings from the Melbourne Cup sweep winners.

He rounded his session up with a long but well received joke about traffic fines that resonated with the members in the room.

In view of your correspondent's poor showing in the raffle draw, the identity and result was not recorded. I can inform the members however, that the joker remains in the pack.

The meeting was closed with Advance Australia Fair.

Calendar

21 November:
Fellowship

28 November
John Lawrence -Shelter Box

5 December:
Federal Member for Brisbane,
Trevor Evans

12 December:
Fellowship

Roster

14 November 2016:

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

21 November 2016:

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

28 November 2016:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson T Pilkington
Set Up/Away P Robb
Visitor Register T Kung
Attendance/ D Schellbach
Raffle J Smerdon

5 December 2016:

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

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3 ingredients that make a Rotarian remarkable

By Dominic Kornu, Rotary Club of Sunyani Central, Ghana

Source: blog.rotary.net



I first visited the Sunyani Central Rotary club in August of last year as a guest, and was instantly welcomed and integrated into club activities. I knew from the start my relationship with the club was meant to be.

I was immediately encouraged to be part of visits to project sites. My professional skills in information and communication technology were tapped to help design fliers, revamp the club's website, and teach members about Internet security. It's been an exciting and challenging year as I grow as a Rotarian. Through it, I've come to understand and appreciate three main ingredients that make a Rotarian remarkable:

- **Time:** My club undertakes a number of projects, mostly installing pipes to communities that lack access to clean drinking water. These projects succeed because members make themselves available to perform needs assessments and site visits. Remarkable Rotarians also freely donate an hour of their time each week to engage in fellowship with other members and contribute their ideas to the club's pursuit of furthering Rotary's six areas of focus.
- **Commitment:** Being a Rotarian is not a luxury, it's a calling – a calling to serve. Remarkable Rotarians have an attitude of unwavering support for their club's goals and those of Rotary International. They are willing to work hard to achieve them.
- **Money:** Rotary is not an elitist organization. It's a group of individuals who pull resources together to achieve a goal and in the process make the world a better place to live in. Remarkable Rotarians are willing to give to support club projects and support the work of members everywhere through donations to our Rotary Foundation. These contributions are less daunting when we see the results of our investments in the future. Remarkable Rotarians give without expecting a reward.

One philosophy I have long held about Rotary is that it is no home for 'disguised beneficiaries.' Do not join Rotary with the intention of reaping property or amassing wealth. This notwithstanding, there are numerous immeasurable benefits of joining Rotary. Principal among them is the social capital one accrues. You get an opportunity to grow your leadership, managerial, communication, and leadership skills.

I am especially enjoying serving my district as Director for Youth Service this year, working with youth, who are the future of Rotary.



Our neighboring club, Sunyani East, presented exercise books and other supplies to students at Nwawasua school in September. Remarkable Rotarians donate time to projects such as this.

Peace Fellow's summer: a diplomatic experience

By Sarah Sanderson, Rotary Peace Fellow, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

Source: blog.rotary.net



As a Rotary Peace Fellow, I had been looking forward to my summer applied field experience, which is self-designed by the peace fellow. So I was thrilled when I was accepted for a summer internship position at the U.S. Embassy in Maputo, Mozambique.

The goal of a Department of State internship is to expose interns to a broad picture of how a U.S. embassy works. Because of this, over a ten-week period I was able to rotate through three different departments including: financial management, consular, and public affairs.

In financial management, I learned how the embassy budgets for not only the State Department but also for the CDC, USAID and PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), all which have a huge presence in Mozambique. In the consular department, I learned how to process non-immigrant visas for Mozambicans who wish to study or travel in the U.S. And in public affairs, I saw how the embassy managed the press and media and how to host large events for the ambassador or for international visitors.

Networking opportunities

But without a doubt, the biggest highlight and privilege of the summer was getting to know and spend time with Ambassador Pittman himself. Rotary's Peace Fellow program affords valuable opportunities to network with high-level individuals working within their fields of interest and see firsthand what the work is like. I had lunch with the ambassador and talked about his past career, took part with him in different press meetings and photo shoots, and accompanied him on trips to different parts of the country. Some of the trips that we took included visits to Peace Corps volunteers' projects and schools, local NGOs that trained women in entrepreneurial and business skills, and events to celebrate marine research in line with Secretary of State John Kerry's oceans initiative.

Equally interesting was to spend time with Ambassador Pittman's partner, Chris Milligan, who previously directed the U.S. relief efforts in Haiti and was USAID mission director to Burma in 2012.

The ten weeks with the Foreign Service in Mozambique was an incredible chance for me to grow personally and professionally and I'm grateful to Rotary for making such an applied field experience possible.



Rotary Peace Fellow Sarah Sanderson (second from right) and interns at the U.S. embassy in Mozambique with Ambassador H. Dean Pittman.



Report on New Members Information Night

A very successful meeting was held last Wednesday night at the Brisbane Club, despite a slow start with attracting attendees we were very successful in getting the numbers, especially with the help of new members. The meeting was dressed with posters and pull up banners on the club and Rotary looking quite festive and professional. New member Tony Pilkington did a sterling MC job, setting up the program by giving glimpses of his time in Rotary with visits to clubs around the world. Darryl Iseppi the District Rotary Foundation Chair presented on the great works of the RI Foundation, now in its 100th year. Wendy Protheroe the 9600 DGN discussed the ideals of Rotary while PP Wal spoke passionately on the success of Polio Plus and how through Rotary members could make a big difference to the world. The last speaker was Clive, talking on the success of the mentors for Charities Program with Bestlife and Unties and Uncles, though using the expertise of members.

The result was three membership applications on the night and hopefully more to come, if you didn't attend you missed a really invigorating meeting, your membership committee will meet again at VP Keith's home, don't hesitate to contact him if you want to attend or have ideas we can use.

PP Phil Gresham



Wal Bishop



Clive Shepherd



Tony Pilkington



Guests and members