



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	Graeme Whitmore
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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

Xmas is quickly approaching and all the things that we were all going to do may have to wait until the New Year, especially with the usual run up to the end of the year with Grandparents days, School Graduations and the rounds of business functions seems to take up all our spare time.

Spare a thought for our retail members this Xmas and also for the less fortunate than us in this world of turmoil.

This week we were indeed pleased to induct three new members Vis. Georgina Bishop, Jonathan Frew, and Danial Vankov. It is great to see some new and younger blood into our club, as these members along with some other prospective members will be the growth future of our 94year old club.

Congratulations & welcome to you all, you will quickly be integrated into active roles within the club as we continue to grow, mentors will be made available to you to assist in learning all the Rotary Activities and Roles.

In addition to the induction of the new members we presented three Paul Harris Badges for services to our club and to Rotary International.

Awards were made to PP Wal Bishop, Rotarian Denise Schellbach, & President Graeme.

Congratulations on achieving these awards for your continued service to Rotary.

WHAT'S ON?

21 November:
Fellowship

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)

Donations in Kind (DIK) Members John Smerdon, Peter Rob, Mark Williams and myself collected another 200 tables and chairs last Thursday and with the help of a very efficient truck driver and helper, three school groundsmen, the operation from school to DIK took a little under 2hrs well done and thanks to all who helped in this and the first delivery.

Through John Smerdon we will obtain another couple of hundred chairs and tables (junior school size) in the next week or so.

Help Industries (formally Sheltered Workshop) are currently preparing a new website, and are looking for old photos from Rotary when our club raised \$500,000.00 in 1966 to build a new workshop for use by the children and young adults. This FUND RAISER was a very large contribution, and created a successful business that has grown into HELP INDUSTRIES which creates employment for disabled and handicapped persons, and raises their self-esteem.

For those older members who were involved in creating the business you should be immensely proud of today's result, and just as important Help Industries are recognising the role of Rotary and our Club. "Well done."

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Rotary meeting 14 November 2016

Chairperson for the day was PP Wal. Bishop. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Graeme Whitmore, who welcomed members, visiting Rotarians and visitors to the meeting. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach reminded members of next week's duty roster. She also publicized the meeting program for the coming weeks (as outlined in the Bulletin) and Rotary products including scarves, ties and Christmas cakes and puddings. Denise also indicated that she would be asking for volunteers to help with the Eddie's Van initiative over the summer months.

PP Wal. Bishop, RCOB's Rotary Foundation Director, also publicized the Foundation Centennial Dinner scheduled for 29 November (as detailed under 'Date Claimers').

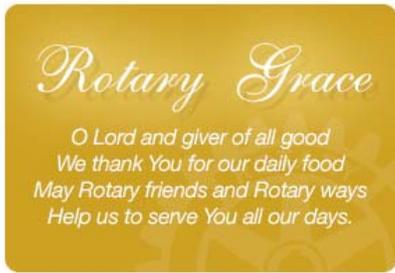
Next, President Graeme inducted new members Daniel Vankov, Georgina Bishop and Jonathon Frew (pictured). Members welcomed them to the Club by acclamation.

This was followed by the presentation of Paul Harris awards to President Graeme Whitmore, PP Wal. Bishop, and Denise Schellbach.

After a short period of 'Fellowship' the Chair introduced the Guest Speaker, Saxon Mew from Wilson's Advisory whose topic was 'Brexit', i.e. Britain's exit from the European Union. A referendum on 23 June 2016 voted for Brexit by a margin of 52% to 48% (with 71.8% voter turnout).

For the process to proceed, Article 50 of the EU's Lisbon Treaty needs to be invoked by the UK. It was assumed that this could be accomplished without first getting the backing of the UK Parliament. However this was recently challenged in the UK High Court, which judged that parliamentary approval must first be obtained. This finding is now being appealed in the Supreme Court. Once Article 50 has been invoked, Brexit will begin and take several years to complete. Saxon is optimistic about the eventual outcome. There were primarily three reasons for the UK support for Brexit: immigration policy; the dominance of Brussels in the running of the EU; and a UK perception that the EU is 'not working'.

All of this has created volatility in financial markets, making portfolio planning and management difficult and risky.



Calendar

28 November

John Lawrence -Shelter Box

5 December:

Federal Member for Brisbane,
Trevor Evans

12 December:

Fellowship

19 December:

Annual General Meeting

Roster

21 November 2016:

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

28 November 2016:

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

5 December 2016:

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

12 December 2016:

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

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In Saxon's view expert advice is essential. Volatility in financial markets has also been created during the recent US Presidential elections in which Donald Trump had seemingly prevailed 'against the odds'. As with the Brexit referendum, voter unrest in disadvantaged areas appears to have played a significant role, as did the extent of voter turnout.

This was an excellent presentation much appreciated by the audience. Questions and discussion followed.

Finally Saxon was thanked by acclamation and presented with a memento of the occasion (pictured). Editor's note: For further details on Brexit, the interested reader may wish to consult: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-32810887> .

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

The meeting closed at 2pm.



Rotary scholarship worth the 'calculated risk'

By Christine Cloonan, former Rotary Scholar
Source: blog.rotary.net

I first heard about the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship during a coffee meeting with a fellow member of a women's business network now known as Ellevate Network. My life path prior to that had been clear, but not always direct.

My goal was to study to get the best education I could with the ultimate purpose of getting a "good job." But to the bafflement of my older relatives, landing on that good job took a bit of exploring. My first job was with a law firm, which convinced me not to go to law school. Accepting a one year teaching fellowship, I began a five year teaching career and earned a Master of Spanish at Middlebury College. I then developed an "itch" to go abroad to perfect my language skills and explore new places.

Over coffee, my colleague, who like me was a native New Englander, spoke about the Ambassadorial Scholarship and all the various opportunities that it had led to in her life. She emphasized why it is important to take "calculated risks." This conversation became a turning point both personally and professionally.



Avenida del Libertador, Buenos Aires.

Argentina bound

After searching around for a sponsor, the Rotary Club of Andover, Massachusetts, invited me to breakfast so I could share my proposal to study in Argentina. They liked it, and after interviewing with the 10-person district committee, I received a letter – nearly a year after my initial conversation in the coffee shop – that I had been awarded a scholarship of around \$25,000.

I was fortunate to be able to travel to Argentina solo for 10 days before making a decision whether to accept the scholarship, and as a result of university visits, decided to request a change of institution and apply to the Master of Finance Program at la Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Argentina.



Christine Cloonan (right) visits a Rotary club in Argentina.

In March of 2009, I landed in Buenos Aires, with the excitement of a 10 year old. One of the reasons I liked the Rotary scholarship was the emphasis it had on community and my first evening there proved the point. Prior to leaving Boston, I had emailed all of the scholars who would be spending the year with me in Buenos Aires. One of them invited me to join him and some others at their apartment for dinner the night I arrived – what a way to avoid the repercussions of jet lag!

Having other Rotary scholars, and Rotary members in a host club, helped me shoulder the burden of adjusting to a new culture, language, and program in a new field. During the year, while studying and building friendships at the university, I took part in dinners, meetings, and events with the Rotary Club of Nueva Pompeya and other clubs around Buenos Aires, introducing me to the diversity that is Buenos Aires.

My favorite story is from a trip a fellow scholar and I took to Tierra del Fuego, often referred to as El Fin del Mundo (or the End of the World).



Taking a cab out of the airport to our hostel, we spotted a Rotary sign and decided to look up the local club. We found the location of its meetings, and the hotel concierge had us on the phone with the current president in a matter of minutes. Soon we had plans to meet her and another Rotarian for coffee, after which we were invited to join her and her husband at a local night club where their friend was a DJ. We had a memorable evening of dancing to American '80s music with a bunch of Argentines into the wee hours of the morning.

Lasting impact

On a personal level, my scholarship enabled me to become more outgoing, confident and personable. It taught me that there really is no clear path in life and that one just has to go with its natural flow.

My professional trajectory also changed. I began working for American Tower, a wireless infrastructure company based in Boston, which had been the subject of my master's thesis, as a Senior Financial Analyst with a focus on operations in Latin America. I encourage anyone, especially those facing a crossroad, to take a "calculated risk" and submit your application. It will be the first step in the journey of a lifetime.



Following her 2009 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, Christine Cloonan began working in the wireless industry and was selected as the 2013 Women's Wireless Leadership Forum Fellow. She is currently President of the Boston Chapter of Ellevest, a global women's business network. She has a Bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College, Master's degree from Middlebury College and a Master's degree from la Universidad Torcuato di Tella.

Financing polio eradication and development in Nigeria

By Quentin Wodon, president, Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., USA
Source: blog.rotary.net

As a lead economist at the World Bank, it has been exciting to see my organization step up to the plate and commit resources to the fight to eradicate polio.

While the World Bank is not one of the spearheading partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the organization does work closely with the GPEI, of which Rotary is a leading partner, as well as country governments to provide financing to help end polio. At the request of the Government of Nigeria, the World Bank has recently committed \$125 million for polio eradication in the country this summer. About half of these resources will fund oral polio vaccines and other operational requirements, while the other half will help fund routine immunizations.

In considering the World Bank's investments, I am struck by how intertwined the two issues of polio eradication and broader development are.

The World Bank program document notes multiple obstacles to eradicating polio, in large part due to the lack of security in the northeast caused by the Boko Haram insurgency. As a result, special measures are being introduced including "hit and run" interventions to immunize children and get out as quickly as possible in problem areas; building a "firewall" by ensuring immunity in areas surrounding these inaccessible villages; relying on local volunteers who won't draw attention as vaccinators; reintroducing the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) into routine immunizations; conducting bus stop and market vaccinations; and ensuring that all people in the displacement camps have been vaccinated.



A Canadian Rotarian immunizes a young girl against polio in Katsina, Nigeria.

In addition, the World Bank is providing another \$450 million to support development projects in Nigeria's northeast including:

- immediate basic social infrastructure and psychosocial support to communities most affected by displacement;
- labor-intensive work and skills development for youth, women and the unemployed as well as cash transfers for displaced families and individuals who return voluntarily and safely to their old communities;
- access to irrigation and drainage services, delivery of agricultural inputs, and other support for farmers in conflict-affected households, particularly women and youth;
- financial incentives for teachers who have completed psychosocial training as well as grants to schools to address specific needs identified by school-based management committees;
- health services with a focus on maternal, newborn and child health, nutrition, psycho-social support and mental health, as well as mobile clinics in communities in which health facilities have been destroyed.

I have written about some of the World Bank's past efforts toward eradicating polio in the Rotarian Economist blog, including an innovative buy-down mechanism through which the World Bank partnered with Rotary, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Center for Disease Control and the United Nations Foundation to finance polio eradication in Nigeria. Other posts have talked about World Bank investments with polio components in Pakistan, Yemen, and Nigeria.

The needs in Nigeria's northeast are enormous. Let's hope that the financing provided by the World Bank and other development partners will help eradicate polio, support development, and make a major difference in the life of those affected by the conflict.



President's Message

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RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is looking for a club director and a person to champion the cause, any member who would like to take this role please see me or Secretary Michael, no takers.... We will appoint.

Our speaker Saxon Mew spoke about Brexit and Incoming President Trump and the possible effect on the money market both short and long term, interesting talk, for any member who has a further question for Saxon, he has provided a mobile contact 0433 236 730 or email saxon.mew@wilsonsadvisory.com.au feel free to contact him.

Next week we have a Fellowship & Club Business Meeting followed by our monthly board meeting

All members are encouraged to come and enjoy our friendly club at lunch time, take the time to relax, support and enjoy an hour or so with fellow members

President Graeme
