



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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A global network of community volunteers

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(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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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
Founded 29 May 1923**

District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's message

Fellow Rotarians

In the absence of our bulletin editor last week, the notes today will serve as the President's Message and the meeting minutes for 21 November.

Great fellowship meeting last Monday, unfortunately quite a few missing in action today, these days are scheduled each month to enact club business and to allow extra time for members to have the opportunity to meet and discuss over lunch.

It is recommended that "New" members take the time to attend these days as a means of getting to know all members of the club, and learn what is occurring in the club, and to put forward suggestions for the improvement of your club with other members.

The meeting opened with the usual Rotary Prayer and Toasts, made easier with the provision of a small wallet card with Rotary Prayer one side and Induction Song on the other which had been prepared and provided by new Rotarian Georgina Bishop, thank you.

As last Monday was a fellowship day, under the chairmanship of VP Keith Watts. No speaker was present however PP Wal Bishop spoke about the Rotary Foundation, and the use of the Centurion Poles (these will be available for purchase for a \$2 Coin) and allow for the collection of 50no \$2.00 coins, making the \$100 centurion contribution to The Rotary Foundation, it will of course need to be topped up for the exchange rate differential, but once the tower is full it will be a great start. Wal also gave all members present a leaflet

WHAT'S ON?

28 November:
John Lawrence
Shelter Box

DATE CLAIMER

Tuesday 29th November
The Rotary Foundation
Centennial dinner

Postponed to February 2017:
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?





President's message (continued)

New Member Danial Vankov gave a visual presentation on the use of LINKEDIN as a means of having all members as a Rotary Only Group, this platform is generally in use by professional and or Business persons as a networking option. A good presentation and Danial was instructed to set up the group, and each member will be invited by Danial to join. So look in your inbox.

DIK (Donations in Kind) A further 200 chairs and tables will be delivered to DIK next week, these have been arranged by Rtn John Smerdon, this completes of present donations to DIK and I will send a certificate of appreciation to the Schools that have provided the desks.

I made the usual sports report, two wins to Wallabies and Kangaroos, and My Team All Blacks redeemed themselves by beating Ireland in the return match. If Ireland play that type game against the Wallabies, our unbeaten tour record this year will be in doubt.

Eddies Van will commence 12 Dec for 6 to 8 weeks; Denise will be looking for help from Rotarians 5 days a week, early start but finished by approx. 7.30am. All members are requested to be involved on a rostered basis, well worth the effort to assist Denise and the Homeless of our city.

Joint meeting scheduled for 16th Dec with Mid City, approx. 5 indicated they would attend. A similar joint meeting is currently scheduled for 2nd Dec details of which will be provided next week.

Rotary Acronyms, in my haste last week I used DIK & RYLA being rotary acronyms, this week for the benefit of new members I advised that on page 47 of our district directory there is a list of 33 Rotary Acronyms, that they may review. I am sure there are many others also.

Finally Rtn Clive Shepherd leaves Tues 22nd for a Cruise with his brother, and VP Keith Watts and wife leave on Wed for USA and Europe for a family Xmas. We wish you a safe and enjoyable trip

I closed the meeting with the singing of the national Anthem.

A Board meeting was held after the Monday's general meeting

President Graeme

When I give to Rotary, I get so much more back

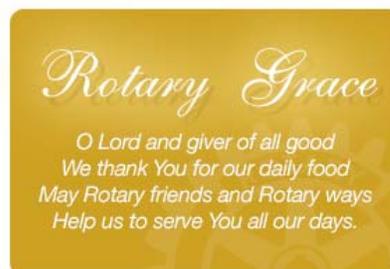
By Stephanie Witkowski, Rotary Club of Honolulu Pau Hana
Source: blog.rotary.net

At 28 years old, I decided to become a Rotarian, because Rotary changed my life.

I grew up in a small town in Oregon, USA, and was a young leader in my school. When I was 15 years old, I applied to attend a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event in Rotary's District 5110 to learn more about myself and what leadership meant to me. During that amazing week-long experience, I learned not only about how to be a better leader for my school and community, but about Rotary itself.

One of the things I learned about Rotary was the organization's commitment to international service through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. I had always dreamed of learning about another culture through an international experience with students my age. So when I was 17 years old, I applied to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student. In District 5110, they have a wonderful tradition of selecting the student's host country for them, and then SURPRISE! In 2005, I was off for a life-changing year in Slovakia.

Most students who have the incredible opportunity to study abroad speak of the experience as a pivotal moment in their life. That was certainly the case for me.



Calendar

5 December:

Federal Member for Brisbane,
Trevor Evans

12 December:

Fellowship

19 December:

Annual General Meeting

6 February 2017:

Police Commissioner Ian
Stewart

Roster

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

12 December 2016:

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

19 December 2016:

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

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While living with a host family, and studying at the local high school, I learned so much more about what it meant to be a global citizen and what my goals for my life were.



Stephanie Witkowski, middle in blue shirt, during her Rotary Youth Exchange in Slovakia.

During this year, I began to appreciate different cultures and languages and what they offer to our world as a whole. This path over time led to a BA in cross-cultural communication, a Fulbright Teaching Assistant in Slovakia at age 23, followed by three years of graduate study in linguistics. My Rotary Youth Exchange experience set me on a path toward my current career (as a revitalization linguist for a Native American Tribe.)

During my educational and professional pursuits, I always kept my connection to Rotary. In summers during college, I served as a RYLA camp counselor. I wanted to give back to the next generation of young leaders and inspire them. But the truth is, I always came away as inspired by the youth and their commitment to Service Above Self.

Finally, this May, I joined Rotary to once again give back to an organization that gave so much to me. But again, I find that when I give to Rotary, I end up receiving so much more.

Stephanie is one of 13,594 people who used Rotary's Member Center in 2015-16 to express their interest in Rotary.



Witkowski during her induction into the Rotary Club of Honolulu Pau Hana

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) born in Queensland

By Brian Carss

RYLA was born in Queensland in 1959 from a seminar called "Gundoo", run by the Qld. State Government for young people. This celebration was part of a festival to mark the visit of Princess Alexandra to Australia. The State Government invited two young people from every Council in Qld to attend at no cost to them. The State Government funded "Gundoo" but approached RCOB to accommodate guests, plan the program and run the week's activities. By all accounts the week was a great success with close on 300 young people attending.

Over the course of the following decade RCOB took on "Gundoo" as a regular project for their club with anywhere from 20 to 200 participants each year. Soon after RYLA spread throughout Australia and across the Tasman to New Zealand, it was finally adopted by RI as an international Rotary Project in 1972. Once adopted "Gundoo" was given the official name Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

So how has RYLA evolved?

Its Vision is to challenge young people from 18 - 28 years that have been selected by a local Rotary Club to attend a week long seminar aimed at developing their personal and leadership skills.

Its Aim is to recognize the best young leaders and empower them by providing them with the opportunity to learn skills, responsibilities and the challenges of leadership. It also aims to encourage these young people to improve their world through service.

A typical RYLA Program may include lectures, workshops, and small & large group discussions and team building exercises.

Topics covered maybe:

- 1 Fundamentals of leadership
- 2 Ethics of positive leadership
- 3 The importance of effective communication
- 4 Problem solving and conflict management
- 5 The building of self-confidence and self esteem

The Rev Allen Male ran the RYLA program for many years at his Shaftesbury Centre just off the Bruce Highway towards Caboolture. His programs were designed to emphasize team participation. He split the participants into teams who were set tasks to complete, rather like some of the team building exercises that we hear about being used by businesses and government departments. There were talks and also the opportunity to socialize. I recall a very memorable BBQ on the last evening. It was a very lively affair

Without exception, the testimonials that I have read from participants, all state that RYLA changed their lives forever.

The call has gone out to all District 9600 Presidents to identify and encourage eligible applicants to apply. The club has a responsibility to select the people it will support and pay the necessary costs.

In previous years the group experienced the adventure of sailing on a tall ship, the 'South Passage'. They learned what it is like to be part of the crew and how to work as part of a team.

I would like to encourage members who have young staff in the 18 - 28 age brackets to seriously consider proposing them to our Club to support their application.

About the author: Dr. Brian Carss is a Past President of RCOB. He also served RCOB in numerous other roles over many years, including as Secretary, Treasurer, and as a Trustee of RCOB's Foundation. Brian is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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