



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
Founded 29 May 1923**

District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's message

Rotarians & Friends

Welcome to another week in Rotary, I hope you all survived Cyclone Debbie without any major damage, in Brisbane I think we dodged a bullet this time round. Our thoughts go out to Rotarians in other parts of Queensland, as they go through the recovery phase.

Last week we had an excellent speaker, Associate Professor Mia Woodruff, who spoke on the latest advances in 3D printing for medical purposes, this young lady was inspirational in her presentation both on what has been achieved to date with her team and the planned future developments when they move into a World First Performance Institute at the Royal Women's Hospital at Herston.

The Team has been developing the 3D printing of ears for children born with congenital defects, previously these ears were hand made from moulds at a cost of \$10000, with 3D printing these can be computer developed from photo imagery, take by for example a mobile phone, and 3D printed in a matter of minutes. The team commenced with initial start-up funding for two years, and is now struggling to gain further funding to bring this medical breakthrough up to a commercial and viable product. Not to be beaten the team turned to "crowdfunding" for additional money and while partially successful, a further \$200k is required to continue the development over the next two years.

WHAT'S ON?

10 April 2017
Guilio Saggin
Award winning
freelance
photographer.

DATE CLAIMER

22 April (D1) and 21 May (D2)
Rotary Leadership Institute
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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)

In addition to the ear development Mia ran through other developments in 3D printing which also are quite amazing, and completed here presentation by visiting the future in how 3D printing will be integrated into a Hospital and in particular Royal Women's in Brisbane.

Some good questions were asked of Mia who responded with confidence. One wonders why an innovative medical breakthrough in 3D printing has to go "cap in hand" for private sponsor monies, when our federal govt is shouting about "Innovation will be the new future" for our grandchildren, Why?

Sadly I report the recent loss of the mother of Chris Muir last week, Chris's mum was aged 93 at the time of her death, John Smerdon and Don O'Donoghue represented our Rotary club at the service held last Saturday. Our Condolences go Chris and Dymphna Muir and their families.

Exchange Student

Following on from last week, we have continued to attempt to find a school for the inbound student and family accommodation, we have been unsuccessful in both areas and it is likely that we will have to withdraw from taking this student. It is worthy of note that most Private and Independent schools and some State schools have an international marketing arm to bring in Fee paying students as a means of cash flow generation for the school.

Georgina Bishop answered my call for an investigation into fundraising selling Byron Bay Cookies, thank you, this will be a club fundraiser for your support.

Golf: Another reminder about our golf day, just need 69 more players to make it a very profitable day. Remember 12th May
Thank you to the persons that have already replied.

Our recent membership drive was successful with approx. 15 prospective members attending, the membership team hope to secure some of these persons to our club.

Reminder to read your bulletin, if you are on duty, please attend or arrange another member to fill in for you.

Another good speaker and very interesting presentation is assured. This week don't miss this event, come and also share some fellowship with our Original and New Members

President Graeme



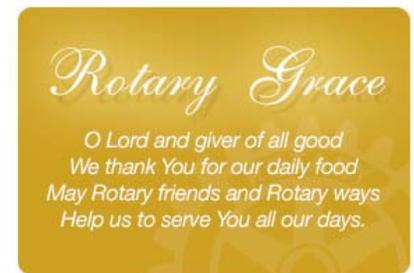
Create 'Twitter' volunteer opportunities

By Doug Vincent, a past district governor and member of the Rotary Club of Woodstock-Oxford, Ontario, Canada
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

Recently, I attended a great presentation on "Embracing Opportunity" as part of our day-to-day life. I've had the benefit of enjoying opportunities through my global Rotary activities and travels, but many members do not do take advantage of this outside their local Rotary club. Here is a great way to attract new member prospects with fun and enjoyment.



Past District Governor Doug Vincent (left) with school children during his recent Rotary travels.



Calendar

17 April 2017
Public Holiday, Easter Monday.

24 April 2017
Fellowship and Board meeting

1 May 2017
Public Holiday (Labour Day)

Roster

10 April 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson M Williams
Set Up/Away D Vankov
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

17 April 2017:
Easter Monday – no meeting



24 April 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson J Delahunty
Set Up/Away P Robb
Visitor Register G Bishop
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

1 May 2017:
No meeting (Labour Day)

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

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au



The author and travel writer Paul Knowles spoke about how we can each enjoy life's journey more when we are open to take advantage of opportunities that arise. He shared a variety of interesting experiences he had enjoyed by merely saying "yes" to invitations or suggestions while travelling. Once, when he was being taken to an island, he was invited to take the helm of a speed boat. At first he was hesitant and nervous. But then his mind accepted the opportunity and he "put the throttle down." He noted, "I felt adrenaline that had not been there for years."



Vincent sits down to lunch with school children during a recent service project.

Some ideas he shared included saying yes when a friend suggests a trip or activity; exploring different places or doing unique activities that may arise when you travel; meeting people from different cultures and learning from them; and volunteering for an event or group to make new friends and assist with a cause.

These days, he says, people are more interested in being a "Twitter Volunteer" which means they would commit to a short term activity or event, rather than going on a board or committee with longer range commitment. "They may give 144 minutes in spurts to help, but not an endless amount of time."

What's the take away for Rotary? Create a "friends of Rotary" group and have hands-on service projects they can join. We can likely attract more people with a shorter term commitment helping out with our projects than getting them to commit right away to all the demands of membership. As people get involved in one project, then another, they will experience the fun, fellowship, and satisfaction which motivates them to remain. While members may sometimes leave Rotary, they will not leave their friendship group. This is the key to retention.

Wanting to help others is human nature. So we need to ensure that our club(s) have regular hands-on service opportunities so the Twitter volunteers can embrace them. Potential members will join our cause long before they will join a dinner club.

Meet my vibrant club

By S. David Chang, Rotary Club of Seoul, Korea

Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



Our club, The Rotary Club of Seoul, was established in 1927 as the first club in Korea. We are unique in that our members are multinational and our official language is English. Like most other clubs, our challenges were: diminishing membership; inability to attract younger people; lack of community service; and uninteresting meetings sinking motivation and enthusiasm.

In recent years, our club board decided to transform our club with several new initiatives. We decided to form a satellite club for English speaking young leaders in Seoul between age 19-35. The group got started with Ray Chetti as its first leader, and we were successful in recruiting 65 young leaders. During the first year, this "Seoul Young Leaders Satellite Club" conducted 38 fundraising and community service events, raising over \$7,000. Now with new co-presidents (Sayel Cortes & Haein An), the club is focusing on helping single mothers without support.



Another exciting thing we did was to create a "convertible membership program" for busy people of age 36-55 to pay only half of our annual fee and come only a couple of times per month.

We also decided to lower the barriers for new members. We got rid of the clerk and lowered the annual dues and made our meetings more interesting. Now, every month, we have one formal lunch meeting, one community service event, one informal fellowship night, and one cultural or outside activity to engage new friends.

By cutting down operational expenses enough to give a \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation for every member, we became the only 100% Foundation Giving Club within our district. During the first year of our transformation, we increased our membership from 38 to 125 including 65 young leaders. We wiped out almost all district awards and restored our club image and reputation. It is important to create a challenging vision with stretching goals, but it is more important to sustain that momentum for several years. We are lucky to have club leaders like Andrew Lee, Marc DeVastale, Sugar Han, and many others who really care for Rotary and our club.

Rotary is all about service and friendship; and we must continue to be creative to make it enjoyable and meaningful.