



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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**District 9600
Club Number 17787
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District Governor
Alan Stephens

**Rotary International
President**
John Germ

President's message

Rotarians & Friends

Welcome to a great week in Rotary, I trust all had a happy Easter with family and friends, without over indulging in "Easter" eggs.

Last meeting we had an entertaining speaker, who presented a number of his freelance photos on his travels round the world. Our next speaker will be early May as during this time we have an Easter break then Labour day on 1st Monday of May.

On the 24th of April we have our fellowship meeting where we will induct Luke Marshall, that meeting will be followed by our board meeting. Board members are reminded to have their written reports in to our secretary on wed 19th April for consideration of any proposals that require decision to proceed.

A presentation will be made by one of our newer members Daniel Vankov, come along and hear what he has to say.

We are fast approaching our Charity Golf Day on 12th May at Virginia Golf Course Tee off at 8am. We can take 120 players.

This is a major fund raiser for our club and Michael & I URGENTLY need your collective efforts to attend, along with a team of your mates to play, enjoy great fellowship and view this day as a networking opportunity. There are great prizes on offer, and also bragging rights with your name on the Perpetual Shield, THIS IS FUN DAY and caters for all players.

WHAT'S ON?

24 April 2017
Fellowship and
Board meeting

DATE CLAIMER

21 May (D2)
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)

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 partially successful in obtaining a school but unsuccessful in finding parents for a full years accommodation. Sadly, we must withdraw our help for this exchange student, and have notified district accordingly.

It is a pity that this student was not made known to our club earlier to allow greater time to arrange schooling and accommodation.

At our last meeting we had Rotarians from round the world in attendance, so I arranged a "Class Photo" the photo will appear elsewhere in the Bulletin.

We had President Colin Desmond from the Rotary club of Carrickfergus in Northern Ireland, representatives (some our own club members) Germany, Bulgaria, South Korea, Taiwan, Australia, member from Rotary club of Dunedin in New Zealand, and finally from the eastern extremities of the globe Brazil: Quite a league of Nations!!

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

To All members please come and also share in the induction of Luke along with fellowship with our Original and New Members on 24th April

President Graeme

Rotary Meeting April 10 2017

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

In Rotary Spots, Denise Schellbach publicised the forthcoming guest speaker program. The more immediate speakers are detailed in the Bulletin. The Bulletin also provides details of the weekly Duty Rosters and members were urged to make sure they attended meetings for which they are rostered, or arrange a swap.

This was followed by an exchange of banners, between President Graeme and President Colin McCarthy, visiting from Belfast Ireland (pictured).



After a short period of Fellowship Danial introduced the guest speaker, Giulio Saggin, award winning freelance photographer. Previously, Giulio has had an extensive career as a professional photographer including with various News Limited papers and some years with ABC Online. His presentation focussed on being 'motivated, entertained, educated' In his talk to RCOB he presented a series of photos he has taken and provided an entertaining background for each, including how the photos came about and details about their composition. He is the author and publisher of the book '...so I did' (ISBN 0-646-375505-9) first published in 1999 (later reprinted) that includes a selection of his many photographs.

This was an excellent presentation by a very entertaining speaker and was much appreciated by the audience. Questions and discussions followed. Finally Giulio was presented with a memento of the occasion (pictured). (Note: Interested members may contact Giulio at soidid@hotmail.com , or contact him by phone on: 0417604256).



Calendar

1 May 2017
Public Holiday (Labour Day)

8 May 2017
Brigadier Bruce Scott (Rotary Townsville) - Kits4Kids Charity.

Roster

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

1 May 2017:
No meeting
(Labour Day)

8 May 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson D Adler
Set Up/Away J Frew
Visitor Register P Ryan
Attendance/ D Schellbach
Raffle J Smerdon

15 May 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson L Marshall
Set Up/Away G Holtmann
Visitor Register S Francis
Attendance/ D Schellbach
Raffle J Smerdon

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



SAA Max Winders provided an entertaining session while exacting the usual fines. Jacqui Page won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

This had been a memorable meeting with visitors and members from around much of the world...Australia and New Zealand, Asia, North and South America, and the EU (Britain and Northern Ireland and continental Europe). Giulio Saggin took a picture to celebrate the occasion (class picture attached).



The meeting closed at 2pm.

Other news

RCOB's Daniel Vankov, Russell White of the Australian Road Safety Foundation and Peter Frazer of Safer Australian Roads and Highways represented Australia at the Fifth Global Meeting of Nongovernmental Organizations Advocating for Road Safety in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Global Meeting brought together over 200 road safety experts from 70 countries to boost continued involvement in supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



From Rotary Scholar to Peace Corps

By Jasmine Segall, former Rotary global grant scholar
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



Jasmine Segall, right, and her best friend in Monterrey, who entertains children as a clown.

I have heard a variety of interesting stories about why the rural Costa Rican town I live in as a Peace Corps volunteer is called Monterrey. My favorite is the literal translation: "King of the Grass," explained by a wizened elderly gentleman as the place his family settled to farm cattle because of its nutritious vegetation. On a good day, I can get a clear view of the Arenal Volcano and see the lush farmland that stretches endlessly below. The view is breathtaking. It truly is a green kingdom.

My path to becoming a "loyal subject" of Monterrey was influenced by a lifelong involvement in community service. I grew up participating in the Girl Scouts, 4-H, and Key Club. As an undergraduate at the University of California, Berkeley, I volunteered at Kiva – a non-profit that makes small loans to empower entrepreneurs around the world.

One of the highlights of my undergraduate experience was starting a student group that partnered with Kiva to offer no-interest microloans to low-income entrepreneurs in Oakland, California, USA. Our first borrower used the profits generated from her microloan to fund her son's college education. As I am the daughter of a university professor, being able to impact someone's life this way left a powerful impression. The experience cemented my commitment to a career in local economic development.

A Rotary global grant made possible my dream of obtaining a Master of Science in Local Economic Development at the London School of Economics. Being exposed to such a diversity of international development theories and change-makers made my time in London one of the most inspiring periods of my life. Meeting Rotarians with an incredible dedication to service at both the Berkeley Rotary Club, which sponsored my global grant, and the Sidcup Rotary Club, which hosted me in the UK, reaffirmed my commitment to dedicating my own life to service. It was actually the experience of earning a master's degree that gave me the confidence to apply to the Peace Corps.



Jasmine Segall, center, at a rally to defend children's rights.

I have been serving as a Peace Corps Community Economic Development volunteer for almost a year now, and my primary focus is promoting women's empowerment and entrepreneurship. Examples of some projects I work on include helping a small women's group plan a sewing business and partnering with Grameen Bank to offer business coaching to female microloan borrowers.

One of my best friends and co-workers here in Costa Rica is a mother of four who works as a professional clown and volunteers for the national social service organization to entertain some of the poorest children in Costa Rica. Her life story is incredible. For someone who struggles to feed her children as a single mother, her passion for helping other children both humbles and inspires me.

Rotary has left a profound impression on me, as will my time as a Peace Corps volunteer. I can only hope that the next step will be similarly rewarding.



Visiting water-deprived communities in western Ghana

By Nana Konduah Dickye, Rotary Club of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana

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

On 12 November, I led a three-member team to visit seven communities my Rotary club is responsible for as part of the multi-year Rotary-USAID International H2O Collaboration in Ghana. The aim of the collaboration is to provide water, sanitation, and hygiene infrastructure and advocacy to deprived communities.

The total journey to these seven communities – Akwaso, Samfire, Amoada, Kyeikrom, Nkakaa, Bonuama and Anyabream – began at Takoradi and covered a distance of 800 kilometers. It is one thing to hear about communities without basic water supply and sanitation needs. Actually having been to these communities and experiencing the kind of hardships they go through is quite another.

In each community that we went, we first met with community elders to inform them of our mission, as is customary in Ghana. On the average, each community has a population of about 1,500, and 80 percent of the working population are engaged in subsistence farming. The remaining 20 percent are made up of table top food staff sellers and various handicraft artisans. Only Akwaso, which is a mining town, had access to a municipal water supply and a complement of other boreholes. The rest of the communities get their water supply from streams and “Sachet Water” which basically is 500 ml normal pipe-born water packed in plastic sachets for drinking.



Talking to villagers in western Ghana.

At Anyabream, the community's only access for household water is a contaminated stream, and people rely on sachet water transported from the bigger towns for drinking. At one of the eight households we spoke with, we learned they spend an average of 200 Ghanaian Cedi (about US\$46) on drinking water and cooking. This community, as well as the others, did not have any proper toilet facilities. “When you wake up in the morning you have to go somewhere in the bush to attend to nature's call,” said Mr. Mensah one of the elders we spoke to.

It was only in Akwaso that we saw a community toilet, and toilets in some of the households, mostly because of the bauxite mining activity in the town. Throughout our conversations with various households, we learned they were willing to contribute as much as 50 Ghanaian Cedi (about US\$11) per household as their contribution towards the WASH project we intend to undertake.

Through the collaboration, 103,000 people in 155 communities will benefit over the five-year life of the project by receiving access to clean water and basic sanitation.



Assessing a community's water situation during a recent visit.