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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

Rotarians & Friends

It was unfortunate that I could not attend our weekly meeting on 24 April, due to our son and his family returning to Canberra on a later flight than I expected, as he is in transit to the Australian Embassy in China for the next five odd years, we wanted to spend as much time as possible before he left.

I trust Michael Stephens, my short notice fill in, kept you all on the straight and narrow.

Last week was a fellowship and Board meeting and I understand Rotarian member, Daniel Vankov gave a very good presentation that is covered elsewhere, a copy of his presentation link has been sent to all members, and well worth a review.

Another Holiday was held 1st May (May Day/ Labour Day) but back to normal from now on, our speaker for the 8th is Brigadier Bruce Scott from Townsville Rotary Club will speak on the Subject of KITS 4 KIDS Charity. Come and listen to what another club is undertaking.

A date has been set for the "SUNDAY ROAST of STAN FRANCIS" (with apologies to American TV). We have set the stage to celebrate the life of Rotarian Stan both in business and in his Rotary achievements inc PHF, in the 41 years he has been member of our Club.

The function will be held on Sunday 30th July at a venue currently being arranged, put this in your diary now, and enjoy great fellowship and achievements of STAN.

Our induction of Luke Marshall was delayed from last week until a time to be established, Luke's work commitments prevented his induction but as I advised he IS a member of our club even though we are yet to formalise it.

WHAT'S ON?

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

DATE CLAIMER

12 May
RCOB Charity Golf Day
(notice previously circulated)

21 May (D2)
Rotary Leadership Institute
10.

Sunday 30 June
Stan Francis Testimonial
Lunch (further details to
follow).

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)

GOLF: we are only a week away from our Golf day and we still need players and prize contributions, YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED these days are about fun and fellowship, good food, and a challenge to win the Perpetual Rotary Charity Shield for Bragging rights, if you don't win you will still have fond memories of the day to take away, and we will have raised much needed revenue for our clubs charitable causes. **ROUND UP A TEAM NOW IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!!!**

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 share in the fellowship of our great Club, your attendance is appreciated.

President Graeme

Changing the world is possible, through Rotary

By Bethany Lerch, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, 2010-2011
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

I knew little about Rotary eight years ago when my former high school counselor encouraged me to apply for an Ambassadorial Scholarship. He was retired, but still active in Rotary, and knew a master's was my next step. At the time, I had just graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and knew I needed to go to graduate school. But where and how?

Through a Google search, I learned Rotary was an international service organization. Intrigued, I applied for the scholarship and made it to the district interview, where I was asked what I wanted to do, really do. The question took me by surprise. Unsure how to answer, I stuttered that I hoped to change the world someday. I remember looking at the floor thinking, how far-fetched.

Less than a week later, I received the call that I had been selected. What if, I wondered, my acceptance had to do with wanting to "change the world" someday?

The University of Saint Andrews was my graduate school home. I pursued Terrorism Studies in hopes of better understanding the phenomenon that was killing so many, so often. In spring, two faculty members took me and a dozen classmates to the Middle East to see the context of that particular enduring conflict for ourselves. It was crushing.

I zeroed in on Afghanistan with my research, marveling at the country and investigating its history of, and tendency toward, violence as a means to an end. If ever there was a country that baffled historians and social scientists, Afghanistan is it. From the Anglo-Afghan wars to the Taliban to Al Qaeda, Afghanistan remains a bit mysterious.

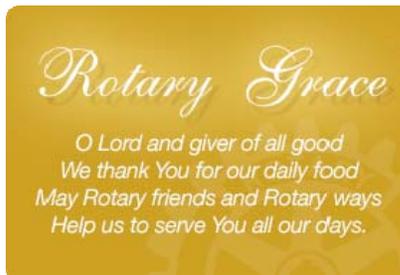
It took four years of independent work and international travel before I finally made it to Afghanistan as a trainer on Gender Integration and Resource Management with the U.S. government. My job was to meet incoming Coalition personnel and teach them about the overall mission, as well as the country's political and cultural terrain.

I arrived believing in making a change, forging ahead with equal rights for women, and telling others about doing the same. Less than a month later, a young Afghan woman named Farkhunda was brutally killed by a mob in downtown Kabul. Big questions set in. Mostly I wondered if we had the right approach: What if it was all too much, too soon?



My second job in Kabul took me from NATO headquarters into the city, where I worked with Afghan consultants to help their countrymen in the Ministries of Defense and Interior. Our team included strong Afghan women. Zahra was one of them. She demonstrated competence, courage, and commitment to rebuilding her country.

Zahra explained that she hoped to attend graduate school abroad. Like my guidance counselor before me, I told her about Rotary scholarships. Unfortunately, when we turned to Afghanistan-based Rotary groups, we found them unable to facilitate the global grant application.



Calendar

15 May:
Fellowship/board meeting

22 May:
Rotary Mental Health, Vicki Stewart, Chair 9600

29 May:
Lord Mayor Councillor Graham Quirk

Roster

8 May 2017:

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

15 May 2017:

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

22 May 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson B Grieve
Set Up/Away K Watts
Visitor Register P Little
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

29 May 2017:

President G Whitmore
Chairperson C Gibson
Set Up/Away D Vankov
Visitor Register M Williams
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
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



As an alternative, I turned back to my hometown Rotary clubs in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, USA. Would they be willing to help Zahra? They were.

The Afghan Education Project kicked off with a small group: representatives from two Oshkosh Rotary clubs, folks from the University of Wisconsin campus in Oshkosh, and I (in Kabul). The university waived out-of-state tuition; a Rotary club provided the sponsor letter to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul; and Rotarians donated to fund the cost of Zahra's in-state tuition for a graduate degree in Educational Leadership and Policy.

Now in her second semester, Zahra has achieved all A's. She is gainfully employed on-campus, for which she receives free room and board and meals. She is researching more about women's access to education in Afghanistan, specifically how ethnicity and regional cultural norms impact their access. Upon her return to Afghanistan, she plans to work in educational policy. She'd like to integrate more literacy components, diversity lessons, and tolerance best-practices into the national curriculum.

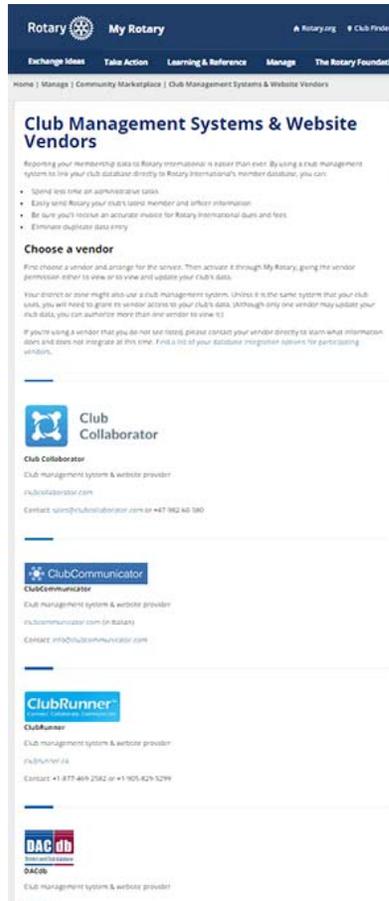
I've always suspected that changing the world is possible. Rotary helped change my world, then did the same for Zahra. Just as Rotary makes a difference through its global organization and local presence, so, too, will Zahra's future leadership in Afghan education make a difference for countless young students in Kabul and beyond.

Bethany Lerch is the founding President of Rotaract Oshkosh, graduate of the University of Saint Andrews, and former Coalition Military Advisor in Kabul, Afghanistan. For more information on the Afghan Education Project, including how to support it, visit www.able-to.org

How to spend less time managing club data

By Chelsea Mertz, communications specialist, Rotary Service Connections
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

Does your club manage members and officer updates online? Did your district buy a club management system for the clubs in your district, such as DACdb, but your club uses a different vendor, like ClubRunner?



At Rotary International, we now provide clubs with the ability to use multiple vendors. What this means is that if your club is using a different system from your district leadership, you can select the district's vendor as a secondary vendor. Your vendor would remain the preferred, primary vendor which would be able to view and update club data. The secondary and any additional vendors would have view-only access to club data.

As a club, you are the owner of your club membership data. But with the multi-vendor abilities you can determine who handles your data. Your district will still be able to "view" your club's membership, but they will not be able to update your information.

So how do you get started? Choose a licensed vendor and establish an account through the vendor's website. (Your club will be subject to the vendor's terms and policies.) Once you have an account, you can have a club officer integrate it with Rotary's database.

Over 14,000 clubs are already integrated directly with RI's membership database using tools provided by our licensed vendors. These tools help you keep your membership and club officer information up to date, connecting it to RI in real time. To find out more, visit our Community Marketplace. You will find tools to help you manage your club so you can spend less time on administrative tasks, and more time developing and taking part in service projects.