



# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

*A global network of community volunteers*

19 June 2017



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Inc.

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Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Edinburgh Room)  
of the Brisbane Club  
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Brisbane

**MONDAYS**  
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

## OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Graeme Whitmore
<b>President Elect</b>	Daniel Vankov
<b>Imm Past President</b>	Phil Gresham
<b>Vice President</b>	Dr Keith Watts
<b>Secretary</b>	Michael Stephens
<b>Treasurer</b>	Warren Walker
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	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

Some beautiful winter rain over weekend, good for the farmers as well as city dwellers, veggie garden is looking great.

Our speaker last week was our district past President Carolyn Krueger, her working visit to the slums of India to administer Polio Vaccine was interesting.

As I looked at the apology list I realised that last Monday we had over 10% of our membership overseas on holiday and next week we bid farewell to Rtn Chris Muir for five weeks, and Rtn Gerald Holtmann will be away for another overseas lecture trip. Perhaps we will have to a meeting overseas!

On the social scene, it has been necessary to cancel the Monty Python Evening which was to raise funds for RI foundation, due to lack of numbers, this was a joint event with Rotaract, the experience gave them a lot of free advice and mentoring from our club representative about organising such events, but alas while the management team from Rotaract believed they would get lots of their members, this did not eventuate.

All is not lost, as experience and failure is a good teacher. Thanks goes to our social team for their efforts.

Further report on Pauline Francis, Rtn Don O'Donaghue advised that Pauline is up and about with the aid of a walker and all going well, will be home next week. We continue to send her our best wishes and thoughts for a quick recovery.

We have one remaining social event on the calendar this is a reminder!

- Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch at Regatta Hotel Sun 30 July be there and enjoy each other company, maybe it could also be considered as Xmas in July!! Both are good reasons to celebrate, so come along.

## WHAT'S ON?

**19 June 2017**  
Fellowship/Board  
meeting

## DATE CLAIMER

**Sunday 25 June (Day 2) -**  
*Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)*  
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**Sunday 30 July**  
*Stan Francis Testimonial*  
*luncheon*  
*Regatta Hotel, 12 for 12: 30 pm.*  
**Tickets \$95pp**

## 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)

Reminder to all club directors, next week 19th is our last board meeting for the current Rotary year.

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

Your attendance each week is appreciated.

### President Graeme

#### Rotary meeting 12 June 2017

Chairperson for the day was Tony Pilkington. After Rotary Grace, and toasts to the Queen of Australia and Rotary International he introduced President Graeme Whitmore. Graeme welcomed members and visitors to the meeting, including PDG Carolyn Krueger, the Guest Speaker. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Johannes Nijdam reported on the Rotary Leadership Institute session he had attended on June 11. He found it a very positive experience. He had learned a lot and also had been given much to think about.

After a short period of Fellowship, Tony Pilkington introduced PDG 9600 (2011-12) Carolyn Krueger who focused on her visit to Agra (India) in January 2017 to administer polio vaccine. She was part of an international team that included fellow Australians, New Zealanders and North Americans (from Canada and the US). Her talk was supported by numerous explanatory slides (in the file: NID India.pptx' that is being circulated with this Bulletin). Questions and discussion followed.

This was an excellent presentation that was much appreciated by the audience, and she was thanked heartily by acclamation. Finally, Tony presented Carolyn with a memento of the occasion (pictured).



Acting SsAA for the day were Clive Shepherd and Luke Marshall. They ran an entertaining session as members paid the usual fines. Mark Williams won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.

The meeting closed at 2pm.

### Kenyan clubs celebrate Foundation centennial

By Valentine Nyakiere, a member of the Rotary Club of Nyeri, Kenya  
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

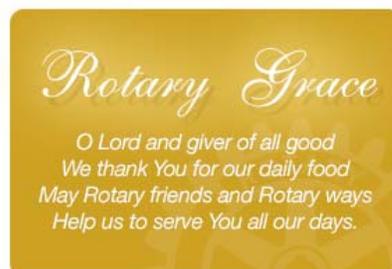
We wanted to celebrate The Rotary Foundation Centennial by addressing the health challenges of people in Kenya. So clubs in District 9212 came up with the idea to hold medical camps across the country and provide much needed health services to hundreds. This was also perfect timing as doctors in Kenya had gone on a strike that lasted 100 days!

We formed a district centenary committee of club presidents chaired by Joe Kamau, president of the Nairobi East Rotary Club, and held our first medical camp at Kashani Primary School in Kiembeni, Mombasa, on 11 March.



Rotary members worked with the Hope Citadel Foundation to provide health care at the medical camps.

The camp served over a thousand people; with the major benefit being that the community was educated on TB Guinea Worm which is quite rampant in the area. A second camp was held at ACK St. Paul's Cathedral Church in Embu on 18 March.



## Calendar

**26 June:**  
Susan Welch  
Growing Nepal Foundation

**3 July:**  
Club Changeover Lunch  
Guest speaker: Dr Marcus Gray  
Functional brain imaging and emotions, influence of inflammation

## Roster

**19 June 2017:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** T Kung  
**Set Up/Away** G Holtmann  
**Visitor Register** S Francis  
**Attendance/ Raffle** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

**26 June 2017:**  
**President** G Whitmore  
**Chairperson** R Tamaschke  
**Set Up/Away** K Watts  
**Visitor Register** J Delahunty  
**Attendance/ Raffle** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

**3 July 2017:**  
**President** G Whitmore/D Vankov  
**Chairperson** P Gresham  
**Set Up/Away** M Evans  
**Visitor Register** B Grieve  
**Attendance/ Raffle** D Schellbach  
J Smerdon

**10 July 2017:**  
**President** TBA  
**Chairperson** TBA  
**Set Up/Away** TBA  
**Visitor Register** TBA  
**Attendance/ Raffle** TBA

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

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In the July 1965 edition of The Rotarian magazine, then RI President C.P.H. Teenstra stated:

*“This, fellow Rotarian, is what binds us together: a unity of desire and a unity of purpose to serve society and to serve mankind, but a unity in diversity.”*

This spirit is what kept the team together, as visiting clubs had to travel not less than 100 kilometers to make the rotational meetings.



A happy recipient of health care during the centennial medical camp.

The third and final medical camp took place on 25 March at St. Catherine’s Primary School in Nairobi. The camp focused on services to children under 15 years old and their caregivers. The camp served 1,200 people, more than half being children. The St. Catherine’s Clinic staff and local community health workers played a huge role in providing services and controlling the lines.

After the final medical camp, the main committee donated surplus medicine to three charity projects: The St. Catherine’s School Clinic, HOPE Citadel Foundation, Rotary Club of Utumishi and The Kuwinda fire tragedy.

Rotarians made the centennial project happen. They offered their medical skills, provided entertainment, and helped secure media coverage. To a person, they described the experience as rewarding and satisfying.

### Helping refugees in Europe

By Brady Way, 2017-18 president of the Rotary Club of Moorehead City-Lookout, North Carolina, USA  
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>

In the winter of 2014, Europe was beginning to experience a massive refugee influx as a result of the turmoil in the Middle East and Africa. Berlin would receive 100,000 of the 1.2 million refugees which came to Germany.



Dr. Pia Skarabis-Querfeld treating a patient at a refugee shelter.

Rotarian Dr. Pia Skarabis-Querfeld went to a refugee shelter with a much needed donation of clothing. She was immediately struck with the urgent need for medical care and medical supplies. The refugees had traveled long distances for several months, in harsh conditions, fleeing many atrocities at home. They had many obvious acute and chronic problems, especially the children.

Despite the excellent healthcare system in Germany there was a clear problem. Some found their path into the healthcare system denied while others simply could not navigate it despite proper credentials.



Dr. Pia Skarabis-Querfeld with a young refugee at the shelter.

Dr. Skarabis-Querfeld and her husband, both physicians and Rotarians, began taking care of the needs of the sick at the refugee center. She organized other doctors, nurses, and volunteers into the nonprofit healthcare group “Medizine-Hilfe Flüchtling,” which grew to more than 120 doctors, nurses, and volunteers. They service multiple refugee camps, providing emergency help, primary health care, information campaigns, assistance in navigating through the German healthcare system, networking with other medical facilities, immunizations, and translation services.

When I learned of this effort, my thought was how my club could be of assistance. I contacted Dr. Wilhem Bürklin, president of the Berlin Tiergarten club, and Dr. Skarabis-Querfeld. She drafted a global grant proposal, and we were able to share with many clubs and districts in the U.S. and Europe. With the help of Rotary leaders in my district and in Germany we raised the necessary funds, which when matched by The Rotary Foundation, total \$160,000 for the “Medizine-Hilfe Flüchtling.” This has included support from clubs and districts in Germany, France, Austria, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Puerto Rico.

While in Berlin, several of us had the opportunity to visit refugee centers. We were able to see the medical clinics and visit with some of the volunteers as well as refugees. To experience their response of thankfulness and heartfelt gratitude was amazing.



Without Dr. Skarabis-Querfeld’s tireless effort and commitment, neither the refugee assistance organization nor the grant would have been possible. Her passion is contagious and has affected others.

This project has been an exciting endeavor. It has shown me what Rotary is about – Service Above Self. We were able to work together across great distances and unite toward one goal. Without Rotary’s connections worldwide and the Foundation this grant would not have been possible.

This crisis will not be over with the end of the grant March 2018. More support will be needed.