



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

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Post Office Square
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MONDAYS
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Graeme Whitmore
President Elect	Daniel Vankov
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

As we step into winter, it is expected that the weather will get a little colder, but this year it seems to have changed with temperatures still in the mid-twenties, but it will get colder.

Great speaker last week and again Denise performed by getting her many friends to attend and that made a great crowd for the Lord Mayor Graham Quirk. It was a little disappointing that a question from the floor from one of our visitors was in my opinion out of order and should have been a "one on one" with our speaker outside the meeting.

This Tuesday morning, we have our monthly cluster Group meeting of all current Presidents, invited to this meeting will be all our cluster new Presidents. Daniel will have the opportunity to present himself and will take over the reins and attend these breakfast meetings from July onwards.

We have two social events on the calendar this is a reminder!

- Monty Python Fund Raiser in association with the Rotaract Date 17th JUNE a Sat Night!!! Check our website
- Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch at Regatta Hotel Sun 30 July

Sadly we report that Stan advised on Monday that his beloved Pauline had a fall at a Supermarket on the Sunshine Coast which resulted in multiple fractures to her Pelvis, taken to the NEW SC Hospital Emergency section, only to be advised that she could not be admitted as they had no beds, "A new hospital with no beds" makes you stop and wonder where all the millions in health care went.

WHAT'S ON?

5 June 2017
Julian Mather, ex
ABC-TV & book
publisher

DATE CLAIMER

**Sunday 11 June (Day 1);
Sunday 25 June (Day 2) -**
Rotary Leadership Institute
(RLI) #10

Saturday 17 June
*Monty Python and the Holy Grail
of Rotary Fundraising.*
Cnr Mowbray Tce & Wellington
Rd, East Brisbane 6.30 pm.
Tickets \$69

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)

Pauline was then transported to Brisbane where, as of Monday she remains in recovery. We all wish Pauline a speedy recovery.

Finally, I will mention the Reds Rugby, but only to say I hope next year will show some improvement if the team expects crowd support.

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

Time is running out for the Foundation Money Tubes for this Rotary year, if you have not filled them up, do it now!

Your attendance is appreciated.

President Graeme

Rotary meeting 29 May 2017

Chairperson for the day was Cameron Gibson. 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, including the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Graham Quirk. Graeme's message is detailed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

In Rotary Spots, Natasha Dobson from the Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity publicised the Monty Python Fundraiser that her Club was running jointly with RCOB on 17 June (as advertised in the 'Date Claimer' section of this Bulletin). This is a major fund raising event and she urged members, partners and friends to attend.

VP Keith Watts drew attention to the next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) #10 scheduled for Sunday 11 June (Day 1) and Sunday 25 June (day 2).

After a short period of Fellowship, Cameron Gibson introduced the Guest Speaker, the Lord Mayor of Brisbane Graham Quirk. In a very lucid talk he focussed mainly on infrastructure developments in Brisbane, including roads and foreshadowed some details of the high-frequency, high-capacity Brisbane Metro public transport system; a report was due for public release next day, 30 May. In a nutshell, bi-articulated buses would run every five minutes between morning and afternoon peak periods, and every 10 minutes at night.

Brisbane Metro would consist of two lines running 21km along Brisbane's existing busway route... Metro 1 from Eight Mile Plains to Roma St, and Metro 2 from the RBW Hospital to the University of Queensland. He emphasised that the intention was that Brisbane Metro would be part of a "broader network" and would be integrated with future Cross River Rail and other rail systems. He also spoke about the need to widen Brisbane's economy from its traditional dependence on mining, building and construction, to focus more on other activities, including tourism, education, advanced manufacturing, and 'big events'. The abovementioned developments would boost Brisbane's claim to being recognised as a vibrant 24 hour new world city. (For further details, see: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/public-transport/brisbane-metro>).

This was an excellent presentation much appreciated by the audience. Questions and discussion followed. Finally, President Graeme Whitmore presented Lord Mayor Graham Quirk with a memento of the occasion (pictured).



As time was short there was no SAA session...members made a donation in lieu of fines. Stan Francis won the raffle but the joker is still in the deck and the jackpot remains to be won.



The meeting closed at 2.05pm.

Calendar

12 June:
Carolyn Krueger (Rotary NID)
TBC

19 June:
Fellowship/board meeting

26 June:
Susan Welch, Growing Nepal
Foundation

Roster

5 June 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson R Muller
Set Up/Away G Bishop
Visitor Register P Robb
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

12 June 2017:
President G Whitmore
Chairperson T Pilkington
Set Up/Away J Frew
Visitor Register P Ryan
Attendance/ Raffle D Schellbach
J Smerdon

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

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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Giving young Rotarians a space to call their own

By Elizabeth Davis, a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Norman-Huntersville, North Carolina, USA
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



The Rotary Club of Lake Norman Huntersville initiative has given young professionals a club they can call their own.

What would happen if we gave the younger crowd a space to call their own?

This was the question that our club president, Kamlesh-Chandan (Kam for short) posed to us recently as we discussed how to recruit young professionals.

After a little more thinking, Kam and our club developed a term for our approach, YP 35 (short for young professionals under 35 years old). From there, we started to rally our members and members of other local clubs to seek out young professionals in the area who could call Rotary home.

A club they can call their own

It was an instant success. At an initial meeting to explore interest for YP 35, fourteen enthusiastic young professionals gathered to discuss their new club over food and drinks. Now, more YP 35 meetings and events are scheduled to take place.

YP 35 is a success because of how it's structured. YP 35 was able to easily and immediately start up thanks to the mentorship and financial support of its host club the Rotary Club of Lake Norman-Huntersville. However, because it puts an emphasis on engagement over attendance and has the autonomy to structure meetings and events as its members prefer, Rotarians in YP 35 still have a club they can truly call their own. From picking how often they prefer to meet, to where they meet, to what areas of service their work will revolve around, YP 35 is by the members and for the members.

Young professionals are interested in Rotary

When asked about any concerns that YP 35 might try to split off from the Rotary Club of Lake Norman-Huntersville, Kam said such a scenario would be perfectly fine. For him and his fellow Rotarians, the main goal is to bring more, and younger, members into the organization. If they can do this by starting a new club, then their goal is accomplished.

Ultimately, what starting YP 35 has shown is that there is, in fact, a desire among the young professionals crowd for a service-based organization. Young professionals are interested in Rotary. The key is to give them a space to call their own.

Why the good you do will do good to you

By Nipuna Ambanpola, a member of the Rotaract Club of Armstrong State University and former member of Interact
Source: <https://blog.rotary.org/>



Volunteering has been a very satisfying component of my life. When I volunteer, it's always about contributing my time and skills to enhance the quality of life of others in my community.

I joined the Interact Club of Royal College, the second oldest club and the oldest continuously functioning club in Sri Lanka in 2009. Since then I've been involved in Rotary through Interact and Rotaract. I served the Interact Club of Royal College for four years and the last year I was appointed as the president of the club. Then, I went on to accomplish my duties in the Interact District 3220 as the District Interact Secretary for 2013-14.



Ambanpola, second from left, packing 10,500 food packets for Haiti with members of Rotaract.

Studying in the United States

In 2015, I got a scholarship to study in the United States through the Georgia Rotary Student Program, a youth scholarship program established to promote peace and understanding across the globe. Last year, I took the initiative to start a Rotaract club at Armstrong State University, the college I'm currently studying at. Right now I'm working with the Governor of District 6920 to connect Rotaract and Rotary clubs in the district.



Receiving a warm welcome in Georgia.

Servant leadership has been a part of my life as long as I can remember. I live by the quote:

"The good you do to society will do good to you."

Volunteering has been the vehicle of hope that I've used to connect myself to the world. When I volunteer, I meet new people, make new friendships and learn about new cultures.

In 2016, I initiated an international non-profit organization called IVolunteer International. It is a registered non-profit organization in the United States. IVolunteer International strives to elevate the quality of human life across the globe by connecting individuals with volunteer projects around the world. We hope that when we connect volunteers to projects, we not only create an altruistic community but also empower people to be sustainable and grow together.

Being a global citizen

Another thing we do is empower charity organizations in the world who are in need of volunteers. Since 2016, we have connected about 900 volunteers for over 25 projects around the world. We are small but I'm hopeful to build communities united by service.



Rotary has provided me with a global view. When I look at a global issue or when I engage in a conversation, I represent myself as a global citizen without limitation of nationality, religion, economic status or any other category. I have learned to look for the best interests of everyone around the world even if I haven't ever met them.

Rotary has taught me that no matter where people live or what faith they believe in, we all strive for the same things – happiness and love. It has changed my world view and my perspective of life and has so far been the motivation for my contributions to community, country, and the world.
