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Meeting Roster

July 17 2017

President	D Vankov
Chair	R Chai
Set Up/Away	G Bishop
Visitor Register	S Francis
Attendance/ Raffle	L Marshall

July 24 2017

President	D Vankov
Chair	C Tate
Set Up/Away	M Evans
Visitor Register	
Attendance/ Raffle	D Schellbach J Smerdon

July 31 2017

President	D Vankov
Chair	J Karaprianto
Set Up/Away	J Frew
Visitor Register	B Grieve
Attendance/ Raffle	D Schellbach J Smerdon

Upcoming Speakers

July 17 2017

Susan Welch
Growing Nepal Foundation

DATE CLAIMER

Sunday 30 July

*Stan Francis
Testimonial
luncheon*

*Regatta Hotel, 12
for 12:30pm*

Tickets \$95pp

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President's Message

Before anything else, congratulations to the Club Membership Committee! It was brought to our attention that the Rotary Club of Brisbane won the two District Membership Awards during the District Changeover. Well done to the whole team and I look forward to maintaining the momentum during the current Rotary year.

We had a very good turn-out this week with 27 people around the tables. Amongst members one could see John Mills, a visiting Rotarian from Brisbane High-Rise; Ben Rodney, who is currently looking into CBD Clubs; Christine, who I look forward to stop mentioning as a guest, and Danielle, Gabe and Nate, the lovely family of Rotarian Dan Adler. Let's aim at permanently installing a fourth table in near future.

Our guest speaker was Mark Fort who introduced to us the Maritime museum in all its glory but as well with all the problems it faces. The Museum is a great asset to the city and I wish its management to find a solution to the current financial situation soon.

Coming back to our Club business, we are expecting the annual DG visit to take place on the 21st of August. My sincere hope is that by that time we would have completed some internal paperwork, namely finalising the new Club Constitution and By-laws as well as the Club leadership plan, so we can focus on hands-on activities that are being proposed by members and Committee Chairs. As from today's meeting those are:

- Rotary Fun Run (in the lead: Jacqui Page);
- Paper Plane Competition (in the lead: Dan, Nate and Gabe Adler);
- Rotary Networking (in the lead: Keith Watts);
- Golf Day participation in support of Flying doctors mental health initiative (in the lead: Mark Williams);
- Vocational visit to the CARRS-Q advanced driving simulator (in the lead: myself).

With those, and many others, I am hoping to address some areas of fields, we can improve in, identified through a survey sent out to Brisbane professionals that are not related to the Club. 52 respondents are far from qualifying the survey as representative but it still gives a good guess of the environment we work in. Some conclusions from the survey:

- About 1/3 of the respondents (31%) have not heard about our Club despite its wide range of activities and long history (94 years).
- A small part (13.5%) of the respondents are members of a business Club. A large majority (55.8%) consider membership which represents an excellent opportunity for growth.
- When joining the respondents would mainly be looking at opportunities for networking (76%) or leadership skills development (53%) in which areas our Club can provide more value.
- Gender diversity is important for almost 80% of the respondents pointing out that the Club efforts to attract female members are in the right direction.
- 35% would prefer a corporate membership option than a personal one meaning that the envisaged changes in the Constitution and By-laws point into the right direction as well.

The Stan Francis Testimonial Lunch is getting closer. Please, book if you have not done so already.

Immediete Past Sergeant-at-Arms Max was back on duty for this meeting and did a good job in monetarising members' "sins".

Attendance is appreciated and it makes the meetings more enjoyable for everyone. I look forward to having a fourth table next week.

President Daniel

RCOB BRINGS HOME THE GONGS

In the past week we have learned that the Rotary Club of Brisbane was awarded both the Errol Richardson Membership Development Trophy and the Membership Retention Trophy for the 2016/7 Rotary year at the recent District 9600 Changeover Dinner. We won these because of a particularly outstanding year for membership in which we increased our membership from 28 to 40 and perhaps just as importantly, did not have a single member resign.

Chair of the committee that achieved this great result, PP Keith Watts attributes the success to a focussed team effort:

"The membership team last year was me, Jacqui Page, Phil Gresham, Alistair Smith, Terry Kung, Georgina Bishop, Jonathan Frew, Bruce McNaught and Daniel Vankov. Big thanks to Secretary Michael for responding promptly to all enquiries about membership and processing the Part A and B applications quickly and having the member packs ready for the inductions, and to PP Phil for setting up and keeping updated the sections on membership in our web site. Also to Bruce McNaught for the district support and coming to our committee meetings and club meetings to support our membership events. Special thanks to Jacqui Page for organizing the 2 membership events so well. Great to see our DG, DGE and DGN all coming to our membership events and helping us celebrate our successes."

Keith modestly omits mention of his own tenacity and tireless effort which kept the committee working so hard.

It is expected that DG John Lane will present the awards when he visits the club on 21st August.

Rotary Minutes 10 July 2017

Chairperson for the Meeting was Johannes Nijdam. After Rotary Grace, the Loyal Toast, and a toast to Rotary International, he introduced President Daniel Vankov, who welcomed visiting Rotarian John Mills from Brisbane High-Rise Rotary Club, club guests Danielle, Gabe and Nate Adler and prospective Rotarians Ben Rodney and Christine Petersen along with guest speaker Mark Fort from the Queensland Maritime Museum. Apologies had been received from Denise Schellbach, John Smerdon, Warren Walker, Steve Dunlop, Chris Muir, Wal Bishop and Luke Marshall.

President Daniel then went on to discuss club business, in particular:

- There will be a visit to our club by District Governor John Lane at our August 21st meeting. Please make a special effort to be present at this meeting.
- Other topics mentioned in President Daniel's message above.

After President Daniel's address Chair Johannes invited members to present spots on topics of interest to members.

PP Graeme Whitmore presented the sports report. At some point in the report I think everyone in the audience was in tears for some reason or other.

Clive Shepherd reminded Rotarians of the Stan Francis Testimonial Luncheon coming up on the 30th July, and this is documented in the "spots" section below.

PP Keith Watts gave us an update on activities and news of the Membership committee: (more detail in spots below)

- The Rotary Club of Brisbane won both the membership development and membership retention trophies at the recent District Changeover Dinner. (more details above).
- Christine Petersen's application has been approved and her name published for the requisite period, and induction into Rotary will follow soon. Christine has already volunteered to join the membership committee.
- Congratulations to the new graduates of the Rotary Leadership Institute.
- First of a series of leadership seminars held by RCoB in partnership with the Institute of Management and Leadership will take place on the 13th September.

Dan Adler introduced to us the managerial board of the Up Up Upper Mt. Gravatt paper plane championship (pictured below).



L-R: Wingman of the Board (Dan Adler), Creative Director (Nate Adler) and Managing Director (Gabe Adler) of the Up Up Upper Mt Gravatt Paper Plane Championship organisation.

Dan went on to explain how the organisation started out as a way to teach his children about management and entrepreneurship but actually turned out to become a very successful community event. So far it has been held twice with a surprisingly large roll-up of children of all ages wishing to compete in the first year and a significantly larger crowd last year. All proceeds of the event are donated to charity, and the board has generously offered to make RCoB one of the charities they support at this year's event on Saturday 14th October, 2017. Your humble minutes secretary thinks Dan may be angling for some Rotarians to help with setup of the marquee, and several Rotarians have already expressed an interest in supporting this worthy event.

Rotarians were then invited to show their prowess in an impromptu paper plane demonstration. History will have to remain ignorant of who won, but the Up Up Upper Mt. Gravatt championship record of 33 metres was not approached.



PP Phil, Rick, and Chair Johannes take on the board of the Up Up Upper Mt. Gravatt Paper Plane Championship organisation.

Mark Williams presented 2 spots, the first on arrangements for the RCoB bulletin and a plea for help with the noting down and typing out of the minutes and the second on a prospective "Golf for Rural Health" outing to Mundubbera on Saturday 5th August. Both are recorded in more detail below.

Following spots, Chair Johannes introduced our guest speaker for the day, Mark Fort from the Queensland Maritime Museum.

Mark gave us a lively photographic presentation detailing for us some of the wonderful and important exhibits at the QMM, including the tugboat "Forceful" and the last remaining River-class frigate, "Daimantina" and indeed the whole site at the South Brisbane Drydock and their significance to Australian maritime history, along with the ever-changing series of informative displays prepared by the approximately 170 active volunteers at the Queensland Maritime Museum.

Mark also gave us some more sobering news about the current financial straits the Maritime Museum finds itself in. The museum exists solely on gate takings and a few donations and receives no support from government. At this stage, the museum faces closure if things do not change, and the presentation also served as an appeal to the community for help in saving the museum.

Following the guest speaker, Immediate Past Sergeant-at-arms stepped in to the breach left by SAA Luke Marshall's absence and extracted many laughs and more dollars from the meeting attendees.

Keith "Killer" Watts won the raffle with the appropriately numbered ticket - 007 - but his fingers were not golden enough to snatch the joker from the deck and the jackpot inched that much closer to respectability as a superannuation fund.

In Their Own Words

Rotarians are invited to submit their spots from the meeting in text form for communication to all Rotary friends or to send letters to the editor if for some reason they cannot or do not wish to take a spot in the meeting itself.

From Clive Shepherd:

The Stan Francis lunch is on 30 July at 12 noon in the first floor function rooms above the Regatta Hotel, 5 43 Coronation Dr, Toowoong. The purpose is to celebrate the service that Stan has provided to Rotary. Our longest serving members of RCOB are Wal Bishop - 56years, James Delahunty - 44 years and Stan Francis - 41years. This is a remarkable achievement and needs to be celebrated. Already 40 people have accepted and the target is 60 or more and will result in the raising of funds for whichever mental health charity the club adopts in the very near future. So everyone is encouraged to come along and have a lovely lunch in a beautiful setting and enjoy the festivities.

From PP Keith Watts:

- PDG Alan Stephens has advised that RCOB has received both attendance trophies at the District Changeover last month, for membership development and retention – see the District directory p 56 for more information about the district awards. (see article above for more details)
- Membership as at 7 July 34 M 6 F (15%) total 40
- Peter Robb has resigned, work difficulties in attending, plus spending more time at Caloundra.
- 4 members graduated from RLI 10 last month – President Daniel, Rtns Carolyn, Luke and Johannes.
- First leadership seminar scheduled for Wednesday 13th September, 4.45 pm to 5.15 pm networking, seminar to 6.15 pm. Venue is the Institute of Managers and Leaders Members Lounge and Function room, Level 16, 40 Creek St in partnership with the IML. Presenter is Tony Holmes FAIM, CMC, co-founder and director of Business Builders Inc, who is a top national and international presenter and facilitator. Cost \$50 pp, which includes a coupon for an RCOB luncheon worth \$45. AIM/IML members have a 10% discount. Tea and coffee will be provided. Dan Adler has volunteered to prepare the advertising for the seminar. The IML will advertise this in their newsletter.

From Mark Williams:

Bulletin:

- Bulletin publishing date will be brought forward to each Tuesday for the time being, so that members who miss the meeting for whatever reason get updates as soon as possible. As a result, copy deadline for minutes, spots and presidents' message are Monday at 11pm and for all other things it is Saturday 11pm. This allows me to do the bulk of the layout on Sunday before the meeting.

Around and About Rotary

Mobile blood bank saves lives in Saint Lucia

By Malcolm Charles, past president of the Rotary Club of St. Lucia, Saint Lucia

One day while visiting with my mom over lunch, I heard over her portable transistor radio a call for people with Type O positive blood to come to the local hospital to give blood in preparation for a patient surgery later that day.



I asked my mom if she knew my blood type, because I didn't. But she didn't know, either. So I drove to the nearest health clinic in her area to determine whether I might be of help and ask what happens if (emergency) blood donors do not come forward or what provisions are in place to collect and store blood in advance.

I learned that the hospitals did not have adequate blood storage facilities, and that they would lose patients if no one came forward with the right blood type. I also learned that there were no budgetary provisions for a blood collection and storage system.

It entered my mind, as president-elect of my Rotary club, to explore some sort of blood collection system. I conferred with the medical establishment in my area, of which the then chief

- Members are invited to submit spots and letters to the editor to communicate with Rotary colleagues who may have missed the meeting in question.
- There will be a semi-regular slot in the Bulletin called "RCoB Out and About" for members to let other members know about their interests and activities outside Rotary that are nevertheless positive and of general benefit/interest to the community. Holiday snaps as postcard from those of us lucky enough to go interesting places are also welcome!
- I appeal for a cadre of people to help me with the meeting notes/minutes. If we rotate this around a group of 4-5 people, it will not be as onerous as if one person does it all the time.

Golf Day For Mental Health:

My brother Dan has organised an event called the "Burnett Cup" in Mundubbera each year since 2013, when it was first held to show solidarity and help with flood relief after Mundubbera was devastated in the 2013 floods.

Since then it has involved into an annual charity event, with a different charity being chosen each year. In the past we have supported Care Flight and Sisters Inside to name two. Focus is on charities that are of significance to rural or indigenous communities.

The event is structured as a city vs country Ryder's Cup style golf tournament. Dan rents the course for the afternoon and city players are asked to make a donation of \$100 (or more if they want) to the charity chosen for the year.

This year the charity theme is Rural Mental Health, and coincidentally we were also looking at the RFDS mental health initiative. When I told Dan about this, he offered to join forces with RCoB and make RCoB's rural mental health initiative the focus charity for 2017 IF we deliver 4 players or more (including me.) Essentially it becomes a RCoB fundraising event.

In the past the event has typically raised between \$2500 and \$3000, but probably the goodwill engendered is even more important than the cash.

This year's event will be held on Saturday 5th August with a 12:30PM shotgun start. This allows people to drive up from Brisbane on the morning (it is an easy 5-hour drive if you have a stop on the way) or travel on Friday evening, as many do. There is a "strategy meeting" over dinner at the bottom pub for those who can get there by about 8pm and a BBQ at my place after the event on Saturday.

I will send a more detailed invitation out to the membership asking for nominations soon.



Malcolm Charles

medical officer was a member of my club. I decided to attend the RI Convention in Munich, Germany (June 1987). By providence or sheer coincidence, I was greeted by a display of special purpose vehicles organized by Mercedes Benz, including one that was a mobile blood bank.

To cut a long story short, I collected various brochures, and returning to Saint Lucia, visited with the Mercedes dealer, where my club got a couple quotes and government concessions. We summoned a meeting of the incoming board, and set out plans for a fund raising car raffle. Under the direction of our very able service director, we pounded the pavement across the island for months until we reached the point where we could place an order for Saint Lucia's first Mobile Blood Bank Service.

The mobile unit was incorporated under the Government Ministry of Health, in collaboration with Rotary, and according to a former chief medical officer for the island, continues to save some 2,000 plus lives a year to this day.

As a Rotarian, I am proud and honored to have been able to make a difference through Rotary to the many persons in our island community.

[Learn more about other ways Rotary clubs are saving the lives of mothers and children](#)

Source: blog.rotary.org

New award celebrates success of women in Rotary

By Tory Paxson, Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, USA

On Tuesday, 13 June, we sat down in a cool auditorium in the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, for the first annual Women in Rotary Event. The four of us sitting together were all women, all members of my Rotary club, and all at our very first Rotary International Convention. We were unaware of the impact this event was about to have on us. But then, the lights began to dim.

It has only been a short 30 years since the landmark decision to allow women to join Rotary. Being only 27 years of age myself, this reality seems a bit absurd. All of these incredible, passionate and driven women I have met since joining Rotary have only had the space of my lifetime to catch up in leadership roles, in Rotary pride and projects? Really? And yet as lights shone down on our presenters, we felt that 30 years, while short, has been plenty of time for these women to shine.

The event was organized and hosted by district governors Julie Craig and Sieglinde Warren. Among the presenters was Nicholas Krayacich, a distinguished Rotarian from Ontario and spouse of 2016-17 Rotary vice president Jennifer Jones. He spoke from the perspective of what it is like having two Rotarians in the family and how he and Jennifer support each other.



Tory Paxson, right, with Dr. Sylvia Whitlock.

Charlotte Ahlberg, the charter president of the the E-club of 2410se in Sweden, has been perfecting the art of balance in life between family, work, personal time and Rotary. She opened new doors for those of us in the audience with the concept of Rotary online. Director (and 2017-18 RI Vice President) Hendreen Dean Rohrs inspired us with stories of bucking the system and finding her Rotary family. She told us how she founded a new club when she found out the one she initially approached didn't feel like including a woman.

Jennifer Scott of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney had us in fits of laughter with her tale of how she responded to a group of men unsure of what a woman's role could be in Rotary. Her response was hysterically funny and wickedly apropos while still being somehow kind and welcoming.

Last, but certainly not least, was Dr. Sylvia Whitlock. I won't deny that before the convention, I knew little about the leadership of Rotary. I probably could not have told you the Rotary International President's name! However, Sylvia I had heard about, and knew her incredible story. Dr. Whitlock came from the history-making "Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte," and was the first woman in the world to become a Rotary club president. We felt like we were at a moment in history when the award named after her was announced, an award recognizing individuals who have contributed to the success of women in Rotary. The first recipient of the award after Sylvia herself is Carolyn Jones, the first woman Trustee of Rotary, who hails from District 5010. I look forward to seeing this award grow in both distinction and prominence over the years.

After the program itself, I was lucky enough to bump into Dr. Whitlock during the dinner reception. She was warm, genuine and more than a bit of a firecracker, and she posed with me for a photo that I will cherish.

In a giant convention filled with incredible moments, this one moment will always stand out for me: sitting with Sylvia, and hearing her advice to this new Rotarian, one who aims to be just as much of a firecracker.

- Read more [highlights of the 2017 Convention in Atlanta](#)
- Learn more about [the history of women in Rotary](#)

Source: blog.rotary.org

Inspiration: Rotary Peace Conference 2017

PDG Don Riddell at the opening of the 2017 Rotary World Peace Conference in Ann Arbor Michigan on March 31st this year.



Rotary Grace

*O Lord and giver of all good
We thank You for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve You all our days.*

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?



Calendar of Events

July 2017

- **Sunday 30 July 12 noon:** Stan Francis Testimonial Luncheon

August 2017

- **Saturday 5 August 12:30pm:** "Burnett Cup" Golf Day for Rural Health.
- **Monday 21 August:** DG's visit to RCoB

September 2017

- **Wednesday 13 September 4:45pm:** Leadership seminar led by Tony Holmes FAIM, CMC co-founding director of Business Builders Australia.

October 2017

- **Saturday 14th October:** Up Up Upper Mt. Gravatt Paper Plane Championship

April 2018

- **20-22 April, 2018:** District Conference - Maroochydore RSL.



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John Lane

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