



13 March 2006

TODAYS

SPEAKER

"New Member Introductions"



SERVICE Above Self

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
241 Adelaide Street
Qld 4003, Australia

MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923
ABN 75 152 438 149

President's Message



This is Rotaract Month for Rotary Clubs. A Rotaract Club is chartered under the patronage of the local Rotary Club and it is seen as the traditional bridge to later membership of Rotary. Much has been written about Rotaract. It is an organisation for community minded young people between the ages of 18 and 30. The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity to develop citizenship skills and to promote better community relations through a framework of friendship and service.

An article in the current edition of *Rotary Down Under* quotes figures that indicate that Rotaract is flourishing around the world, however, the number of active Rotaract Clubs in Australia has significantly decreased since it's introduction. Our own club sponsored a city based Rotaract Club which itself has gone into recess because of diminished membership. There is evidence that the target age group are as interested in community service initiatives as past generations. It is not clear what influences may now be responsible for the falloff in direct participation in organisations such as Rotaract. It could be speculated that in our country the accelerating speed of social change, increased work responsibilities, extended and more intense study regimes all provoke a more selective approach to the use of time. With the spiraling cost of education, tertiary students may now be

under increasing pressure to fund their courses and be obliged to have one or even two part time jobs. On completion of studies, young people enter an increasingly intense work environment requiring longer working hours. This together with the spiraling cost of starting a family and purchasing a home can make 'free' time an increasingly precious commodity.

In Rotary, an important task is to understand the needs and aspirations of the generation that will in due course become prospects for membership in our organization. In our Club one of our primary membership development objectives this year is to review the traditional avenues for attracting new membership into our organization. A study of the varied fortunes of Rotaract in Australia is a relevant part of developing an understanding of the changing social landscape populated by the young in this country. This understanding is fundamental to framing a sustainable membership development strategy for Rotary Clubs such as our own.

Bill Cunningham





Update on Marjorie Carss

Hello Everyone,

Marjorie has successfully transferred to Conassa Private Hospital in Oxley as of this morning to begin her rehabilitation.

Conassa specialises in rehab and from the looks of it, it appears to keep everyone on the move, walking, exercising etc - not much lying around in bed. This will be a change from the Wesley. The other major change is that all patients have single rooms with shared bathroom with the adjoining room.

All very comfortable and the staff very helpful and willing. She will now be in the hands of a team:- physio, speech pathologist, physician, dietician and welfare worker all working together to get her back to normal.

Now we begin the next stage of her recovery. She should be in rehab for several weeks. Much depends on how she progresses.

With best wishes,
Brian



ANTIQUE FAIR
11 - 14 May

proceeds our Club will receive to improve the facilities at the Salvation Army Homeless Women's Service in Spring Hill.

Raffle Tickets will be available before the event for distribution to Members for sale. David Cain will be organising volunteers to man the roster over the coming weeks.

We will need to arrange a roster to cover the thirty hours the Fair is open to the public – two people on the door and two people selling raffle tickets – that's 120 people hours! This is a great opportunity to involve our partners in an enjoyable event that gives our Club good exposure to the people of Brisbane.

So ... please mark your diaries now and start convincing your partners to come along to help and have fun meeting people and helping homeless women.

David Cain



NOTICES

RCOB Wine Offer

A premium shiraz is on offer for only \$160 per case including delivery. Proceeds go to the Club's community and international projects.

Please contact **Keith Watts** for orders.

Group Study Exchange from Taiwan visit to our Club

As you may be aware the *Group Study Exchange Team* from **D3490 Taiwan** will be in our district from **10 March until 8 April 2006**.

The team is scheduled to present at our club during their exchange to our district.

3 April - Lunch

Rotary Club of Brisbane

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Antique Fair

Is everyone ready to help?

Our Club will again assist the Queensland Antique Dealers Association to hold the 38th Antique Fair at the City Hall.

Opening Night is **Thursday May 11** and the Fair continues each day until **Sunday May 14**.

Our Club has two responsibilities – to collect entrance fees at the door and to sell raffle tickets prior to and during the Fair. The more raffle tickets we sell the more



Guest Speaker

Graeme Ridler - Rotarian
'Around the World in 14 Days'

Graeme gave us a very interesting talk supported by a slide show on his recent overseas trip to Amsterdam, stopping along the way in Dubai, Paris, Vienna and Zurich.

Graeme was most impressed with Dubai with its immense construction program. He counted or was told that there are 500 cranes on the skyline constructing buildings with a minimum of 80 floors.

Dubai is the capital of the United Arab Emirates. The governing sheiks, knowing that the oil will run out in 12 years, have decided to put all their cash reserves into infrastructure works. The construction workers, who are mainly Pakistanis and Indians, are well respected.

At present, the temperature in Dubai, is about 25° C, being the end of winter.

As petrol is cheap at about \$0.35 per litre, there are lots of big cars and four wheel drive vehicles.

People can drink openly in bars, but not in the street with beer being quite expensive whilst clothing is cheap.

It appeared from the number of photographs of chocolate shops which Graeme showed us that his wife, Eileen, is into chocolates, although Graeme is probably into them too. They are also into smoking bubble pipes which have charcoal and strawberry flavoured tops, although you can have other flavours.



CALENDAR



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

District 9600 Youth Exchange is seeking nominations for this years **Outbound Program**.

Applications due by **16 March**

Please contact **Cheryl Kerr** for more information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROTARY CLUB OF BRISBANE 2006 2007

OFFICE IN 2006	NAME
<i>PRESIDENT</i>	Graeme Ridler
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“preserve planet earth” 31 March - 2 April 06

District 9600 Conference NEWS

*A personal message from
Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar*

Dear Rotary Friends and
Guests attending the District
9600 Conference.

Monica and I send our warmest greetings to each and every one of you attending this 2005-2006 District Conference. We wish to express our appreciation for the dedication and hard work of Governor Charles Guesdon and partner Rosemary who, along with the District Conference Committee, have put together a program of comprehensive Rotary information, fun and fellowship. We hope that you will take this opportunity for fellowship, broadening your Rotary horizons and reaffirming your commitment to Rotary and to the principle of Service Above Self.

There are over 500 district conferences taking place around the world. In light of fairness to everybody, Monica and I have decided not to visit any of these conferences. I have, therefore, invited Ian H. S. Riseley and his spouse, Juliet, to represent us at your District Conference.



We hope that you will enjoy their company and their messages during the conference. I have asked Ian to encourage you to reflect carefully upon the ways in which we can demonstrate Service Above Self, as we renew our commitment to this timeless message. With the strength of our membership, we must continue our efforts to fight hunger, ensure clean water, reach a literate world and provide education for everyone. In our ambition to work for a better world, let's seek cooperation with other entities working with the same issues. Let us together continue to show the world the great leadership of Rotary International through Service Above Self!

Kind regards

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International

District Conference Registrations

Minimum package for
attendance with morning and
afternoon teas - \$30.

Please register your intention
to attend with **Bob Estler** or
Graeme Whitmore at the
reception desk.



Lone Ranger

The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a bar one day and sat down to drink a beer.

After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said, "Who owns the big white horse outside?" The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gunbelt, and said, "I do. Why?"

The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said, "I just thought you would like to know that your horse is just about dead outside!"

The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside and, sure enough, Silver was just about dead from heat exhaustion. The Lone Ranger got him some water and soon Silver was starting to feel a little better.

The Lone Ranger turned to Tonto and said, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to make him start to feel better."

Tonto said, "Sure Kemosabe", and took off running circles around Silver. Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returned to the bar to finish his drink.

A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and announces, "Who owns that big white horse outside?"

The Lone Ranger stands again and claims, "I do. What is wrong with him this time?"

The cowboy says to him, "Nothing much, I just wanted you to know - you left your Injun running..."

The Rude Parrot

Jimmy received a parrot as a gift. The parrot was fully grown with a very bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive and those that weren't expletives were, to say the least, rude.

Jimmy tried to change the bird's attitude by constantly saying polite words, playing soft music...anything he could think of. Nothing worked. He yelled at the bird, and the bird got worse. He shook the bird, and the bird became ruder. Finally, in a moment of desperation, Jimmy put the parrot in the freezer. For a few moments he heard the bird swearing, squawking, kicking and screaming and then, suddenly, there was absolute quiet. Jimmy was frightened that he might have actually hurt the bird or even killed the bird, and quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out onto Jimmy's extended arm and said, "I'm sorry that I offended you with my language and my actions and I beg your forgiveness. I will endeavor to correct my behaviour."

Jimmy was astounded at the changes in the bird's attitude and was about to ask what had changed him when the parrot continued, "By the way, may I ask what exactly the chicken did?"



CONTRIBUTIONS

Please submit all newsletter items to the Club Secretary via **email** by

FRIDAY PM

Articles are required in MS Word format only and **photos** as JPG or TIF files.

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UPDATE YOUR DETAILS

Let the Secretary know if your contact details have changed. Your details can be checked by visiting www.brisbanerotary.org.au and clicking on 'Membership' and entering your ID and password.



PHOTO
GALLERY



*Speaker Graeme Ridler at March 6 meeting
"Round the World in 14 Days"*



*Last week's Partners lunch at the Polo Club
hosted by Janeen Hamburger and the Northern Group*



DUTY ROSTER

6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March
Chair person	Chair person	Chair person	Chair person
P Anderson	Wal Bishop	R Mann	J Delahunty
Set Up	Set Up	Set Up	Set Up
J Torrance	K Watts	M Stephens	J Smerdon
Put Away	Put Away	Put Away	Put Away
C Mormon	J Charlton	B Aldred	G Sellers
Raffle	Raffle	Raffle	Raffle
M Pennisi	D O'Donoghue	M Kelly	J Torrance
Visitor Register	Visitor Register	Visitor Register	Visitor Register
D Charlton	J Smerdon	P Ulrich	L Stalley
Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship	Fellowship
R Barnwell	D Cain	P Dawson	C Kerr
Attendance	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
B Esler	B Esler	B Esler	B Esler
G Whitmore	G Whitmore	G Whitmore	G Whitmore
Speaker Review	Speaker Review	Speaker Review	Speaker Review
David Charlton	John Charlton	Bill Cunningham	Don O'Donoghue
Greg Sellars	Graeme Ridler	Mario Pennisi	Clarrie Manning

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty, please arrange a swap with another member. Please don't forget as your failure to turn up affects Club organization. If you are designated as the Chair and you will not be available, please advise the President. Members listed should **ARRIVE** by **NOON**.

MARCH

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Induction Date	
05 Ron Dixon	04 Peter & Lynn Anderson	02 Clarrie Manning OBE	1981
09 Peter Anderson	27 Ian & Joc Wilson	05 Bob Seaman	1979
16 Peter Ulrich	28 Stan & Pauline Francis	13 Bob Bland	1972
20 Marjorie Carss		15 D O'Donoghue	1982
28 Graeme Ridler		20 Graeme Ridler	2000
		24 Peter Tsikleas	1969
		25 Phil Little	2002

ATTENDANCE

27 February		6 March	
Members	32	Members	38
Visiting Rotarians	0	Visiting Rotarians	1 Jan Stacrusse (NT)
Partners	0	Partners	0
Guests	0	Guests	0
Club Guests	1 Sophie Joseph - guest speaker	Club Guests	0 Graeme Ridler - guest speaker
TOTAL	33	TOTAL	39
		Makeups	1 R Barnwell



ROTARY INFORMATION

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions. The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve the society.

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

FOUR 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?

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free
We've golden soil and wealth for toil
Our home is girt by sea
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair*

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Bill Cunningham
President elect	Graeme Ridler
Secretary	PP Des Knight
Treasurer	Marjorie Herrington
Imm. Past Pres	Marjorie Carss

CLUB DIRECTORS

Club Service	Graeme Ridler
Community Service	David Cain
International Service	Warren Hampton
Vocational Service	Cheryl Kerr
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tony Love

DISTRICT 9600 GOVERNOR

Charles Guesdo

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.*

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar