



The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

MAKE DREAMS REAL

23 March 2009

Vice President's Message

Hi All,

Again, we see the absence of President Michael on duty as the Queensland State Election moves into its final week! He should be returning to the 23 March meeting.

Last week, I attended the District 9600 PETS (President-Elects Training Session). Here, we were introduced to our District Governor Elect Walter Buchanan and next year's Presidents of the other clubs in our District. The message for 2009/10, espoused by RI President John Kenny, is 'the future of Rotary is in your hands' was accepted unreservedly by all attending. The challenge is that as RI grows, the administrative noise does not overwhelm but assists in the smoother running of our clubs.

As some of you will be aware Warren Hampton has left us to join a new club, and on behalf of the Rotary Club of Brisbane, I would like to thank Warren for all the excellent and much appreciated work and assistance he has provided our Club, and to wish him and Jan all the best for the future.

Meanwhile, there are still a few positions available on next years Board, please let me know if you are interested.

Please continue to 'Make dreams real'.

Yours in Rotary,

Vice President Mike Mauger



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MONDAYS

12.15 pm – 1.45 pm

OFFICERS

President	Michael Kelly
President Elect	Mike Mauger
Imm Past President	Mel Evans
Secretary	Brian Carss
Treasurer	Cameron Bishop

District 9600
Club Number 17787
Founded 29 May 1923

District Governor
Wayne Morris

Rotary International President
Dong Kurn Lee

New Links

Alan Simonic
ERM Consultants

http://www.brisbanerotary.org.au/interesting_links.html

Members,

We are now well into 2009 and it would be remiss of us not to remind you about attracting and recruiting new members to the Club!

Invite them to lunch and introduce them to Michael Stephens, Don O'Donoghue or Wal Bishop and they will do the rest!

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday March 30 2009

TBA



Meeting Review

16th March 2009

This week's meeting was attended by 25 members, three visiting Rotarians, three member's guests and one Club guest.

Chairman Brian Carss, a last minute ring-in for Bob Aldred, welcomed those attending asking all to say grace and proposed the loyal toast and toast to Rotary International. Further he proposed a toast to the USA and Canada, where today's guests hail from He then welcomed President- Elect Mike to the rostrum.

PE Mike again welcomed all to the meeting and said that he was standing in for Pres Michael who was heavily involved at work, as it was the last week of the election campaign! HE said that he had spent the previous day at PETS and whilst the message had been that all Rotary Clubs were autonomous, there was still a great deal of administrative background noise from RI through the District that had to be managed. He then introduced our guests:

- Rtn David Garrison – The Rotary Club of Anchorage Downtown
- Rtn Olga McKellar – The Rotary Club of Woodstock, Ontario
- Rtn Ron Mullins – The Rotary Club of Brisbane High Rise
- Linda Garrison – Guest of David Garrison
- Peter McKellar – Guest of Olga McKellar
- Amanda Robertson – Guest of Luke Stalley
- Alan Simonic – Guest Speaker from ERM Consultants

PE Mike then received Banners from the Rotary Clubs of Anchorage and Woodstock, Ontario. Chairman Brian then called for spots; there being none, he then gave members a short update in response to the 'Rotarians Blog' view on our 'fundraising and community service'.

He enumerated some of the community work over the past and current five year period, which included aid to the Aitape tsunami; Diabetes Queensland; Salvation Army; student victims of Cyclone Larry; Shelterboxes for Aceh; three year sponsorship of Canine Helpers, as well as assistance to DIK. The total outgoings are around \$500.000!

Fundraising has included numerous sausage sizzles and The Heart of Brisbane Ball. Ongoing activities include Canine Helpers, City Hall restoration, and the openings of the Kurilpa and Hale Street Bridges, Clem7 Tunnels and the Riverfest Sunday Goodwill Bridge breakfasts.

Brian said that the contributor to the blog gave us 4/10 for our achievements, but he could only wonder what is expected of us to make it anywhere near 10/10?

Chairman Brian then introduced our guest speaker Alan Simonic from ERM Consultants who gave us an update on ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING IN CHANGING TIMES as it affects Queensland and Brisbane. He explained the current economic situation and then explained the Queensland and Brisbane CBD situations in context. Alan's presentation can be accessed through New Links.

Chairman Brian thanked him for his excellent presentation and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Chairman Mike then introduced Sergeant-at-Arms Tony Love, who also thanked Alan for his presentation. Tony said that local Rugby teams had had a successful weekend and made mention of the absence of Bob Aldred who was probably administering to the needs of the Sea Eagles!! He then extracted appropriate fines for misdemeanours and transgressions.

The winner of the 'Find the Joker' raffle this week was PE Mike, who won a bottle of wine. We are 'back to normal' this week with cards, so Cam Bishop had the first pick from last week and drew the Ten of Clubs; then PE Mike drew the Four of Spades, no luck this week!!! The jackpot stands at approximately \$760, plus Monday's raffle share.

Good Luck.

CALENDAR

"39 Steps"

Winner Best New Comedy - Laurence Olivier Award 2007

Where:

Twelfth Night Theatre

When:

29 April 2009 8.00pm

Opening Night Tickets

\$49.90

in aid of the

Leukemia Foundation

Closing date for tickets

31 March 2009

Signing of the Sister Club agreement between the Rotary Club of Brisbane and the Rotary Club of Kobe East.

Tuesday 14th April 2009

Kobe, Japan

ROSTER

Monday 30th March 2009

President	M Kelly
Chairperson	A Gillespie
Set Up	K Hamburger
Put Away	D Henderson
Raffle	P Dawson
Visitor Register	R Tamaschke
Fellowship	L Stalley
Attendance	B Esler
Leave of absence	G Whitmore
Assistant	J Smerdon

DATECLAIMER

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

secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au

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.

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?