Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

# The Rotary Club of Brisbane Inc.

Founded 29 May 1923 Club 17787

A global network of community volunteers

**21 May 2012**

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**GPO Box2909**
**Brisbane Qld 4001**

Meets 4th Floor
(Edinburgh Room)
of the Brisbane Club
Post Office Square
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**MONDAYS**

**12.15 pm – 1.45 pm**

**OFFICERS**

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| **President** | **Alistair Smith** |
| **President Elect** | |
| **Imm Past President** | **Basil Veal** |
| **Vice President** | **Keith Watts** |
| **Secretary** | **Michael Stephens** |
| **Treasurer** | **Dougal Henderson** |
| **Sergeant-at-Arms** | **Cameron Bishop** |

**District** 9600
**Club Number** 17787
**Founded** 29 May 1923

**District Governor**
Carolyn Krueger

**Rotary International President**
Kalyan Banerjee

## *President's Message*

*Welcome Rotarians and friends.*

After the drama of tracking down a missing website last week, this week has been relatively quiet from a Rotary perspective, so I don't have much to report.

We have however had a request from Rotarian Tyveedu Babu Raj of the Rotary club Waltair in India, for some advice regarding travelling my motorbike in Australia. Apart from the obvious of avoiding the bikie gangs on the Gold Coast, perhaps some of our members could give Tyveedu some guidance, and I am therefore including his request at the end of this message.

I have now received the link from Mike O'Donnell for the Kilimanjaro climb for prostate cancer, and this is set out below:
http://www.everydayhero.com.au/cap_works_crew_steve__mike.

Members are more than welcome to donate individually. However, as an alternative we could arrange for contributions to go through the club, and Rotarian Graeme Whitmore has already offered to make a donation in this regard. I will run this past the board in the next meeting, but cannot envisage any issue, so if you would like to make a donation, let me know.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Alistair**

**What's On?**
**21 May:**

***Olav Muurlink***
*Rotary Overseas Trip*

## Date Claimers

**9th July:**
Visit by incoming
District Governor Dai Mason

## 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?

***Tyveedu's Request***

*Dear Rotarian,*
*I am Rotarian Tyveedu Baburaj from Dist 3020, by classification I am an advocate, and I represent Rotary club Waltair as its president (2011-12), club no 15617, which was started in 1972, located in the city of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh state, on the coast of Bay of Bengal, India.*
*I am on a world Tour starting from India by road travelling all Shenzhen countries and entering Africa , South America , North America, Australia, New Zealand covering 6 continents, 52 countries in 365 days. The dream aim of this mission REACH COMMUNITY TEACH HUMANITY. The world as a global village I am on a peace mission. I will be in your country and travelling by road on my motorbike, I need all the information which will be useful for me while travelling in your country.*
*Rtn. Tyveedu Babu Raj,D.No.10-7-1 , Ramanager, Visakhapatnam-530002, INDIA. Email. mahathiras@yahoo.co.in, Cell.no.9985951527, 9290551359, 9392834100mahathiras@yahoo.co.in, Cell.no.9985951527, 9290551359, 9392834100*

## *Rotary Meeting 14 May 2012*

Our Chairman of the day Dougal Henderson began the meeting with a novel toast "To the Head of State", then introduced P Alistair. P Alastair explained that our web site had been disconnected temporarily by mistake, but that problem had now been remedied. He announced that anyone who wished to attend the dinner on May the 24th, to welcome the President of Rotary International to Brisbane to book immediately.

Mel Evans , in the absence of PP Keith Watts, reminded us of the wine promotion. To date only about 15 cartons had been ordered, and we would like to get this closer to 30 cartons. To help achieve this there was a proposal to release a special Sarabah wineries Cabernet Sauvignon promotion, full details of which will be announced in the future. Mel announced that there will be a special social event for Club members to socialise, label and collect their wines at the Sarabah vineyard.

The date proposed was a Sunday, either the 1st, or the 8th, of July.

PP Brian Carss gave us the history of the second part of the 5th. decade as the Rotary spot.

Chairman Dougal introduced our guest speaker Dr. Olav Muurlink. Olav is an academic, and works as a Research Fellow at Griffith University's Centre for Work, Organisation and Wellbeing. He has been a psychologist, and a former newspaper editor. However he spoke to us today in his role as the Chairman of a charity called "Co-operation in Development". This organisation is a charity established by a now 92 years old Queensland man Fred Hyde. Its purpose is to provide primary school education to children in one of the most crowded and impoverished areas of the world, the delta region of the southern part of Bangladesh. This is a region that was, not long before Fred arrived in 1970, the scene of one of the worst single environmental catastrophes, the Bhola Cyclone, that created 10 meter high tidal waves that killed 500,000 people overnight.

Olav explained that he was a bit jet lagged, having just arrived back from Bangladesh. He urged us all to appreciate what a paradise we lived in, with good food, clean water and a healthy environment, compared to the overpopulated, impoverished, and polluted area he had just left.

He told us about Fred Hyde. Born in 1920, Fred grew up in Warwick. He was a child of the Great Depression. He reused brown paper bags and bent nails. The bicycle he rides in Bangladesh is 20 years old. Fred still goes to Bangladesh at least once per year. He spent time in the Army in WW2. He fought in New Guinea, and was on the Kokoda Track.

### 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.

## Calendar

**21 May:**
*Fellowship*

**28 May:**
*Stuart Macnish*

**14 May:**
*TBA*

## Roster

**21 May 2012:**

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| **President** | A Smith |
| **Chairman** | L Spano |
| **Set Up/Away** | B Carss |
| **Raffle** | B Aldred |
| **Visitor Register** | M Evans |
| **Attendance** | B Esler |
| | G Whitmore |

**28 May 2012:**

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| **President** | A Smith |
| **Chairman** | P Gresham |
| **Set Up/Away** | G Sellers |
| **Raffle** | L Stally |
| **Visitor Register** | P Caragata |
| **Attendance** | B Esler |
| | G Whitmore |

**4 June 2012:**
**TBA**

**11 June 2012:**
**TBA**

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*secretary@brisbanerotary.org.au*

## Rotary Meeting (continued)

He was a bit of a larrikin, and not above forging papers to let him get back to New Guinea. During the war he was saved from a bashing by a mob of Arab youths in Jerusalem by a group of Indian troops. He made a promise to help them some day. After the war Fred became a very successful business man, with machinery dealerships in Warwick and motor dealerships in Mt. Isa.

In the 1970's Fred decided that the best way to help the people of Bangladesh was to educate the young out of poverty. His charity now provides education for 12,000 children in 42 schools in Bangladesh, all built and maintained on a shoestring budget of $350,000 per annum. I was most impressed when Olav explained that all the honorary office bearers paid their own air fares and expenses to visit Bangladesh, and that the total administrative fees for "Co-operation in Development" were a very modest 1.8%. Olav appealed for any help that we could offer his charity.

Chairman Dougal said that as a younger man he had ridden a bike across Bangladesh and reinforced Olav's explanation of the immense problems Bangladesh faced with overpopulation and poverty.

SAA Cam Bishop paid a fine for the blatant advertisement for the Sarabah cabernet sauvignon and raised the usual fines. A total of 22 attended the lunch.

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## Rotary Segment – The Fifth Decade (Part 2)
## By Brian Carss

Following on from the 22nd April segment the 1960/61 year had John Broad as President and Ian A. Wilson as Secretary. Our honorary member, Sir Henry Abel Smith was made Knight Commander of the order of St Michael and St George and when Sir Henry visited the club informally in November 1960 he was fined "two bob" by our inimitable Sergeant Nim Love for doing such a good job.

## Rotary Segment (continued)

The club expressed its pride in having Carl Bishop as its District Governor through his good leadership, wise guidance and warm personality.
The Christmas party was held at the QLTA Ballroom at Milton and showed a surplus of 100 pounds which was used to sponsor underprivileged boys to the YMCA Holiday Camp.
At monthly group meetings, members toasted overseas clubs and the International Contacts Committee who were responsible for this exercise took great pains to ensure a wide range of clubs from Canada, U.S.A., West Indies, South America, Africa, Japan and New Zealand were recognized. It was decided to correspond directly with these clubs as well as clubs in other countries by preparing roneoed sheets of information titled "Our State, Our City, and Our Club" and a number of illustrated booklets were also sent out. In addition, a large case of books were sent to the RC of Sourabaya in Indonesia for their local university.
It occurred while writing this last bit that maybe this is a exercise that we could undertake now using the Internet rather than printed booklets. It would be good for raising awareness of our Cub, our City and our State.

The 1962/63 year was the Club's 40th anniversary and to celebrate the occasion PDG Bob Hancock was invited to take the Presidential Chair which he had first occupied in 1928. Arnold Bennett gave an address on the history of the Club.

In this year also, the Club became an active supporter of the Rotary Foundation by adopting the 10 for one plan. This called for an annual donation of $US10 for each new member and $US1 for all other members.

The 1964/65 year was the Diamond Jubilee of RI and it was fitting that in this year that International House at the University of Queensland was opened. I have talked about International House and its origins in an earlier talk.

A new activity, managed by Brian Eggleton involved postage stamps. Members brought in used stamps and were disposed of through the philately trade. In its first year it raised 132 pounds.

Syd Gresham was elected President for the 1965/66 year with the major fund raising activity being assistance to the Guide Dogs for The Blind. This raised $1000. A further $945 was made to International House and $352 to assist the Vellure Hospital in India. The Bowls Carnival raised $600 and the sale of stamps $302. Note this was the year when decimal currency was introduced. All in all, not a bad little money earner.

RYLA Week, Christmas Camp for under privileged children and the Yungaba Migrant Centre were again supported by the club. One of the minor projects for the year was the installation of the Club's meeting days and times at the Brisbane Airport, and the Interstate Railway and Bus Terminals.

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# A job for every Rotarian

**Kalyan Banerjee**
President
Rotary International

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

When we talk about building membership, we all recognise that welcoming a new member into a Rotary club is only the beginning of our task. To turn a new club member into a committed Rotarian, much more is necessary – and the first step is helping that new member to get involved.

Every Rotarian in every club should know that he or she is not only needed, but relied upon. Every Rotarian should have a job within the club – a role to play. After all, why are we in Rotary? We are here to make a difference. Yes, we enjoy our Rotary service, but that is not enough if we are to make Rotary a priority week after week, year after year. The knowledge that we are having an impact, that we are changing lives – that is what keeps us going, no matter what other demands may compete for our time. And this is why each one of us, however long we have been in Rotary, must always be striving to grow as Rotarians – to find new ways to help others, and to bring about all the positive change we possibly can. For this, more than anything, is what makes our Rotary service worthwhile.

Whether we are new members or old ones, each of us can find ways to become more involved in Rotary service – at the club level, the District level, and beyond.

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Rotarian Action Groups are a wonderful opportunity to put specific expertise or interests to work, in a way that brings Rotarians from every part of the Rotary world together for a common goal. Whether your passion is water and sanitation issues, or microcredit, or blindness prevention – whether you want to volunteer your dental skills or help organise blood drives – chances are there is a Rotarian Action Group for you. And if not, why not organise one yourself? You can learn more about Rotarian Action Groups at www.rotary.org/actiongroups.

Rotary is and always has been an organisation based on its clubs. The purpose of Rotary International is not to direct its clubs, but to connect, inform and support them. Where and how each club, and each Rotarian, chooses to serve is ultimately the decision of each one alone. So follow your own ambition and your own vision. Open your eyes to the challenges in our world, and use the strength you have through Rotary to find ways to overcome them. Every one of us has so much potential and can achieve so much when we *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.

Kalyan Banerjee

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***President,***
***Rotary International*** ▪