



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
31 May 2012



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT –Bill's Blurb

Over the years my kids and mates regularly cut me down to size. Now the editor is doing it! Some of my comments disappeared out of the last edition of Hot Air so I had better start by repeating them. Firstly another thank you to all those who gave time to support the Red Shield appeal. We had 19 members involved (not including Bryce). Times are tough for many in the community so giving financial support, no matter how worthy the cause, has become difficult. The results for our area were good defying national trends; that was pleasing to hear and made the effort all just a bit more worthwhile.

And then there is the Joker Draw; I'm surprised to still be talking about it. There is just the one card left; even I could get that selection right if I was to get the opportunity. The thank you on this occasion is to Karen who has run this important little fund raiser for a number of years. Besides raising money it adds some excitement to the morning meeting. That will definitely be the case next Thursday.

Last Thursday evening, along with a number of other members, I took the opportunity to attend the dinner in honour of our RI President Kalyan Banerjee who was visiting Australia for a few days. I was pleased to be there. He is an inspiration and gave a captivating address. Kalyan is from India and he mentioned that in February of this year his country was declared polio free. How great was that to happen in his year as RI President? Also in attendance was Sir Clem Renouf who is a former RI President (1978/79) and is credited with launching the polio plus campaign. Kaylan acknowledged Sir Clem's contribution. He is from Nambour so this wonderful global initiative all started in our District. There are just three countries left to be declared polio free and then this disease will be gone from the face of the earth. That truly is Rotary making a difference.

Next year the RI theme is "Peace through Service"; Kaylan talked about some of the things that Rotary is doing to advance the cause of peace. Before the end of his year he will meet with the President of Pakistan and the Chief of the Army; the common ground is the polio plus campaign. Peace becomes a spin off benefit when an Indian gains access to the highest levels of Pakistani power.

He has already met with the President of Afghanistan for the same reason and with the same possible benefits. Clearly the RI President is a highly respected position on the world stage; Kaylan appears to carry the responsibilities of the office with charm, dignity and a steely determination to make a difference. He gives true meaning to his theme for the year "reach within to embrace humanity."

One thing he mentioned that struck a chord was his hope that one day, Peace Scholar graduates would be influential in determining the peaceful outcome of conflicts around the world. We have our very own visiting Peace Scholar in Chantelle. She will graduate next year and will carry with her, along with all her colleagues, a responsibility towards building a better world. The reach of Rotary is extensive but the connection remains local. How about that?

| ROSTER | 31 May | 5 June | 07 June | 14 June | 21 June | 28 June | 05 July | 06 July |
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| CHAIRMAN | John Kerr | Meeting at Hamilton Club | MAKE UP TABLE | Steve K | Bill K | Mark L | MAKE UP TABLE | Change over Dinner |
| SET UP | Steve K Bill K | | Combined meeting at Hamilton | Bill K Mark L | Mark L Deb L | Deb L Barbara L | Change over | 6.30 Southbank TAFE |
| CLOSE DOWN | Mark L Deb L | Dinner | | Deb L Barbara L | Barbara L John L | John L Frank L | | |
| SERGEANT | Greg | | | Rob | Kit | Lindsay | | |

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

We toast the Rotary Club of Kabul, Afghanistan. Where Jenny Horton is working to eradicate polio. Jenny belongs to the Kenmore Club.

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

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| 31 May | Fellowship | Here's a morning to catch up with members of the Club and induct some new members. |
| 5 June | Joint Meeting at Hamilton | Wrap up of the Art Show |
| 14 June | Phil Breene | Wivenhoe Dam – The Blame Game |
| 21 June | Neil Bray | A chance for us to learn a bit more about Neil and what he has done since leaving the Club ? |
| 28 June | Bill Phillips | Summary of the year |
| 6 July | Angela Tillmanns | The Year Ahead |

ATTENDANCE – 17 May 2012

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| MEMBERS | 33 | GUESTS | 8 | VISITING ROTARIANS | 3 | ATTENDANCE | 53% |
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PAYPAL

PREPAY FOR MEETINGS and SUBSCRIPTIONS ON THE WEB AT:

<http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/members.htm>

APOLOGIES – GUESTS – MAKE UPS

APOLOGIES FROM MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS and MEMBERS BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CLUB BY 9am WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THAT THURSDAY'S BREAKFAST MEETING VIA EMAIL: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com
MEMBERS NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - PLEASE EMAIL: make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

UPDATE ON AYAAN, OUR SOMALILAND PATIENT

www.helpayaan.org/

Club members may be aware that our club is supporting Ayaan, a 22 year-old lady from Somaliland, with a very conspicuous defect in her mid-face, where she was hit by a bullet during the civil war twenty years ago, when she was two. Unfortunately, at 22, she is too old to qualify for ROMAC assistance so our club, in conjunction with Mitchelton Rotary, have taken on her case as an independent project.

Our 'Project **Ayaan**' committee had cause for a mini-celebration last week, when further information was received from an x-ray facility in Addis Adaba in Ethiopia. The data indicated their CT scanner machine is modern enough to record Ayaan's problem in detail, and is also adequate enough to enable a biomodel to be constructed as part of her treatment planning. This development is very important to our ongoing project plans, as we want to be sure of what surgery is needed for Ayaan, before we actually encourage her to get on a plane and travel to Australia

Accordingly, we feel Ayaan may now proceed from her home in rural Somaliland, to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia for her scan. This will be her second visit to Addis for x rays, however, on this occasion we are confident the scan information will allow the medical and surgical team to determine what intervention is required and, importantly, the likelihood of any proposed medical procedures being successful. Bear in mind, this travel is an arduous trip for Ayaan. It is a four hour trip from Ayaan's home village Burao to Hargeisa (the capital of Somaliland), from where she then travels across the border to Ethiopia, at least an additional four hours.

In support of Ayaan's proposal, John Arvier was guest speaker last week at Mitchelton Rotary Club, and Noela Phillips and Lindsay Marshall also attended. Mitchelton have generously offered to work with us in a support capacity especially in a role as opponents in a suggested fund raiser of a Trivia Night – the "**Burbs vs High-Rise**"!! Ayaan's referring hospital in Hargeisa have offered to pay for Ayaan's airline costs, but more funds might yet be required for an accompanying doctor and friend – in which case, Lindsay Marshall may twist your arm to join in.

Travel information is now being sought, an important next stage in the project. Any High-Ride members who'd like more details can let Lindsay, Noela or John Arvier know, and we'll add your name to the regular e-mail distribution.

Noela Phillips

Project Co-ordinator

www.helpayaan.org/

UPDATE – SERVICES COMMITTEE – See Ross G for details

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| Diabetes Walk for the Cure | Sunday, October 14, 2012 | Assist Walk Coordination – Needing Marshalls |
| Boundary St Boarding House & Bric | All Year | Goods, toiletries, Starter Kits (toaster, jug, sheets, etc.), etc. |
| Melbourne Cup - School | November | Raffle for African Projects |
| Homeless Connect | As needed | "Knickers Day" (Club)/ "Knickers Week" (Public) |
| Homeless of Brisbane | As needed | Donated Trailer for Outdoor Camping & Fishing |
| Smith Family | As needed | As needed |
| Donations In Kind | Saturday 3 December, 2012 | Mentoring - address to Club |

PROJECTS 2011-2012 – Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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| Local | Albert Park Flexi School – This is an ongoing project through the year that will include bursaries and repair to the site. BRIC Housing – This year we will collect for specific items needed, such as kettles, toasters, microwaves. |
| International | Mamba Primary School – We are running the Trifector again this year with the funds going towards another project for the children and area in Tanzania. The tickets are ordered and on there way to us – so selling caps on! Rotary Foundation – We encourage each Member to donate \$100 towards promoting our local causes. ROMAC – We will continue to identify key activities and fundraising that will make a difference. St Judes – We will again be working closely with Gemma finding ways to contribute both time and donation. |
| Youth | NYSF 2012 - Yr 12 science students - Club Attendee, Ellie, Cannon Hill Anglican College – 1 of 27 selected Science Experience - Yr 10 - January 2013. Applications close October 2012 RYLA 2012 18-26 yo tall ships leadership voyage - April 2013. Applications close March 2013 International Youth Exchange Program 2013 post Yr 12 - Applications close March 2013 |
| Emergency | Shelter Boxes – We will maintain our Serviette Appeal approach and collection at times of need. |
| Events | Art Spectacular – Our involvement will continue in 2012 with beneficiaries of Cerebral Palsy and ROMAC Walk for the Cure – October again and we support the walk through marshalling, attendant roles and as collectors. Homeless Connect – We will choose a specific item to collect for – Ross has one in mind. Red Shield Appeal – Bryce will sort us out for the next appeal, now in 2012. Grey Man Foundation – We are still looking at what we can do to assist this organisation – under Kit's guidance. |

RI President Kalyan Banerjee with some High Rise friends



TWO DATES TO REMEMBER FOR HIGH-RISERS

COMBINED DINNER OF

Hamilton, Brisbane High-Rise & Stones Corner

To present monies to Cerebral Palsy and Romac from the Brisbane Art Spectacular

Tuesday - 5 June - 5.45pm for 6.15pm

Hamilton meeting place is Royal Queensland Golf Club, Curtin Avenue West, Eagle Farm. Plenty of parking available.

A MAKE-UP TABLE WILL BE AT POLO CLUB ON 7th

**BRISBANE HIGH-RISE
CHANGE OVER DINNER 2012**

6 July, Friday, 6.30pm

**Southbank Institute of
Technology restaurant.**

Confirm attendance closer to the date.



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PRICES START AT \$10 – 250g

BOUNDARY STREET

BUY A STARTER KIT/S \$50ea !

The easiest way for our Members to help Residents is to donate \$50/kit - which purchases a great base starter kit.

Talk to Margo B – who can organise your donation and receipt.

PUT TOGETHER A KIT !

If you would prefer to put a kit or kits together yourself these are the items a single resident needs to kick them off and new if possible:

- Single sheet set+Pillow case - Saucepan
- Towels - Tea towel - Cutlery – Crockery
- ELECTRICAL GOODS**

Also starter kit donations for boarders:

- toasters - jugs - irons - etc.

NB: ALL electrical goods must be new.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT THE DESK NOW

**SUNSHINE COAST/NORTH
BRISBANE BOWELSCAN
PROGRAM 2012**

A project of Rotary District 9600

The program needs more support from Clubs in the North Brisbane part of District 9600

Rotarians around Australia, ranging from Tasmania to Western Australia, and north to Townsville and next year Darwin, have for over twenty years taken action to raise awareness about bowel cancer in the community. 2011 was the seventh year the program has operated within District 9600.

Clubs interested in participating in the program in 2012 should contact:

The District Coordinator, Peter Fisk, on:

Email: fiskj777@westnet.com.au

Rotary Success Conference

21st-22nd July 2012 in Canberra

RI Director Stuart Heal and RI Director Elect John Boag are the Convenors of the Rotary Success Conference to be held in Canberra on the weekend of July 21st-22nd. Noel Trevaskis is the Coordinator for the conference and Bob Greeney is Chairman of the organising committee.

The Rotary Success conference will be about helping Rotary Clubs to be bigger, bolder, strong successful clubs. Some of the topics that will be discussed are membership recruitment, membership retention, PR & Media, membership diversity, leadership, Club visioning, Rotary Foundation Future Vision. It will be a conference where all Rotarians will gain knowledge and ideas from the weekend; it will be about "Rotary Success". For more information email greeneyb@iimetro.com.au

