



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

04 March 2010



Fellows – Walter B Buchanan – District Governor

After 20 years of Service above Self, Donations in Kind (DIK) in D9600 is closing down as from 30 June 2010. A very sad position for this District. The impact on our friends and fellow Rotarians in PNG and SI will be felt right across their local communities.

Two major sticking points behind this much discussed decision are: Lack of permanency for the DIK 'home'. We vacated our old home, closed down for some months until we found a warehouse for which we have a 12 /18 month lease. This lack of long term and stable commitment is not conducive to the manner of operations we have proven to work for DIK operations. And secondly, Lack of funds. I can understand how Clubs are placed, and not able to provide funds to cover the costs associated with the movement of shipping containers.

Each and every Club is faced with the pressures of: GIVE TO MEET THE POLIO PLUS CHALLENGE and of course support SHELTERBOX, let alone the expectations from Club and Members to support The Rotary Foundation quest for funds via, EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR. Even as District Governor, I requested each Club to review their support to the Foundation as outlined on page 1 of the District Directory. These demands and many others upon monies as well each Clubs desire to support local activities have had their impact. No Club monies being injected to keep the containers rolling. Hence the very disappointing situation of closing down DIK.

During last Rotary year we moved approximately 28 boxes, at an average cost of \$3,500 per box. Total of about \$98,000. Matching Grants were a major assistance in ensuring we were able to pay for the shipping of these containers. Now, as we all know there are no Matching Grants. Today we have just on \$6000 and no prospects of the continuous and long term commitment of monies needed to meet the costs of moving containers and thus keep DIK operational.

The years and years of efforts and energies of Bill and Ann Waterfield John Paskin and the DIK team is a matter to be addressed at some other time. The impact of ceasing our 20 years of service and support to PNG and SI and other peoples in need is indeed a matter of extreme disappointment.

The one bright light is that I am more than positive that DGE Eric and his team will provide a sound and long working solution to this current situation.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The Rotary Club of Zagazig, Egypt – DISTRICT 2450 – who meet at Sharika Sporting Club on Monday evenings. About 30 kg NE of Cairo on the Muweis Canal. Lots of corn and cotton and not far off from the ruins of Bubastis, ancient capital of the 12th nome. They have a great university.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- 4 Mar Kit has two on offer – let's see who he delivers...
- 11 Mar "Campo" 97.3FM - "Radio the art of throwing a party"
- 18 Mar 2010 BRISBANE SENSES ART – Opening Night
- 25 Mar I should know by next week

EVENTS – MARCH is LITERACY MONTH

- 18 Mar 2010 BRISBANE SENSES ART – OPENING NIGHT
- 26 Mar D9600 Conference – Reaching Beyond The Boundaries' The Events Centre – Caloundra Civic Centre
- Apr ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

BIRTHDAYS

Famous birthdays, dates or a quote of the day

- 4 Mar Tim Baker Oranges introduced to Hawaii - 1792
- 5 Mar Jacque Bennetts 1st ascent of Mount Erebus, Antarctica - 1908
- 8 Mar Susan Rix Mickey Dolenz (The Monkees) – Born 1945
- 10 Mar Sarah Goodman I love myself when I am laughing - Hurston

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 10 Mar James & Sarah Goodman
- 4 Apr Russell & Debbie Postle

REMINDER TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR ART SHOW

ATTENDANCE – 25 February 2010

MEMBERS	41	VISITING ROTARIANS	1
GUESTS	4	ATTENDANCE	72%

ROSTER

4 Mar 11 Mar 18 Mar 25 Mar

CHAIRMAN	Steve K	Mark L	Deb L	John L
SET UP	Mark L	Deb L	John L	Frank L
	Deb L	John L	Frank L	Bill L
CLOSE DOWN	John L	Frank L	Bill L	Elizabeth L
	Frank L	Bill L	Elizabeth L	Stephanie M

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.

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS - NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - BRINGING GUESTS

PLEASE NOTIFY BY 1200 TUESDAY: Kit Bennetts – kitbennetts@yahoo.com.au

A GREAT NIGHT OUT – Thank you

On behalf of those who attended a fantastic night of Russian culture and all that entails (especially the spit pig) – Maslenista on Feb 12 – thank you to our Elena !! Our Vic's face says it all...



BELOW: Violinist Nikolay Dumin and let's just say he had the crowd from the first note...



No pics of Kit Bennetts up on stage representing our table and expertly speaking fluent Russian. Cameras were banned after he spoke. We knew he said something 'interesting' when the crowd 'gasp'd' in unison. The rest of us knew Russian but we instinctively looked for the exit sign. Kit was seen doing vodka shots after the incident ...hasn't been seen a lot since. We believe Frank stepped in...

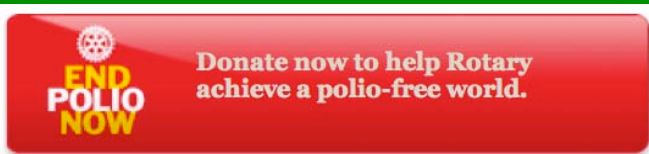
Elena Gosse thank you – you sang so sweetly.



ROMAC UPDATE – REY'S PROGRESS



DATE CLAIMERS / INVITATIONS TO FELLOW ROTARIANS



BRISBANE HIGH-RISE ONGOING CLUB PROJECTS

- ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL
- DIABETES WALK FOR THE CURE
- SMITH CHRISTMAS APPEAL
- CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
- RED SHIELD APPEAL
- BOUNDARY ST BOARDING HOUSE

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE NEW PROJECTS

- OUTING FOR THE DISABLED – Supporting Cerebral Palsy League
- GREY-MAN FOUNDATION – in development
- SHELTER BOX

ROLL THE DICE RUN – 19/20/21 March '10

The Rotary Club of Warwick - The Charity Bike Ride / Hot Rod Event invites any member bike/hot rod enthusiasts to join in. The Rally will have a major art union with limited tickets available. Prize is a Harley, yes a Harley valued at \$28350. Tickets are \$50 ea. The Raffle constitutes an important element of the event so go to: www.rollthedicerun.com.au Contact: Larry James – 0415421804



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We are officially taking bookings for tickets to the OPENING NIGHT on MARCH 18, Thursday – buy at our meetings or online. \$40ea if purchased before Opening Night - \$50 at the door. PURCHASE DIRECT FROM OUR FRONT DESK WITH SHANNA.

Rey had the initial fitting of his eye prosthesis March 2, and Trevor Dorahy is creating a masterpiece! He's now just planning to further tint the sclera slightly, to reduce the whiteness, and perhaps add a few small capillaries (not too much redness Trevor -- we don't want him to look like Steve Cocolas after a big night out). The palate continues to improve, as does the top jaw. A few small pieces of bone graft have been lost, but the majority seems to be surviving OK. Rey's speech also continues to improve, thanks to further sessions with Sue Barnard, as well as extensive reading matter donated by Suzy Wilson and Riverbend bookshop.

NOTE: Trevor Dorahy has been invited to join us at High-Rise. We thank him for his work with ROMAC and especially Rey.