



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

R.I. No. 29520

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
5 May 2011



FELLOW ROTARIANS

Last week's frivolity proved enjoyable and amusing, although I'm not sure what our visitors and guests made of it but we all certainly seemed to have fun. The real Royal Wedding seemed to go off OK as well and it would seem their organisers were nearly as good as ours.

I did however approach our Royal Wedding with a degree of trepidation - as President of the Club; I am the Club officer who actually holds a distinctly Republican title and role in these days of disaffection with long serving Presidents. I felt a little threatened a bit like the former President Mubarak of Egypt must have felt or indeed, as President Assad of Syria must now be feeling right now.

I fear these royalist rumblings may be a precursor of crazed protesting Rotarians running down Felix Street demanding freedom of expression in 'Hot Air' and the dissolving of the evil secret police i.e. the imprisonment of Sergeant Wendy...actually that might not be such a bad thing!. Still; I guess crazed Rotarians running down Felix Street are better than flood water running down Felix Street.

You need to be clear that if these rumblings become riotous I will be forced to crackdown using the Rotary Presidential Guard and quell the uprising using whatever force is required in the time honoured fashion of short, aging out of touch dictators. The problem for me is I am unsure who I can rely on as trusted members of the Presidential Guard (loyal lieutenants Steve K has a leg wound and Frank L an eye wound from previous riots) and in any event the Presidential Guard are a rag tag mob even on a good day. Colonel Vic is forever carping on about better times under former presidents - one in particular; and my anointed successor has been to the PETS weekend at Marcoola. He has returned fired with enthusiasm and there are rumours he has already had a planning meeting with his incoming revolutionary council.

President Elect Bill is looking to capitalise on the disquiet and organise an 'orderly transition of power' on Friday 24 June 2011 in an attempt to prevent me from declaring myself 'President for Life'.

Be sure to mark 'Changeover' - Friday 24 June in your revolutionary diaries, even if only to make sure I go.

Yours in Rotary,
Kit

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.

APOLOGIES, GUESTS & MAKE-UPS

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS & BRINGING GUESTS PLEASE NOTIFY HIGH-RISE BY 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com (NB: Please ensure you receive a confirmation your email has been

GUEST SPEAKERS

May 5 TBA
May 12 TBA
May 17 TBA
May 19 TBA

ROSTER	5 May	12 May	17 May	19 May
CHAIRMAN	Frank L	Bill L	Elizabeth L	Stephanie M
SET UP	Bill L	Elizabeth L	Stephanie M	Lindsay M
	Elizabeth L	Stephanie M	Lindsay M	Kym M
CLOSE	Stephanie M	Lindsay M	Kym M	Gary Mc
	Lindsay M	Kym M	Gary Mc	John Mc

BRIC HOUSING GARAGE SALE – SAT 7 MAY

5 Villiers St, New Farm, 7 a.m. to 12 noon
Bric Housing is looking for items to be donated to their garage sale. **For more information please contact Charmaine on 3230 5504**

PAYPAL

MEMBERS can now prepay their meetings, subscriptions etc. via the Club's website:
<http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/members.htm>

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

According to Wikipedia, 80 countries will be celebrating Mother's Day on the 8th May, 2011. In addition, May 8 is known as *Parent's Day* in Albania and South Korea.

Given the significant roles that both our mothers and our fathers played in our lives, it is proposed that this week the international toast is replaced with a simple toast to **Our Mothers and Our Fathers**.

ATTENDANCE – 28 APRIL 2011

MEMBERS	41	VISITING ROTARIAN	0
GUESTS	7	ATTENDANCE	71%

received).

MEMBERS PLEASE EMAIL DETAILS OF MAKE-UPS TO: make-ups@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

MOTHERS' DAY – Sun. 8 MAY 2011

HOMELESS CONNECT – Wedn. 11 MAY 2011

Volunteers are needed to help at the above day at the RNA Showground. It is a day organized by Brisbane City Council where 1,000+ homeless come and connect with the various service providers, and get access to various services. **For more information please contact Ross G.**

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA – RAM DINNER – Sat. 14 MAY 2011

St Columban's Catholic Secondary College, 6:15 p.m. for 7 p.m. start
Caboolture

Rotarians, partners, guests and friends all welcome! Each year we try to educate you on an aspect regarding the fight against Malaria. This year our Guest Speaker will be PDG Peter Thomas who will speak on "Rotary and the Global Fund." Cost per person \$67. (Cash Bar available) **RSVP** with cheque made payable to: The Rotary Club of Caboolture, PP Rosemary Worthington – RAM Dinner Co-ordinator, PO Box 240, Caboolture, Qld 4510 **No later than Tuesday 3 May 2011**

ROTARIAN WEEK OF IBLA BAROQUE – Sat. 14 MAY to 21 MAY 2011

Programs, itinerary and booking form on www.rotaryragusa.it

RED SHIELD DAY – Sun. 29 MAY 2011

This year High-Rise will need a good roll-up for not only the counting house (3-4), but also to act as drivers and collectors in the inner city west area (as many as possible). More details will be provided closer to the day.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – Sun. 5 JUNE 2011

All incoming Board Members for the 2011-12 year (including those doing the position again) are to attend.

D9600 - ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM & SEMINAR

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution. **For an application form and more information please contact Kym.**



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS SEMINAR

Keep Saturday 28th May 2011 in mind for the annual *Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar*. The seminar is a key university event and brings together students, Rotarians and academics. Join us for insightful presentations by Rotary Peace Fellows.

Saturday, 28th May 2011.

The University of Queensland
St Lucia Campus.

Free parking, free entry and catering provided

For more information please contact Jerome Dudley,
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THE PRE-WEDDING BREAKFAST

Wedding guests with the happy wedding couple



The Presidential couple



Royalty arriving



Pensive Lord Chamberlain



Cake anyone?



Cake anyone?



Elton & Posh arriving



Prince Harry & the Countess of Wessex partying in front of the Queen



European Royalty *after* the breakfast

