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FELLOW ROTARIANS

Whenever media attention is on Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan or any of that group of misbehaving celebrities who seem only to be famous for being famous, we collectively shake our heads in disbelief. We feel quite justified in seeing them to be indecently wealthy from the efforts of others; in fact self-absorbed, spoilt, feckless, bimbos.

Yet it's sobering to remember that our contempt for them roughly mirrors the contempt vast populations in the less developed world have for us - the people of the developed Western World. Perhaps they have some justification. We are obscenely rich by their standards we seem to be selfish and wasteful of resources from food through to energy.

I have always been haunted by something the then French Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin said a fortnight after the September 11; 'Terrorism cannot be explained and even less justified by the inequalities which divide the world and by the conflicts that convulse it. But it must be known that hatred feeds off poverty, frustration and injustice'

There are a lot of people who do a lot of talking about peace and poverty and those 'inequalities that divide the world', but it seems there are far fewer who do anything about it. Many of us of course feel powerless and ineffective in the face of the sheer the magnitude of the challenges to feed our world and help people in crisis. But we must do something and invariably as Rotarians we do.

As we watch the tragedy unfold in Pakistan it seems yet again that it is the defenceless poor; whose lives are ravaged and destroyed...this time by flood waters. It highlights for us how important it is that we do not squabble or allow personal interests to interfere with our ability to respond it crises like the floods in Pakistan. I look forward to quick and effective resolution of the issues that surround 'Shelter Box' and Rotary's support. There is not a moment to lose.

Rotary achieves - we don't just talk about things like World Peace. We do something about it. We sponsor post-graduate scholars from all around the world, and send them all around the world. We create and fund International professional exchanges and student exchanges. These initiatives have given thousands upon thousands of people the opportunity to live, work and study all over the globe. As their careers have developed and many have become significant community and world leaders they have carried with them the fruit of that international experience - real understanding. It is this understanding that creates a climate for peace that no protest march can ever achieve.

So don't feel that you are ineffective because as Rotarian you are one of over 1.2 million people worldwide who are really working for positive change.

And if you don't believe me about the perceptions of others in this world, ponder this:

'The combined wealth of the world's richest 50 is more than the combined wealth of the world's poorest 416 million'

Yours in Rotary,

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Aug 12	Paul Reis, Deputy Director – Mater Foundation
Aug 19	Heather Mabin – Mabin Family Daffodils
Aug 26	Fr John Naumann & Alison Jackson – Hearts For Africa
Sept 2	Bill Richmond - Mindventures

BIRTHDAY

13 Aug Rosemary Meadows

ATTENDANCE – 5 AUGUST 2010

MEMBERS	41	VISITING ROTARIAN	1
GUESTS	2	ATTENDANCE	71%

ROSTER 12 Aug 19 Aug 26 Aug 2 Sept

CHAIRMAN	Karen T	Angela T	Ashley T	Craig W
SET UP	Angela T	Ashley T	Craig W	Andrew W
	Ashley T	Craig W	Andrew W	Chris W
CLOSE	Craig W	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W
	Andrew W	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W

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 9:00 WEDNESDAY: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

In ancient cultures, religion and medicine were linked. The earliest documented institutions aiming to provide cures were Egyptian temples. These were 'sanatoria' and 'travel lodges' that were attached to temples with attendant priests. Most treatments consisted of prayers and sacrifices to the gods of healing, and when cures occurred, they were attributed to divine intervention only.

In light of this historical role of the ancient temples, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Luxor** (District 2450) who meets Tuesday at the Emilio Hotel, Luxor, Egypt.

ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL
 BOUNDARY ST BOARDING HOUSE
 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
 DIABETES WALK FOR THE CURE
 GREY-MAN FOUNDATION
 OUTING FOR THE DISABLED – Supporting Cerebral Palsy League
 RED SHIELD APPEAL
 ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS - RYDA
 SHELTER BOX - (On Hold - awaiting developments)
 SMITH CHRISTMAS APPEAL

MONTH OF AUGUST 2010 – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT and EXTENSION MONTH

RI PRESIDENTS DINNER – Thurs. 19 AUG

6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. start
 North Leagues & Services Club,
 ANZAC Avenue, Kallangur

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS (YOUTH ACTIVITIES) MONTH



MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE INSPIRATIONAL EVENING – Fri 13 AUG 2010,

7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start, New Rugby Club, The Strand @ Rugby Quay

Special guest is Sam Bailey, wheel-chair bound farmer. Tickets \$175 pp. *For more information, please contact Russell Postle*

FIRST AID COURSE – Sat 21 AUG 2010

Start 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Morrissey Training, Unit 1 / 269 Abbotsford Rd, Bowen Hills.

Max. 10 people, cost \$70 pp payable on the day, of which \$50 will go to the Laura Beckett Trust for supporting a nursing scholarship in memory of Laura. (Cost of course normally \$125 pp). Light lunch provided. *Please email attendance to Christine Morrissey*

JESUS CHRIST Superstar - The Rock Opera – Fri 27 AUG 2010 @ The Playhouse

BRIDGE TO BRISBANE – Sun 29 AUG 2010 - Join the Noah's Ark team for this event.

For more information, please contact Rosemary Meadows

FATHERS DAY – Sun 5 SEPTEMBER

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE BRISBANE –Peace & Understanding lectures – Fri 10 SEPT 2010

Corporate Breakfast, Rydges, South Bank Hotel, 7:15 a.m. for 7:30 start (concludes by 8:30 a.m.) \$60 pp or \$550 for table of 10

Dinner & Lecture, Pre-dinner drinks (Il Plaza) 5 p.m., 6:00 p.m. dinner (International House Dining Hall) & lecture – free but request contribution to offset costs and allow a donation to the scholarship program.

Featuring Ian Conway, Kings Creek Station, founder Indigenous Kids Future Pty Ltd, founded to provide educational opportunities for cultural Aboriginal children from remote homelands in the King's Canyon area of Northern Territory. Ian grew up in Central Australia during the 1950s. A one-time ward of the state after his mother died, his early years were spent in bush camps outside Alice Springs. Against the odds, Ian finished school and carved out a career running a big cattle station near Kings Canyon. But material success was not enough, and when he saw the poverty and deprivation on his own doorstep, he was determined to do something about it. After carving out the famous King Creek Station from the bush and creating a successful tourist enterprise, he finally turned his mind to the unfinished business of his promise to his friend, an Aboriginal elder; his commitment was to ensure cultural Aboriginal children from remote homelands have the same educational opportunities as the children in wider Australia.

Many aboriginal children are benefiting from a High school education at Prince Alfred College and Westminster School in Adelaide. To continue into tertiary education International House will establish a scholarship program for both accommodation & academic studies at UQ. *For more information contact John Braithwaite ph 3721 2485 or email j.braithwaite@inhouse.uq.edu.au RSVP by 27 August*

QUEENSLAND PHILANTHROPIC ORCHESTRA – Classical Concert

Sat 11 SEPT 7:30 p.m. & Sun 12 SEPT matinee at 11 a.m., Ferry Road Studios, West End

Over the last 3 years, this orchestra, now comprising a whopping 100 talented musicians from all walks of life, has raised over \$35,000 for Queensland charities, including Qld Institute of Medical Research, Prevent Blindness Foundation, and Mater Medical Research Institute. This year, their charity partner is Multiple Sclerosis Queensland. The orchestra, under the baton of world-class conductor Andrew Robinson, is delighted to welcome Warwick Adeney, concertmaster for the Qld Symphony Orchestra, as their violin soloist for 2010.

Tickets are \$40 (concession \$30; kids under 12 are free) and are available through 4MBS on 3847 1717, online at <http://4mbs.com.au/node/852> or via ICU Optometrist on 3368 3644 or Julie@icuo.com.au with every ticketing dollar being donated to MS Qld.

CHARITY RACE DAY – Sun. 12 SEPT 2010

Corbould Park, Caloundra, Fashions on the Field – Both Male & Female

General entry fee \$10 pp or covered lounge \$15 pp. Bring your own picnic, buy there or book for the Champagne Garden \$30 pp or Restaurant luncheon \$55 pp (\$50 pp for groups of 10 or more). To book email bribie@gmail.com or Ph: 0408 011 145