



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

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FELLOW ROTARIANS

I was sitting here contemplating Rotary and its beginnings in Chicago in 1905..... of course that's absolute rubbish; I'm sitting here wondering what on earth I'm going to write for Hot Air this week. Then it came to me in a flash.... that's rubbish too. Still, I've almost got one paragraph done.

It's unlikely that Paul Harris had a 'flash' of inspiration all those years ago either. The simple fact is he was tired of only ever making the professional acquaintance of colleagues in the law. The cynical amongst us might say that mixing only with lawyers would in fact be reason enough to jump off Chicago's Sears Tower. Of course Paul Harris didn't even consider that as an option. The 'smarties' amongst you are probably thinking; 'that would be because the 108 story Sears Tower (now the Willis Tower) wasn't built until 1974'.

True but the original Sears Tower (15 stories) was actually completed in 1906, shortly after the first meeting of Rotary. Gotta love Wikipedia.

So back to the point of this; Paul Harris craved the acquaintance of people from other professions. Don't get smug all you accountants. I'm not sure he had your lot in mind either! The three first attendees were a coal merchant, a tailor and a mines engineer. There was also to be a Police Officer from Chicago's finest but he could not attend at the last minute - he was called away to arrest an accountant. OK, I made the last bit up but I thought it read well! So that's four paragraphs!

Anyway, the fact is Paul Harris' vision involved Service to the community from a cross section of that community. Rotary membership was then and still is based upon occupation; our Rotary classification. That is why there is not and nor should there ever be membership based on age, political conviction, gender, ethnicity or beliefs (or height come to that!).

Perhaps it was this fundamental cornerstone of Rotary membership that has managed to keep our organisation vital and effective through the years. Vital and effective is what we will need to be as we rise to the challenge of eradicating polio, promoting peace and easing the suffering of people who didn't get the big break we got - we live in Australia.

So as you sit contemplating Rotary and its beginnings.... as I did; consider with appreciation the vision of Harris and his contemporaries who sought the fellowship and association of those who were different from themselves rather than the comfort of those who were the same.

Yours in Rotary, Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sept 16 Club Fellowship.

Sept 23 Gloria Perkins – Queensland Eye Institute

Sept 30 Amanda Watson – QUT

Oct 7 TBA

TWITTER NOTICEBOARD

Please email the Webmaster your Twitter message (Tweet). New Tweets added to website Twitter Noticeboard each week: webmaster@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

BIRTHDAY

19 Sept Lindsay Marshall

ATTENDANCE – 9 SEPT 2010

MEMBERS	35	VISITING ROTARIANS	3
GUESTS	2	ATTENDANCE	60%

ROSTER 16 Sept 23 Sept 30 Sept 7 Oct

CHAIRMAN	Chris W	Ken W	Daryl W	John A
SET UP	Ken W	Daryl W	John A	Tim B
	Daryl W	John A	Tim B	Colin B
CLOSE	John A	Tim B	Colin B	Ken B
	Tim B	Colin B	Ken B	Jaque B

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.

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The theme for today's meeting is fellowship. In line with this, the international toast for today is to the Rotary Club of **Port Nicholson** (District 9940) who meets Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, Wellington, New Zealand.

Brisbane High-Rise's President, C.H. (Kit) Bennetts, was a Charter member of this Club and also President in 1990/1991.

ATTENDANCE – APOLOGIES & GUESTS

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS & BRINGING GUESTS, PLEASE NOTIFY BY 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY:
apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

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

NB: Please ensure you receive a confirmation your emails have been received.

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 SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS (YOUTH ACTIVITIES) MONTH

MONTH OF OCTOBER – VOCATIONAL SERVICES MONTH

MONTH OF NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Rotary Foundation Seminar – 7 Nov 2010

St Columbans College, Caboolture, Registration at 8:30 a.m for 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This Seminar incorporates the AGM of the District

PRELIMINARY NOTICE:

**2011 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION,
 19 – 25 MAY 2011 in New Orleans.**

For more information visit: www.rotary.org/convention

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – 18 SEPT TO 3 OCT

ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL FUNDRAISING CHARITY RUN from CHINCILLA TO BRISBANE – 18 SEPT to 2 OCT 2010

The Chinchilla to Brisbane charity run was created so people would realise their full potential in life and not sell themselves short, whether it be a dream job or taking your body to its absolute extreme. Through this charity run, Steven Seymour aims to raise \$10,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital, which will ultimately save lives of young kids with life threatening illnesses. Proposed dates for the bases along the route are: 18 Sept Chinchilla (50 km), 19 & 20 Sept Dalby (100 km), 21 & 22 Sept Toowoomba (100 km), **23 & 24 Sept Brisbane (100 km)**. *For more information, please contact Steven bman123@live.com.au*

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHLAKES – DAY ON THE BAY – SOUTH PASSAGE SAILING SHIP - Sun. 3 OCT 2010

Scarborough Marina 9:30 a.m. (Beside coastguard HQ)

North Lakes Rotary Club invites you, family & friends to a day trip on Moreton Bay on the 100 foot sailing ship. Join them for a pirate adventure! Cost \$60 per person. *For more details, please call Steve 0439 946 367*

BRISBANE'S KARUNA HOSPICE FUNDRAISING EVENT – SUNSET SWING COCKTAIL PARTY – Fri. 8 OCT 2010

Riverside Centre Foyer, 123 Eagle St, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Dress: Vintage 50's cocktail or formal, \$155 per person

Raising funds for Brisbane palliative care hospice Karuna, Sunset Swing is a celebration of caring and kindness. Featuring live music from Brisbane's famous Swing Central big band, an auction of experiences and exclusive lucky door prizes, the evening promises to be a dazzling night to remember. *Buy tickets at www.sunsetswing.com.au*

COMMUNITY DAY @ THE GABBA – Fri. 22 Oct 2010, 2:15 p.m. onwards

Day/Night 50-over Qld V Sri Lanka match

Community day for cricket lovers and supporters of the homeless

Spiritus will partner with Queensland Cricket, Brisbane City Council, Translink and Volunteering Queensland to encourage people to come out in numbers to enjoy a 'limited overs' game and help raise awareness of the need to support people who are experiencing homelessness, the challenges they face and the vital support they receive from Spiritus and other service providers. All funds raised on the day will be used to support the various Homelessness service providers supported by Spiritus. *Details on www.spiritus.org.au or please contact Carlton Meyn on cmeyn@spiritus.org.au*

WESTSIDE STORY – LYRIC THEATRE - Thurs. 11 NOV 2010

Tickets \$95 per person. *For more information, please contact Phil Breene*

MELBOURNE CUP TRIFECTA TICKETS

Tickets \$2 each. *For more information download the flyer from website Home page.*