



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

This week I bring some sad news; On Monday I had a call from Fynn Stark to tell me that he is pulling out of Rotary. It is always sad to lose a member and as President I feel a sense of failure that we as a Club have not been able to create an environment that everyone wants to be a part of.

The more practical 'me' of course understands that Rotary cannot be all things to all people and from time to time we lose popular and effective members. They leave for any number of reasons: too busy at work; too busy at home; different priorities; not enjoying it any more etc. In Fynn's case he has a young family a busy job and he is about to make a start on his Masters, something had to give and logically it had to be Rotary. Fynn was one of our younger members and his issues are common to all prospective young members.

This is something for Rotary as an organisation to address more broadly. Should we relax or change the attendance requirements? Should we move to a more informal meeting style? I don't know.. but the change in Rotary Districts confirms that Rotary in Australia is slowly shrinking. We must do something. Fynn is the first member we have lost this Rotary year but equally as troubling is the inescapable fact that we have not inducted a single member this year either.

We are the third largest Rotary Club in the State but we are not going to be for long. Other clubs like Fortitude Valley are growing at pace, and in the Valley Club's case they are a particularly energetic, enthusiastic and effective club - probably the best in our District. This is not a competition but we can certainly learn from them and we need to do better. I don't expect you to rush off and ask everyone you know, but it would be a great gift you could give to the future of Rotary if you were able to introduce a friend to our great organisation.

Good luck Fynn, you will always be welcome back to visit and of course to return to Rotary in the future. Thank you for your service to Rotary and the community... and to the rest of us - we need to lift our game. More later.

Yours in Rotary,
Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Feb 17 Peter Stark, CEO Ecofund, at the United Services Club
Feb 24 Nicky Haydon, Network 10 News
Mar 3 Rob Justo, ROMAC Qld Medical Chairman
Mar 10 Tom Davison, Beef Research Board

ROSTER 17 Feb 24 Feb 3 Mar 10 Mar

CHAIRMAN	James G	Elena G	Ros H	John K
SET UP	Elena G	Ros H	John K	Steve K
	Ros H	John K	Steve K	Mark L
CLOSE	John K	Steve K	Mark L	Deb LG
	Steve K	Mark L	Deb LG	Barbara L

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 Brundtland Commission in 1987 coined the commonly quoted definition of sustainable development for planet Earth: "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Gro Harlem Brundtland, Chair of the Commission, was three times Prime Minister of Norway and a Director General of the World Health Organisation. In recognition of her contributions towards the debate on climate change, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Oslo** (District 2310) who meets at the Grand Hotel in Oslo, Norway.

ATTENDANCE – 10 Feb 2011

MEMBERS	13	VISITING ROTARIAN	1
GUEST	1	ATTENDANCE	22%

MAKE-UPS

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

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

QUEENSLAND RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE – MASLENITSA 2011 – Sat 5 MAR 2011

QRCC, 6:00 p.m. for 6:30 p.m. start

19 Lotus St, Woolloongabba

Great Russian entertainers, live dancing, auction and sumptuous dinner. Cost: \$80 per person or \$700 per table of ten. **For more information please contact Elena G**

SPORTSMAN'S LUNCHEON - Fri 18 MAR 2011,

Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm start

33 Caxton Street, Petrie Terrace

In partnership with the Cerebral Palsy League, Digital Genius is hosting a luncheon for key Brisbane executives with guest speaker, legendary Australian cricketer, Ian Healy. Join other Queensland business leaders to network and raise much-needed funds for children and adults with a disability. Cost: \$120 per person / \$1,200 per table of ten. **RSVP: Friday 4 March 2011 to Michelle Thomson, T: 07 3358 8027 or E: mthomson@cplqld.org.au**

D9600 CONFERENCE – THEME: Enjoy Rotary – Spread Happiness - 25 – 27 MAR 2011

The Events Centre, Caloundra

Electronic registration available on website: www.rotary9600.org There is an offer to fellow Rotarians, of a super sharp accommodation rate at the Rydges Oasis for accommodation during the Rotary District Conference 9600 see link: www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RQOASI/Rydges-Oasis-Resort-Caloundra.htm

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA – 2011 RAM NATIONAL CONFERENCE – Sat & Sun 14 -15 MAY 2011

St Columban's Catholic Secondary College

Caboolture

Quote from RAM Newsletter, Vol 2, No. 2: *"If you think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with an active mosquito."*

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE INAUGURAL CYCLING EVENT – BRIDGES OF BRISBANE – DATE TBC

More detail to be provided at a later date.

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE PROJECTS 2010-11

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

SMITH FAMILY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Members please note additional Rotary information to help club and district officers can be found on the High-Rise website and is available on our Links page:

http://rotarybrisbanehighrise.com/links_downloads.htm

BRIDGES OF BRISBANE CYCLING EVENT



Members of the organising committee, John A, Lindsay M and John L, on a dummy run of the proposed course.

ROMAC – ROCELYN HIGANA, PHILLIPINES (PRECIS OF MESSAGE FROM DR GAY ARDANAS)

Rocelyn was brought to Australia by Rotary/ROMAC in late 2007 for removal of a large mid-facial tumour, and subsequent reconstruction utilising pieces of titanium mesh to replace some of the missing facial bones. Over 170 people were involved with her treatment at some stage. She has progressed well over the last 3 years, particularly with her school work. Unfortunately, a portion of the mesh below her left eye has recently ulcerated and accordingly, ROMAC has agreed to bring her back to Australia for further reparative treatment at Wesley.

Rocelyn is now in her 1st year of high school at the Northeastern Mindanao Mission Academy, a private school in Butuan City where she is a recipient of the school's scholarship program. Her family is in Barangay Cortez in Bayugan, Agusan del Sur. Julius, her father, is a labourer in a farm and her mother, Letecia, is a housewife. Some of Rocelyn's 7 siblings are old enough but were not able to go to school so they also help their father on the farm. Rocelyn has a dream to finish college; to get a decent job so she can help her family.

Rocelyn, second from left, with her family after surgery.

