Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

R.I. No. 29520 2010-11

HOT AIR

District 9600

Serving the Heart of Brisbane

19 May 2011

BUILDING COMMUNITIES BRIDGING CONTINENTS

FELLOW ROTARIANS

On Monday the 2010 - 2011 Rotary Board met for the penultimate time and the last time we will meet as a Board on our own. The next Board meeting scheduled for Monday 27 June 2011 will be a joint meeting with the incoming Board.

We took the time to look at what we have planned for the last two months of the Rotary year and briefly contemplated our last twelve months. It has certainly been a year of ups and downs...as all years are really. Sadly however the events that overtook the whole city of Brisbane certainly overtook us and our plans.

Our plan to stage the 'Town Lunch' event as a major fundraiser was flooded out in every sense. And if that weren't enough, one of our star attractions; the charismatic Lord Mayor of Brisbane and Honorary member of our club - who had agreed to argue in the great debate that Australia needs only one level of Government - jumped ship. He didn't exactly 'swap' horses in mid stream because the flood waters had abated by then. But hopefully he will be happy to 'swap' chairs though and argue for the State Government! We are still hopeful that the event will get a run in August...more later.

The Art Show went off as planned, wonderful art, and a dedicated team that included Barbara L, Andrew W and Ashley T from this Club. Sponsorship and assistance from High Rise members was critical to its success but the reality is that we were nowhere near as successful as we have been in previous years. There are a number of reasons not the least of which being that the innovations of the previous year that made it the most successful show ever were abandoned - however the main reason was simply the flood.

We are still hopeful that the 'Bridges of Brisbane' ride will go ahead later in the year. It is fair to say that it is a little more complex than we had at first thought but we are getting there.

Over the next few weeks I will remind you all of what you have achieved and what is ahead.

In the meantime I hope you have 'Friday 24 June' marked in your diaries as Change-over. You need to be there to make sure I go! I understand...and remember you heard it here first...that there is an African theme to the evening. Who'd have thought?!! However you'll be pleased to know that the theme does not stretch to 'fancy dress' apparently the club can just cope with John A, Lindsay M, Russell P, John L et al in Lycre but it is not ready for President Elect Bill in a leopard skin loin cloth!

Yours in Rotary,
Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

May 19	***Kelly Calloway, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar 2011***
May 26	TBA
Jun 2	TBA
Jun 9	TBA

ROSTER	19 May	26 May	2 Jun	9 Jun
CHAIRMAN	Elizabeth L	Stephanie M	Lindsay M	Kym M
SET UP	Stephanie M	Lindsay M	Kym M	Gary Mc
	Lindsay M	Kym M	Gary Mc	John Mc
CLOSE	Kym M	Gary Mc	John Mc	Rosemary M
	Gary Mc	John Mc	Rosemary M	Mark 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.

PAYPAL

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

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

In 1884 five of seven Ringling brothers founded *The Ringling Brothers Circus* in Baraboo, United States. In 1907, the circus was then acquired by the Barnum & Bailey Circus to then go on to become promoted as *The Greatest Show on Earth*.

In recognition of the imagination, challenge, artistry, fun and delight circus events provide, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of ***Barabo***o (District 6250), who meet at the Garden Party Cafe, Baraboo, Wisconsin.

ATTENDANCE – 12 MAY 2011

MEMBERS	28	VISITING ROTARIAN	1
GUESTS	5	ATTENDANCE	48%

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 received).**

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

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

BRISBANE MID-CITY - MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY – Fri. 20 MAY 2011

Post Office Square Lawn, 12pm - 2pm

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Mid City invites you to A Mad Hatters tea party as part of their fundraising for helping to find a solution to mental health in Australia.

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.

CHANGEOVER DINNER – Fri. 24 JUNE 2011

The Pavilion, Alan Border Field, 6:30 p.m.
1Bogan St, Breakfast Creek

President Elect, Bill Phillips, and Noela invite Members, Guests and Friends for an evening of fun and frivolity to celebrate the High-Rise Changeover. Price $65 per person, dress snappy. ***For more information please contact Rosemary M – please RSVP Rosemary.***

HOMELESS CONNECT

On 11th May High Rise donated 800 pairs underwear and 100 pairs socks to the Brisbane City Council organized Homeless Connect Day, which is held twice a year. There was a record attendance, set 1200 clients, which indicates that a lot of people are doing it tough.

On the day the clients can get clothing, bedding, non perishable food, medical & dental & other services, see the various service providers, Bric Housing, etc, get a good feed and be entertained.

The BCC likes our idea of a "Nickers Day" for the next, 9th November - so be warned - Plus they cannot get enough large sized used jeans - more on this later

Ross G