



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've never liked old people and I suspect I never will; but isn't it curious that being 'old' has nothing whatever to do with age. 'Old' is a state of mind and it is known to afflict some people in their twenties and thirties, and yet others in their seventies and eighties never suffer from it.

Last month a letter to RDU referred to what the correspondent called the 'ME' generation (those between 40 & 45). I was able to immediately identify the correspondent as 'old'. This month in RDU, PP Mark Huddleston from the Rotary Club of Edwardstown in South Australia wrote an excellent stinging rejoinder. All of which reminded me that Rotary has survived 106 years because it has always been a vital and vibrant organisation for good; that has thrived because it has been willing to embrace the change that is necessary to guarantee that survival. It is not now and never has been survival of the fittest; it is survival of the innovative, survival of the adaptable.

Labelling any generation or any group as selfish is as fatuous as it is incorrect. The evidence is before us that young Australians have all the commitment and courage of those who went before; evidence, the men and women of the ADF. We even produce the odd adventurer; witness a 16 year old who sailed solo around the world. And then there are the scientists, business people, doctors and sportspeople of world class along with philanthropists and volunteers a plenty (OK, you can add lawyers and accountants if you must!!)

Brisbane is full of Rotarians in waiting - go hunt them down. Many will have heard the story but it's worth retelling. When Rotary first established its relationship with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the ongoing fight to rid the world of polio, the World President of RI had cause to meet Bill Gates. Bill told the RI president how much he had always admired Rotary and its achievements, 'So why have you never joined Rotary?' responded the RI President. 'I've never been asked', replied one of the most successful men of all time.

If Rotary is to survive another 106 years we better be prepared to adapt and innovate and tap into that group of prospective members just waiting to be asked...but maybe we should avoid recruiting 'old' people, no matter what age they are.

Yours in Rotary
Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Jul 22	First Club Fellowship meeting
Jul 29	Richard Paverd – Principal, InterContinental Technology, USA
Aug 5	Ian Jempson – CEO, Maritime Museum
Aug 12	Greg Beard – Mater Foundation

ROSTER VACANCIES PICNIC IN THE PARK – Sat. 31 JULY

Thanks to those that have volunteered but we still need help – One person for the drinks van 2-3 p.m. & two for cleaning up 3-4 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

22 Jul	Georgina Baker
25 Jul	Scott Marshall

ATTENDANCE – 15 JULY 2010

MEMBERS	38	VISITING ROTARIAN	0
GUESTS	1	ATTENDANCE	65%

ROSTER

	22 Jul	29 Jul	5 Aug	12 Aug
CHAIRMAN	Sharyn S	Jane S	Fynn S	Karen T
SET UP	Jane S	Fynn S	Karen T	Angela T
	Fynn S	Karen T	Angela T	Ashley T
CLOSE	Karen T	Angela T	Ashley T	Craig W
	Angela T	Ashley T	Craig W	Andrew W

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

On the 19th & 20th July, 1916 during WW I, the *Battle of Fromelles* occurred near Lille, France. More than 5,500 Australians were killed, wounded or went missing in this battle in under 24 hours, along with more than 1,500 British. In recognition of the 250 Australian and British soldiers that were reburied in individual graves and formally recognised this week, the toast is to **Lille-Ouest** (District 1520) who meet Fridays at Rest. La Cense, 27 Rue Auguste Bonte, Lambersart near the township of Fromelles.

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



BRISBANE HIGH-RISE ONGOING CLUB PROJECTS

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

100% ATTENDANCE ACKNOWLEDGED

At the meeting on 15 July 2010, President C.H (Kit) Bennetts acknowledged Paul Harris Fellow Russell Postle's 100% attendance in 2009 -10

DISTRICT 9600 – UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH OF AUGUST 2010 – MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT and EXTENSION MONTH

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – Mon. 1 AUG

St Columbas College, Caboolture
 Membership Development seminar & 2009 -10 Membership Awards.

SHELTER BOX SPEAKER – Tues. 2 AUG

6.00 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start
 Rotary Club of Caboolture, Caboolture Golf Club
 Lesley Avenue, Caboolture
 Guest speaker: Tom Henderson, cost \$20 per person

RI PRESIDENTS DINNER – Thurs. 19 AUG

6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. start
 North Leagues & Services Club,
 ANZAC Avenue, Kallangur
 Cost \$65 per person – please advise Kit Bennetts if you want to join the Brisbane High-Rise group attending. **Pre-paid registration due next week.**

PICNIC IN THE PARK – Sat 31 JULY from 8 a.m.

Cerebral Palsy League's Picnic in the Park.
 Roma St Parklands – from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Members of the club will run the sausage sizzle stand and drinks van. Money raised at these stands goes directly to children's services for provision of therapy and equipment.

CHARITY GOLF DAY – Sun 8 AUG – 11 a.m.

Rotary Club of The Glass House Mountains Inc. Charity Golf Day
 Beerwah Golf Club - Beerwah
 Shotgun Start 11 a.m. - 4 Ball Ambrose
 100% of all monies raised will go to our "Children's Fund" - CF sufferers on the Sunshine Coast, and to other needy children as the need arises.

EKKA DAY – Wedn. 11 AUG 2010

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 Sam Mitchell, wheel-chair bound farmer. Help the RFDS with their fundraising by joining them for dinner on the 13th August. Tickets \$175 per person. **For more information, please contact Russell Postle**

FIRST AID COURSE – Sat 21 AUG 2010

All-day course for max. 10 people, cost \$70 per person, of which \$50 will go to Laura Beckett Trust for supporting a nursing scholarship in memory of Laura. (Cost of course normally \$125 pp)
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
 Established in 1976, Noah's Ark is a not-for-profit organisation that is committed to the provision of high quality professional and developmental support to children with a disability and additional needs. Noah's Ark also provides a professional advisory service for parents and carers to explore the best options available to assist their children to realise their full potential.
For more information, please contact Rosemary Meadows