



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
23 December 2010



FELLOW ROTARIANS

This is the final Hot-Air for 2010 and an opportunity for me to thank you all for what you have done in our community to make it just that little bit better. Your membership of Rotary and your contribution at whatever level definitely does make a difference in our world.

As we all prepare for Christmas in our own particular way you might want to consider just one of the gifts you are giving this Christmas. With the encouragement of President-elect Bill and with some real hard work from Susan R and Gary M we as a club raised just under \$10K from the Melbourne Cup Trifecta. As we enjoy our holiday break, Bill & Noela are preparing to return to Rombo in Tanzania. By the end of January the two new classrooms at Mamba Primary school will have been completed. Please take a moment to toast yourself for your personal generosity and support for this project. You are a part of making a real difference...a small difference perhaps; but a real difference none the less. We look forward to Bill's return with 'tall tales but true'. He will return with photos etc and will report back in early February on the achievements by students.

2011 will be another busy year in Rotary and especially in March. It is in March that we will be having our first ever fund raising lunch and you can expect the big push to begin as soon as we get back after Christmas. Then of course it will be the Art Show and in January I will be seeking some assistance with sponsorship and of course opening night and then they roster.

Our first meeting back in the New Year will be the traditional joint meeting with Brisbane Planetarium Rotary. Last year had to be cancelled as their venue was in the midst of renovations. But Planetarium are looking forward to renewing the tradition and have invited us to join them for the first meeting of the year on Thursday 6 January 2011 - 7:00am for 7:30am. They meet at the Planetarium Lakeside Restaurant, Botanic Gardens, Mount Coot-tha.

And while we are on the subject of venues, we are planning to have the second meeting for 2011 (13/01/2011). at the new Rugby Club on the River....more to follow.



So let me leave you with my personal best wishes for good health, good fortune and happiness over the holidays and on into the New Year. Whether you see Christmas as a religious festival, the chance to be with family and friends or a bit of both, I hope it brings you fulfilment and may your own God walk beside you.....and don't forget that toast.

Yours in Rotary, Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dec 23 Jenna Blunden – *Rocking in the Free World*
Jan 6 Visit to Planetarium Rotary Club
Jan 13 Speaker TBA – to be held at the Rugby Club
Jan 20 TBA

ROSTER 23 Dec 6 Jan 13 Jan 20 Jan

CHAIRMAN	James G	Ross G	Diana G
SET UP	Ross G	Diana G	James G
	Diana G	James G	Elena G
CLOSE	James G	Elena G	Ros H
	Elena G	Ros H	John K

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

At this time of year our thoughts drift to faraway places; of those that have and those that have not, of family and friends, of traditions from our childhood, of people on duty, of places of worship, of winter snow and fun, of a yachting race, of a cricket match, of a jovial warm man and his helpers that reside in the North Pole....

In recognition of those faraway thoughts, the international toast is to a Rotary club in the Arctic circle; the Rotary Club of **Barrow (Nuvuk)** (District 5010), who meets at Pepe's Rest in the town of Barrow, Alaska.

ATTENDANCE – week of 16 Dec 2010

MEMBERS	31	VISITING ROTARIANS	0
GUESTS	10	ATTENDANCE	53%

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

FIRST MEETING IN 2011 – Brisbane High-Rise will join the Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium – 6 JAN 2011

Planetarium Lakeside Restaurant
Botanic Gardens, Mt Coo-tha Rd, Toowong
7:00 a.m for 7:30 start.

QUEENSLAND RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE INC – FUNDRAISING MASQUERADE BALL – Sat. 15 JAN 2011

19 Lotus St, Woolloongabba, 6 p.m. till Midnight
Tickets \$80 per person –

For more information contact Elena G

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE FUNDRAISING LUNCH - POLITICIANS DEBATE– Fri. 18 MARCH 2011

ARCH C. KLUMPH SOCIETY

The certificate recognising the posthumous induction of Brett Mitchell into the Arch C. Klumph Society was received by President Kit Bennetts on behalf of the Brisbane High-Rise Club from John Laurence, executor of the estate.



BRISBANE HIGH-RISE 2010 AGM

The President-elect, Bill P, presented for election the following High-Risers as proposed office holders in the 2011/12 year.

The candidates elected to High-Rise Board are:

Administration: Angela T
Secretary: Rosemary M
Treasurer: Shanna H
Future Leaders: Lindsay M
Fellowship: Karen T
Membership: Greg P
Rotary Foundation: Jennifer E
Public Relations: Gary M
Services: Ross G

Other office holders include:

Programs: Wendy P
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken W & John M
Hot Air: Heather M

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Each week a team of people produce Hot Air – sincere thanks go to my fellow High-Risers Steve, Mark, Joy, Barry, Rosemary, Shanna, Kym and president Kit for their various contributions and behind the scenes activities that have made this possible.

*And in the spirit of the two attached photos of High-Risers having fun – Here's to 2011,
Heather M*



HIGH-RISE VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE

The Speaker of the House, the Hon. John Mickel, and his wife, Kathryn, kindly hosted a group of High-Risers for a tour of Parliament House followed by a sit-down meal in the courtyard of the Speaker's Apartment.

Club thanks go to the tour coordinator Wendy P, (below left with Gordana B), for the opportunity and privilege to visit and enjoy such a wonderful Queensland 'treasure'.



The roles and importance of the House were not lost on the Club's Treasurer, Shanna H, below.

