



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise Inc.

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Serving the Heart of Brisbane
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FELLOW ROTARIANS

The other week I wrote a little about the image of Rotary and discussed the way we are seen and perceived by people in the community. There is a very definite trend away from service clubs. This trend is small but there, never the less. The current re-distribution of Districts is evidence of that.

The reasons are varied but are largely a function of the way we live and communicate in this second decade of the second millennia. However, it should be noted that while service clubs are shrinking in countries like Australia, they are growing in other parts of the world. Moreover, dynamic clubs such as High-Rise, Fortitude Valley, Planetarium, Sydney Cove and Caloundra are continuing to grow.

There is one thing I think we can do at a personal level to promote Rotary and its ideals in a low key way and that is, wear the Rotary Badge. In years gone by it was worn with a good deal of pride on suit and jacket lapels and in the tropics; in the top button hole of an open neck shirt. I think there are a number of reasons why we don't wear the badge so much now, but two of the most important are:

- There has never been a tasteful alternative for women members;
- and speaking of tasteful, the options available from Rotary Down under are often too big, tacky and even garish. The smaller alternative they offer is of inferior quality.

I have explored some options mainly for a smaller and less flashy Rotary Badge. A badge that might be worn with pride and without embarrassment by all members, male and female.

Such badges are available in Europe and we can probably get them via the net. They tend to be of high quality, smaller and made with more of a matt finish. I have spoken to the peripatetic Dr Frank L and he may be pressed into service to undertake a check of Rotary Badge wearing trends across Europe.

Anyway, your thoughts would be appreciated especially as to whether or not you would commit to wearing the Rotary Badge if we were to source a more tasteful alternative.

Perhaps it's just me but I prefer the dignified and understated (neither of which I am!) to the garish and glitzy. Some of you may remember the old Paul Harris Fellow lapel badge - now that was classy. It was a smaller but more solid badge with a dark gunmetal finish depicting PH's head and surrounded by a raised thin dark blue ring. It looked as it should; dignified and appropriate.

I guess what I'm saying is we need to be prepared to show our pride in Rotary membership but we shouldn't need to *Bling-up* to do it!

Yours in Rotary,

Kit

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mar 24	Bill Phillips, Africa
Mar 31	Det. Sgt Naomi Cornish, Organised Crime
Apr 7	Art Show Opening or make-up table
Apr 14	Tom Davison, Beef Research Board

ROSTER

	24 Mar	31 Mar	7 Apr	14 Apr
CHAIRMAN	Mark L	Deb LG		Barbara L
SET UP	Deb LG	Barbara L		John L
	Barbara L	John L		Frank L
CLOSE	John L	Frank L		Bill L
	Frank L	Bill L		Elizabeth 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

This coming weekend D9600 will hold its annual conference, the theme being *Enjoy Rotary – Spread Happiness*. One of the globally recognized symbols of happiness is the smiley face, designed by Harvey Ball in Worcester, Massachusetts in 1963. According to Wikipedia, this came about through an attempt to address the low employee morale that had resulted from a merger of two companies. Ball was employed as a freelance artist to create a smiley face to be used on buttons, desk cards, and posters.

In recognition of the positive impact of a smiley face across the world, the international toast is to the Rotary Club of **Worcester** (District 7910) who meets at Maxwell Silverman's Rest, Worcester, Massachusetts.

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

ATTENDANCE – 17 Mar 2011

MEMBERS	35	VISITING ROTARIAN	0
GUESTS	2	ATTENDANCE	61%

MEMBER INTEREST - DATE CLAIMERS – REMINDERS

D9600 CONFERENCE - THEME: *Enjoy Rotary – Spread Happiness - 25 to 27 MARCH 2011*

The Events Centre, Caloundra

Electronic registration available on website: www.rotary9600.org

FIG TREE POCKET EQUESTRIAN EVENTS – Sun. 3 APR 2011

BDO Tent, Competition starts 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

717 Fig Tree Pocket Road, Fig Tree Pocket (near Lone Pine)

Brisbane High-Rise is invited to join Brisbane Mid-City under the BDO tent to watch show jumping and the cross country competition. BYO chairs and picnic. Refreshments can be purchased and dogs are allowed if kept on a short leash at all times. **For more information please contact Russell P**

ART SPECTACULAR – Thurs. 7 to Sat. 16 APRIL 2011

OPENING NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY – Thurs. 7 APRIL 2011

Riverside Centre, 123 Eagle St, Brisbane, Open daily between 8am - 6pm, Weekends 9am - 4pm

For more information please contact Barbara L.

ROTARY CLUB OF CABOOLTURE – ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY – Fri. 15 APRIL 2011

Caboolture Golf Club, 7 a.m. Shotgun Start

A person Ambrose Medley, cost \$30 per player. Get yourself or a group in Quick! **Phone: Phil 0438 730 056 or Bob 0412 644 628**

HOMELESS CONNECT – Wedn. 11 MAY 2011

For more information please contact Ross G.

ROTARIANS AGAINST MALARIA – RAM DINNER – Sat. 14 MAY 2011

St Columban's Catholic Secondary College, 6:15 p.m. for 7 p.m. start

Caboolture

Rotarians, partners, guests and friends all welcome! Each year we try to educate you on an aspect regarding the fight against Malaria. This year our Guest Speaker will be PDG Peter Thomas who will speak on "Rotary and the Global Fund." Cost per person \$67. (Cash Bar available) **RSVP** with cheque made payable to The Rotary Club of Caboolture, PP Rosemary Worthington – RAM Dinner Co-ordinator, PO Box 240, Caboolture, Qld 4510 **No later than Tuesday 3 May 2011**

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE INAUGURAL CYCLING EVENT – BRIDGES OF BRISBANE – Sun. 15 MAY 2011

More details to come

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF MOTORCYCLING ROTARIANS – SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RIDE

Date: 9th & 10th April 2011

The ride will start in Port Pirie on Saturday, 9 April 2011 and head up to Blinman via Orroroo and Hawker.

Saturday evening will be spent in Blinman -- dinner at the hotel with a very interesting guest speaker!

The road to Blinman is now a bituminised all the way.

Sunday morning we will head back to Port Pirie via Hawker and Quorn.

For those with suitable motorcycles, and who wish to do a little gravel riding, can pick up the main road from Leigh Creek to Hawker via Parachilna (32kms), or via Brachina (22Kms), and join the rest of the group at Hawker.

The Rotary Club of Port Pirie hold their weekly meeting at the Golf Club on Thursday nights, and anyone who would like to attend that meeting is most welcome.

For anyone who does take this opportunity, I will give them advice on some wonderful one-day rides out of Port Pirie.

There is a variety of accommodation available at Blinman -- please contact Tony at the Blinman Hotel on (08) 8648 4867. Bookings (with a 10% deposit) must be made by the individual member, and will be taken on a "first in, first served" basis.

For further information contact Ride Coordinator, Bryant Chivell, 0417 331 488, or Ride Secretary, Tony Moyle, 0488 171 317, tony.moyle@ausnatfruits.com.au

