



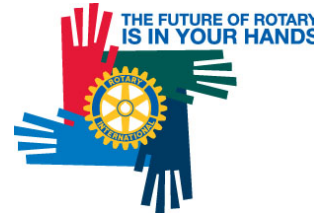
Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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HOT AIR

District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
29 April 2010



E - CLUBS

After more than an hour of debate, district representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation voted Monday to make e-clubs a permanent part of Rotary International. The measure, approved by a vote of 430 to 85, received loud applause. "This will allow Rotarians with physical disabilities or [scheduling] restraints to meet regularly and conduct service projects through the Internet," - RI Director Antonio Hallage. Representatives from Rotary's 531 districts are convening in downtown Chicago this week to consider more than 200 proposals, some that would make changes to RI constitutional documents. Submitted by seven Rotary e-clubs along with the RI Board of Directors, the measure makes permanent the six-year-old e-club pilot project, which is set to end on 30 June. Enactment 10-06 defines e-clubs as Rotary clubs that meet electronically. A separate amendment, approved by a vote of 311 to 197, allows for two e-clubs per district. E-club members have the same responsibilities as other Rotarians to conduct service projects and promote [The Rotary Foundation](#). Some of the pilot e-clubs meet solely through online forums, while others combine electronic with in-person meetings. Each e-club makes that determination for itself. Noting that the average age of an e-club member is 47, supporters of the enactment noted that the clubs are an effective way to recruit younger Rotarians. "If our organization is to grow globally, we must embrace new ways to invite young members," - Lucinda General, District 5510. The 14 e-clubs boast 360 members in 30 countries and geographical areas, and 586 service projects. E-clubs conduct meetings in Chinese, English, Finnish, Greek, Portuguese, and Spanish. Collectively, they have contributed almost US\$150,000 to the Foundation. "I was worried that the e-club measure wouldn't pass," - Gerald Sieberhagen, District 9270. "Anyone who had taken the time to visit an e-club site before this meeting would have seen the huge value e-clubs offer to the organization. There's a huge opportunity for more e-clubs to be chartered." Others noted that too many questions remained unanswered about e-clubs. "Which PETS [presidents-elect training seminar] does the president of the e-club attend, assuming he or she is not physically in the district? How does the district governor do his/her official visit?" asked Chris Offer, the representative from District 5040 (British Columbia, Canada). "Do we have to develop specific online training for one club in the district? There are probably more questions than answers today." Douglas W. Vincent, - District 7080, said e-clubs presented an opportunity too valuable not to embrace. "This is not taking anything away from Rotary; it's adding to Rotary."

INTERNATIONAL TOAST

The Rotary Club of Dirba, Punjab, India – DISTRICT 3090 – who meet at Raddison Hotel on Sunday evenings. **Dirba** is a town and a nagar panchayat in Sangrur district in the state of Punjab. A nagar panchayat is any urban body comparable to a municipality.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- 29 Apr Gary Schmidt – World President Toastmasters
- 6 May Kirti Mishra – Indian Students Assoc – President
- 13 May Steve Settle – Update on Albert Park Flexischool
- 20 May Lindsay Marshall - Shelter Box Presentation

EVENTS – ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

- 3 May LABOUR DAY
- 23 May Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Day
- 30 May DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – St Columban's College
- June Rotary Fellowship Month

BIRTHDAYS

Famous birthdays, dates or a quote of the day

- 2 May Megan Wright Sabbath famine - 1847
- 8 May Lisa Marshall The 1st Westminster Dog Show - 1877
- 9 May Christine Morrissey Lawn mower patented - 1899
- 12 May John Arvier Opium laws enforced - 1928

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 12 May Bill & Elenor Leveritt
- 17 May Rosemary & Denis Meadows

ROTARIANS SERVE THE WORLD !

ATTENDANCE – 22 April 2010

MEMBERS	34	VISITING ROTARIANS	1
GUESTS	1	ATTENDANCE	61%

ROSTER

29 Apr 6 May 13 May 20 May

CHAIRMAN	John McG	Rose M	Mark M	Ron M
SET UP	Rose M	Mark M	Ron M	Ros M
	Mark M	Ron M	Ros M	Rob O'Don
CLOSE DOWN	Ron M	Ros M	Rob O'Don	Greg P
	Ros M	Rob O'Don	Greg P	Bill P

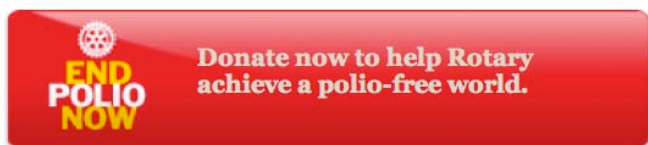
ROTARY GRACE

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 1200 TUESDAY: apologies@rotarybrisbanehighrise.com

HIGH-RISE PROJECTS



BRISBANE HIGH-RISE ONGOING CLUB PROJECTS

ALBERT PARK FLEXI SCHOOL
DIABETES WALK FOR THE CURE
SMITH CHRISTMAS APPEAL
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA
RED SHIELD APPEAL
BOUNDARY ST BOARDING HOUSE

BRISBANE HIGH-RISE NEW PROJECTS

OUTING FOR THE DISABLED – Supporting Cerebral Palsy League
GREY-MAN FOUNDATION – in development
SHELTER BOX

KICKING POLIO – OUT OF AFRICA

In the months leading up to the FIFA World Cup in June, Rotary clubs across Africa have been gearing up for the final push to kick polio out of the continent. On 23 February 2010, Rotary's 105th anniversary, a Kick Polio Out of Africa campaign launched with the symbolic kicking of a soccer ball signed by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, a polio survivor. The journey began in Cape Town, South Africa, one of the host cities for the 2010 World Cup. The ball will travel through 22 polio-affected countries en route to the RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, in June. The primary sponsor of the campaign is DHL Express. During the ball's four-month journey, Rotary clubs in the polio-affected countries will hold soccer-related polio awareness events to mobilize public support for immunization activities. Along the way, the ball will be signed by each national PolioPlus committee chair. Synchronized immunization activities took place in 19 Central and West African countries from 6-8 March, 2010 with more than 400,000 health workers and volunteers immunizing over 85 million children. The initiative was made possible largely by US\$30 million in funding from Rotary International. The synchronized immunizations were part of an ongoing response to the epidemic that spread in 2008 from polio-endemic Nigeria to neighboring countries that had been polio-free. The effort will be repeated in the same countries on 24 April, 2010. The synchronized immunization strategy has proved effective. The first wave of infected countries -- Benin, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Niger, and Togo -- stopped the outbreak in 2009. In addition, this year the number of cases in Nigeria has plummeted to just one as of 23 March, compared with 90 for the same period in 2009. However, the outbreak is still active in nine other countries. "What this means in very simple terms is that we are now reaching more children. Ending polio in Nigeria is now more than ever before seen as realistic, clearly achievable," says Nigeria PolioPlus Committee Chair Busuyi Onabolu. "And Rotary International, as catalyst for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, is determined to mobilize the citizenry toward ensuring that every child is immunized."

INVITATIONS DATE CLAIMERS

OPERA IN THE VINEYARD – MAY 2



The Future of Peace is in Your Hands

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS' SEMINAR 2010 – SAT 22 May

Recipients of the Rotary Peace Fellowship share their experience as students of International Studies – Peace and Conflict Resolution at UQ. 9am-5pm - Sir Llew Edwards Building (14) – UQ - St Lucia
<http://www.uq.edu.au/maps/index.html?menu=1&id=280>

Free entry and parking available on campus.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

RSVP: Debra McKenzie by Mon 10 May 2010

d.mckenzie1@uq.edu.au or 07 33469544

Please include special dietary requirements

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY 2010 – FRIDAY 28 May

Hit Off 11.30am - Run by the ROTARY CLUB OF BUDERIM

Horton Park Golf Course in Central Maroochydore

Four Ball Ambrose - Shot Gun Start

Contact Geoff Smith on 0417 607 834

DISTRICT CHANGE-OVER - SATURDAY 26 June – 7pm Start

Nth Lagues & Services Club – Anzac Avenue – Kallangur

\$65 per person [incl GST] - Lounge suit / jacket and tie

NB: All registrations must be pre-paid – money **will not** be collected

on the night - **Registrations and payment by Wed 16 June**

Bookings open 6 Apr: 5443 6668 - registrations@rotary9600.org

NOOSA BOOKFEST 2010 – Daybreak – 30 Apr to 3 May

Also an Invite Thursday 29 Apr evening's Preview & Book Launch \$

25pp – Includes: supper, wine tasting, Spirit House Book Launch

Bookfest 9am- 4pm – 30 Apr to 3 May – Details 1300 791 226

REMINDER - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – MAY 30 - CABOOLTURE

St Columban's College – McKean Street – Caboolture.

This is for ALL Club Officers, Directors and Rotarians in District 9600

- 8.30am-12.30pm

Register by Club – Closes Fri 21 May - NO COST TO ATTENDEES

Let Kym McC know if you are wishing to attend.

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