



Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise

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District 9600
Serving the Heart of Brisbane
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FELLOWS – Presidents Report

Laura Catharina Crous-Beckett 14 May 2008 – 25 January 2010

It is with much sadness we learnt of the death of Colin Beckett's daughter Laura. Most of us will be aware that Laura has been fighting a tenacious battle for life since her near drowning some seven weeks ago. The day after her passing Colin sent the following email:

As some of you have learned – and others will now realise – our darling Laura lost her battle with life yesterday at around 04:10 in the afternoon. The end was sudden – and unexpected. Only a couple of hours previously Dr Bartlett had told us that he was happy with her progress and expected she would be back on the conventional ventilator within a day or so. But then all of a sudden her saturation levels dropped – and this time also her heart rate and blood pressure and within a few moments she was gone. Both Hestie and I, as well as Hestie's sister Corne, were with Laura at the end. We can console ourselves that we gave her as much love and encouragement as we possibly could – and she in turn put every possible effort into staying with us – but in the end The Lord saw fit to take her. We must believe that in His wisdom, He could not guarantee Laura's quality of life in this world – so He decided to take her to His!

Our sympathy and our condolences go out to Colin and Hestie. Moving to other issues Bill Phillips has managed to secure Gemma Sisia founder of the School of St Jude in Tanzania to speak to our club on the 11th February. We are inviting other Clubs to join us and it's fair to say that Gemma will be one of our Keynote Speakers for the year. If you have not heard Gemma speak before make sure you do not miss her address.

The Grey Man Foundation made the news this week after rescuing two underage girls from a Cambodian brothel. Russell Hawksford, co-founder of Gray Men Foundation will be addressing our club in the near future about the organisation and how they work.

Unfortunately, I am away at our Offices in Rockhampton and Mackay for the next couple of weeks so I thank Deb Le Garde for stepping in.

Finally, the Art Show is getting closer. We will be contacting all members to see how they might assist later in the week. Can you sponsor a screen or can you have your company or work team sponsor a screen. Please give this matter some serious thought.

Yours in Rotary - President Vic

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TO OUR CLUBS IN HAITI

The Rotary Club of Parakou, Benin – DISTRICT 9100 – who meet at the Hotel Central in Benin. We toast to one of the smallest and most densely populated regions in Africa – formerly Dahomey. Annexed by the French in 1893, incorporated into French West Africa in 1904, and in 1960 granted independence.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- 28 Jan Mark Blomley – Axis Health – Resistance Training
- 11 Feb Gemma Sisia - St Jude's School - Tanzania
- 18 Feb Suzanne Wilson – Indigenous Literacy Program
- 25 Feb Mark Griffin – Statistics Without Borders

EVENTS - JAN is AWARENESS MONTH

- 27 Jan Founder - Paul Harris died on this day in 1947
- FEB WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH
- 6 Feb SERVICES SEMINAR D9600 Youth Program Committees
- 15 Feb Nominations close for RYLA

BIRTHDAYS – Jan/Feb'10

Famous birthdays, dates or a quote of the day

- 29 Jan Amanda Postle Kindness gives birth to kindness - *Sophocles*
- 2 Feb Jacqueline Leveritt Stolen kisses are always sweetest – *Hunt*
- 16 Feb Shanna Hailey Knowledge is power - *Hobbes*
- 21 Feb Mark Breene All I know is what I read in papers – *Rogers*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 26 Feb Vic and Christine Morrissey – How many years is that ???

JOKER DRAW THIS WEEK IS WORTH - \$1,639

ATTENDANCE – 21 January 2010

MEMBERS	45	VISITING ROTARIANS	3
GUESTS	-	ATTENDANCE	80%

ROSTER

28 Jan 4 Feb 11 Feb 18 Feb

CHAIRMAN	Ross G	Diana G	James G	Elena G
SET UP	Diana G	James G	Elena G	Darian H
	James G	Elena G	Darian H	John K
CLOSE DOWN	Elena G	Darian H	John K	Steve K
	Darian H	John K	Steve K	Mark 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.

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETINGS - NEEDING TO ADVISE OF MAKE UPS - BRINGING GUESTS

PLEASE NOTIFY BY 1200 TUESDAY: Kit Bennetts – kitbennetts@yahoo.com.au

ITEMS TO REMEMBER

2010 BRISBANE SENSES ART – TICKETS AND SPONSORS

We are officially taking bookings for tickets to the OPENING NIGHT on MARCH 18, Thursday – buy at our meetings or online.

www.rotaryartspectacular.com.au



THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY

– A 4 DAY TRAINING PROGRAM - Starts at Manly – finishes at Mooloolaba - \$750pp – sponsored by Rotary. We need young people 18-26. TALK TO SYLVIA TODAY !!

HAITI STILL IN NEED - REMINDER

The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. Go to:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/WaysToGive/Announcements/Pages/100114_announce_HaitiReliefFund.aspx

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

NEW PROJECTS

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

DATE CLAIMERS / INVITATIONS TO FELLOW ROTARIANS

Maslenitsa at Russian Community Centre

A RUSSIAN NIGHT WITH SOLO VIOLINIST - NIKOLAY DUMIN

The Russian Community Centre holds an event on 12th February with sumptuous Russian food, beautiful live music and lots more. During the evening 'must see' solo violinist Nikolay Dumin will fill the event with his

Price for 10+ tickets is \$50 ea.

DISTRICT 3450 INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 2010 & Visit to Macau and Cities in Southern China April

The 1st International Bowling Tournament in our Rotary world will be held in Hong Kong on 3-5 Apr'10 - Rotarians from all over the world are invited to participate. Registration on or before 31 Jan'10, will enjoy Early Bird discount. Please visit :

<http://www.rotarydistrict3450bowling.org/>

Francis Chan - President of Rotary Club of Happy Valley - Rotary International District 3450 - Hong Kong, Macau & Mongolia

MICHELTON ROTARY CLUB – 10 Feb '10 – 7.30pm

Fundraising Dinner for School of St Jude, Tanzania. Wednesday 10th February 2010 6.30pm for 7pm start. Arana Leagues Club

For information about the school, see "School of St Jude"

or go to their web site: www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

Email: (Mitchelton@Rotarnet.com.au) Phone: 3366 9505 Address: PO Box 2410 Brookside Centre Mitchelton QLD 4053

ROLL THE DICE RUN – 19/20/21 March '10

The Rotary Club of Warwick - The Charity Bike Ride / Hot Rod Event invites any member bike/hot rod enthusiasts to join in. The Rally will have a major art union with limited tickets available. Prize is a Harley, yes a Harley valued at \$28350. Tickets are \$50 ea. The Raffle constitutes an important element of the event so go to: www.rollthedicerun.com.au Contact: Larry James - 0415421804

AUSTRALIA DAY – GERMAN STYLE Susan Rix host Sister when she was an exchange student all those many, many, many years ago proudly flies the Aussie Flag this year.



IMPORTANT NOTICE - ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

We shouldn't have to mention this every week but I am seeing a pattern. PLEASE, PLEASE – be vigilant in letting Kit know if you are unable to attend our meetings on Thursdays. And secondly, we each pay \$28 to attend with a couple of these dollars going towards Admin Funds. - if the numbers are not correct we still pay, and incur a loss, often a considerable one. From this Thursday - ALL MEMBERS NOT APOLOGISING AND WHO DO NOT ATTEND WILL BE INVOICED FOR THAT WEEK. Both Vic and Kit are available should anyone have a question on this issue.

A flyer for a breakfast meeting. At the top, it says 'Join the breakfast meeting of the Rotary Club of Brisbane High-Rise'. Below that, it says '11 FEBRUARY '10 - 7am The Brisbane Polo Club Eagle Street Brisbane'. It then says 'when GEMMA SISIA FOUNDER SCHOOL OF ST JUDE speaks on her beloved school in Tanzania'. There is a photo of Gemma Sisia with several children. At the bottom, it says 'The School of St Jude FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION' and 'www.schoolofstjude.co.tz'. There is also a small logo for Brisbane High-Rise.