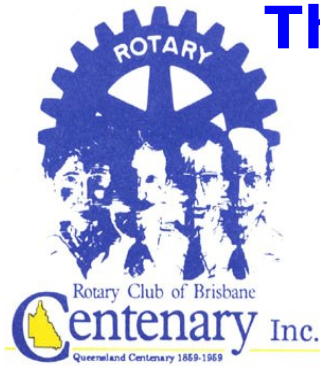


Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Craig Carson

As 2020 draws to an end, we are all starting to resume a more comfortable new normal. It will be fantastic to be again able to travel in Australia over the festive season seeing family and friends who have been isolated due to COVID-19.

The Rotary Nomads collected hundreds of bags for Share the Dignity, helping women and girls in need.

Join in the fun and friendship at the Christmas Functions.

Have a very merry and safe Christmas and New year with family and friends and see you all in 2021.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Centenary Inc. meets on Wednesday at 6:30am for 6:45am at:

23 Hasp Street
Seventeen Miles Rocks

P O Box 214 Mt
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9th December

Board Meeting

16th December

Break up meeting at Hasp Street

16th December

Christmas function at Bill Roberts-Thompson's Southbank Siam. 6:30 pm

13th January

Board Meeting

20th January

Tim Keeler—Membership



12—16 June 2021

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 9630
DISTRICT CONFERENCE
5th - 7th March 2021
Empire Theatre Toowoomba**



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Craig



The Board for 2020-21

President	Craig Carson	Effective Services	Di Scotte
Treasurer	Gerry Gebert	Membership	Graham Osterfield
Secretary	Di Scotte	Foundation	John Woodward
International	Glen Palmer	Club Administration	Neville Blomeley
		Bulletin Editor	Nick Curry

That was the week that was or TW3

Annual General Meeting

Having established that we had a quorum, the meeting took longer than usual and lasted a whole four minutes!

After the dust had settled, your board for next year will be:

President: Andrew Rodgers
Secretary: Di Scotte
Treasurer: Craig Carson
Board members: John Woodward
Neville Blomeley
Graham Osterfield
Glen Palmer

Congratulations!

Raffle: Gerry Gebert will be drinking the Sauv Blanc tonight

Youth: Glen, Lyndell and Di met to review the Rotary Junior Community Award presentation...around 20 each from Middle Park State School and Jamboree Heights State School. Di noted that some were excellent and had obviously involved a considerable amount of effort. Presentations will be made on Monday 7 December.

Neville Blomeley has also printed the RotaKids certificates for Di to present.

BeefBank: the Board of BeefBank held a strategy meeting this week to review progress. The concern has been for some time is that our charity has been providing around 100,000 meals each year (currently around 85,000 thus far this year but with a substantial amount to come before Christmas) but has not progressed beyond that point.

It was recognised that we need more expertise and, to this end, BeefBank is looking for the involvement at Board level of someone within the beef industry and also for someone at an operational level to assist with marketing. The idea is that we should be concentrating on making BeefBank the

charity of choice for the meat industry.

Changes are also being made to board member responsibilities with Andrew Rodgers assuming the position of chair, whilst Graham Osterfield takes over operational matters such as acquisition and distribution of product. Graeme Stratford continues as treasurer, Nick Curry assumes Secretary and compliance Neville Blomeley become the media liaison officer whilst Tony Hunter remains or marketing director.

BeefBank are also providing product for a regional initiative...Moreton Regional Council are distributing some 300 hampers and we are supply product to them for these hampers. Sort of a double edged sword because when the Council heard that BeefBank was prepared to donate product, this immediately meant that the Council could afford more hampers...meaning a large donation from BeefBank!

Administration; Neville would like the Conference raffle ticket stubs in as soon as possible and he was sure that the Conference Committee would appreciate the finds since sponsorship was very difficult this year.

Next week is a Board meeting and our last club meeting this year will be on 16th December.

We will have our Christmas Function at Southbank Siam (Bill Roberts-Thompson's place) on the same day.

13th January will be another board meeting (by zoom) whilst our first club meeting in the New Year will be on 20 January.

Computers: Graham Osterfield spoke about the recycling programme for redundant computers. If you have one, let him know.

From the Desk if the President:

We have another Bunnings BBQ—29 December. Bunnings have been talking about moving the BBQ back to its original position but it appeared that it had not yet happened.

Craig also spoke about the excellent array of speakers that have been lined up for the District Conference. He made the point of encouraging members and also friends of Rotary to attend.

Glen Palmer—On-line Youth Protection Policy

Glen is our Youth Protection Officer and is responsible for following up on training on Youth Protection and the Blue Card system.

All clubs are required to undergo training and particular club officers must also complete the Volunteer Information and Declaration form. Volunteer screening is a requirement under RI rules, by our Insurer and is also a legislative requirement. At a minimum, the Club President, the YPO, the youth services director must undergo this process as any student counsellor or YEP host parent and family.

Other responsible adults, i.e. those who are only involved peripherally and for a short period of time, will not have to have been police checked nor formally referenced checked but we must be satisfied that that person is suitable.

If you are also assisting in another organization's youth programme, you will also have to meet their particular

requirements as well.



Glen managing the on-line training course

A Home for R I Headquarters

The idea that Rotary should own its headquarters dates back at least to the 1920 convention, when Albert Adams, 1919-20 Rotary president, told attendees that he hoped to someday see the headquarters in a beautiful building of Rotary's own.

Rotary's worldwide presence, and the number of secretariat staff members working to support it, would grow considerably by the time the idea became a reality in the 1950s.

The Chicago years

The National Association of Rotary Clubs — now Rotary International — formed in 1910 and had its headquarters in the Chicago, Illinois, USA, office of its secretary, Chesley R. Perry. In March 1911, Rotary's headquarters moved to rented space in the First National Bank Building, one of many downtown Chicago rentals.

In 1914, Rotary set up its headquarters in the Karpen Building on South Michigan Avenue. During its nine years there, the staff grew to 78 people, and Rotary expanded beyond North America and Europe to Asia, South America, Africa, and Oceania. Citing increasing rent after World War I, Rotary moved to the Atwell Building in 1923, then to several more buildings after that.

After so many moves, some Rotary leaders began to call for a world headquarters that RI itself would own. Delegates at the 1921 convention attempted to pass a resolution to purchase a site for a building of Rotary's own, but they were unsuccessful. The 1928 convention delegates adopted a similar resolution, which had two notable conditions: There would be no increase in the per capita tax or assessment on clubs, and the site was to be in Chicago. A committee was formed and potential locations identified, but the Depression and the U.S. entry into World War II delayed any further action.

Finally, in 1943, the debate over sites got underway when

Today (a while ago)!	
1431	Hundred Years' War: Henry VI of England is crowned King of France at Notre Dame in Paris
1653	English Interregnum: The Protectorate: Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland and Ireland.
1773	American Revolution: Boston Tea Party: Members of the Sons of Liberty disguised as Mohawk Indians dump hundreds of crates of tea into Boston harbour as a protest against the Tea Act.
1850	The <i>Charlotte Jane</i> and the <i>Randolph</i> bring the first of the Canterbury Pilgrims to Lyttelton, New Zealand.
1927	Don Bradman makes his 1st-class debut for NSW v South Australia and made 65 not out on the first day.
1937	Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe attempt to escape from the American federal prison on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay; neither is ever seen again.

the RI Board appointed a headquarters committee.

The 1944 convention delegates approved expanding the headquarters search beyond Chicago. Thirty clubs expressed interested in having the headquarters located in or near their cities. Committee members visited seven of the cities and ultimately recommended Denver, Colorado, USA, as the site for headquarters.

The recommendation surprised members and the Chicago community. The group representing Chicago met with the Board and highlighted the city's status as a financial and transportation centre accessible by rail and air. Representatives also reinforced the connection between Rotary and the city, noting that "Chicago business and civic leaders have a justifiable pride centred in the fact that Rotary is an offspring of Chicago."

Proposals to relocate to Denver were debated at length and finally rejected at the 1946 and 1947 conventions.

Making Evanston home

In January 1952, the Board decided to "immediately and energetically" begin looking for land or a building in Chicago or the vicinity. That August, a lot was purchased in Evanston. The November issue of *The Rotarian* previewed sketches and details of the new three-story building, which was distinguished by a large granite staircase, monolithic columns, and angled building wings. Inside the building were modern systems and features, including an acoustic ceiling treatment and air conditioning.

Rotary leaders gathered at 1600 Ridge Avenue for a ground-breaking ceremony in 1953, and the building opened in August of the following year. In that first month, 250 Rotary members and friends visited to see it for themselves.

Despite initial room to grow and a later addition, Rotary eventually outgrew that space. In 1987, Rotary purchased the building on Sherman Avenue in Evanston from Baxter Travenol Laboratories. Known today as One Rotary Center, that building is still home to Rotary International World Headquarters and welcomes more than 2,000 visitors a year.

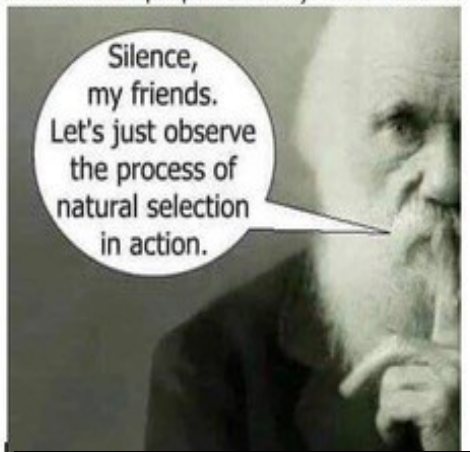


Guy Gundaker (with trowel), 1923-24 RI

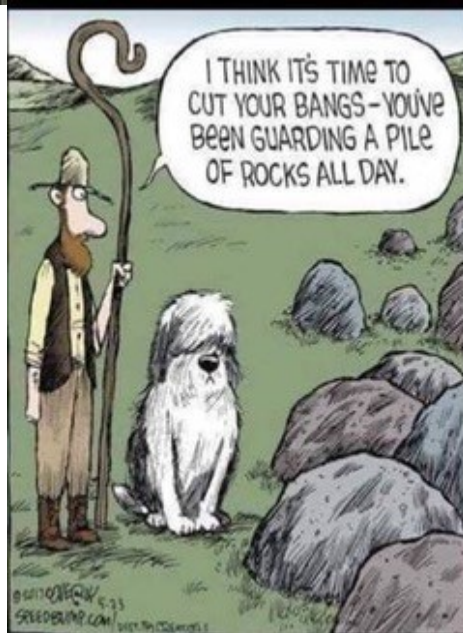
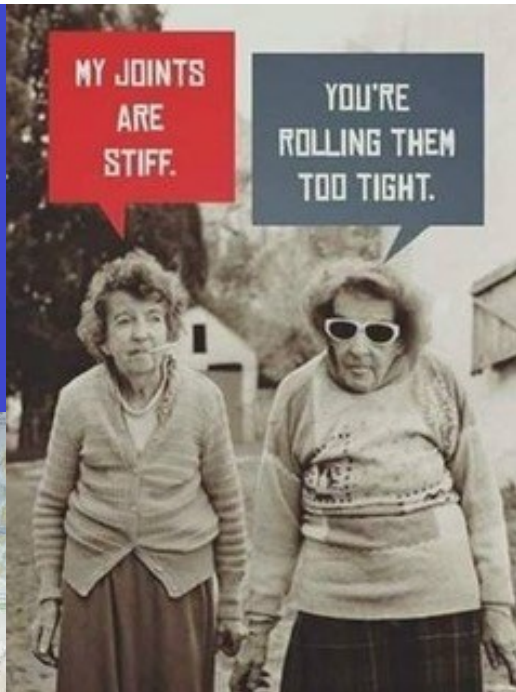
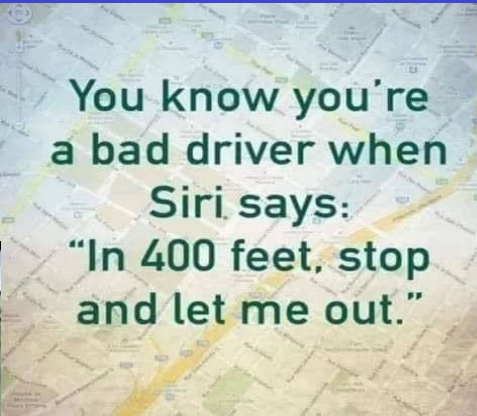
president, prepares to lay the cornerstone of the Ridge Avenue building in Evanston, Illinois, USA. 1954.

SMILE!

Are we really at the point where we have to tell people not to inject disinfectant?



If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock. That's humerus.



An Irishman's first drink with his son...

While reading an article last night about fathers and sons, memories came flooding back to the time I took me son out for his first pint.

Off we went to our local pub only two blocks from the cottage, I got him a Guinness, he didn't like it, so I drank it.

Then I got him a Kilkenny's, he didn't like that either, so I drank it.

Finally, I thought he might like some Harp Lager, he didn't, I drank it.



On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"



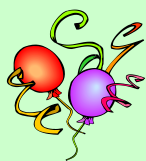
I thought maybe he'd like whisky better than beer so we tried a Jameson's, nope!

In desperation, I had him try that rare Redbreast, Ireland's finest whisky. He wouldn't even smell it, what could I do but drink it!

By the time I realized he just didn't like to drink, I was so shit-faced I could hardly push his stroller back home!

Happy Birthday to:

- Jan Curry** **19 December**
- Gerry Gebert** **2 January**
- Andrew Rodgers** **15 January**
- John Woodward** **12 January**



The Club welcomed:

- Nick Curry** **17 December 1987**
- Gerry Gebert** **2 January 2008**
- Tracey Tucker** **23 January 2019**
- Geoff Williams** **31 December 1988**

The 4-way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Duty	20/01/2021	03/02/2021
Chair	Andrew Rodgers	Nick Curry
Duty Officer	Nick Curry	Geoff Williams
Fellowship Officer	Dianne Scotte	Nev Blomeley
Rotary talk	Gerry Gebert	John Woodward