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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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This Week... Primary Schools Speak ...

Tonight March 27: Primary Schools Speaking Competition.

Children from local schools have the opportunity to speak on a prepared topic, and then on a surprise topic.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	David Johnston, Bill Payne
Loyal Toast by	Patrick Longfield
Guest Speaker introduced by	—
Guest Speaker thanked by	—



If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Ken what you've done.

The "Meeting Night Roster" for the next 3 meetings appears on Page 11

Ken's Korner



Welcome to another week at Ryde Rotary. I hope you really enjoyed last week. It was a full programme but with lots to enjoy (see Allen's report). This week promises to be no less enjoyable as we host the final of the Primary Schools' Public Speaking Competition. So a big welcome to students teachers and family members who've joined us for the evening. A big thank you must go to Allen and the committee who came together to ensure it's success and a big thank you too to the sponsors listed in last week's Hub

I am glad we are seeing the competition continuing. I was told through week that Olga Sawyer, wife of Alex Sawyer a former District Governor and a former member of this club had had a fall and was in Ryde Hospital. A card has been sent with our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

After this week's meeting there will be a Board Meeting. See you Tuesday.

Ken

Housekeeping



If you or a speaker you have organised needs use of the audio visual facilities at one of our meetings, it helps if the source material arrives early and the President knows about it. If material arrives just before a meeting, it may conflict with other presentations being loaded for the night, so try to get PowerPoint presentations and photos in by **5:45pm** so that everyone gets a fair chance. Normal set-up for our meeting is to have the wireless microphone. At some meetings we have no screen, projector, or laptop at all, so its best to check well in advance.

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Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell



Our meeting started with quite a crowd of members, partners, guests and prospective members awaiting their initiation into Ryde Rotary.

Patrick explained to the members who attended District Conference at Wollongong the previous weekend why they had rooms for two, but breakfasts for only one. I hoped everyone else understood the explanation, as the complexities were a bit much for me, but I got the gist of it: It wasn't Patrick's fault, and that's all we really need to know. I solved the problem by skipping breakfast on Saturday to make it to the absurdly early 8 for 8:15am plenary start, and then we both ate a hearty breakfast on Sunday, trading my credit from the day before to Bernadette.

DGE **John Dodd** spruiked next year's conference, and praised the efforts of Conference Pilot **Bob Kaye-Smith** and Co-Pilot **Geoff Brennan** in producing the "Flying High" trailer for Nowra 2013.

David James represented President Ken last week at the Prostate Cancer function at Kirribilli House where he hobnobbed with the A-Set on our behalf.

The induction of **Geoff Nix**, and his partner **Tui**, was next, and went over well, although Tui was surprised that a preacher didn't know how to pronounce the name of the Parson bird. Hint: it isn't "Chewy," more like "2-E". Geoff was our newbie member for about 30 seconds, and was followed by the admission of **John and Dee Brown** to the family of Ryde Rotary.



Youth Exchange Student Victoria **Blichfeldt** reported that "Conference was good," and I tend to agree. The "Running of the Flags," while visually stunning to the watching Rotarians had one thought firmly in Victoria's mind: "Don't fall down the stairs!"

The next day the students all headed off to the Water Park followed by a trip to the Kiama Blowhole. She enjoyed the Masquerade Ball, and thanked **Steve and Julie Thorp** for taking her to Wollongong and to the lookout on the way home. Next **Kathryn Dodd** sought club support and sponsorship to run in the City to Surf to raise money for Polio Plus. We can only imagine the pride with which DGE **John Dodd**



Geoff and Tui Nix with Danielle and Ken Allen

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Last week ... continued

viewed his daughter's presentation. Then **Annette Dickerson** and her friend **Debbie** told us of the work of the Australian Himalayan Foundation to improve educational outcomes in Nepal – very appropriate to Rotary Literacy Month. President Ken presented her with a "small cheque" to aid their efforts. In an eerie coincidence their Foundation's founder, Australian mountain climber Lincoln Hall, passed away the same night.



John and Dee Brown with Danielle and Ken Allen

Rtn **David Johnston** introduced Foundation Director **John Mazlin** who reported on the Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to the Maringa Leste Rotary Club project in Brazil. He pointed out that our \$US4K was multiplied to about \$US18K by the time it got

to Brazil. John spoke authoritatively on the Foundation portfolio, and anyone who has doubts about the Club Leadership Plan needs only to consider how much use this club has made of our Foundation Bank since we had a full-time focus on it, first through PDG **Alex Sawyer** and more recently with his successor **John Mazlin**. He then introduced our Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and Young Turk **Alp Atik**. Alp was born in Istanbul, educated in Sydney, and is now off to Boston, the World educational Capital, where over 50% of the population are students, teachers or researchers. The Scholarship will allow Alp to do research in Ophthalmology at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, a research Institute, while at the same time studying for a Master's degree at the Harvard School of Public Health. Alp has dedicated his life to saving people from preventable blindness, and it is hard to think of a better mission to "Do good in the World." **John Higgins** thanked Alp for the best presentation an Ambassadorial Scholar has ever presented to the club before going on Scholarship. We look forward to Alp's report on his return.

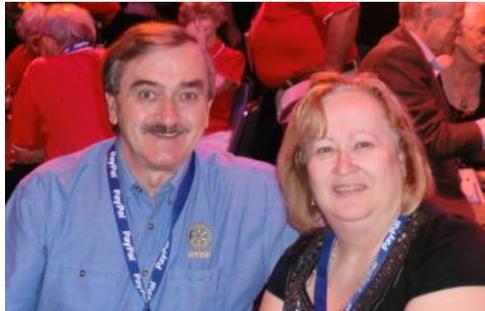
Our visitors were no doubt impressed by the speed-dating effect of our multiple guest speakers – what a marathon night at the Rotary Club of Ryde!

Allen Horrell

*Go for Gold
at the Gong!*

Conference photos—Pages 6 & 7 and also on our website — <http://ryderotary.org.au/blog/Videos> and <http://youtu.be/fFxE6p1abkU>

Go for Gold at the Gong!



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What is Rotary — Your version

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

- **Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.**

Challenge

Do you have a better "elevator speech" when asked what Rotary does? Do you have a version that you think is more succinct than this one? Send your suggestions to The HUB editor — editor@ryderotary.org.au

Riddles to Ponder

1. I come once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years.
2. I always run, but never walk. I have a bed, but I don't sleep. I have a mouth, but I don't eat.
3. When you put this in a heavy wooden box, the box will become lighter.
4. You hear my sound. You feel me when you move, but see me you never will.
5. I follow you all day long, but when the night or rain comes, I am all gone.
6. The more I dry, the wetter I get.
7. I am very heavy, but backwards I am not.
8. A cowboy rides into town on Friday. He stays two days, then leaves on Saturday. How can this be?

Useful websites

- Rotary Club of Ryde www.ryderotary.org.au
- Rotary International www.rotary.org
- Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au
- ShelterBox Australia www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au
- School of St Jude www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

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Rotary collaborates with others for clean water

A change is taking place in the way Rotarians approach water and sanitation programs.



We realize that the challenge of meeting the Millennium Development Goals is something that no organization can achieve on its own; not even Rotary with its 33,000 clubs and over 1.2 million members. To be successful we need leverage, the leverage that comes from collaboration with others who share our goals.

The most notable example of this is the International H2O Collaboration, an alliance between Rotary International and USAID. Rotary clubs in Ghana, the Dominican Republic, and the Philippines are working together to bring safe water and sanitation to hundreds of communities and schools.

There are many other examples, less publicized but equally effective. In Uganda, a very successful relationship between World Vision and the Rotary club of Gulu is improving the lives of up to 50,000 villagers through a joint bore-hole and behaviour change program. The World Vision project leader says “having local Rotarians explain the importance of hygiene and handwashing is much more compelling than when presented by visiting experts from outside the country.”

In Tanzania and Malawi, Rotary clubs are collaborating with Africare and H2O for Life in a program supported by Procter & Gamble to bring safe water to rural households and schools.

In Kegva Village, Maharashtra, India, the Rotary club of Bombay Mid-Town has formed a relationship with the National Institute of Rural Integrated Development, an NGO that has worked in the community for over 40 years. The institute has gained the trust of villagers, which has translated into strong support and commitment for the Rotary-led watershed development program.

The Rotary club of La Molina Vieja, Peru, supported by The Rotary Foundation, embarked on a program to help local Indian villagers build, install, operate, and maintain a bio-sand filter program. The program succeeded with the help of a local NGO and technical support from the Center for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology in Calgary, Canada.

As water, sanitation, and hygiene programs become more complex it is unlikely that any Rotary club has the range of resources and skills to ensure a sustainable program. Success depends increasingly on collaboration with organizations having complementary resources, funding, technology, local contacts, knowledge of the culture, and expertise. Reaching out is essential if Rotary is to take its rightful place at the humanitarian table.

By Ron Denham, a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada, and chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

View —

Doing Good: Providing Clean Water - The Rotary Foundation helps 5,000 families in Peru improve their water supply - <http://vimeo.com/33735494>



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 90.91%

Makeups: Charles Kilby, Burkhart Foertsch, Kalma McLellan
Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Les Whitcroft, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby, Mick Nelson, Burkhart Foertsch, Erdem Toner, Kalma McLellan, Terry Kerim.
Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt, Annette, Mark Tanner, Efe & Fusun Atik,
Guest Speaker: Alp Atik
Rotarian Guests: Peter Komander (Five Dock), Hilary Lloyd (Drummoyne)
Guests of Members: Danielle Allen, Dee Brown, Kathryn Dodd, Rob Mitchell, Tui Nix, Rose Rocca, Margaret Taffa

Looking Ahead...



April 3: **Vocational Visit and Club Meeting at Tom Kerr Autos**
Victoria Road, West Ryde

April 10: **Club Night** - Report on the District Conference, Reports from Service Chairs, and other Club Business

April 17: **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia— Wendy Farrow**
PCFA State Manager + presentation of Golf Day fundraising cheque

April 24: **Ryde Rotary's 66th Birthday celebration** at Il Vicolo, Church Street, Ryde.

Any suggestions? Contact Martin Aston: maaston@optusnet.com.au 02 9808 2574

Birthday



March 28: 51 year Club Anniversary for **Eric Bond**

March 30: Birthday Celebration for **Adrian Hallett**

April 1: Birthday celebration for **Lorraine Carroll**

April 2: 10 year club anniversary for **Geoff Brennan**

April 2: 71 year Birthday Celebration for **John Mazlin**

We'll be sad if we don't SEE YOU ON TUESDAY ...



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting please ring Val Payne **(9874 5787) before 10am Monday**. Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology. Isn't that **fair to all concerned?**

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Other events ...

▶ **Anzac Day Service**

Date: Wednesday 25th April
 Time: 9am
 R. E. Tebbutt Lodge, 40a Stewart Street, Dundas
 Morning tea afterwards



▶ **Spinal Muscular Atrophy Fundraiser -**

Bike for Life documentary "Eyes Wide Open"
 Date: 27th April
 Time: 7pm (concludes at 11.30pm!!)
 Venue: Cockle Bay Wharf
 Details: Adrian Hallett

▶ **Cirque de Exchange**

Date: Friday 4th May
 Hornsby RSL

▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal**

Date: Saturday 5th May (first Saturday in the month)
 Time: 8am—10am
 Details: Charles Kilby



▶ **Rotary Club of Epping 50th Anniversary celebration**

Date: Saturday 16th June
 Time: 6.30 for 7pm
 Venue: The Epping Club
 Details: Graham Stevens 9743 6974

If you have a Rotary-related item for this calendar, please e-mail it to editor@ryderotary.org.au

Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with Daniel & Kristina Graham — 9873 6096

Who	When
Steve Thorp	30/3/2012
Tony Abboud	6/4/2012

Who	When
Ken Allen	13/4/2012
Martin Aston	20/4/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
3/04/12	Val Payne Ashley Peake	Siddharth M.	—	—
10/04/12	Ross Rocca Stefan Sojka	John Mazlin	—	—
17/04/12	Ron Taffa Duncan Taylor	Kalma McLellan	David James	Ron Thomson

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The Rotary Club of Ryde



The Rotary Vision

Rotary is a worldwide organisation of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are non-political, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service above Self", Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

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.

The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say & do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free;
 We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
 Our home is girt by sea;
 Our land abounds in nature's gifts,
 of beauty rich and rare;
 In history's page, let every stage, Advance Australia Fair.
 In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!