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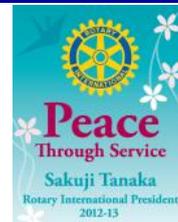
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Deadline for material in The HUB is Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged.

This Week...

Tonight 17th July: Dress for Success — Sara Keli
Helping disadvantaged women to be professionally attired in preparation for a job interview.

(NB: A note from the Editor - anticipating that you're reading this before Tuesday evening) *Although not officially a ladies night, please invite your 'significant other' to come along and learn how she can donate and/or buy these cheap clothes—some new and designer labelled.*

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Charles Kilby, Kalma McLellan
Loyal Toast by	Ron Thomson
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	Ian Henderson

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Burkhart of the change.

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Burkhart's Blog



Greetings to all Ryde Rotarians and Rotary friends.

Tonight our guest speaker is Sara Keli, daughter of our own Steve and Julie Thorp. Sara represents Dress for Success Sydney, a registered charity, outfitting disadvantaged women free of charge with professional attire and helping them with preparation for job interviews, thus increasing their self confidence, dignity and employability. Perhaps there, by the grace of God, goes you and me.

Last week we had the visit of our very own, almost speechless (through laryngitis), District Governor John Dodd and the presidents and many members and partners of all Riverside Zone Clubs. It was very interesting and informative to hear about the other clubs' aims, goals and projects for the coming year. There is a distinct possibility to co-operate and combine efforts in some projects, as for example our Borjega'i Schools project in Afghanistan or our Graffiti eradication project. The latter will be dealt in great detail at our meeting next week.

Burkhart

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**?

Last meeting ... as recalled by Kalma McLellan



A very croaky **DG John Dodd** attempted to quell the exuberant conversations among the assembled multitude with little success! Assisted by an in-voice (as ever) **Geoff Brennan**, our DG whispered a **welcome to Riverside Clubs on this the first of his district gatherings**. Special mention to special guests, including our own PDG and very special fellow **Les Whitcroft** as well as the 6 club presidents (all boys this year!). He invited cheers (big and little) from each represented Club to reflect their enthusiastic attendance with the vocals of Ryde stealing the stage.

DG John set the scene with his intention for the evening to celebrate Rotary, share successes and dreams, and experience Rotary friendships. He mentioned the 33,000 Aussie Rotarians, making it a huge organisation, able to achieve amazing things over the next 12 months.

To allow DG John to recover a little of his voice, we then enjoyed a hearty cauliflower soup with truffle oil accompanied by fresh caraway buns and full-cream spread – delicious!

DG John invited each of the Riverside Club Presidents to describe their plans for the year, democratically in alphabetical order:

Eastwood (Safar Sarmed) have the priority of establishing a club plan followed by development of a strategic plan. Projects include Pride of Workmanship, Apprenticeship Awards, a visit to Ryde Hospitality College, monthly vocational talks by members, Granny Smith Festival (which also provides a fundraising opportunity) and Lunar New Year celebrations in Eastwood. In addition they have enlisted the cooperation of 7 local chemists to assist with Bowel Care. International Service would like to adopt the 'Rotarians Against Malaria' project and include awareness evenings. Their New Generations projects include the National Youth Science Forum, RYDA, RYLA, MUNA to mention a few. They have recently had an exchange student from Finland and are preparing to send 2 outbound for next year. Membership stands at 19 and planning for 3 more by looking at community diversity to generate interest. They have 27 PHF with 9 current, 9 current Centurions and will have \$1,000 for Foundation this year. The Club is also keen to explain the expectations of Rotary to new Rotarians to maximise retention as well as offering mentoring. Eastwood Club fundraising has included the Brisbane Flood Appeal (about \$20,000) with plans for \$10,000 to be raised at Granny Smith this year.

[**Stefan** at this point provided a lap as a seat for displaced guest Victor Berger – an interesting service provision from a generous Rotarian!]

Gladesville (James Wood) reported some great ongoing projects including the Ryde Rivers Festival in September as their major fundraiser. They are also planning 15 BBQ's over the 12 months with a roster of cooks already drawn. Plans for trivia night for Giant Steps, Melbourne Cup Day makes a return and there is always Australia Day celebrations! They are ordering donation boxes to be placed in local businesses, providing the soft approach for networking and introduction. They plan an annual bush

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dance for Youth Exchange at Hunters Hill Sailing Club as well as two theatre productions for out of work actors. Business networking nights engage locals in options to talk to each other, and potentially to join Rotary at some stage. Youth projects back the Youth Exchange. Rotarian Victor Berger provided an advertisement for the Ryde Rivers Festival as they seek boat crews from each club to compete in the event, which has TWT as a fabulous sponsor.

Dinner arrived of roast beef with 'Mum's' gravy accompanied by roast pumpkin in its skin, baked chipolata potatoes and lightly steamed broccoli – scrumptious!!

Rotarian relieved the suffering DG to resume the club reports.

Hunters Hill (Peter Maniscalco) admitted to being a Rotarian for less than 12 months but enjoying his role as Club President. The club has so many projects for the year it was hard to scribe them all, however they include Foodbank, Fr Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets, local schools, school in Tanzania, school in India, Interplast. Locally they plan to participate in Moccooboola festival, Car Safari8, golf, antiques show, business dinner, 108 year Rotary celebrations, choir and art shows – a very full agenda!

Macquarie Park (Topher Holland) started with a great joke about triage in a hospital – good and bad – to set the scene about simplicity and purpose. Their focus is on service, community and international. They have 28 members with the most recent additions reducing their average age. They are looking for engagement from their members and the corporate sector in support of humanitarian projects in places such as Namibia. They are working with the Salvos and Macquarie University on the SALT project, distributing unrequired food from the university to the needy. They also support the Gap project of Rosanne Gallo for those who 'fall through the cracks' and are currently working with a 27 year old in desperate need of funding with an event at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on July 21st.

North Ryde (Shanka Sakara for Julie Stone) reported their 3 existing projects – ROMAC with Macquarie Park Club which raised \$15,000; Country School Children project with 8 given accommodation and access to business in North Ryde to better understand their future options and Youth Exchange with Belgium, their source for this year. Options for the coming year include building low cost solar powered computers for use in aboriginal communities. Future projects include ethics painting competition on their primary schools and a potential Interact club at Ryde Secondary College (maybe this can be a joint idea!!). They have 24 members of which 11 are permanent, and donate \$40,000 annually, of which they are justifiably proud!



Ryde (our very own Burkhart) reported 48 members plus 3 honorary members, 20 Centurions and 80 PHF. The club plans to continue last year's plan and strategic plan. Club Service will continue to oversee Friday night dinners and ensure our welfare officer supports sick members. The Club's web site is constantly updated to ensure good communication and the club is looking to maximise local newspaper options potentially in conjunction with other Riverside Clubs. Projects this year will include Apprenticeship Awards,

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Tree of Joy, Christmas Gift Wrapping, Red Shield, Graffiti Removal, with a grant recently received to purchase a purpose built trailer to store the necessary equipment. The club is hosting a Graffiti night on 24th July to which all are invited. The annual golf day continues as well as support for schools in Afghanistan and St Jude, sewing machines in Maringa Leste in Brazil, and a program to educate the untouchables in Tamil Nadu in India. The next youth exchange from Finland is due to arrive shortly and the club will sponsor two participants to MUNA and RYLA, as well as assisting with the Ryde Eisteddfod, Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition. The club will conduct a membership survey regarding retention as well as look to corporate sponsorship for fundraising options, including a 'Donate Here' link on the club's web site. However the main focus for the coming year will be hosting the last conference for District 9680 in March 2013.

Croaky John almost relinquished the mike but just held on to provide an inspirational outline of the change we must all embrace over the coming year. This includes the challenge of membership as experienced by Apex and Lions and the need for us to embrace change. What works is the person-to-person connection – it has worked for decades and will continue to be the way of success. Create friends in Rotary, which can then engender long term relationships and membership. The ideal of service provides opportunity to complete your search for fulfillment. Clubs, not District, are the key to this success.

John thanked **Geoff Brennan** and **Bob Kaye-Smith** for their assistance in coordinating the night's events before **Stefan** took the floor to promote the best ever Rotary Conference, and seeking all present to act as ambassadors for the conference with their own clubs – he wants it to be the 'blast of the century!'

The evening concluded with a hearty round of applause for the success of the evening, and an appeal to use email to communicate with the DG for a few days until his voice returns!!!

Kalma McLellan

VALE—PDG Bill Little

PDG Bill Little from District 9690 died on Monday morning 9th July from a heart attack. Bill was at their District Changeover the day before, so his sudden death comes as quite a shock. He was in his mid-sixties.

John W Dodd
District Governor 9680

Photos from the District Zone Meeting



... more photos



Rotary International

Helping save kids' lives in northern Rwanda

By Dr. Alexandra Vinograd, a former Rotary Scholar and Youth Exchange Student

I just returned home from two years living and working as a physician in rural Rwanda.

Like the other times I have returned home from abroad, I welcome the familiarity of things. I love understanding the subtleties of language and knowing how to greet someone without seeming awkward. I like the hot showers and my spring mattress and the coffee shop on the corner. But, inevitably I miss what has become my home away from home. This time, I miss the hospital on the terraced green hill-top in northern Rwanda.



Treating a patient at the hill-top hospital in northern Rwanda

As any returning exchange student can attest, the most common question you are asked upon returning home is: "How was it?" I struggle to come up with a few words or a phrase to sum up my last two years in Rwanda.

It was amazing and challenging and inspiring and tragic and beautiful and frustrating all at the same time. I want to tell you about the thousands of hills in northern Rwanda and the green and blue and purple hues that light them at sunset and the gorillas that play in their forests.

I want to tell you about the children who must never have been told that the yellow jerrycans of water they carry home every day are heavy because they lift them with such ease. I want to tell you about the women in their bright clothes balancing rainbow colored umbrellas and baskets of pineapples piled high upon their head all while climbing up and down impossibly steep mountain trails.

I also want to tell you about my patients. I want to tell you about the infants who would have died if that hospital was not there. They are now learning to coo and babble and crawl and toddle. I want to tell you about Alice and Axel and all of the other children who died despite our best efforts. They remind us to try harder. I want to tell you about the sorrow on a father's face when he hears that there is nothing we can do for his son except control his pain as he dies. I want to tell you about the doctors and nurses I worked with who keep trying and keep learning in spite of these tragedies in hopes of saving more lives.

Instead, while those images and emotions and memories wash over me like a tidal wave, I tell you, "It was great." And it was.

Courtesy Rotary International Weekly Updates

Attendance last meeting	
	Attendance Last Meeting: 84.62%
Makeups:	John Dodd, Ken Allen, Kalma McLellan, Charles Kilby.
Apologies:	Surinder Joson, Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, David James, Jan Cutler, Ken Allen, Noel Dunn, Patrick Longfield, Peter Cooper, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Geoff Nix, Nora Etmekdjian
Guests:	DG John Dodd—District Zone Meeting
Guests of Members:	Janice Brennan, Kathryn Dodd, Patricia Foertsch, Rose Rocca, Margaret Taffa.
Rotarian Guests:	10 members North Ryde, 11 members Eastwood, 11 members Hunters Hill, 12 members Gladesville, 13 members Macquarie Park, Jessica Keast



The Treasurer wishes to remind members that their semi-annual membership fees of **\$125** are **NOW DUE**.

You may write a cheque, give cash or pay by direct credit to —

Rotary Club of Ryde, Inc.

BSB: 112-879

Account #: 000589388

Looking Ahead...	
July 24:	Graffiti Night — All you need to know about how to get rid of graffiti — Adrian Hallett <i>This is an information night on how we get rid of graffiti and to invite anyone interested in helping — other clubs, chambers of commerce, service organisations — to come on board.</i>
July 31:	Side By Side Advocacy — Coralie Jensen



Inclusions in the Hub Contact Jan Cutler: jancutler@bigpond.com ... 0419 409 021

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

Other events ...

▶ National Rotary Success Conference

Date: 21-22nd July
 Venue: Hellenic Club, Woden, ACT
 Cost: \$100 per person
 Bookings: <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/events/AustralianRotaryConference2012/index.asp>



▶ Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal

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



▶ The Victory Ball

Date: Friday 21st September
 Time: 7 pm
 Details: 9438 7050 or www.victoryball.org



Birthdays and Anniversaries

21st Birthday Celebration for Nora Etmekdjian
 21st 14 year Wedding Anniversary for Stefan and Lata Sojka
 22nd 62 year Birthday Celebration for Steve Thorp
 23rd 35 year Wedding Anniversary for Adrian and Linda Hallett



SUBS are now due! \$125 can be paid to the Treasurer for July-December 2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
24/07/12	Graham Metcalfe	Rob Mitchell	Julie Thorp	Adrian Hallett	-
31/07/12	Stefan Sojka	Geoff Nix	Ron Taffa	David James	Allen Horrell
07/08/12	Bill Payne	Ross Rocca	Doug Thompson	David James	David Johnston

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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!