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

This Week...

Tonight 24th July: Graffiti Eradication
 Tonight Adrian will guide us through all we need to know about the eradication of graffiti. With support, the hope is to extend the service outside of our own local area.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Graham Metcalfe, Rob Mitchell
Loyal Toast by	Julie Thorp
Speaker	Adrian Hallett

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



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

Burkhart's Blog



Greetings to all Ryde Rotarians and Rotary friends.

Tonight we have an information evening about our very successful Graffiti Eradication project, organized by our President Elect Adrian Hallett. We have recently received a \$5,000 Grant to help with the purchase of a trailer for transporting Graffiti removal equipment and are in the process of applying for an additional Grant, to finance expansion of this project to areas outside our own Ryde area. We have invited interested stake holders such as Police, Council, Chambers of Commerce, the local Press, other Rotary Clubs, other Service Organisations and the Public at large to our meeting and be involved, and hope to have an evening with a productive outcome.

Last week our guest speaker Sara Keli, daughter of Steve and Julie Thorp, informed us about the charity organization 'Dress for Success', helping disadvantaged women in their job search. Please remember that you can donate your unwanted last year's top fashion quality outfit, to a good cause.

Remember that our semi -annual fees are due to be collected by our treasurer Maureen Mulheron. Additionally, at our board meeting last Tuesday my idea of getting rid of the top table did not get any enthusiastic votes. So the top table stays.

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 Allen Horrell



President Burkhart opened the meeting, we sang Rotary Grace and toasted the Queen, then he introduced our guests and congratulated members on anniversaries, the most notable being Nora's '21st ' birthday!

Graham has the 2012-13 annual Blue Book under way, and we had the opportunity to correct our details. If you weren't at the meeting, check your last year's entry and email any changes to Graham, who has been producing this useful directory for untold years. Thanks, Graham!

Kathryn Dodd promoted her sponsored run in the City to Surf to raise money for Polio Plus, proving once again that the Service above self gene has passed from father to daughter. President Burkhart presented his first PHF recognition for the year, a triple Sapphire Pin for PP Geoff Brennan, in recognition of his support of the Rotary Foundation over 11 years. Since Foundation Director John Mazlin was absent for this auspicious occasion, Burkhart spruked the benefits of becoming a Centurion.

When the Spackle was drawn, Rtn Julie had the winning ticket, and only some inspired card shuffling by Serjeant Duncan saved the Joker from being drawn. Geoff was fined for the glare shining from his sparkling sapphires, "and from his bald head!" interjected Patrick. Other Rotarians responded: "That's a low blow!"

"But Patrick has got a full head of hair, probably the best in the club." "Yes, his head looks new, like it's never been used!"

The rest of us were fined for missing the amazing 'silent' John Dodd at the zone meeting, and if we missed the theatre torture of the Mousetrap the previous weekend. In the cross-fines Patrick fined himself for watching the Shire on channel 10! Once again a missed opportunity; he fined the victim, when one of the channel 10 perpetrators of this outrage against the Australian people was sitting at the same table.

Sara Keli of 'Dressed for Success' was introduced by PP David James, whom several people complimented for taking the time to dress as a male equivalent of one of Sara's clients. Originally called 'Suited for Work' this charity is helping disadvantaged women to be professionally attired in preparation for a job interview, and is now an affiliate of 'Dressed for Success' worldwide. They don't just give their clients clothes, they give them dignity and confidence along with the outfit, when they go to their job interviews. Once they get a job, 'D4S' gives them an entire week's worth of corporate outfits. Hendo thanked Sara on the club's behalf, and Julie and Steve Thorp took justified pride in their daughter's service to the community.

I once said in an 'elevator' speech on Rotary that "I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way than by example."

Sara and Kathryn are proof that this is true for the Dodds and Thorps as well.

Allen Horrell

Can't attend next week's meeting? — Ring Val Payne

The A B C & D of Rotary



Avenues of
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interest

Do YOU have
something to
say?

**Send it to the
Editor!**

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Rotary International - Medical mission delivers care to Rwanda



In April, a team of 16 medical specialists and 11 Rotary volunteers from District 3080 left India on a medical mission to Rwanda.

During a 12-day period, our team performed 210 procedures on patients selected in advance by doctors at the hospital in Kigali, the nation's capital. The team of surgeons removed a gallbladder tumor, performed hip replacements, worked to repair throat and nasal passages, treated gallstones, and even performed facial surgery on a survivor of the 1994 genocide who had been struck by a machete.

As we arrived at the airport, we were greeted by a large number of journalists, who wanted to know the value of the medical services we would be providing. Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo put it best, noting — how do you put a dollar value on the time these distinguished professionals, experts in their field, agree to forgo from their private practices to serve under the Rotary banner? How do you measure the value of the time donated by the business leaders, who also pay their own way in airfare and lodging to provide support and make the mission a success?

The best description: it was the quintessential Service Above Self.

Mission Rwanda: Reach Out to Africa was an extension of Saboo's idea of sending teams of medical specialists to various countries, which have in the past included Ethiopia, Nigeria, Malawi, Swaziland, Lesotho, Madagascar, the Republic of Congo, and Zambia with the help of grants from The Rotary Foundation.

District Governor Manpreet Singh Gandhoke and Past Governor Rajindar Singh Parmar led the team. They built upon several months of preparation by project coordinator Ranjit K. Bhatia, a past governor; Fred ne Tiabu Tatukila, governor of District 9150 (Rwanda); and Dr. Theobald Hategekimana, director general of the teaching hospital at Kigali.

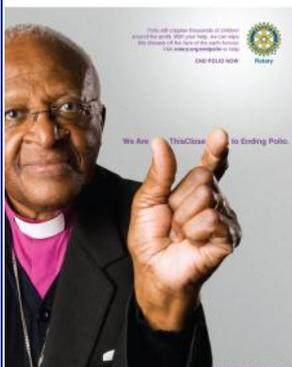
During the medical mission, the team also took time to visit the memorial to the 1994 genocide. It was a moving experience, and a reminder of the need to work for peace. While in Rwanda, our team found a forward-looking nation of friendly people and clean roads. They have moved on from the tragic events in their past to work on a better future.

By Shaju Peter, past governor of District 3080 (India)

Rotary International - Polio Eradiction

THE WORLD IS closer than ever to eradicating the polio virus. When the effort began in 1988, the disease was endemic in 125 countries, but now just three remain: Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. In recent months, there have been fewer cases in fewer districts of fewer countries than at any time in history. Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), said recently that the battle against polio is at a “tipping point between success and failure.”

Polio is a highly infectious disease that affects the nervous system and can lead to paralysis. It largely strikes children 5 years old and younger, but there have been more cases involving adults in recent years, with higher lethality. Obliterated in the United States 30 years ago, polio has proved a stubborn foe elsewhere in the world. As recently as the 1980s, polio killed or paralyzed more than 350,000 children each year. But the eradication effort has come a long way. There were only 650 cases last year and only 73 so far this year.



The potential benefits of wiping out polio are improved lives for millions of children. Yet eradicating diseases is immensely difficult. So far, the campaign against smallpox stands as the only success. For years, there was concern that if the transmission of polio could not be halted in India, eradication would be impossible. But India has been free of polio since January 2011. Also, a more effective oral vaccine is targeting the two strains of the virus that are most prevalent.

On May 26, the 194 member states of the WHO declared polio eradication a “programmatically emergency.” The idea is to galvanize work in the remaining polio-infected areas of Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. All three nations suffered alarming spikes in cases last year, and the goal of delivering oral vaccine to every child is up against the formidable obstacles of war, corruption, weak public health systems and widespread migration. This appears to be another make-or-break moment.

A renewed campaign will be costly. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative, set up in 1988 by the WHO, UNICEF, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Rotary International, says that it needs an additional \$945 million for a total budget of \$2.19 billion this year and next. For the current fiscal year, the United States has boosted support to \$151.1 million, up \$17.6 million over last year. Rotary International has exceeded its goal to raise more than \$200 million to match a \$355 million challenge grant over several years from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The CDC has made polio a top priority; it put some 90 people to work on it every day in its emergency operations center. These examples and the urgency of the cause will hopefully inspire other donors around the world to fill the budget gap.

Stamping out polio is not a sure thing, but this may be the best chance in a generation. It should not be missed for lack of resources.

Vocational Service



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Applications close 12 October 2012.

*Graham Metcalfe
Vocational Service*

Material for publication

Articles for The HUB are welcomed. As a guide, each page contains approximately 540 words. Announcements and notices should be graphical and in A4 format (PDF or JPEG) which can be reduced to this page size. Allow plenty of time so that your article receives the appropriate exposure. Deadline is 5pm Fridays. The HUB is published on or before the Sunday prior to the meeting date. Rotary projects get priority.

Comedy Page



A farmer named Sid was overseeing his stock in a remote moorland pasture in North Yorkshire when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust.

The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and said to the farmer, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" Sid looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing stock and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASApage on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an Itra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the farmer and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Sid.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the back of his car.

Then Sid says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?" The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Member of Parliament ", says Sid.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required" answered the farmer. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of pounds worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows for that matter ... this is a herd of sheep!"

"Now give me back my dog!"

Contributed by Kalma McClennan

Attendance last meeting



Attendance Last Meeting: 88.37%

Makeups: John Dodd,
Apologies: John Dodd, Ron Thomson, Surinder Joson, Ross Rocca,
 Artin Etmekdjian, John Mazlin, Peter Cooper
Guests: Kathryn Dodd
Guests of Members: Janis Redford

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



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
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Looking Ahead...

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 ...

▶ **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

24th **84 year Birthday Celebration for Bill Payne**
25th **87 year Birthday Celebration for Doug Thompson**
29th **83 year Birthday Celebration for Ross Rocca**



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 opt to have no screen, projector, or laptop at all, so its best to check well in advance.*

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
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
14/08/12	Duncan Taylor	Ron Thomson	Erdem Toner	David James	Charles Kilby

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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!