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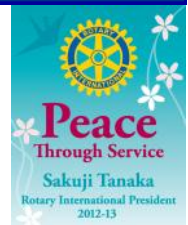
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### Club Information



Chartered: 22nd April 1946  
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia  
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to  
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde  
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm  
 Postal Address: Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.  
 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680  
**RSVP extras or absences to: Val Payne 9874 5787**



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

## This Week...

### Tonight 7 August: Salvation Army's Employment Plus—Lyn Mann

*Lyn was one of the 2011 Pride of Workmanship Award recipients. Her knowledge and enthusiasm for her role will make great listening!*

## Tonight's Roster



Welcomers	Bill Payne, Ross Rocca
Loyal Toast by	Doug Thompson
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	David Johnston

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



**G**reetings to all Ryde Rotarians and Rotary friends.

One of our 2011-12 Pride of Workmanship Award winners, Lynn Mann is our guest speaker tonight. Welcome back to our meeting Lynn.

Lynn will be talking about the Salvation Army's Employment Plus. A very relevant subject with job cuts and redundancies everywhere.

On Sunday we have our monthly Graffiti Removal morning. Once we go outside our local area, this job will probably need to be done on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Next Tuesday we have the official presentation of our new Exchange Student Onni Kivimaa from Finland. We are looking forward to hearing all about Finland and his family.

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 and as we sang Rotary Grace, our guest speaker Coralie Jensen started laughing. Thinking I had found a real-world case of someone who found our grace singing a quaint custom from yesteryear, I gently questioned why she was laughing during grace. "It wasn't the Grace, I was looking at Stefan and suddenly realised I was at the naughty table and we're all going to be fined!" The Serjeant had already missed the strange appearance of a foil wrapped slab tentatively identified by Stefan as "something dodgy" at David James' place, and the strange sight of Rtn Julie Thorp doing something under our table, so I thought we might get away with it. Coralie went on to explain that she had been a member of the Northmead High School Interact club and was quite familiar with Rotary meeting protocol. I handed her a Ryde Rotary trifold brochure, and told her we welcomed her return to the family of Rotary. "I blame, or credit Rotary for my interest in Social Justice, and that led directly to working for Side By Side Advocacy," she replied.

PP Ross Rocca announced our attendance then Burkhart reported the resignation of Richard Henricus, and that we have made PP Mick Nelson an Honorary member. That means our official RI membership now stands at 44.

District Governor (more well known as Kathryn's Dad) John Dodd was then presented with his 4 Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow Pin in a dignified but semi-secret exchange behind the lectern. Foundation Director John Mazlin, suspecting that the recognition from the Rotary Foundation was slipping by almost unnoticed, saved the day by insisting that the presentation be replayed for all to see, and recorded on camera.

Rtn Julie Thorp reappeared to call for volunteers for the traditional Fathers' Day present wrapping to be held in the Mayor's office, Wednesday 22nd August. Members and partners welcome.

PE Adrian called for volunteers for Graffiti on Sunday, which I trust meant Graffiti eradication, not production. He also damned with faint praise the DIK open day in Minchinbury, suggesting that we would be better to wait and make a vocational visit there later in the year.

PP Bob Carroll announced that he has been asked by Community Aid, who operates Meals on Wheels, for all participating members to complete a police checking form and, thinking these were similar to our 'Working with Children Declaration' forms, asked there whereabouts, suspecting they were all lost. These forms are actually passed from president elect to his successor each year and the entire Club's records are in the hands of PE Adrian. Unfortunately however, Christian Community Aid require a National Police Checking form and Bob distributed the new forms after the meeting.

Geoff Nix won the spackle and seemed disappointed to cut the 8 of spades, but for some reason the rest of the Club seemed cheered by the news.

President Burkhart was fined for repeated assaults on the dessert table at Maureen Mulheron's book launch. Everyone who did not have a copy of her new book "Burren Junction" were fined for their literary illiteracy and a favourite of Serjeant Duncan's followed, members had to show they were carrying Rotary guest invitation cards or be fined.

## Last meeting cont'd ...

A forlorn attempt to sell Christmas Puddings on August Eve was eventually successful after some price-slashing, clearing the old stock from last Christmas.

President Burkhar'd' cross-fined Maureen for spelling his name wrongly inside his first edition of "Burren Junction," perhaps forgetting the first edition is valued for the Author's signature, not for the dedication above.

David James introduced our guest who explained that 'Side By Side Advocacy' aimed to provide social justice for the intellectually disabled through two forms of advocacy - 'Individual Advocacy' is free help for any problem by paid advocates funded by FaCHSIA (don't ask what the acronym stands for – it's a government department), while Citizen Advocacy is a partnering of citizen volunteers who act as friends to their disabled protégés.

I thanked Coralie, as a member of the Family of Rotary, for her work for the most vulnerable people in our community, who are supported through her charitable organisation 'Side By Side Advocacy'. I told her we were all glad to hear how a former Interactor had been inspired to Service above Self.

Allen Horrell

## Onni arriving from Finland 22 July



*Welcoming smiles all round!*

## For your diary

### City of Ryde Eisteddfod—Saturday 1st September

**E**very year the Riverside Clubs sponsor the City of Ryde Eisteddfod, which is a non profit and volunteer based organisation. The primary aim is to run competitions for schoolchildren in singing, dancing, acting, playing musical instruments, and public speaking.

The Riverside Clubs sponsor two scholarships known as "Rotary Speech Scholarships".

The competitions are on Saturday 1st September from 2-5.00 pm at Argyle Hall on the corner of Argyle Avenue and Blaxland Road, Top Ryde. The first competition starts at 2.00 pm for the juniors (14 year and under) and the second competition is at 3.30 pm for the seniors (15 years and over). In total 18 students will participate to show their speech abilities.

There will be two places chosen for each group and will be awarded money prizes—the winner will get \$400 and the runner up \$100.

Let us all support these eighteen students by attending the competition.

Nora Etmekdjian



## Comedy Corner



### Old Age Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not a retiree should be put in an old age home?" "Well", he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the retiree and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand" I said, "a normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said "a normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

### Interesting Facts

- 1) In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'.
- 2) It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the 'honeymoon'.

## Avenue of Service Update

### Community

**T**he Community Service program for 2012-13 Rotary year is packed with several projects aiming to help people in our community and brighten their day.

The first program to run during the month of July was Meals on Meals. Our club assists four times a year to distribute meals at lunch time for elderly and disabled people living in Ryde area. We help on the fifth Sunday of the month which we did on 31st of July. We need four helpers each time we deliver these meals. The next Meals on Wheels Sunday is on 30th of September. Please contact PP Bob Carroll to participate for the next round.

Rotarian Julie Thorp our newest member and President of Inner Wheel Club of Ryde is coordinating and preparing for Father's Day visits of nursing home residents. We need to wrap gifts for 120 male residents living in six nursing homes. We will have a working bee on Wednesday 22nd of August at 6.00 pm in the City of Ryde Mayor's office, PP Artin Etmekdjian. We need to know number of Rotarians and friends attending to order pizza accordingly. Make sure you put your name down on the list that will go around on Tuesday 7th and 14th of August. Our new Treasurer Rotarian Maureen Mulheron will collect \$10 from each person attending to cover the cost of the meal. She will also have a puzzle or a game for us to enjoy.

The third project which is going well is graffiti removal. As you all know Sunday 23rd of September is Graffiti Removal Day. Every month there is a team of Rotarians and friends assisting Rotarian Adrian Hallett to clean several areas affected by graffiti. The clean up day is the first Sunday of the month, we gather at the City of Ryde Bowling Club at 8.00 am and from there we go to the areas assigned to each group.

Nora Etmekdjian

### NEXT WEEK: an update from Membership



### Rotary Foundation

**A**t the Shyllon Primary School in Lagos, students lacked proper toilet facilities, using the grounds of the school for their sanitation needs. The smell was often unbearable, and the girls found it embarrassing to use an open toilet. Water is scarce, making the environment very unhealthy and disease-prone.

Learning of this situation, a Nigerian Rotary club undertook a project to provide 10 toilets and a water tank to provide adequate water during the day. A working committee has been established to maintain the toilets and keep everything in working order.

Through efforts like these, Rotary is making a difference in the world. Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation help make projects like these possible.

## Climbing Mount Everest for Polio



In October of 2011, my wife and I along with another Rotarian couple traveled to Pakistan to participate in a National Immunization Day (NID). The trip came about because of a Pakistani Group Study Exchange team visit to my Rotary district and the subsequent invitation to visit their country.

Despite the State Department's warnings against travel to Pakistan as well as an outbreak of dengue fever, we decided that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. At this point I had been training for my climb on Mount Everest for eight months and it was the consensus of our group, that the climb be dedicated to raising funds to help eradicate polio.

When the idea was presented to our Pakistani Rotarian hosts, it was enthusiastically received. Upon our return to the United States, we promoted the goal of US\$29,030 which equaled \$1 per foot for the height of the mountain, 100 percent of which would go to the polio eradication effort. The idea caught on in the local community, where a significant number of checks were received from non-Rotarians.

My climb began on 10 April in Kathmandu, Nepal, where I joined the Seven Summits Club — a Russian expedition. We then flew to Lhasa, Tibet, to approach Everest from the north side. After five weeks of training and acclimatization on the mountain, we waited for a weather window to make the summit attempt.

That attempt began on 15 May. I reached the top of Everest on 20 May at 9:30 a.m. In my 25 years of climbing experience, this was by far the greatest challenge. I owe my successful summit in great part to the professionalism of the Seven Summits Club and particularly to the skill, strength and tenacity of the Sherpas that supported the expedition. Most of all I am humbled and grateful for the benevolence the mountain showed me.

By Joe Pratt, Past Governor of District 7870 (USA)  
Courtesy Rotary International



... another date for your diary

THE SAVOY ARTS COMPANY Inc.  
PRESENTS

## THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Take a 21-year-old boy who discovers he's really only 5 and a bit over, a middle-aged nursemaid whom he is almost in danger of marrying, a bunch of bad boys who started life with silver spoons in their mouths and ended up as pirates and a Scottish major-general with a bevy of wards and daughters and what do you get? One of the funniest and best-loved comic operas ever written!

Now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, the Savoy Arts Company will be performing Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* at the Zenith Theatre, Chatswood from 24 August to 1 September 2012.

An hilarious take-off of grand opera, the show, which is directed by Michael Morton-Evans, has a 30-strong cast including many professional performers such as Lincoln Scott as young Frederick, Emma Hansen as Mabel, Tim Southgate as the Pirate King, Michelle Bellamy as Ruth and Gordon Costello as the Major-General.

Musical director Atalya Masi will lead the cast and 18-piece orchestra in such evergreen numbers as *Tarantara, Tarantara; I am a Pirate King; When the Foeman Bares his Steel; and I am the Very Model of a Modern Major-General* (for which Melvyn Morrow has written some very funny new words!)

Ticket prices are \$36 for adults, \$30 for concessions and \$20 for children under 16.

With group bookings of 10 or more adults, the discounted ticket price is \$30.

Bookings for the show can now be made either online at

[www.zeniththeatre.com.au](http://www.zeniththeatre.com.au)

or by phoning  
(02) 9777 7547.

For further information, please contact  
Atholl Robertson on 0416 277 766.

## Attendance last meeting



**Attendance Last Meeting: 84.62%**

**Makeups:**

Geoff Brennan

**Apologies:**

Siddharth Maheshwari, Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft,  
Artin Etmekdjian, Geoffrey Brennan, John Higgins, Noel Dunn,  
Ron Thomson, Erdem Toner, Kalma McLellan.

**Guests**

Kathryn Dodd, Onni Kivimaa.

## Semi-Annual Fees are DUE



**D**oes this apply to you?

There are still 5 members who have not paid their semi-annual membership fees of **\$125**.

You may write a cheque, give cash or pay by direct credit to —  
Rotary Club of Ryde, Inc.  
BSB: 112-879  
Account #: 000589388

## Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with John & Janelle Dodd

Who	When	Who	When
John Higgins	10/08/12	Bob Kaye-Smith	24/08/12
David James	17/08/12	Charles Kilby	31/08/12

## Looking Ahead...

14th Hello from Finland! - Onni Kivimaa  
21st Westmead Childrens' Hospital—Murray Stone  
28th ROMAC—Philip Smith



*Inclusions in the Hub Contact Jan Cutler: [jancutler@bigpond.com](mailto:jancutler@bigpond.com) ... 0419 409 021*

## Useful websites

- Rotary Club of Ryde [www.ryderotary.org.au](http://www.ryderotary.org.au)
- Rotary International [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- Rotary Down Under [www.rotarydownunder.com.au](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)
- ShelterBox Australia [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au)

## Other events ...

### ▶ Pirates of Penzance

Date: from 24 August to 1 September  
 Details: 9777 7547 or [www.zeniththeatre.com.au](http://www.zeniththeatre.com.au)



### ▶ City of Ryde Eisteddfod

Date: 1st September  
 Time: 2-5 pm (14 years and under)  
 3.30 pm (15 years and over)



### ▶ The Victory Ball

Date: Friday 21st September  
 Time: 7 pm  
 Details: 9438 7050 or [www.victoryball.org](http://www.victoryball.org)



### ▶ Graffiti Removal Day

Date: Sunday 23 September  
 Details: 1300 665 310 or [www.graffiti-removal-day.com.au](http://www.graffiti-removal-day.com.au)



### ▶ 2012 AIM Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship

Applications close: 12 October 2012  
 Details: [www.aim-nsw-act.com.au](http://www.aim-nsw-act.com.au)



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

12th August 4 year Club Anniversary for Ron Thomson  
 13th 66 year Birthday Celebration for David James



## Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
14/08/12	Duncan Taylor	Ron Thomson	Erdem Toner	David James	Charles Kilby
21/08/12	Ron Taffa	Julie Thorp	Les Whitcroft	David James	Patrick Longfield
28/08/12	Steve Thorp	Tony Abboud	Ken Allen	David James	Kalma McLellan

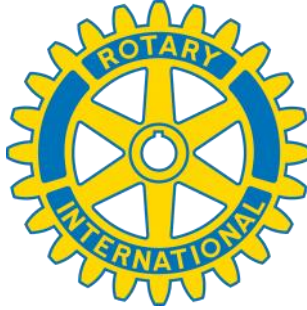
*If you are unable to fulfil this duty, arrange your own swap and then advise President Burkhart*

## New 'Blue Book'

Our member 'Blue Book' is soon to be distributed. At the time of printing Onni Kivimaa's contact details were unavailable. Please remember to insert **Onni's Mobile Number—0420 601 658**



## 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!