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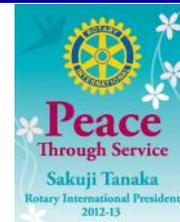
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 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
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 Postal Address: Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.
 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680
RSVP extras or absences to: Val Payne 9874 5787



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This Week...

PARTNERS
NIGHT
TUESDAY

Tonight 14 August: **Hello from Finland! - Onni Kivimaa**
Our exchange student Onni will tell us about himself, his family and his home country.
Partners' Night

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Ron Taffa, Julie Thorp
Loyal Toast by	Erdem Toner
Guest Speaker introduced by	David James
Guest Speaker thanked by	Charles Kilby



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 two important events. The first event is the induction of a new member, who has graced us with her presence for quite a few weeks now. This new member is female and brings our female membership to seven or 16%. She is also quite young, which brings the average age of our club membership down considerably and she would have run some 14 km on the weekend in the City to Surf Run collecting sponsorship money for Polio Plus. Of course I'm talking of **Kathryn Dodd**.



While I'm talking about Polio Plus, please note that Kathryn's mum Janelle Dodd, the wife of our very own District Governor, as part of her major yearly project, raises funds for Polio Plus. She will bring tonight red "End Polio Now" pins, selling for \$5 — and red "End Polio Now" money boxes selling for \$2 – (and to be given back to her, once they are full of money) and I'm sure everybody will buy some pins and boxes to support Rotary's own charity the Rotary Foundation, because you all know, "We are this close" to wipe Polio out.

The second event is the first introductory presentation of our new Rotary exchange student Onni Kivimaa from Finland. He will tell us all about his native country, his family and his aims and objectives for his year with us, followed later on throughout the year by short weekly activity reports. Enjoy the evening.

Burkhart

Last meeting ... as recalled by Allen Horrell



Our meeting started with PP Doug Thompson proposing the Loyal Toast. Pumpkin and corn soup was soon served, with the main to follow being a lamb shank with stewed tomatoes. As I am allergic to tomatoes, I was served Chicken Schnitzel and Chips, leading exchange student Onni Kivimaa to inquire how I got the good meal, but I heard no complaints from other diners.

After PP Ross reported on attendance, provisionally 87.5%, PP Bob Kaye-Smith took the floor to tell us about Conference. Julie Thorp is the events manager for the Conference and has a spreadsheet of who is doing what job for the Shoalhaven conference, now only 9 months away. She has booked 42 rooms at the Springs Resorts Shoalhaven for the Ryde Team and their partners, so we do not need to book accommodation through PP Patrick Longfield this year. Members can check out the accommodation at <http://springsresorts.com.au/shoalhaven-sports-motel> to find it has an 18 Hole Golf Course, Golf Pro Shop, Lawn Bowls and a Solar Heated Swimming Pool; none of which we shall have time to enjoy!

Adrian attempted to return clothing left in the Graffiti trailer on Sunday, but the Serjeant pounced, gloating that he was certain of at least two fines for his later session.

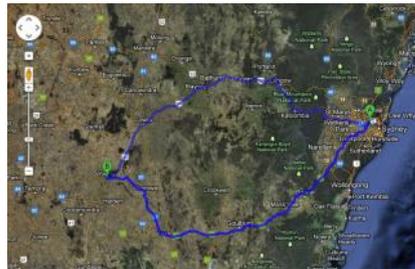
Nora spoke on Community Projects, of which there are many: She enjoyed the graffiti removal project, and the sense of accomplishment that comes when a paint-vandalised wall has been restored to its former glory, and our City made a slightly better place. She thanked the 8 workers including two community work "volunteers" supplied by the Justice Department, and singled out PE Adrian Hallett, who organised the project.

She thanked PP Bob Carroll for running the Meals on Wheels, and pointed out that the next fifth Sunday is on 30th of September, and four volunteers are needed.

We need to wrap Father's Day gifts for 120 male residents living in six nursing homes, on Wednesday 22nd of August at 6.00 pm in the City of Ryde Mayor's office and also need volunteers to actually deliver the gifts on Fathers' Day.

She spruiked the Eisteddfod Speech Scholarship, which we sponsor, which is to be held this year on Saturday, September 1st, 2-5pm. Contact Nora to find more details.

PP Peter Cooper is planning our next Fellowship Weekend away for the third weekend in October, tentatively for the inland NSW town of Young – perhaps he was subliminally influenced by the "Feel Young Visit Young" TV Commercial?



It has the advantage of there being two alternative routes, the 5 hour northern, and the merely 4½ hour southern route (see map). I had been going to suggest Orange but had until now thought it was too far away. Consider too that Peter visits each location before committing us to it – that is commitment! Car-pooling to the Hunter Valley might be more sustainable, but wherever Peter decides on will be worth going to, for the company if not for the geography.

Last meeting cont'd ...

President Burkhart introduced PP Duncan Taylor as "Beloved Serjeant", as phrase that Duncan clearly took to heart, reminding us all as he does of North Korea's latest tyrant, Kim Jong Un, the "Beloved Leader." Maureen had the winning spackle ticket but was subjected to mental torture when the Serjeant explained that he had lost the 6-card pack and had no choice but to start again with a new pack! When it was pointed out that this was cruel and unusual punishment, the original pack was produced, and reduced to five cards for next week, sadly still including the Joker. For some reason ticket sales have been up for the last few weeks, and the ticket folder is looking forward to a marathon next week.

A particularly ill-thought auction of the old version of the "Humanity in Motion" book then began, successfully selling for a pittance the original copies I had sourced from District HQ as gifts for exceptional guest speakers. The original (or as I think of it the all black) edition is far superior to the recent national edition, at least as a gift from Ryde Rotary, because it has Ryde Rotary in it! The fines Serjeant Duncan expected from the members who had left their hoodies behind at the Graffiti day went awry when it turned out that they belonged to the two young hoods that helped out on the day.

Due to the Salvation Army being AWOL on the night, we were treated to PP Patrick Longfield discoursing on the theory of environmental sustainability and the need perceived by Patrick for a framework to educate children to believe in it, so they will cheerfully abandon our industrialised society and return to a more sustainable lifestyle, something like hunter-gathering or organic ('subsistence') farming. President Burkhart thanked Patrick for stepping in at the last moment and saving us from having to watch the "What in the World is Rotary" DVD.

Allen Horrell

City of Ryde Eisteddfod—Saturday 1st September

Every 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

Weekly Report :: Membership

I am going to let my mind wander over the idea of membership in a Rotary club, and see where it takes me. Here are some scribbles from my notebook.

A few points immediately come to mind —

- Without members there is no club.
- With too many members, the social life of a club can become segmented and full of cliques.
- I like being able to recognise, and know something of, everyone in our club.
- To be a member of a club is a privilege.
- Being a member of a Rotary club is about being a member of a community.
- It is about recognition, and being a member of an organisation, which while being bigger than any individual, is fundamentally for and about the individual.
- To be a member of a good club is to be both rewarding and fun.
- This may pose the question, "What is a 'good' club?"
 - It is a place where someone can feel free to be creative in how they go about any task.
- All other things being equal, a member should want to stay with our club a long time.

While writing this I thought to look what others have said, or what Rotary itself says. I rather liked:

- It is about meeting needs —
 - In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of our basic needs: the need for friendship. It is one of the two reasons Rotary was founded in 1905.
- It is about education.
 - Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep members informed about community, national and world events. Guest speakers and timely topics are presented and discussed.

If you are able to relate to some or all of these comments and observations, then maybe they are some of the things to discuss when considering someone for membership.

I realise we spent a lot of time recently being terrorised by Rob Mitchell to sort out some ideas and ideals for the club that may be reflected above. My apologies Rob, but if you read yourself in here, I am not intentionally plagiarising you or anyone else!

In talking to other members over the past few weeks, one question comes to the fore all the time. How large should our club be? My current answer is —

- It should be large enough to enable us to handle projects of significance.
- It should be large enough to 'hide' in.
- It should not be so large that a member can feel lost.
- It should be small enough so that a member can be noticed.

My aim as Membership Director? To ensure that at the end of this Rotary year, at worst our membership remains constant, and at best to have two or three new long-term members.

Patrick Longfield
Membership Director

Next week's report :: Vocational

News from our sponsored student at the School of St Jude

This term our Form 3 students are trying something new - writing to their sponsors on the computers! Here is Kelvin's letter to you:

Dear All at The Rotary Club of Ryde Inc,

hello, it's my hope that your all great, me too I'm superb. I'm glad to write you this letter because it's been a while we've not written each other some letters but it's alright, i thank GOD for having been keeping me till this day.

my school life at St Jude's is really good despite the prevailing cold weather. right now I'm preparing my self for my end term exams that are probably going to start in 30th of July hence please I'm beseeching you to pray for me so that i can pass my end term exams with flying colours

how is the weather like in Australia, is it like here in Tanzania because here in Tanzania it's so hilarious in a sense that it's too sunny during the day and cold during the night.

I'd also like to introduce my lovely hobby at St Jude's - here at school i mostly enjoy reading philosophical books. in fact I like philosophy, my role model philosopher is Thales who was a Greek pre-Socratic philosopher of which some people speculate him to be the father of philosophy. some other philosopher I adore are Socrates and Albert Einstein.

so you guys, what are your interests? I'd really love to know?

currently we have received our brothers form four results, you can't imagine they're awesome in fact they have done wonders.

I'd also like to ask you some questions -

1. do you guys love music? if yes what kind of music?
2. do you like reading books?
3. do you like sports?

I'd also love to disclose to you that I like composing poems so much I wish one day to send you one if you'd love to

From yours very truly

Kelvin Jackson F3E

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**?

Helping save kids' lives in northern Rwanda

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.

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 coloured 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.

Note: Alexandra Vinograd returned to the United States in June, after working for two years at a hospital in Rwanda, helping to treat children in life-threatening situations. The only paediatric specialist serving an area of 400,000 people, she accompanied doctors to teach other doctors and nurses to improve the quality of care provided.

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



Alexandra Vinograd treats a patient at the hill-top hospital in northern Rwanda.

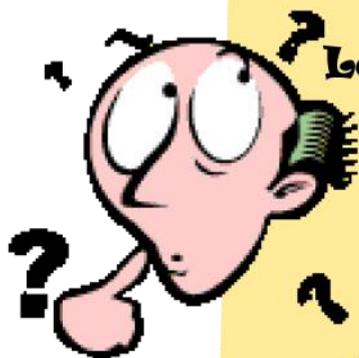
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Trivia Night

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Date: Sat 25 August 2012

Cherrybrook Community Centre
Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook

Games and raffles
lots of prizes to be won



Bring along your friends
Tables of 8,10 at a squeeze

BYO nibbles & drinks
Light supper provided

Cost \$20 PP

Some of the charities this event will support are:
Brainwave Australia ~ Lifeline ~ Warrah ~ Wesley Delmar

Contact Rob on : 0468 330 667
Or email: wphc.rotary@gmail.com



Rotary Club of West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Inc.

Attendance last meeting



Attendance Last Meeting: 82.93%

Makeups:	John Dodd, Charles Kilby, Geoff Brennan, Steve Thorp
Apologies:	John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, Geoffrey Brennan, Jan Cutler, Ken Allen, Ron Thomson, Steve Thorp, Tony Abboud, Geoff Nix
Guests:	Kathryn Dodd, Onni Kivimaa, Rob Senior
Rotarian Guest:	Jennifer Locke (Crows Nest)

Semi-Annual Fees are DUE



Does 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	17/08/12	Charles Kilby	31/08/12
Bob Kaye-Smith	24/08/12	Patrick Longfield	7/09/12

Looking Ahead...

21st Aug	Westmead Childrens' Hospital —Murray Stone
28th	ROMAC —Philip Smith
4th Sept	9/11 Retrospective - Toni Cavalenes, Social Worker, Staten Island, New York



Birthdays and Anniversaries

16th August Birthday Celebration for Bernadette Horrell



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

Other events ...

▶ **Pirates of Penzance**

Date: from 24 August to 1 September
 Details: 9777 7547 or www.zeniththeatre.com.au



▶ **Graffiti Removal Day**

Date: Saturday 1st September (note the change from Sunday for this occasion only)
 Contact: Charles Kilby

▶ **Trivia Night - West Pennant Hills & Cherrybrook Rotary**

Date: Saturday 25th August
 Venue: Cherrybrook Community Centre
 Details: 0468 330 667 (see page 9)

▶ **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



▶ **Graffiti Removal Day**

Date: Sunday 23 September
 Details: 1300 665 310 or www.graffitiremovalday.com.au



▶ **2012 AIM Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship**

Applications close: 12 October 2012
 Details: www.aim-nsw-act.com.au



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**



Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
21/08/12	Steve Thorp	Tony Abboud	Les Whitcroft	David James	Patrick Longfield
28/08/12	Les Whitcroft	Ken Allen	Ken Allen	David James	Erdem Toner
4/08/12	Geoff Brennan	Paul Burnett	Martin Aston	Martin Aston	Kalma McLellan

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

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!