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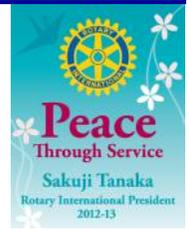
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
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 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
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 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
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 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 4th Sept 9/11 Retrospective—Toni Cavalenes, Social Worker, Staten Island, New York

Toni is a licensed clinical social worker, certified trauma specialist, and group facilitator and has over 26 years experience as a private therapist, specializing in the treatment of depression,

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Geoff Brennan, Paul Burnett
Loyal Toast by	Bob Carroll
Guest Speaker introduced by	Martin Aston
Guest Speaker thanked by	Kalma McLellan



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's guest speaker is Toni Cavalenes, a social worker and trauma specialist from Staten Island New York. She is giving us a retrospective of the horrible events on the 11th of September eleven years ago in 2001.

Last Sunday we distributed small father's day presents to fathers, residing in seven local nursing homes. Next Sunday I hope we will all be cheering on our own club's dragon boat crew at the Ryde River Festival. Unfortunately I won't be there to support the crew, as I will be overseas until the 6th of October. During that time our very able Vice President Adrian Hallett will preside and, I believe, will also induct a new member into our club.

Next week 'Splice the Mainbrace'. Alan Maclean will give us historical facts, anecdotes and tall tales.

Burkhart

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.



Kalma's Korner ... last week's meeting

We were welcomed by **PP Ken Allen** and anyone else standing around – great party atmosphere on arrival!

President Burkhart began the meeting with welcomes to our ROMAC guest speaker Philip Smith, Sandeep Mall a member of Rotary e-Club of D3170, and Exchange Student Onni Kivamaa before launching into a long list of absentees, with Nora and PP Artin Etmekdjian top of the list due to Council election duties. He also mentioned a happy email from Rtn Kathy Dodd who was welcomed to the Rotary Meeting in Switzerland at her 2006 exchange club as both a Rotarian and a former (2006) Exchange Student – very notable moment for her!

We enjoyed dinner of rump steak on a bed of mashed potato and gravy accompanied by sliced carrots, cauliflower and broccoli flowerettes and (Rtn Alan's favourite) green beans – a very good follow up to last week for our new chef!

PP Ross Rocca reported 84.4% attendance before **President Burkhart** detailed recent payment approvals of \$1000 to establish Ryde Rotaract, \$500 to support our Dragon Boat team and funds for a second roving microphone. Upcoming events he reminded us about included Saturday Graffiti Removal and Sunday gift distribution (Happy Fathers Day to all concerned!) after Nora's exquisite organisation of the wrapping party!

PE Adrian Hallett provided details of the Relay for Life, sponsored by Macquarie Park Rotary Club on September 22-23 – see separate notice on page 6. **He and PP David James** have this week visited Reg and Val Styles, now living in Glenfield after their relocation from West Ryde with the assistance of our Rotary Club for their clean out. They showed their overwhelming appreciation for the Club's assistance with a \$1000 donation.

Rtn Maureen Mulheron spoke on Nora's behalf and thanked PP Geoff Brennan for his generous donations towards the Fathers Day gifts, as well as PP Artin for offering the wrapping venue and providing scullery services – very thoughtful. The assembled crowd were entertained with 'cloudy' tales (from Grahame Metcalf) of the history of the tobacco industry, and a chaotic guessing game where Freddy Mercury was taken for the Incredible Hulk – just what was in that orange juice, I wonder??? **Rtn Maureen** also reported on her Sunday visit to PP Doug Thompson, who is ensconced on the 8th floor at Royal North Shore, and encouraged others to pop in if they can.

PP Grahame Metcalf made sure we all had copies of the (not so) Blue Book before **PP Charles Kilby** sought assistance with the RYDA project. With little hesitation he had volunteers from Ron Taffa, Patrick Longfield, John Brown and Adrian Hallett – well done everyone. He also notified a new meeting place for the Graffiti team – the car park in Church St – as a result of activities at Ryde City Bowling Club – be there – 8am Saturday.

Visiting Rotarian Sandeep Mall took to the floor and the screen to talk about the only eClub in Rotary, comprising members from 12 countries and which started through interest garnered across Facebook pages. Sandeep is an engineer, who was a Rotary child, progressing to Rotaract prior to realizing he was too busy to graduate to Rotary and attend meetings. The eClub got off the ground with similarly-minded members in

Kalma's Korner cont'd ...

2010 across 5 continents, and can be used for make-ups in our own club (are you game to give it a try???) They have online speakers, posing questions and discussions and had projects worth in excess of \$200K in 2011/12. Some of their projects include water filtering systems in 22 different schools, a Braille printer in a school for the blind, breadmaking machines in another school, an ambulance for \$16K, and toilets in over 16,000 homes for \$51K, with most funds coming from matching grants – a very interesting story and opportunity for consideration.

Onni Kivimaa's report of his week shows he is settling in well. He has moved his sport of choice at school from soccer to tennis, although the level of competition does not stretch his muscles, so he is attending the gym at Macquarie Uni daily and enjoying the variety. He is looking forward to watching the big game of school rugby at Ryde Park tomorrow, and next week exams are on, so he really gets a couple of extra week's holidays!

PP Rob Mitchell provided some great photos of the growing new school in Afghanistan in a beautiful and surprisingly green agricultural location. All is progressing on time and budget and looking very promising.

In the continuing absence of our Serjeant, **Corporal David Johnston** did a sterling job separating members from their money after Onni won the spackle, but failed to draw the joker from the very new pack. There were fines for speaking too much, not speaking enough, being late, clarification on the Rule of Thumb from last week and general jocularity!

All this before **PP David James** introduced guest speaker Philip Smith from ROMAC, whose 10 years in Rotary has included a PHF, membership of 3 different clubs and qualified him to comment how large and active our membership presented to him – one of the largest clubs he had visited despite all our apologies tonight. Philip described ROMAC as a 20yr old organisation which helps children access surgery which is otherwise inaccessible in their own country, usually in Oceania, but can also include China and Afghanistan. The serviced children are usually hidden away in back rooms because of the congenital abnormalities with which they are born, making them difficult to locate and therefore to assist. In recent years the number of cases assisted has dropped annually, however those assisted have required more complicated surgical interventions, so the costs have not dropped, with the average case, exclusive of donated transport and accommodation, still running to around \$27K per case. The cases are shared across Australian AND New Zealand pediatric hospitals, however NSW centres wish to raise their fees by around 40% to prohibitive levels. The role of Rotary, apart from funding, is to provide accommodation and support to the families involved, most of whom do not speak English. Philip told and showed many stories of success through the program and extended an invitation for members to donate time and funds to continue the good work. ROMAC has a Facebook page to enable communication and information, and currently is promoting a Roger Woodward concert in Chatswood in November (see pages 7 & 11) with all proceeds to the organisation.

The meeting finished with heartfelt thanks from **PP Ken Allen** and reminders about Fathers Day deliveries and Graffiti Removal – a busy weekend ahead!

Kalma McLellan



Beat Cancer!

Register a Team for the Relay for Life — Phone: 9334 1600 or
Email: katese@nswcc.org.au

RELAY FOR LIFE

Macquarie Ryde
21ST - 22ND
SEPT
2012

LARGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CANCER IN THE WORLD

21
COUNTRIES



600
COMMUNITIES

BEGAN IN...

MAY 1985

MISSION:

TO **BEAT CANCER**

THROUGH ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

GET INVOLVED!

REGISTER A TEAM



**10-15
PEOPLE**

RAISE MONEY FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

PERFECT FOR:

BUSINESSES

CONTRIBUTE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER | BE INVOLVED WITH A HIGHLY REPUTABLE CHARITY EVENT
BUILD TEAM SPIRIT | BOND WITH YOUR STAFF | GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY | HAVE FUN!

WHAT'S RELAY FOR LIFE?

AN



**OVERNIGHT
COMMUNITY
EVENT**

TO

CELEBRATE

THE SURVIVORS OF CANCER

REMEMBER

THOSE LOST TO CANCER

FIGHT BACK

AGAINST CANCER

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Raffaella Tiscar keeps in touch ...

Extract from Raffaella's letter (our 2010-11 Ambassadorial Scholar) to PP Ross and Rose Rocca

Dear Ross & Rose

I hope this finds you well. On my side here in Italy, a lot of things have happened and changed in the last few weeks.

I wish I had good news to write . . . After a week of pain, mom decided that her moment had come. She waited for me, my brother, my sister-in-law and my boyfriend to be at her side and to give us her last goodbye. She passed away on the 5th July.

. . . I must say I am that I am very lucky to have Marcelo my boyfriend, to help me in this hard moment of my life, but unfortunately he is still living in Madrid and I'm here in Torino.

. . . I don't have much more to tell, work is great, but I don't think I can handle the distance and the loneliness for long, so I will probably move to Spain. I have started looking for some jobs over there, but the economy is a disaster, so we'll see. In our minds and hearts, Australia is still present, and we hope to find a way to start our lives together there from the beginning.

. . . I apologise for not writing earlier, but it is really hard to write these things and today is the first day I feel strong enough to do it.

I send you a lot of love,

Raffaella

Please say Hi to everybody in the club too!



Up-and-Coming Rotary Events

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Sunday 2 September | Fathers' Day gift distribution to Nursing Homes |
| Sunday 9 September | Ryde River Festival — be there to cheer on our own Club's Dragon Boat Crew ! |
| Sunday 23 September | ROTARY's GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY |
| Tuesday 30 October | RYDA—Holy Cross College, Ryde |
| Saturday 17 November | ROMAC—Roger Woodward Playing Chopin, Chatswood
Matinee: 2.30 pm - Evening 8.00 pm |

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**?

Weekly Report: International

Construction work is well under way on the new school at Salman-e-Fars, and substantial completion is expected by the end of 2012. Our first transfer of funds has taken place, and the second for 2012 is due in October.

A special "International" meeting is planned for 9/10/12 to celebrate the success of the Afghanistan Schools Program, and other clubs which have contributed, or expressed interest in doing so, will also be invited to attend. This should result in the same PR opportunities as were generated by the previous celebration meeting.

We have retained an interest in the Tamil Nadu project to which the club has previously contributed.

Through Siddharth's continued participation in the project team (along with the indigo foundation project coordinator), our club will attempt to foster links with the local Rotary club, and Siddharth's communication links with India are expected to facilitate coordination of necessary project activity.

Erdem is engaged in evaluating Nepalese projects suggested by Ron Thomson.

Rob Mitchell
International Director



Next Week: Club Administration

Comedy Corner



What a resourceful person - an OUTSTANDING SENIOR ACHIEVER

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither.

Harold Schlumberg is such a person.

Harold says: "I've often been asked, 'What do you do now that you're retired?'"

"Well ... I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and whiskey into urine. It's rewarding, uplifting, satisfying and fulfilling. I do it every day and I really enjoy it."



Rotary International—London Paralympics

Perseverance and dedication are qualities that both Paralympic athletes and Rotarians use to reach their goals.

To highlight this common bond, British Rotarians used the excitement surrounding the opening day of the 2012 Paralympic Games on 30 August to rally government dignitaries from the United Kingdom and Pakistan to raise funds for Paralympic athletes and Rotary's PolioPlus program.

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), in association with UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the British Pakistan Foundation, and the Global Poverty Project, sponsored the garden party in London attended by more than 100 people, including five Paralympic athletes, three of whom are polio survivors.



Paralympic athletes at the garden party sponsored by Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), in association with UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the British Pakistan Foundation, and the Global Poverty Project.

Message Board

To those who control the information . . .

A callout to all **service chairs** and other **responsible position holders** to deliver their information on programs, events and general information to the Webmaster so he can update the Website.

We have just added a third tier into the menu system structure, so all programs get their own page/section with plenty of room for information and promotion, including events calendar and file library for things like PDFs and PowerPoints.

So, now we need to fill it with material that you, dear reader, service chair (and/or important person, currently withholding information), need to supply.

Please check the Website and email stefan@cyrius.com.au all of your information.

You might even win next year's FIGJAM award! - <http://ryderotary.org.au/about-awards>

Stefan Sojka
Webmaster

A message from the Editor

As I will be on leave from Wednesday 19 September to 17 October, all contributions to the Hub during that time should be sent to Kalma McLellan (sub-Editor) –

kalmamclellan@optus.com.au

Jan Cutler



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 90.0%

Makeups:

John Dodd, Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian,
Bob Kaye-Smith, Julie Thorp, Nora Etmekdjian,
Kathryn Dodd

Apologies:

John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Kathryn Dodd,
Les Whitcroft, Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian,
Ashley Peake, Bob Kaye-Smith, Doug Thompson,
Duncan Taylor, Erdem Toner, Julie Thorp,
Nora Etmekdjian, Paul Burnett, Stefan Sojka

Guests:

Onni Kivimaa

Rotarian Guest:

Sandeep Mall, e-Club of D3170

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with John & Janelle Dodd

Who	When	Who	When
Patrick Longfield	07/09/12	John Mazlin	21/09/12
Siddarth Maheshwari	14/09/12	Kalma McLellan	28/09/12

Looking Ahead...

- 11th Sept** 'Splice the Mainbrace' - Alan Maclean
18th "Floorball" - Jason Cowland
25th Travel management - Barry Mayo [to be confirmed]



Anniversaries



- 6th Sept** 54 year Wedding Anniversary for Peter Cooper and Margaret
10th 16 year Club Anniversary for Ken Allen

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 ...

▶ **Men's Health Public Forum—Sydney Adventist Hospital**

Date: 12th September

Time: 6.15 for 7 pm start

Details: Bookings essential—9487 9871 or comrel@sah.org.au

▶ **The Victory Ball—Prostate Cancer Foundation**

Date: Friday 21st September

Time: 7 pm

Details: 9438 7050 or www.victoryball.org



▶ **Relay for Life— The Cancer Council**

Date: 21st-22nd September

Time: Overnight 18 hour Community Event

Details: Cancer Council Office 9334 1600

or katese@nswcc.org.au



▶ **Graffiti Removal Day**

Date: Sunday 23 September

Details: 1300 665 310 or www.graffiti removal day.com.au



▶ **2012 AIM Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship**

Applications close: 12 October 2012

Details: www.aim-nsw-act.com.au



▶ **RYDA—Holy Cross College, Ryde**

Date: Tuesday 30 October

Details: Email: liane@rse.org.au or Mobile: 0419 274 959

▶ **ROMAC—Roger Woodward Playing Chopin, Chatswood**

Date: Saturday 17 November

Time: Matinee: 2.30 pm - Evening 8.00 pm

Details: www.theconcourse.com.au or 1300 795 012



Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
11/09/12	Jan Cutler	Noel Dunn	Peter Cooper	David James	Graham Metcalfe
18/09/12	Nora Etmekdjian	Ian Henderson	Noel Dunn	David James	Rob Mitchell
25/09/12	John Higgins	Allen Horrell	Adrian Hallett	David James	Maureen Mulheron

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!