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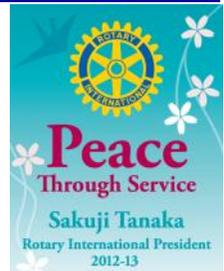
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Postal Address: Rotary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

**RSVP extras or absences to:
 Val Payne 9874 5787 (or as advised)**



This Week...

11 December

Tonight is our **Annual General Meeting**.

Circus Quirkus — **Graham Metcalfe** will update us on our annual fund raiser.

Tonight's Roster

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Welcomers | David Johnston, Patrick Longfield |
| Loyal Toast by | Bill Payne |
| Guest Speaker | - |
| Guest Speaker thanked by | - |



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 Rotarians and Rotary friends.

Last week, our guest speaker was one of our own, Past District Governor Les Whitcroft, who talked about his cruise to and experiences in Korea and Japan. It is good to see the more mature generation of Australians, who suffered a lot from the Japanese during World War Two, to embrace reconciliation, tolerance, peace and goodwill to the new Japan.

Tonight we have our Annual General Meeting, where our President Elect Adrian Hallett will select and introduce his new team for 2013/2014. Also Graham Metcalfe will give us an update on the Circus Quirkus, our major fundraiser.

I hope you had an enjoyable Second Advent.

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



Our most junior Rotarian, **Rob Senior** proposed a toast to a "Great Grandmother in Waiting". "The Queen" we responded!

The meal was served, Steak with mashed potatoes, carrots and broccoli. I had a hunt under the rest of the meal, but could not find the beans this week. Still, any meal that contains potato can't be all bad!

President Burkhart announced the Board Meeting to follow the Club meeting, and then presented Meadowbank Combined Probus Club President Adrian Hallett with the Charter for his new Club. **PE Adrian** said their next meeting as a chartered Club, to be held at the West Ryde Community Centre will be advertised in a future Hub.

PE Adrian then reported on the Ryde Council Christmas Barbeque which we had catered on Sunday afternoon. The food and drinks were given away, but the raw materials were all paid for by the Council, eliminating the inventory risk for Ryde Rotary, and we are to be paid a flat fee of \$500 by the Council. In addition to this, we collected \$1024 in donations from the public, which I suggest shows we are an organisation well trusted and valued by the local community. To cap it off, the major sponsor Telstra donated the proceeds of their water sales to our 'Tree of Joy' project— another \$238. The PR benefits of being seen by the public and of the ongoing relationship with Ryde Council, make this much more than just another barbeque.

Kalma McLellan reported that the Christmas cards and puddings have all been delivered and in the process we have generated around \$200 profit.

Nora Etmekdjian told us the gift wrapping at Top Ryde Shopping Centre will be a success and if members cannot fill the roster she has, Interact students, Eastwood Rotary members, our Inner Wheel ladies, Council staff and Ryde City Youth Group all keen to take part.

Charles Kilby reported on the Graffiti eradication on Sunday morning, complete with a slideshow of before and after photographs. He said the Anti-Graffiti trailer is currently under construction, so in the New Year, this job will be much easier to set up each day. At this point I would like to acknowledge the efforts of recently inducted Rtn John Brown, who worked all morning on the graffiti patrol, then from noon till 7pm on the barbeque. That is a big Rotary day for anyone!

Onni Kivimaa reported that he was living with John and Dee Brown at their Ermington home for the past week while Lucas Kilby had exams and is now back at the Kilby's. Charles must have briefed them on Onni's appetite because "they feed me heaps!" Onni was impressed that the shorter bus trip from Ermington to Top Ryde, followed by the walk to Ryde Secondary College, meant he could sleep half an hour longer than he could at the Kilby's. The extra sleep was probably helpful to refresh him after his hectic week: Gym on Wednesday, Denistone Sports Club Thursday, and Hunter's Hill Sailing Club on Friday for the Exchange Student's Christmas party. He observed that the 39°C temperature there compared favourably with the -25°C at his home the same day. He met some Swedish inbound exchange girls; "not too bad," he said, mysteriously. On Saturday at Parklea Markets he began to think the 42°C outside, even hotter inside the markets, was too much of a good thing. Then they visited the Pymont Fish Markets (the Browns appreciate that Finnish boys are used to a high-seafood diet). On Sunday he attended the V8 Supercars at Homebush Bay with our Outbound Student John Goris, thanks to Charles Kilby. John Goris' uncle works for Vodafone and arranged entry to the VIP

. . . last meeting (cont'd)

enclosure at the Finish (not Finnish) line. There the extreme heat was accompanied by deafening noise, but Onni clearly enjoyed the day out.

Serjeant Duncan said he didn't like to wake Hendo to draw the spackle, but the body language contradicted the words. On the second draw Nora Etmekdjian's ticket was drawn and she duly selected the white wine, the joker having not put in an appearance.

The fines began with our table for being noisy but this had nothing to do with Patrick's Four Wheel Drive stories, which he had been yelling quietly during the meeting.

Paul Burnett paid up cheerfully for his months' holiday in Canada, but declined the offer to pay fines in advance for all the meetings he will miss.

Noel Dunn was fined for the mysterious Hat box under his chair, and when pressed for an explanation, said "it's a long story," one that he decided to keep under his hat.

I fined the 'Poms' in the room for beating the mighty All Blacks at Twickenham last weekend, 38-21!

"I'm not English!" cried Patrick in an Etonian accent as the Fine collector approached to collect.

Charles Kilby fined Ron Taffa for not opening early on Sunday morning to sell paint to the Graffiti team. He was promptly cross-fined by **Bob Kaye-Smith** for not having found out before 8 am Sunday that Taffa's Mitre 10 doesn't open till 9! Charles went on to say Bob Carroll had taken his wife Lorraine out to a candle lit dinner to celebrate their 8th Wedding Anniversary. He said it was ...wait for it..."Carrolls by candle-light!"



Our speaker was our own **PDG Les Whitcroft** aided (or handicapped) by me as operator of his slide show. We saw photographs of Les in various parts of Japan and South Korea as he cruised around the Sea of Japan, on holiday with a friend. When he was asked to go on the cruise, it was to be "one of my best decisions when I said yes!" The DVD of his holiday showed the Orion cruise ship, some immense engineering feats, delicate bonsai trees, tall buildings and classical Japanese gardens complete with raked white gravel between manicured shrubs. Les found the Japanese to be welcoming, helpful, friendly and invariably polite, hard for him to reconcile with the behaviour of the Japanese Imperial Army during the Second World War. "Visiting Japan is one of the best things I've done, and if you ever get the chance to go on this trip, you should take it!"

Admiration for Japanese culture, infrastructure, industry and civic pride shone through: "I'll pay \$10,000 to the man who can find me any graffiti anywhere in Japan!"

As Les said this, I thought perhaps that explains how the barbarity of Japanese soldiers in China can be reconciled with the industrious, harmonious society of peacetime Japan: A culture so law-abiding and obedient that a wallet left on a park bench will either be handed in to a police station, or will still be there the next day with all contents intact; that would never consider defacing their public places with graffiti, that obey all written law and cultural custom without a second thought, what would happen when that culture was ordered to subjugate all others, at all costs? It is not the first time Les has made me think.

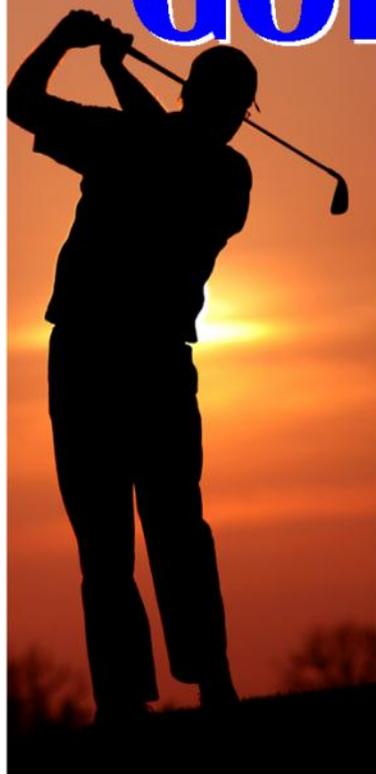
It also made me think that some of our best speakers are those from within our own club. Another meeting closed with the Anthem, and some of us continued on to our Board Meeting after.



ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

2013 CHARITY

GOLF DAY



**Ryde-Parramatta
Golf Club**

1156 Victoria Road, West Ryde

**Friday
15th February 2013**

**4-ball Ambrose
Complimentary Bunker Clinic
Registration 7am + breakfast
Shotgun start 8am
Lunch approx 1pm**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING



Prostate Cancer
Foundation
of Australia

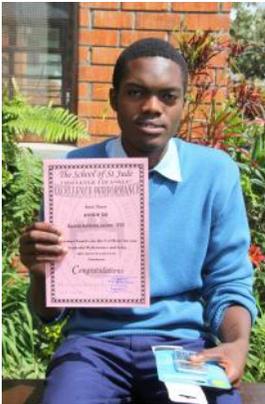
Proceeds will assist The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and community projects of the Rotary Club of Ryde. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia will receive \$50 from this registration which will be a tax deductible donation for you.

Great News from St Jude



The School of St Jude
FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

Greetings from St Jude's!



At the end of year Parent's Day at The School of St Jude our top students receive an award for best performance in each subject, called a Dux Award.

We are delighted to announce that in Term 3, your sponsored student Kelvin Jackson Laiser received a Dux Award in the subject of Commerce.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy the attached photo!

Hilda Meela
Sponsor Relations Team
PO Box 11875, Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa

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Sponsor a dream today



A MESSAGE FROM SANTA

Would all those with little or big children who will be at the Club Christmas Party, wishing their child to receive a gift from Santa, please ensure there is only one gift each .

Thank you,
Santa

Register for the 2013 RI Convention in Portugal

Discover why Lisbon is a sailors' delight

During the Age of Discovery, Portuguese explorers landed in places that are now home to many Rotarians who will attend the **2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, 23-26 June**. (*Register by 15 December to enjoy the best rate.*)

Prince Henry the Navigator, son of King John I, paved the way for Portugal's dominance in exploration by sponsoring excursions that crept southward along the coast of Africa in the early 15th century. (In 1484, Christopher Columbus approached King John II with a proposal to sail west in search of the Indies, but it was rejected. Spain got the credit for that famed journey.)



Among the great Portuguese explorers was Bartolomeu Dias, who in 1488 sailed around the Cape of Good Hope, the southernmost tip of Africa, ultimately proving to Europeans that it was possible to reach the Indies (and their valuable spices) by sea. In 1497, Vasco da Gama went farther, sailing up the eastern coast of Africa and across the Arabian Sea to reach India. Three years later, Pedro Álvares Cabral, en route to India, first sailed southwest to what is now Brazil.

In 1519, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to circumnavigate the globe – although Magellan himself perished in a battle in the Philippines and did not complete the trip. Magellan was Portuguese, but because he'd fallen out of favor in his home country, his fleet sailed under the Spanish flag.

You can see evidence of Portugal's prosperity during this era at some of Lisbon's most beautiful sites, including the Jerónimos Monastery, which houses da Gama's tomb, and Belém Tower, built to defend the mouth of the Tagus River.

- Register by 15 December and **save**.
- Sign up for the RI Convention Update for the latest news on the **convention**.
- Get resources to **promote** the convention to your Rotarian friends.

A Message from our Webmaster

<http://ryderotary.org.au/about-members> – Please go to the member listing on our Website to check your own listing and information. If you have anything to add, such as a new photo, or updated information – or you would like to change anything that is currently listed, please email Stefan – stefan@cyrius.com.au

Rotary Carols on the Common



Sunday, 16 December
From 5.30 pm
North Ryde Common



Rotary Clubs of
Macquarie Park & North Ryde

The Rotary Clubs of North Ryde & Macquarie Park have asked if any of our members can assist as volunteers at the 'Rotary Carols on the Common' this year.

Please register you details on the website:

<http://www.carolsonthecommon.org.au/registration.php>

This will greatly assist them in organising the night. If it's too hard or you have problems please email (registration@carolsonthecommon.org.au) with your:

- > Name
- > Email Address
- > When you are available etc

The event helps raise money for ROMAC (see <http://www.romac.org.au/>), North Ryde and Macquarie Park Rotary Clubs.

They need help throughout the day until late at night. Examples of the activities they need help with include:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| > Set up | > BBQ Serving |
| > Pull down | > BBQ Cooking |
| > Ticket Sales | > BBQ Preparation |
| > Drinks | > Bucket Collection |
| > Glow Sticks and Candles | |

Hopefully they will get much better weather than last year.

Your help will be much appreciated!

Contact:

Paul Williamson
Roster Coordinator
Rotary Club of Macquarie Park

Phone: 02 9868 2595

Mobile: 0425 859 876

Skype: pwillia6

Fax: 02 8002 0043

Up-and-Coming Rotary Events

Tuesday 11 December Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Ryde

Saturday 15 December to Monday 24 December - Christmas Gift Wrapping 2012
Top Ryde City Shopping Centre

Sunday 16 December Rotary Carols on the Common

[See details of the above and other events Page 11](#)

Attendance last meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 91.11%

Apologies: John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, David James, Geoff Nix, John Mazlin, Julie Thorp, Stefan Sojka,

Makeups: John Dodd, David James, Julie Thorp

Other Guests: Onni Kivimaa

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with Charles & Victoria Kilby

| Who | When | Who | When |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|
| Erdem Toner | 14/12/12 | 18/01/13 | Martin Aston |
| Ken Allen | 21/12/12 | 25/01/13 | Geoff Brennan |

The Gift of Giving Spreads!

One of our favourite annual programs the 'Tree of Joy', involves the whole community, providing an opportunity to reach out and help those in need.

The true spirit of Christmas has now spread to corporate companies who are participating in the Rotary International Tree of Joy 2012 program.

Generally the individual company approaches Rotary International who direct them to a local Rotary Club. From there, charities are delegated and employees encouraged to select a card, purchase the gift, wrap and return before 20 December. The Rotary Club then delivers the gifts to the less fortunate in time for Christmas.



The response has been overwhelming!

Rotary and Other Events ...

- ▶ **2012 Rotary Christmas Gift Wrapping - Top Ryde Shopping Centre**
Date: Saturday 15 December to Monday 24 December
Details: Contact Nora Etmekdjian

- ▶ **Rotary Carols on the Common — Rotary Clubs of Macquarie Park & North Ryde**
Date: Sunday, 16 December
Place: North Ryde Common
Time: From 5.30 pm
Details: Paul Williamson 9868 2595 or Mobile 0425 859 876

- ▶ **2012-13 MUNA— Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga**
Date: Saturday & Sunday 23-24 March
Time: Saturday, 8.30 am to 5 pm, Sunday 9 am to 4 pm
Details: Ian Paterson 9489 2855, MUNA Chair, Rotary Club of Wahroonga



Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Dec 11 72 year Birthday Celebration for John Higgins
 13 Birthday Celebration for Patricia Foertsch
 15 61 year Wedding Anniversary for Bill and Val Payne
 15 33 year Wedding Anniversary for Martin and Angela Aston
 17 35 year Wedding Anniversary for Steve and Julie Thorp

Looking Ahead ...



2012

December 18 Our end of year **C**hristmas **P**arty

2013

January 15 First meeting back for 2013! Details yet to be confirmed.
 22 tba

Meeting Night Duty Roster

| Date | Welcomers | | Loyal | Intro | Thanks |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| 18/12/12 | Noel Dunn | Nora Etmekdjian | Stefan Sojka | Christmas | Party |
| 15/01/13 | First | Social | Meeting | 2013 |  |
| 22/01/13 | Ian Henderson | John Higgins | Ashley Peake | tba | tba |

If you are unable to fulfil any 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!