

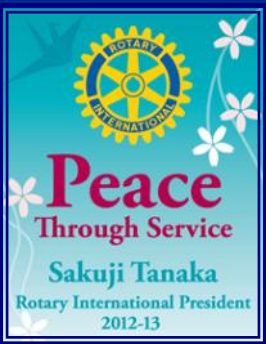
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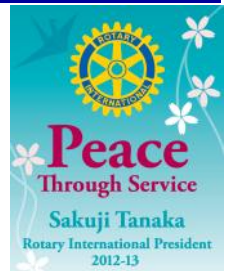
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Postal Address: Rotary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

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



This Week . . .

Tonight 19 February Club Assembly this evening—our Conference Team will discuss our duties and responsibilities. Also a great opportunity to ask questions!

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Graham Metcalfe, Rob Mitchell
Loyal Toast by	Duncan Taylor
Introduce 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 we had an excellent presentation from the district's membership director Mark Anderson, how we might attract more good and young members into our club. According to his statistics we should have 139 members and have 8900 opportunities to find them and thus increase our mix of classifications considerably. We also had a board meeting afterwards.

Last Friday we had our golf day and I'm sure we'll hear tonight how successful it was. Tonight in our club assembly, which is also a partners' night, we will have a detailed briefing about our conference with all job descriptions for each of us and our wives and partners. I would love to hear our attendance to be reported as close to 100% as possible.

Have an enjoyable night.

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** started the meeting with 13 absent Rotarians, but we still had a respectable crowd and as **PP Ross Rocca** calculated, an 80% attendance after make-ups.

Dinner was served – chicken breast in gravy with sweet potato mash, carrots and broccoli. It was filling enough that I refused the dessert.

President Burkhart announced that we had a Board Meeting at the end of the meeting, then **Ken Allen** spoke on Foundation giving, and the difficulties in finding who in our club are currently financial with Centurion commitments. Bruce Allen will be attending the first meeting in March to explain the new Future Vision of TRF.

John Mazlin explained his long absence. He has been tied up with a long-running court case in Grafton, where he is an expert witness. President Burkhart wished him luck and hoped John would be free of this obligation soon.

David James told us our Paul Harris Fellow Lorraine Cox has now joined North Ryde Rotary Club. He also said he is arranging for us to attend a meeting at the Ryde TAFE Catering College some time in term 2. **President Burkhart** gave an impassioned endorsement of the 3pm food sale held each day there. Apparently it is so popular that he has to fight his way through queues of pensioners to get to the cheapest food in Ryde each day.

Ron Thomson spoke on the Golf day, reminding us that it is our second largest fundraiser, and marketed keys to his locked fridge full of wine donated by club members. The headline charity is again the Prostate Cancer Foundation, with \$50 from each registration going to this worthy cause, the balance to support 'community projects' of the Rotary Club of Ryde.

Bob Kaye-Smith reminded the meeting that next week is a working meeting to plan the Conference weekend manning and tasks so do your best to attend, and bring your partner. Julie Thorp told us we had nearly all paid for Conference and accommodation, and it is now 4 weeks till Conference.

Serjeant Duncan Taylor being absent, **Corporal David Johnston** asked Maureen Mulheron's daughter Kathleen to draw Ron Thomson's Spackle ticket, so that with the Joker remaining unfound, the Golf fridge got another bottle of wine. DG John Dodd was fined for using his phone during the meeting. Then being unable to identify the noisy table, David fined us all to make sure he got the guilty party! He then fined David James and Nora Etmekdjian for having gone on a cruise - talk about the pot calling the kettle black!

In the cross-fines, I fined all members who have ever been on a cruise - \$1 for each cruise they have been on, and our Corporal immediately declared himself a gold coin bankrupt!

Patrick Longfield introduced Mark Anderson standing in front of a PowerPoint slide that said 'Grow your Membership'. Mark had researched Ryde or at least the 2112 postcode, and calculated that we should be able to find 50 members per 10,000 of population, which would give us 139 members in the Rotary Club of Ryde. He didn't explain how we would fit them in at our meeting venue.

... last meeting (cont'd)

He made the point that recruitment is not a problem - 1.2 million new recruits have joined RI in the last decade. Unfortunately 1.2 million have died, retired, or just left the organisation over the same period. It is retention of that last group that appears to be the area we need to improve. As DG John Dodd pointed out, 30% of new recruits leave in the second or third year of their membership. Arguably they were valid recruits who decided Rotary was not meeting their needs.

Geoff Nix suggested exit interviews be conducted and analysed. Mark Anderson said "The singing of Rotary Grace must go!" **John Mazlin** rose and gave a rousing defence of the Rotary Grace as a unifying and uplifting start to our meetings – long may it continue!

Steve Thorp thanked Mark and then we closed the meeting in what was no doubt regarded as a hackneyed way, singing the National Anthem is every bit as abhorrent to some people as the Rotary Grace.

I have been unable to find any correlation between dumping club traditions and growing membership, and there is a saying I reminded Mark of, about babies being thrown out with the bath-water. While we must regularly review our meeting procedures and traditions, it does not necessarily follow that the old must be abandoned for the fashionable new. As a wise man once told me, an old fool says "This is old, so it must be good". A young fool says "This is new, so it must be better!" I congratulate John Mazlin for his defence of our Rotary traditions.

The Innocence (or otherwise) of Children!



- ◇ I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"
- ◇ On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents ...'
- ◇ A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now, she's hitting the bottle".
- ◇ While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly people, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "the tooth fairy will never believe this!"

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 project information – or you would like to change anything that is currently listed, please email Stefan – stefan@cyrius.com.au

2013 District 9680 Conference

Bautiful Shoalhaven - 15-17 March

What are we expected to wear during the day at the Conference?

During the day Friday, Saturday and Sunday, each person will wear a white shirt—buttoned up desirable with a collar; black pants (or skirt for the ladies) and comfortable shoes (preferably NOT sandshoes).

Your hat and epaulettes will be provided on arrival at your accommodation. Safety pins will also be provided to pin the epaulettes to the shoulders of your shirt.

Saturday Night?

Each person will wear a black shirt – buttoned up with a collar, black pants and comfortable shoes (NOT sandshoes). Bright safety jackets will be provided on the night.

Other Needs?

- ☞ **A4 coloured sheets** for making paper aeroplanes on Saturday night. We are trying to get all different colours so that his event will be colourful! ***If everybody brings in a handful we should have enough!***
- ☞ **Paper Origami Cranes** to be made. If you require instructions please see Julie Thorp. If you have been making them at home—please bring them in each week so that we can keep track of the number of Cranes being made.



Blond Man Jokes cont'd . . .



- * A blonde man goes to the vet with his goldfish.
"I think it's got epilepsy," he tells the vet.
The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me".
The blonde man says, "Wait till I take it out of the bowl".
- * A man spies a letter lying on his doormat.
It says on the envelope 'DO NOT BEND'.
He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.
- * A blond man shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"
"Is this her first child?" asks the doctor.
"No", he shouts, "this is her husband!"
- * An Italian tourist asks a blonde man: "Why do Scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?" To which the blonde man replies: "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

Email from St Jude's

From: Sponsor Relations at St Jude's [<mailto:sponsor@schoolofstjude.co.tz>]
Sent: Monday, 11 February 2013 7:20 PM
Subject: Kelvin Jackson Laiser in 2013

Happy New Year from the School of St Jude!

In 2013, your sponsored student Kelvin Jackson Laiser is studying at our Smith Secondary Campus at Usa River, in Form 4E

Please find attached a recent photo you might like to print for your fridge or office!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Hilda Meela

Sponsor Relations Team

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Golfing Days in 1940

... and you thought you had problems last Friday!

British 'phlegm' was never better illustrated than during 1940; as witnessed by this calm notice.

RICHMOND GOLF CLUB

TEMPORARY RULES. 1940

1. Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
2. In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling, players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
3. The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
4. Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
5. A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
6. A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
7. A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

Attendance Last Meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 85.71%

Makeups: Charles Kilby, Rob Mitchell, Adrian Hallett, Rob Senior
Apologies: Surinder Josen, Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, Duncan Taylor, John Higgins, Rob Mitchell, Tony Abboud, Adrian Hallett, Erdem Toner, Paul Burnett, Rob Senior, Ron Taffa, Stefan Sojka
Guests: Onni Kivimaa
Guests of Member: Geoff Leonard, Kathleen Leonard

Change of Address

Two of our members have new home addresses:

Rob Senior—Rob's home phone number is 9858 4882, and

Siddarth Maheshwari—Siddarth's mobile number remains the same.

If you would like their new addresses to add or change in the 'blue book', please ask them personally.



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- February 20 Birthday Celebration for Margaret and Peter Cooper
 27 6 year Club Anniversary for Nora Etmekdjian 🇺🇸
 27 56 year Wedding Anniversary for Margaret and Ron Taffa

Personal Data



Ryde Rotary holds a certain amount of personal data about each member — though nothing that you haven't supplied yourself. This data is held in our central database (RI-CAS, aka Clubmate) and is administered by PP Graham Metcalfe. This information can only be as accurate as is supplied to Graham. Graham produces various reports, including the weekly attendance and periodically a list of all noteworthy occasions — such as your anniversar(ies) and birthdays. This data is used by The Hub Editor in the "Birthdays and Anniversaries" section and, in turn, by the President when he stands at the lectern. If this data is incorrect at the source it can often leave egg on the Pres' face.

If you notice that a date attributed to your birthday or anniversary is wrong, please communicate the information immediately to Graham. This, in turn, should reflect in correct information being published and celebrated.

Swim Marathon to Mark Rotary's 108th Anniversary

Thousands of participants around the world plan to swim 100 meters or more on **23 February** in a global swimming event that is just one of many activities celebrating Rotary's 108th anniversary.

The global event is being organized by the Rotary Club of Grantham, Lincolnshire, England, which has held an annual swim fundraiser to support local charities since 1990. Participants swim laps in a pool to earn pledged money during the "swimarathons."

Last year, in addition to their local event, the Grantham Rotarians decided to spearhead a worldwide swim the week of Rotary's anniversary, in an effort to set a new world record. Guinness World Records officially recorded 4,546 participants ages 8 to 93 synchronizing their 100-meter swims to the exact same hour across 15 time zones. The effort raised more than US\$100,000 for polio eradication.

This year, the organizers are hoping to create the biggest same-day global swimming event and are inviting clubs to hold swimming fundraisers throughout the day, with proceeds going to PolioPlus and local club-supported charities. Already, more than 180 clubs in 43 countries on six continents have signed up.

Paul Wilson, one of the event's two coordinators, says his most gratifying Rotary moment came last year, watching 14-year-old Moin Junnedi, India's youngest national Paralympian, complete his swim.

"Junnedi suffers from a severe brittle bones condition which has meant he's suffered with over 200 fractures during his young life," says Wilson. "Just a day or two before this swim, he suffered four fractures, but was so determined to take part. It was pure inspiration."



Rotary and Other Events ...

▶ 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

▶ 2013 Sydney Metro RYDA Program (Volunteers required)

Date: **Thursday, 7 March**

Where: St Ives — James Ruse Agricultural High School

Date: **Thursday, 6 June**

Where: Sydney Olympic Park — Riverside Girls High School

Details: Call Charles Kilby 0412 401 664

Friday Night Roster for Onni Kivimaa

Onni is presently hosted with Malcolm & Kathleen Goris, 17 Pearl Avenue, Epping
Phone: 9877 0852 (Onni's Mobile: 0420 601 658)

Who	When	Who	When
Kathryn Dodd	22/02/13	Nora & Artin Etmekdjian	08/03/13
Noel Dunn	01/03/13	9680 Conference Weekend	15/03/13

Looking Ahead



February 26 Club Training – Part 2 of 3 for 2012-2013

The Agenda: Review Part 1

Understanding our club, and setting goals for it.

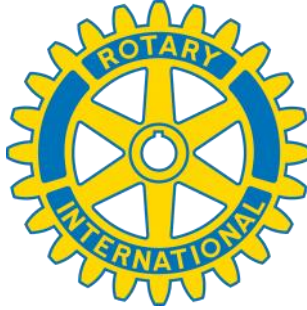
The Vocational backbone, and it's purpose.

Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
26/02/13	Bill Payne	Ashley Peake	Doug Thompson	Kalma McLellan	Erdem Toner
05/03/13	Ross Rocca	Rob Senior	Ron Thomson	Siddarth Maheshwari	Tony Abboud
12/03/13	Stefan Sojka	Ron Taffa	Julie Thorp	Rob Mitchell	Ken Allen

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!