

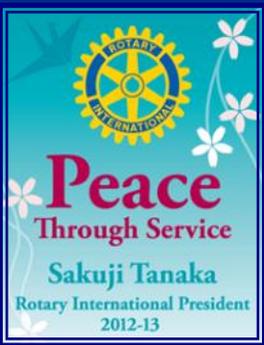
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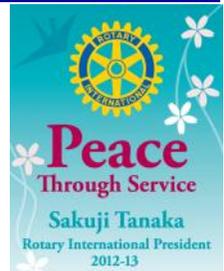
Club Information



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



This Week . . .

27 February Club Training with Rob Mitchell:
 Review Part 1 training we had in October 2012
 Tonight Part 2 of 3

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Bill Payne, Ashley Peake
Loyal Toast by	Doug Thompson
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 a detailed briefing from our district conference co-coordinator Bob Kaye-Smith about our conference with all jobs, for each of us and our wives and partners, listed on a spreadsheet given out to all. Excellent job, well done

Bob and his big team of helpers.

Tonight in the second of three training sessions for this year, organised by our club training officer Rob Mitchell, we will work on reviewing the last one, understanding our Club, setting Goals for it, and the Vocational backbone, and its purpose. I am sure it will be an interesting, informative and useful learning experience.

Next week Bruce Allen from Castle Hill Rotary will be speaking to us about the Rotary Foundation's future vision. This "newish" simplified system of grant making process offers only 3 types of grants:

DISTRICT GRANTS, GLOBAL GRANTS, and PACKAGED GRANTS and focuses on:

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution; Disease prevention and treatment; Water and sanitation; Maternal and child health; Basic education and literacy and Economic and community development.

Have an enjoyable night.

Burkhart

Last Meeting . . . as recalled by Allen Horrell



Our meeting started with a rousing rendition of Rotary Grace and a spirited Loyal Toast: “The Queen!” “of Austraya!” added a smaller group of patriots.

Ron Thomson reported on the previous Friday’s Golf Day: “The weather was kind to us; thanks for that, Ken! And thanks to all those who helped on the day or donated prizes!” The final figures are not in yet, but the indications are for a record-breaking result for this year’s effort.

Dinner was served – Roast pork with carrots, broccoli and baked potatoes, with gravy and apple sauce for good measure.

Ken Allen advised us of his Centurion research. It looks like we all paid last year, and we are only ‘not financial’ this year because the money comes out of our accounts in June. I pointed out that \$2 a week is not an onerous expense: “It’s the price of a cup of coffee!” interjected Patrick Longfield. “Where do you buy your coffee?” I replied.

John Mazlin explained his involvement in a court case out back of Grafton, then requested that anyone who had photos of club activities to send him a copy for his Ryde photo archive.

Charles Kilby gave us an update on the meeting at Brush Farm with the CCA, and reported on the progress of young Liam Styles, who is recuperating in Royal Ryde Rehabilitation from the vicious attack in which a steel rod penetrated his skull. He has been in several members’ prayers these last weeks.

President Burkhart reported that he has read the first report (*published in this edition of the Hub*) from our Rotary Exchange student John Goris who is learning ‘quick Finnish’. Onni said “school is never good!” But dinner with Kalma McLellan and Jan Cutler at a Balmain restaurant certainly was, and he also enjoyed a walk in Balmain Park. “It was a good restaurant, but it had no Finnish food!”

Serjeant Duncan returned to his beat, fining all and sundry. Dee Brown had the winning spackle ticket and wisely chose the chardonnay, before Duncan announced that the Golf Day was a triumph, and fined everyone who hadn’t helped, including himself. John Mazlin was fined for his long absence and for his recent return, before the bits and pieces were collected.

President Burkhart then introduced **Conference Chairman Bob Kaye-Smith** to run the planning session. Some of the Team are heading down to Nowra on Thursday as an advance party to prepare the way for the rest of the club.

“You will all have a role - we will have to organise something for dinner,” Bob said cryptically.

Friday there will be a Golf day run by Martin Aston, with a River Cruise later on run by Jan Cutler and attended by the Exchange Students, who return to the Entertainment Centre afterwards to practise their show. Charles Kilby and Geoff Nix will be preparing the Museum while this is happening.

Bob Kaye-Smith modeling the Naval cap we will wear at the Conference



... last meeting (cont'd)

Registration opens at 3pm on Friday, with Kalma in charge. John Melville will have a team of Ryde helpers commanded by 'DGD' Kathryn Dodd. On Friday night Stefan's Piano Bar will run from 10 till 11:30pm, drawing the crowd from the restaurant, so it can be reconfigured as plenary venue for the next day.

On Saturday Adrian is in charge of the display tables, Geoff Brennan commanding the Marshalls, and I shall ride herd on the 'Second Stream' in the Studio room, a sort of Q&A session with the keynote speakers from the previous plenary sessions.

As the day draws to a close, buses shall be despatched to remote accommodation locations to collect and transport 460 Rotarians and partners to the 'A Night at the Museum' venue. Due to the 120m distance between the dining area and the venue's toilets, Bob has arranged for 'Dunny Carts 1 & 2' to ferry people back and forth. The assigned drivers shall be driving people to drink on the way back, I thought.

At this point Charles and Patrick handed out the duty roster, and soon we were marvelling at the organisational ability Bob has shown in assigning tasks to every member, and how inventive he is in spelling their names!

"I've summarised it in detail!" Bob claimed in a semantically questionable statement.

Then member's questions were dealt with: "Does it have western toilets?" from Geoff Brennan was probably the best.

'**Captain** Julie Thorp discussed our uniforms—three white shirts are now required, unless you are into post-midnight laundry, and one black one, to be worn with sailor hat, epaulettes, black shoes and black trousers or optionally a black skirt for the fairer sex. Since Julie was introduced as 'Judy', I spent most of her speech wondering whether husband Steve's conference code name was now 'Punch'. Julie (or Judy) tried to explain why we were making paper origami cranes to be exported to Japan after Conference, but I for one couldn't follow the logic—surely Japan is the last place on Earth with an origami crane shortage?

Stefan Sojka rose to thank Bob Kaye-Smith for a sterling effort on conference. Scenting a stolen thunder, **DG John Dodd** took the lectern to announce that he had aides; Geoff Brennan for one, plus a whole team on the Conference project. He then thanked everyone he could think of including a bloke who is coming to Conference whose name sounded like 'Be Shy Radical', but is apparently a Ripper!

Allen

Notice Board

Can't attend a meeting?

Who do you call ... before 10.00 am Monday mornings?

Val Payne - 9874 5787

Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology!

A Year of Major Accomplishments



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

This past year was one of major accomplishments for Rotary and your Rotary Foundation.

Extraordinary progress was made toward the eradication of polio. We made history when India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries — leaving just Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. A difficult road lies ahead, but thanks to the commitment and generosity of Rotarians and friends, we are confident that Rotary will lead the way toward a polio-free world.

We also expanded Rotary's reach in new and effective ways by entering into partnerships with Mercy Ships and UNESCO-IHE. And we built on our record of humanitarian service by continuing our strong relationships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Aga Khan University, Oikocredit and the Rotary Peace Centers.

Over half a million young people worldwide participated in our New Generations programs. Their involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotaract and Interact clubs, and RYLA events helped them develop skills that they'll need to become service-minded community and global leaders - and future Rotarians.

In 2012, The Rotary Foundation also earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator and the Wise Giving Alliance.

As we look ahead, we can be proud of all that Rotarians have accomplished. I am pleased to share the digital version of the *2011-12 Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Annual Report* ([click here](#)), which offers a firsthand look at how Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people in need. I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary.

Thank you for helping Rotary achieve lasting change in your community and around the world.

Sincerely,

John Hewko
General Secretary
Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation



Ryde Rotary's Golf Day - 15 February 2013

The golf day at Ryde Parramatta Golf course was a great success again this year, our enthusiastic helpers were all there bright and early, eager to get on with their allotted tasks. The weather held out although we had a short downpour for about ten minutes.

The representative from the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) Cassandra Birch, lent a hand collecting money and selling keys for our wine fridge fundraiser. The raffle tickets sold well, as it should have, the first prize being a bottle of Penfold's Grange. All in all it turned out to be a very successful day and we managed to raise in excess of \$20,000.00 for the PCFA.

The wine fridge draw was won, unfortunately not by a Rotary club member, but by Warwick Sherman, a member of Ryde Parramatta Golf Club. Warwick also won the raffle which was the bottle of Grange, so he really cleaned up on the day. The winner of the golf was a team consisting of Bob Trent, also a member of RPGC. Most importantly, the third place winner was, the Laser Wizard team comprising of two of my sons, Lawrence and Muir, my bank manager Jeff and myself.



Ron presenting the results of the Golf Day

I would like to thank my golf committee of Graham Metcalf, Martin Aston and David James. Thanks also go to Adrian Hallett who helped out behind the scenes and stepped in as MC and auctioneer.

My happy helpers on the day were Ken Allen, Bob Carroll, Jan Cutler, Noel Dunn, Nora Etmekdjian, Burkhart Foertsch, Surinder Josen, Patrick Longfield, John Mazlin, Kalma McLellan, Bill Payne and my dear wife Deirdre who acted as treasurer on the day. A big thank you to all, it wouldn't have happened without you.

Thanks also to all of you that contributed to the day by donating prizes for the raffle, bottles of wine for the wine fridge and cash donations, in lieu. All these donations helped keep our costs down and enabled us to donate more money to the PCFA.

Ron Thomson

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

Report from our Rotary Youth Exchange Student

So I arrived in Finland on the 19th January and spent the night in a Rotarian's house in Helsinki as temporary accommodation. There I stayed with some of the other exchange students, Kieren from Sydney and Elliot and Matt from Victoria. The next day we were taken into Helsinki to get some warm clothes and out of the blue we met with Jaun Pablo – another exchange student from Colombia. The Finns we were with were extremely friendly and helpful.

Afterwards began the language camp which can only be described as absolutely awesome. Besides developing a basic understanding of Finnish all the exchange students were able to bond with each other and the Rotex tutors (who are some of the coolest people I've met in the world) in the week we spent there. On top of that we went ice fishing, cross country skiing and went butt naked in the sauna. The highlight of the camp was probably the trip to Tampere where we went on a tour of the city and then got to explore it on our own later on.



John Goris with his family before his departure to Finland.

So language camp ended with a mixture of sadness and anticipation. Sad that we had to leave all the other exchange students and Rotexians but excited in a nervous anticipation of our new host family. Mine were unable to attend but Juha, my club councillor collected me and we had a conversation about what to expect in my year as well as a discussion about black furred weasels that are commonly referred to as 'nokias'.

When I arrived at the Rissanen's (my first host family) I met my elder host sister Elli, who has moved out of the house but visits often and her boyfriend Jarno was there as well. Elli gave me a tour of the house and then the rest of the family returned. Oskar is 16 and we get along really well (common love of video games), Eetu is the eldest child and a really awesome dude, the father and mother Heikki and Liisa are such caring people and they always make sure I'm kept busy by including me in lots of family activities.

Skip ahead a couple of weeks and it's my first day of school. I'd been told a hundred times that Finnish people are super shy and won't ever talk to me but from my experience that's totally wrong. I found my first day in Finnish school easier than my first day in an English school (when I lived there a couple of years ago). In the week to come I had my first school meal, played Ice hockey, had salmiakki ice cream and learnt a lot of new words.

I hope the picture I have painted of Finland is a positive one because it should be. Finland is an amazing country and I'm happy to be here. As expected, moving to a new country has required a lot of effort and I do feel a lot of days ending with me feeling exhausted from meeting so many people, learning so much and doing so many new things but it is definitely worth it.

John Goris

Attendance Last Meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 95.12%

Makeups:	Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Ron Thomson, Geoff Nix, Nora Etmekdjian, Rob Senior
Apologies:	Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, Ashley Peake, John Higgins, Peter Cooper, Ron Thomson, Geoff Nix, Nora Etmekdjian, Paul Burnett, Rob Senior, Ron Taffa
Guests:	Kathryn Firsch, Onni Kivimaa
Guests of Member:	Sylvia Abboud, Danielle Allen, Janice Brennan, Dee Brown, Lorraine Carroll, Janelle Dodd, Faye Dunn, Patricia Foertsch, Linda Hallett, Bernadette Horrell, Victoria Kilby, Geoff Leonard, Kathleen Leonard, Swati Maheshwari, Judy Mitchell, Rose Rocca



Birthdays & Anniversaries



February	27	6 year Club Anniversary for Nora Etmekdjian	
	27	56 year Wedding Anniversary for Ron and Margaret Taffa	
March	3	Birthday Celebration for Stefan Sojka's partner Lata	
	4	49 year Birthday Celebration for David Johnston	

The School Inspector



The school inspector is assigned to a Year 4 class in one of the local state schools. He is introduced to the class by the teacher.

She says to the class, "Let's show the inspector just how clever you are by allowing him to ask you a question".

The inspector reasons that normally class starts with religious instruction, so he will ask a biblical question. He asks: "Class, who broke down the walls of Jericho?"

For a full minute there is absolute silence. The children all just stare at him blankly, eventually little Bruce raises his hand. The inspector excitedly points to him.

Bruce stands up and replies: "Sir, I do not know who broke down the walls of Jericho, but I can assure you it wasn't me".

Of course the inspector is shocked by the answer and the lack of knowledge of the famous Bible story and he looks at the teacher for an explanation. Realising that he is perturbed, the teacher says: "Well, I've known Bruce since the beginning of the year, and I believe that if he says that he didn't do it, then he didn't do it".

The inspector is even more shocked at this and storms down to the principal's office and tells him what happened, to which the principal replies: "I don't know the boy, but I socialise every now and then with his teacher, and I believe her. If she feels that the boy is innocent, then he must be innocent".

The inspector can't believe what he is hearing. He grabs the phone on the principal's desk and in a rage, dials Julia Gillard's telephone number and rattles off the entire occurrence to her and asks her what she thinks of the education standard in the State.

The PM sighs heavily and replies: "I don't know the boy, the teacher or the principal, but just get three quotes and get the wall fixed!"

Historic Moments - The First Four Rotarians

On **23 February 1905**, Paul P Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting.

Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Read about each of the first four Rotarians below, and about Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the 'Fifth Rotarian'.



The first four Rotarians -- Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E Shorey, Paul P Harris

Rotary's founder, **Harris**, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947. Learn more about the founder of Rotary in 'The Life and Times of Paul Harris'.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never

holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, **Shorey** served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, **Ruggles** was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, HL Ruggles & Co, printed the first issue of The National Rotarian and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 26 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

Rotary and Other Events ...

▶ 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

▶ Anzac Day Service

Date: **Thursday, 25 April**

Details: Adrian Hallett

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
Nora & Artin	01/03/13	9680 Conference	15/03/13
Adrian Hallett	08/03/13	Kalma McLellan	22/03/13

Looking Ahead



March	5	The Rotary Foundation - Future Vision - Bruce Allen
	12	tba
	19	tba

Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
05/03/13	Ross Rocca	Rob Senior	Doug Thompson	Kalma McLellan	Erdem Toner
12/03/13	Stefan Sojka	Ron Taffa	Julie Thorp	Siddarth Maheshwari	Tony Abboud
19/03/13	Duncan Taylor	Steve Thorp	Les Whitcroft	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!