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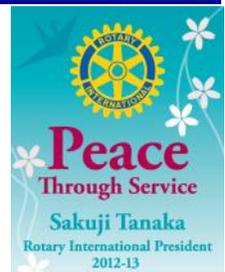
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
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**RSVP extras or absences to:
 Val Payne 9874 5787 (or as advised)**



This Week . . .

9 April This is an information session for 2012-2013 where committees and committee-chairs have the opportunity to update members on progress of their projects. It will also allow the incoming board and avenues of service chairs to provide continuity where appropriate.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Noel Dunn, John Higgins
Loyal Toast by	Ian Henderson
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 5 meetings appears on Page 9

Burkhart's Blog



Greetings to all Rotarians and Rotary friends.

Last week we heard from Gabrielle Eynon from Destiny Rescue talking about her recent fact finding mission to Thailand and Cambodia. Her gut wrenching stories about young girls being rescued from brothels and street live and put into save houses, where they get an education and vocational training moved everybody. I believe that in the next Rotary year starting in July, the Rotary Foundation committee will look into helping out with the assistance of a matching grant from Future Vision.

Tonight we have our Club Forum.

Firstly our Treasurer Maureen Mulheron will inform us about our current financial state and the likely situation until change over in July.

Secondly all members will break up into their various committees to discuss ideas, plans, projects and programs, they feel could be and should be executed until change over and beyond in the next Rotary Year, subject to our Project Evaluation Criteria as stated below:

- *Potential for engagement of member skills and knowledge*
- *Of contemporary interest – PR worthy*
- *Potential for engagement of "friends of Rotary"*
- *Supportive of RI and District emphasis*

Last Meeting . . . as recalled by Allen Horrell



Arriving early I engaged in conversation with other early arrivals on a variety of topics that only an eclectic club of Rotarians can generate, the meaning of dreams; a course in miracles and what we did in the Easter break. Eventually 6:30 pm rolled around and **President Burkhart** opened the meeting, welcoming guests including our exchange student Onni Kivimaa who had been absent for several weeks.

Anniversaries included Geoff Brennan's 11 years of Rotary service, and Les Whitcroft's 46! Charles Kilby was absent for the acknowledgement of his 50th birthday – "Probably out riding his Harley Davidson Fatboy, as you do," one Rotarian speculated.

Steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli and carrots were consumed while members debated the issues of the day, then reports began with **Ross Rocca** on attendance 89.13% approximately, was the provisional figure.

President Burkhart announced a Board meeting, then Adrian Hallett announced he now takes requests from the public for graffiti clean-ups. Last week's TWT article on our Graffiti project was good to see, and the Parramatta newspaper had a plug for the Rotary Health Parra Amble, whatever that is. Adrian also reported that our club's remit to the RI Council on Legislation is going to the vote this year with support from an English Club. Fair enough – it is only plain English to call "Youth" by their name rather than the "New Generations" tag. Our remit boils down to "Youth is Youth, why call them something else?"

Segueing from Youth to Youth Exchange **Onni Kivimaa** took the floor for his report on the last three weeks. He attended the Oman-Australia World Cup qualifier and was disappointed by the quality of the playing. A good thing it was only Soccer, so it doesn't matter much in Australia, where Cricket is King and Rugby League is the Crown Prince. He also went to a beach that wasn't crowded, and then was off to Melbourne for Easter. Apparently Australians of Finnish origin gather there for a get-together (nearly 300 of them) and to play or watch Finnish Baseball. Apparently there was an altercation between the two coaches towards the end of the match, which Onni explained in part by the observation "Finnish people like to drink." President Burkhart revealed his linguistic expertise with a cunningly fashioned pun concerning the end of the match. Yes, it was a Finnish Finish.

Evil stand-in Serjeant **David Johnston** unleashed his henchwoman Julie Thorp on innocent bystander Ian Henderson with the instruction to harass him throughout the Serjeant's session. Hendo replied in a manner a Finnish Baseball coach would have been proud of. David recruited young Ron Taffa to be his runner to collect a multitude of fines, and then managed to draw his own Spackle ticket. This being judged legal by the acclamation of the club, he went on to split the deck, but Julie's extreme shuffling defeated him and he was unable to locate the Joker.

He fined Erdem Toner for greeting the last two guests to arrive, Les Whitcroft for his 46 years of sterling service, and Stefan Sojka for trying to disguise himself to not look like Gaddafi. Hendo was fined once again for being Hendo, while Patrick Longfield was fined for selling a \$7.50 black shirt for \$12. If only I could do the same for the half-dozen white shirts Julie Thorp has lumbered me with!

Stefan took us through his proposed guest speaker list for next year, some of which merit further consideration: the leader of the Shooters Party speaking on Sustainability would be a draw-card - I'm still not sure what the fine was.

. . . last meeting (cont'd)

Noel Dunn was fined for 60 years service, not to Rotary, but to the Masonic Lodge. At Conference it was stated that Rotary is the oldest community service club in the World, and at the time I thought "the Masons would have a different view on that, since their oldest chapters were founded in 1733". **President Burkhart** interjected that his grandfather was a Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge. So was mine I thought, everyone's Grandfather was.

Nora Etmekdjian spoke on the Easter Parade, and the involvement of several members including Maureen Mulheron as a local novelist, rather than as a member of Ryde Rotary. Segue to **Maureen Mulheron** introducing her friend Gabrielle Eynon.

The "Not for Sale" sign across a child's face in the first slide certainly grabbed our attention. For slavery to exist in this day and age is a great evil, especially where innocent children are the victims: to rescue children from such a fate is nothing short of a holy crusade. Gabrielle asked why we should put funding into this project in countries like Cambodia and Thailand, rather than supporting causes in our local community. The answer is because these children have no-one local they can turn to, and their need is great.



Destiny Rescue is working to improve conditions in the Hill tribes so that parents won't have to sell their daughters into slavery in order to survive.

PDG Les Whitcroft pledged \$2000 to the Sunshine Children's home and challenged us to match or better this. Ken Allen told us the Foundation committee within Ryde Rotary are already working on a Rotary Foundation grant for this cause, and said there will be more on this later.

The meeting closed, somewhat late, but no-one was complaining, and the Board moved next door for a meeting where it was resolved to donate \$20,000 from the golf day to the Prostate Foundation of Australia. Did you know that this Foundation used to be a Rotary project?

Alan

Burkhart's Blog . . . cont'd

- *Potential for strategic partnerships*
 - *Identifiable benefits commensurate with input of resources and risks involved*
 - *Sustainability*
 - *Genuinely appropriate for service club attention*
 - *Feasible for our skills and resources*
 - *Potential for fellowship*
 - *Evidence of commitment by one or more active Rotarians*
- Thirdly** all chairmen of the various committees will report the results of their deliberations, suggestions and plans in order to inform all members present, about the future direction of our club, subject to this and the next board's approval.

Have an informative, productive and enjoyable evening.

Burkhart

International - Sally Stevenson's Borjagai Project speech

An extract from Sally's speech — Nowra — District 9680 Conference, March 2013
 . . . and as trust grew, we supported building schools:

- Firstly, the construction of the first Girls High School in the Village's history in 2003 for 750 students (taught in two shifts), followed by the
- Construction of co-ed Wali Asr School in 2007 for 750 students and
- In 2009, Rotary Club of Ryde came on board and with them we built Koshkak High School in 2010 and Salman el Fars High School in 2012 both for 1,000 students.

. . . and that is wonderful – but what is equally exciting is when we look to the broader impact of the school, we see the emergence of peace. Over the last decade we have seen an:

- Increased community understanding and value for education such that families are now encouraging and supporting their children to attend university.
- Increased cultural change towards the education of girls.
- Enhanced capacity of the community to lobby the District and Provincial governments not only in matters related to their schools but also in health, security and legal services.
- Increased (and unprecedented) level of community cooperation and harmony as all three tribes of the Village work collectively to take part in the school and their children attend the schools together.

For me, the interesting thing this is: we didn't set out to create peace in Borjagai – that would have been both naïve and arrogant. But it was through the process of working in partnership, with respect, that peace emerged, almost as a by-product of our activities.

And now we are talking not just peace in Borjagai – but more broadly, as there is a desire to replicate this project and process in neighbouring districts. These districts have been watching and learning over the past decade about what we have done together, and as a result sent delegations to our representative in Kabul asking that we support them to go through the same process, hoping to achieve the same results. This respectful partnership has created the potential to build a regional peace.

In conclusion, the story of Borjagai tells us that success requires:

- Shared goals
- Respect for experience, contribution and needs of each partner
- Clear definition and documentation of relationships
- Clear statement of responsibilities
- Establishment of good communication amongst all parties

Now whilst I talked about the common ground between Indigo Foundation and Ryde – I didn't mention the values of Borjagai community, except a commitment to education. I think it is best expressed by allowing me to quote a paragraph about Mr Anwar Haidary, our financial trustee in Afghanistan.

In the famous footnote 7 of his report from 2008 Salman Jan, our Afghan Advisor, thanked Mr Haidary for his - and I quote – 'enormous and extraordinary courage and generosity for travelling back and forth to the Village. The general insecurity, insurgency operations and criminal activities to name but a few security risks, pose very real and

Attendance Last Meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 88.64%

Makeups: John Dodd, Charles Kilby

Apologies: John Dodd, Surinder Joson, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, Duncan Taylor, Rob Mitchell, Ron Thomson, Kalma McLellan, Kathryn Dodd

Guests: Elizabeth Aynon, Virginia Flynn, Onni Kivimaa

Borjegai Project speech . . . cont'd

imminent dangers for individuals like Mr Haidary, yet throughout his engagements with the School Project, he has proven his resolve and determination.

Since 2003 approximately \$340,000 has been spent in to Borjegai village to improve education. Of this, almost half has been contributed by the community, in the form of land, labour and \$80,000 cash.

All this has been achieved in the context of a country that is known for its corruption, in a place where communication is incredibly difficult and in a country where gender equity is largely a rejected idea. But by a set of shared values: of community ownership, sustainability, transparency, equity, fairness, truth and friendship, we were able to succeed. The success and impact of the Afghan Project owes much to his contributions and for that he deserves special thanks.

'In one of our many conversations on the way to the Village at one point when things were really bad, I jokingly told him 'We are crazy to do this work'. He smiled and said: "You see I can't even read and write in Dari. You know why? Because when I was growing no one bothered to do what we do now. The kids have a right to education, the government is unwilling to do much about it and the parents are unable to provide them with anything other than a basic livelihood. Someone got to do this! Why not us?" He then sighed and said: "Salman! To me this is a Jihad! In Jihad people engage to do a greater good and sometimes they die for it". Watching him speaking like that, I had nothing to comment. For a long time we drove in silence.'

Borjegai may not have an explicit set of principles or truths, but I think this comment is profound in how it embodies the common ground between the Borjegai community, Indigo Foundation and Ryde Rotary. Quite simply the partnership works and peace has been achieved, because we had a partnership of respect, and we were all working for the greater good.

Sally Stephenson

Useful websites

- Rotary Club of Ryde www.ryderotary.org.au
- Rotary International www.rotary.org
- Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au
- Shelter Box Australia www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au
- School of St Jude www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

Comedy Page

Tired of constantly being broke and stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife with himself as the beneficiary and then arranging to have her killed.



A 'friend of a friend' put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was £10,000.

The husband said he was willing to pay that amount but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money. Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single pound coin that rested inside.

Artie sighed, rolled his eyes and reluctantly agreed to accept the pound as down payment for the dirty deed.

A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Tesco Supermarket. There, he surprised her in the produce department and proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands. As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath and slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, ol' Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well.

However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras and observed by the shop's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught and arrested before he could even leave the premises.

Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plan, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband who was also quickly arrested.

The next day in the Newspaper, the headline declared . . .

(You're going to hate me for this . . .)

'ARTIE CHOKES 2 for £1.00 @ Tesco'

Deadline for contributions to **The HUB** is
Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged

The School of St Jude

From: Sponsor Relations at St Jude's [mailto:sponsor@schoolofstjude.co.tz]
 Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 7:08 PM
 Subject: Kelvin Jackson Laiser received an award!

Greetings from St Jude's!

Each week at our school assemblies, teachers and other staff at The School of St Jude have an opportunity to reward students for good work and good behaviour with awards.

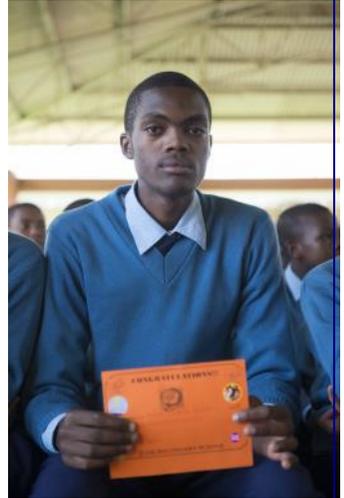
Your sponsored student Kelvin Jackson Laiser received an award for a good performance in the History test.

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

Jamie Tucker

Sponsor Relations Team

PO Box 11875, Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa



St Jude's Annual Appeal
Every Piece Counts



Notice Board

Graffiti Days for your Calendar

Graffiti Clean Up teams meet the first Sunday of the month
The next Graffiti Clean Up will be Sunday 5 May
(Meet 8 am at Church Street Car Park opposite L J Hooker Real Estate)

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

Proposals to the Rotary International Constitutional documents

Every three years, Clubs and district throughout the world and the RI Board are invited to propose changes. District 9680 endorsed two proposals put forward by clubs:

- **The Rotary Club of Ryde** proposed that the Fifth Avenue of Service be known as “Youth Service” not “New Generations”. Ryde has been joined by the Rotary Club of Minehead in Somerset England in this proposal.
- * **The Rotary Club of Epping** proposed that our Regional Rotary Magazine, “Rotary Down Under” be available to subscribers via the internet if they so choose. This proposal has been expanded to cover all Regional Rotary Magazines and has another 7 clubs and 15 Rotary Districts joining in.

PDG Monica Saville is the representative for District 9680 and she will meet with her fellow delegates in Chicago USA on 21-16 April 2013. Monica was elected to this position in 2011. Over the six days the COL will sit, 174 proposed changes will be considered.

The topics include Club Administration, Attendance, the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service, the Annual Theme, the Rotary Foundation, RI Officers and elections, the Corporate Governance of RI, RI finances, RI Meetings and legislative procedures.

Some proposals are:

- 13-70 To create a permanent theme for RI - “Service Above Self” (Currently Rotary changes its theme every year at the discretion of the world President.)
- 13-58 To change the term “district assembly” to “club leadership training seminar”
- 13-34 To provide for clubs to choose to meet either once each week or once every two weeks.
- 13-53 To allow honorary members to wear the Rotary badge (At present only “active” - dues paying - members are permitted to wear the Rotary badge.)
- 13-37 To allow a club to cancel up to six regular meetings per year. (At present clubs may cancel no more than 4 regular meetings – excluding public holidays, death of a member, an epidemic or disaster.)
- 13-12 To require members to not only attend club meetings but to engage in club service projects
- 13-54 To remove the limitation on the number of e-clubs in each district (At present there can't be more than 2 e-clubs in a district.)
- 13-56 To require each district to organise a Council of Past Governors (currently D9680 does not have a Council of Governors. The PDGs have chosen to meet informally several times a year.)
- 13-129 To reduce the per capita dues for members under the age of 35 and over the age of 70 (currently the annual RI dues are US\$52. RI estimates that 21% of members would have their dues reduced resulting in a decrease in revenue of up to US\$3.9 million. Note that clubs in areas suffering from natural disasters may be excused from paying RI dues.)
- 13-76 To limit Youth Exchange participants to sons and daughters of Rotarians

Les Walsh
 Communications Director
 Rotary District 9680

Rotary and Other Events ...

- ▶ **Anzac Day Service**
Date: **Thursday, 25 April**
Details: Adrian Hallett

- ▶ **2013 Sydney Metro RYDA Program (Volunteers required)**
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 being hosted by Daniel & Kristina Graham
10 James Street, Carlingford - Phone: 9873 6096**

Who	When	Who	When
John Mazlin	12/04/13	Val & Bill Payne	17/05/13
Graham Metcalfe	19/04/13	Ross Rocca	24/05/13
Maureen Mulheron	03/05/13	Kalma McLellaln	31/05/13
Geoff Nix	10/05/13	Rob Senior	07/06/13

Looking Ahead



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| April | 16 | Monika Barthwal-Datta - Food Security in Asia |
| | 23 | FRASIL (<i>technology of the heart for the disabled, seniors and the disadvantaged</i>) |
| | 30 | Presentation of a cheque to Cassandra Birch, Foundation's Events Co-ordinator, Prostate Cancer Council of Australia |

Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
16/04/13	David Johnston	Patrick Longfield	Nora Etkmekdjian	Rob Senior	Peter Cooper
23/04/13	Tony Abboud	Peter Cooper	Adrian Hallett	RossRocca	Jan Cutler
30/04/13	Nora Etmekdjian	Allen Horrell	David Johnston	Stefan Sojka	Kathryn Dodd
07/05/13	David James	Charles Kilby	Kalma McLellan	Duncan Taylor	Noel Dunn
14/05/13	Patrick Longfield	Siddarth Maheshwari	JohnMazlin	Ron Thomson	Adrian Hallett

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

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;