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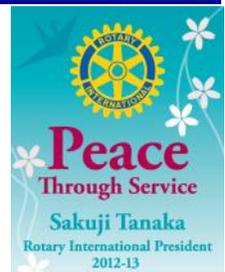
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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
 Ryde Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
 Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
 Postal Address: Rotary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

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



This Week . . .

30 April Our Charity Golf Day this year raised in excess of \$20,000 to assist the Prostate Cancer Council of Australia. Tonight we hear from Cassandra Birch, the Foundation's Events Co-ordinator and present her with a cheque.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Graham Metcalfe, Allen Horrell
Loyal Toast by	David Johnston
Introduce Guest Speaker	Stefan Sojka
Guest Speaker thanked by	Kathryn Dodd



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 celebrated our club's 67th birthday at an Italian Restaurant, with most of our members, wives, partners and friends and had a good time.

Next Tuesday our guest will be Cassandra Birch, who is the Events Co-ordinator of the Prostate Cancer Council of Australia. We will present her with a cheque for approximately \$20,000, which are the proceeds of our Charity Golf Day held recently.

Have an enjoyable evening.

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 Kalma McLellan



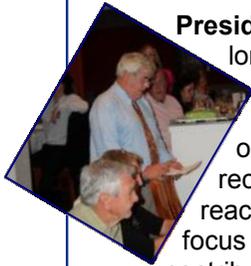
H appy 67th Birthday!!

Recollections from Zibibbo Restaurant, West Pymble

What a happy and busy event – lots of noise, little room to move with so much socializing going on, lots of animated conversation under the struggled control of the imperious Geoff Brennan.

A hearty welcome from **President Burkhart** lead a seated rendition of Rotary Grace (no way we could stand!) followed by lots of birthdays. This included erroneous celebrations to John Brown instead of his lovely lady – apologies to Dee! Special Guests included Alex and Olga Sawyer, together with a large collection of Rotariannes.

Dinner was as pre-ordered and well organized – Allen Horrell would have missed his favourite steamed beans, zucchini and potatoes – all served piping hot!!!!



President Burkhart started formal proceedings by summarizing the long and glorious history of Ryde Rotary, including our sponsorship of several daughter clubs, their own ongoing sponsorship ladders, our continuing relationships with Interact and Rotaract, our 3 District Governors, and our 25 Presidents (including three we recycled as they were so good!). He quoted Ben Chifley's goal of reaching the light on he hill being akin to our own; espousing our focus on being team players; being part of the lives of others and contributing to their success. He referenced the analogy to relay races, with the passing of the baton of knowledge and experience throughout the membership, and closed quoting Einstein's theory decrying those who do nothing to hold very true for us also. His gracious gesture of a single rose for all the ladies won many hearts!

DG John Dodd offered his delight at leading the club twice, along with the late and great Eric Bond represented at our dinner by his widow Pat) and Duncan Taylor. He said (and I quote) "This Club is the Best in the District" (yes, he really said that!) and backed it up with comments collected from numerous previous conference chairs who had passed on to him 'best conference ever' feedback after our Nowra experience. He quoted some of our many accomplishments including 2 schools in Afghanistan, twenty youth exchange students, hosting foundation scholars (and then my shorthand broke down!!). He commented on our ability to reinvent ourselves and not remain static and to look to the future ensuring our future success.



... last meeting (cont'd)



Serjeant Duncan took the floor to comment on his 35 years as a very proud Ryde Rotarian. His take is that the club is so good as a result of its fellowship, its welcoming attitude and its myriad projects, which are endless. The club has provided 66 years of service to all comers, irrespective of their race or creed and is based on a spirit of friendship which provides its strength.

Alex Sawyer took the floor to roaring applause and reminded us of the huge input of Les and Shirley Whitcroft in progressing Polio Plus and the ideals of Rotary, which has been supplemented by \$200K from Dick Smith, so the giving continues!



I added my comments from a newcomers perspective, thankful for the happy sequence of events which conspired to ensure that Ryde was the club I first had the chance to get to know when the time was right for me.



Julie Thorp presented a cake with 2 candles for event organisers Bob Kaye-Smith and Geoff Brennan to blow out with Pres Burkhart to the tune of (you guessed it!) Happy Birthday! Dessert of our choice followed, accompanied by an interesting sprig of lemon scented verbena (thank you resident horticulturalist Geoff!!)



Spackle went to Bob Kaye-Smith, courtesy of Silos Winery in Nowra and after much chatter Burkhart finally regained control just long enough to thank Alex and Olga Sawyer, Pat Bond and guests Kathleen and Elan for helping us celebrate, as well as the assembled multitude for making it such a wonderful occasion.

More Birthday photos page 10

Kalma



An Honest Lawyer?

An investment counsellor went out on her own. She was shrewd and diligent, so business kept coming in, and pretty soon she realised she needed an in-house counsel, so she began interviewing young lawyers.

"As I'm sure you can understand," she started off with one of the first applicants, "in a business like this, our personal integrity must be beyond question." She leaned forward, "Mr Peterson, are you an 'honest' lawyer?"

"Honest?" replied the job prospect. "Let me tell you something about honesty. Why, I'm so honest that my father lent me fifteen thousand dollars for my education and I paid back every penny the minute I tried my very first case."

"Impressive . . . and what sort of case was that?"

The lawyer squirmed in his seat and admitted, "He sued me for the money."

2013 AUTUMN FASHION PARADE

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On **Wednesday 1st May**
Commencing at 10.30am for Parade at 11am

followed by a light luncheon.

At **Cherrybrook Uniting Church Hall**
New Line Road, Cherrybrook

Cost \$15

RSVP to Julie Thorp 9871 1109
j.thorp@bigpond.net.au

Contributions to next week's **HUB** to
Jan Cutler
jancutler@bigpond.com

Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, 5th May 2013 at 3:30 pm

Saint Joseph's College, Hunters Hill
Brother Emilian Hall
Cnr of Mark St & Ryde Road

Tickets can be purchased online at www.rhhs.org.au

The concert, titled 'Music for the Ages', is conducted by George Ellis with Guest Concertmaster Ursula Nelius.

Featuring the following pieces:

- Marriage of Figaro overture by Mozart
- Bergamasca by Respighi
- Lament by George Ellis
- Ritual Fire Dance by Manuel de Falla
- Flute Concerto by Carl Reinecke [with soloist Oliver Baker]
- Fantasia - Medley from Themes of Arno Babajanian



Once again, our fabulous Woolwich Pier Hotel Meal Deal is available for concert-goers (limited availability, book online):

Concert with lunch or dinner (on the day of the concert) + ticket for \$45 in total (\$25 for children under 12)

Ticket prices are: general admission concert ticket - \$35.00, pensioners - \$30.00, student - \$20.00.

Tickets are available online at www.rhhs.org.au.

We look forward to seeing you on the 5th of May at the concert.

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

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RI Council on Legislation—New Generations V Youth Service



*The 2013 Council on Legislation meeting
in downtown Chicago 21-26 April*

News from Monica Saville in Chicago

I gave my presentation to the COL re your Club's and our District's proposal to change the name of the 5th Avenue of Service to "Youth Service" this morning. It was quite a daunting experience as Past RI Pres Louis Giay spoke strongly against it as it was apparently his idea to call it "New Generations" at the 2010 COL and he has the support of all the South American countries! I had support from D1200 (UK) but had no idea of how much support world wide. So I gave it my all (actually I quite enjoyed the experience and warmed up to it) and it passed 308 to 205.

I received many expressions of congratulations from the representatives around the world who were extremely pleased to have "Youth Service" and who appreciated my passionate speeches (the initial proposal and summing up)!

The Scandinavian countries were particularly pleased as "New Generations" was difficult to translate satisfactorily.

Another interesting aspect was that yesterday afternoon it was stated in another debate that the RI New Generations Committee was still "wrestling with the term" after 3 years! So I certainly used that info today. In addition to the points about "Youth" vs "New Generations" I used 2 illustrations to emphasise that "Youth" is still well understood an accepted world wide. I cited the Olympics where, at the conclusion of each games they invite the youth of the world to assemble in 4 years time, and the Catholic Church conducts highly successful World Youth Days every 3 years. Both of these attract vibrant, energetic, passionate, young and young at heart people. This last one brought in all the Catholic countries e.g. Brazil, the Philippines, Italians etc.!

On another occasion yesterday I had an opportunity to speak against a motion to have the term "District Assembly" renamed "Club Leadership Training Seminar". Castle Hill Rotary pointed out to me that the acronym formed here would not be acceptable. (You will need to work that one out for yourself.) So explaining such a delicate situation to 700 people (532 COL delegates + Past Present and Future RI Presidents, current RI Board members, current Rotary Foundation Trustees + a host of other senior leaders, observers and RI staff) was quite an experience. To hear the ripple of embarrassment as the English speaking delegates "got it" was a hoot! Once again so many people came up to me and thanked me for handling the situation so sensitively and diplomatically! I think the non English speaking people are still wondering what it was all about!

in favour of their proposals (or in the case of Ron, a proposal that greatly affects him) so there's plenty of homework to be done as thorough preparation is expected.

Please pass on the good news about "Youth Service" to RC of Ryde.

Regards,

Monica (in the "windy city")

An Update from our YE Outbound John Goris in Finland



It has been an incredibly busy month and I'm pretty sure next month will be busier but it feels like the first month in that I'm meeting lots of new people and going to lots of new places. I think this second beginning is coming about because now that it's spring and the snow is going away (finally!!) everyone is starting to come out of hibernation much like bears do. People seem a lot more talkative and just generally more active so I've been getting to know a lot more people from school and from around the town.

Probably the major event of the month was spending two weeks at my second host family's house. My first host parents went on a two week vacation to Taiwan and because it's always a dangerous idea to leave two teenagers alone in a house for several weeks – I mean we hardly feed ourselves when we have the parents around - they decided I should stay with the Helenius's.

The two weeks there were pretty awesome 'cos I got to know my second host family really well and it's going to make the transition later on that much easier and also because we got to do a lot of things. In particular I did another 10 km cross country ski with Pave, my host dad and we went to downhill skiing at Sappe twice to get the last snow of the season. Also I totally fell in love with their dog Borje (sort of pronounced like berryai not borge). I discovered a whole lot of local nature walks and that there are actually quite a few abandoned buildings in my town. I'm sort of tempted to Bear Grylls it and check some of them out. They were also the family I spent Easter with and we just ate chocolate for that which, in my opinion, is the perfect Easter.

Also speaking about Easter, I went inside the church for the first time ever for the Easter service. The place was built in the 19th century and has, for a Finnish building, quite a lot of embellishments and religious paintings on the walls. But the most interesting thing came after the service when I asked my friend to come explore the top of the church tower with me. He thought it was something that wasn't allowed but we asked the guy and he was very happy that someone from Australia was interested in his church and took us up to the top. This was a great experience because the tower was made more for show than to be used and so it's interior is a bit like an athletic course or something out of assassins creed because you have to climb up narrow staircases and over wood beams and stuff to get to the top. Anyways I learnt a couple of lessons that day: First, it's always worth asking, never assume you're not allowed and second adventure can be found in unlikely places.

Also, speaking of lessons I wanted to share some things that volleyball has taught me. Because volleyball is a sport where even the basics are extremely difficult and even the pro's get them wrong more frequently than you would imagine, it becomes psychologically difficult to not blame yourself for constantly making mistakes. When I play, I'm pretty much a walking failure and at the start I would get angry whenever something went wrong or apologise for being so terrible. But when you've made a thousand mistakes in the first training and only 999 in the second and now at the umpteenth you only make 950 something. It becomes a lot easier, psychologically to deal with the mistakes. There are a lot more lessons I've learnt but my fingers might fall off if I type them all down.

Last thing I should mention is the Rotary District Conference for 1390. It was flipping flopping amazing! We got there quite early and this time I properly got to meet a lot of the exchange students and then there was a 70's disco. Now they told me to bring a 70's get up and since overly enthusiastic is my style, I brought a giant afro and "groovy" dance clothes. About 2 other exchange students out of 25-ish went to this effort and when we got there 99% of the adults were in formal suits... awkward. But it worked out fine, we had intelligent dinner conversation first and I got to meet the principal of the very posh, private school in Lahti as well as some cool American dudes/dudettes. Anyways the afro paid off because when the disco started everyone wanted to try it on! Including the mayor of Lahti which is pretty awesome considering the district overlord (I'm not sure of the official title...chairman maybe?) also wore it!

Ok I lied about that being the last thing to mention but they are teaching me to waltz in school sport now and it is brilliant!

Johnny G out

Attendance Last Meeting

Percentage Attendance Last Meeting: 93.02%

Makeups: Siddharth Maheshwari, Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian,
Adrian Hallett, Geoff Nix, Nora Etmekdjian

Apologies: Siddharth Maheshwari, Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft,
Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, Rob Mitchell,
Adrian Hallett, Erdem Toner, Geoff Nix, Ian Henderson,
Nora Etmekdjian, Paul Burnett



Birthdays & Anniversaries



- April 1 29 year Club Anniversary for Bill Payne
- 1 69 year Birthday Celebration for Graham Metcalfe
- 3 68 year Birthday Celebration for Duncan Taylor
- 5 Birthday Celebration for Linda, partner of Adrian Hallett
- 6 Birthday Celebration for Jan Cutler

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More Photos from our 67th Birthday Party



Rotary and Other Events ...

▶ **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

▶ **Club Social Evening Dinner**

Date: **Friday 10 May**

Where: **Il Bolognese Restaurant, Pittwater Rd, Boronia Park**

Time: **7 for 7.30pm, BYO**

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
School Holidays	19-26/04/13	Maureen Mulheron	07/06/13
Graham Metcalfe	03/05/13	Kalma McLellan	14/06/13
RYEP Safari	05-25/05/13	Onni home to Finland . . .	20/06/13

Looking Ahead



- May 7 Vocational Exposure—Graham Metcalfe will introduce four members with a (vocational) story to tell.
- 14 Club Night - Part 3 - Rob Mitchell will a) Review Part 2 and 2) guide us in understanding our Club, and setting goals for it.

Meeting Night Duty Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
07/05/13	David James	Charles Kilby	Kalma McLellan	Duncan Taylor	Noel Dunn
14/05/13	Patrick Longfield	Siddarth Maheshwari	John Mazlin	-	-
21/05/13	Nora Etmekdjian	Geoff Nix	Bill Payne	Ron Thomson	Adrian Hallett
28/5/13	Ken Allen	John Brown	Stephen Thorp	Steve Thorp	Geoff Brennan
04/06/13	Bob Carroll	Peter Cooper	Erdem Toner	Tony Abboud	David Johnston

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;