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VACCINATION TO ERADICATE POLIO**

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ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:

Next Generation Club (Level 2)
Ryde Aquatic Centre
504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

POSTAL ADDRESS:

Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.
PO BOX 90
Ryde NSW 1680

RSVP EXTRAS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109

Welcomers	Rob Mitchell & John Brown
Loyal Toast	Patrick Longfield
Thanks	Steve Thorp

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Adrian of the change

Duty Roster for future meetings appears on Page 06

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Fellow Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

My second meeting and first Club Assembly has now passed and been well received. Please keep any ideas or suggestions coming as I and my Board DO NOT have a monopoly on good useable suggestions for projects for my year as your President. My new Board and Chairs are looking forward to a productive year. This was helped by a training night at Kalma McLellan's house on Wednesday night (Thanks Kalma).

Our guest speaker on Tuesday is Doug Eldred speaking on Natural Health.

Adrian

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It's semi-annual dues time!

Yes, Rotary International, District 9685 and RDU all want a piece of our finances. Semi-annual dues remain at \$125 for the period 1st July to 31st December 2013.

You can pay by EFT direct to our General Account:

BSB 112-879

Account #: 589388

or

Cheque or cash paid to the Treasurer on Tuesday.

Semi-annual dues must be paid by 31st July 2013. Please contact the Treasurer if you require special consideration.

David James

WE'LL BE SAD IF WE DON'T SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY!



If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting, please contact **Julie Thorp before 10am Monday.**

9871 1109 0416 208 332 j.thorp@bigpond.net.au

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?**

President Adrian was warming to his role, starting the meeting with enthusiasm before remembering to don the chain of Office. Rotary Grace rang out with gusto, in spite of this lack, and **PP Ross Rocca** led us in the Loyal Toast to the Queen. Membership Director **Kate Dodd** had arranged a lottery for a random seating plan which I thought worked well, ensuring people talked to Rotarians outside their normal circle. “We should do this more often,” approved **PP Ross**.

After a dinner of roast beef, broccoli, carrots and chat potatoes for the omnivores, and something that looked like a Big Mac without the bread or the beef for the Vegrotarians, **President Adrian** presented **Secretary Bob Kaye-Smith** with the now-engraved and well-earned Ron Pacey Shield. **PP Bob** gave a humble speech of acceptance for our club’s highest honour. **PP Charles** was next to be presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition, then in turn presented **Lucile Richard** to the club. She introduced herself (it is pronounced Ree-Shard by the way) explaining she was from the Atlantic Coast of France, and her hobbies include surfing: she should fit in well in Sydney.

PP Rob Mitchell reported on the multi-cultural experience that was the happy occasion of our friend **Ali Yunespour’s** wedding, then moved on to give a fundraising committee report, the short version of which is “Rome wasn’t built in a day!”.

Serjeant Geoff fined **Ian “Hendo” Henderson** for frightening previous Serjeants, **Tony Abboud** for his day’s ICAC appearance as a witness, me for leaving my drink at the bar, and **Steve’s** whole table for being the noisiest table even in **Julie’s** absence! “We had to speak loudly to be heard over **Victoria’s** voice at the next table!” he dobed. The Serjeant responded by taking her money too. **PP Patrick Longfield** was fined for his sustained ignorance of the carbon tax: the correct answers were Greg Combet and \$24.15. In the cross-fines **PP Charles** fined everyone who wasn’t a witness at ICAC that day. After the Serjeant’s session the Club Assembly began.



Charles receiving his new PHF pin & members enjoying the first “Fellowship Night” seating plan lucky dip.

President Adrian spoke on Public Relations (or marketing) and stole some of **Geoff Nix’s** thunder, proposing that we work with local schools and hospitals on newsworthy projects. Foundation Director **John Mazlin’s** Foundation report covered Destiny Rescue, Indigo Foundation Afghan School refurbishment, and East Timor Disabled Centre projects.

Rtn Kate Dodd said she was keen to work with PR in her Membership role to raise our profile in the community. **Geoff Nix** claimed he had no thunder to steal, but said this club does great work both here and overseas, changing lives for the better and we need to communicate these stories more effectively. **Allen Horrell** displayed a list of all our major projects on the data projector: unfortunately we have so many projects that to get them onto one screen, they were almost too small to read. International Chair **Siddharth Maheshwari** spoke passionately on International Projects in Africa, Afghanistan and India. Next week's quiz might be to identify these!

Martin Aston correctly identified the Vocational Committee's major projects as Pride of Workmanship and Apprentice of the Year, but wait, there's more: 4 Way Test speeches, and workplace visits. **PP Charles Kilby** enthused about RYEP, RYLA, RYDA, Interact, NYSF, Rotaract, MUNA, RYPEN and other exciting Youth acronyms, pointing out that JSPSC will be run by **Kalma** this year. Homework for next week is to visit our website, go to the downloads section and de-code these acronyms using the Acronym Buster!

President Adrian pre-empted a future Projects Brainstorming session by suggesting we organise a Senior's outing for our Meals on Wheels clients. We then split up to discuss the coming year in our tables. My table heard of a Chamber of Commerce Bush Dance held at the new Riding for Disabled venue in Marsfield. **Teflon Tony** also suggested a Vocational Visit to Ryde Rehabilitation once it restarts in its new buildings at Putney. And that was our meeting, except for a rousing National Anthem.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- August 4th (Sun)** Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)
Meet 8am at West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd
- August 4th (Sun)** Barangaroo Headland Park Community Open Day
10am - 2pm
- August 4th (Sun)** RHHSO Concert - Music of Ancient Worlds
3pm Ryde Civic Centre Hall, Devlin St Ryde
Details & Bookings online at www.rhhsso.org.au
- August 17th (Sat)** Macquarie Uni Rotaract Trivia Night - Human & Hope Assoc.
The Atrium, Campus Hub Building, Macq Uni / \$15 pp / Tables of 8-10
For more information email: trivia@rotaractmq.org
- August 24th (Sat)** Circus Quirkus
5pm at The Greenhalgh Theatre, UTS Lindfield Campus - Eton Rd, Lindfield
- August 25th (Sun)** Circus Quirkus
11am & 2pm at Blacktown Workers Club - 55 Campbell Street, Blacktown
- October 20th (Sun)** Graffiti Removal Day

Percentage Attendance 16th July: 87.50%

Makeups: PDG John Dodd, PP Burkhart Foertsch, Rtn Julie Thorp.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PDG John Dodd, PDG Les Whitcroft, Rtn Erdem Toner, PP Ron Thomson, PP Artin Etmekdjian, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Rob Senior, Rtn Ian Henderson, PP Noel Dunn OAM, PP Bob Carroll, PP Burkhart Foertsch.

Guests: Lucile Richard (RYE France), Edgar Amaya, Martha Amaya, Gemma Nix.

LOOKING AHEAD

July 30th Gary Squire - Aviation Tour of North Korea in Old Russian Airliners

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by Adrian & Linda Hallett

July 26th John & Dee Brown

August 2nd Ken & Danielle Allen

August 9th Tony & Sylvia Abboud

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 21st Birthday of **Nora Etmekdjian**

July 21st 15th Wedding Anniversary for **Stefan & Lata Sojka**

July 22nd 63rd Birthday of **Steve Thorp**

July 23rd 36th Wedding Anniversary for **Adrian & Linda Hallett**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	THANKS
July 30th	Victoria Gouel Bill Payne	Duncan Taylor	Rob Mitchell
August 6th	Jan Cutler David Johnston	Ian Henderson	Graham Metcalfe

- + At the recent RI Convention in Lisbon, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation put a new challenge to Rotary, which may raise as much as \$525 million.
- + On April 25, new commitments were made by countries and organisations at the Vaccine Summit in Abu Dhabi, totalling \$4 billion - that's up from \$400 million! The increase included another \$1.8 billion from the Gates.
- + In May, the Australian Government committed another \$80 million, on top of the \$50 million they had committed last year.
- + It is looking likely that South East Asia will be declared polio free this year.
- + It is also looking likely that we have seen the last of wild polio virus type three. (WPV3) It's now eight months since the last case worldwide, which was in Nigeria and it has been fifteen months since the last case in Asia (in Pakistan).
- + This year we will see the switch from Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine to the more effective Bivalent OPV.
- + Critically important to stopping the spread of vaccine-derived polio, we will see the injectable Inactivated Polio Vaccine used much more widely in routine vaccinations throughout the world.

This is outstanding news however the situation is not all good:

- + The \$4.08 billion in commitments (including Australia's) still represents less than 75% of the \$5.5 billion budget set by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative —or to put it another way, it is just over \$800 million pa when what is required is \$1.1 billion pa.
- + There has been a serious outbreak of polio in the Horn of Africa with 52 cases since May in Somalia and Kenya, including four in the past week. Given that these countries had been polio-free for quite some time, this is a major setback.
- + There has also been an ongoing outbreak in North Waziristan, Pakistan, of vaccine-derived polio (cVDPV2). This is alarming because this is an area where immunisation campaigns have been suspended by local leaders since last June.
- + For the first time this year, the number of cases reported is now higher than for the same period last year (108 vs 91).
- + Tragically, another female health worker has been killed in the Swabi District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan.

The bottom line is that we need to stay focussed. If we Rotarians can raise \$175 million over the next five years, that, together with the Gates's two-for-one challenge, will plug 37% of the \$1.42 billion funding gap, an absolutely vital contribution.

**PLEASE SUBMIT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE HUB
BY 5PM FRIDAY**

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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, non-religious, 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 say, think & do

- 1.** Is it the Truth?
- 2.** Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3.** Will it build goodwill & 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!
