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Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
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Ryde Aquatic Centre
504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

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August 27 **Sheree Hurley**
Australian Support Dogs

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Victoria Gouel & Graham Metcalfe

Loyal Toast Les Whitcroft

Vote of Thanks Siddharth Maheshwari

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 07

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Last Tuesday we entertained a number of visitors as we heard the story behind our inbound exchange student – Lucile Richard. It will be extremely interesting to hear her rendition of her twelve months in Australia before she goes home. Thanks and well done Lucile.

On Saturday I was joined by several Club members and attended a performance of Circus Quirkus at UTS in Lindfield. It was a great opportunity to see another side of our fundraising activities at work.

The Board has approved us having a vocational visit on Tuesday 10th September to the Sydney Adventist Hospital in Wahroonga for a Men's Health Forum. Partners are welcome. **More information is on Page 4.** I would encourage all members to attend.

Don't forget to book your places on the International Fleet Review Cruises.

To those that have been on the sick list – please get better soon – we miss you!

Adrian

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?**

Please come to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun at

4 Maralinga Place
West Pennant Hills

THIS THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST
6:30 pm

Wrapping gifts for distribution at local nursing homes this
Sunday for Father's Day

Please BYO drinks - we will order in pizza :)

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER - VOCATIONAL VISIT

Join the Club for a Vocational Visit at this information evening.
Dinner will be arranged before the 7pm start. Partners are welcome.

It would be great if all members of the club could attend.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Proudly sponsored by Fox Valley Seventh-day Adventist Community Church



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**MEN'S HEALTH
PUBLIC FORUM**

Tuesday 10th September 2013, 6.15pm for 7pm start

Fox Valley Community Centre, Sydney Adventist Hospital Campus

You are invited to attend this informative evening featuring presentations by leading medical specialists, light refreshments and health displays.

Topics include:

Testosterone levels in Ageing Men • Heart Health • Anaemia

Fox Valley Community Centre, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga 2076

Free Parking Available – visit www.sah.org.au for more information



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It's semi-annual dues time!

Yes, Rotary International, District 9685 and RDU all want a piece of our finances. The best way for us to do that is to ask members to hasten their payment of semi-annual dues which, I'm pleased to report, 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 ARE NOW OVERDUE. Please contact the Treasurer immediately if you have not yet paid or if you require special consideration.

David James

AUGUST 20 - AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

President Adrian Hallett welcomed our guest speaker exchange student **Lucile Richard**, and the Host families who had come to support her. Many member's apologies for the night were read out, but we also welcomed back **Rotarian Nora Etmekdjian** from leave. A catering miscalculation meant there were not enough steak dinners, so our table was asked if some of us would accept schnitzel instead. "No problem! We'll take whatever you've got: we're the cooperative table!" went the good-humoured replies, and so it went. "What a great group of Rotarians", I thought.

President Adrian reported back from the Exchange Students welcome BBQ on Sunday, then went on to explain why there has been no advertising for the Fleet Review, except in our Hub: "They are waiting till after the election." Why? Perhaps they are worried someone will stop the Boats!

Stefan said we need more quality information to go on our website to improve its Google listing, and hit-rate, and asked Directors and Committee Chairs to forward their reports to him. **John Mazlin** posed some questions about the Rotary Foundation, answered a few and promised to expand on the topic later.

I asked the meeting if we should continue with the Father's Day visits but was referred to the Club By-Laws by **Past President Rob Mitchell**: "Article 17 Resolutions: The Club shall not consider any resolution or motion to commit the Club on any matter until the Board has considered it. Such resolutions or motions, if offered at a Club meeting, shall be referred to the Board without discussion." Since I had already received sufficient feedback by this time, I retired from the podium, but for future reference asking for the club's opinion on a project is not a "resolution or motion" in my humble opinion.

Social Director Peter Cooper announced that our next Fellowship dinner will be held at the **Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club on Victoria Road, 7 for 7:30pm Friday, 30th August.**

Acting Serjeant Duncan drew **Bob Carroll's** spackle ticket, and Bob unerringly drew the Joker from a near-full pack, winning the three-week jackpot! "Must be at least \$32.50 by now!" chuckled one of my neighbours, "**Val** cleaned it out last month!" **Duncan** then fined **Victoria** for not wearing her dinner disk, and she pitched in a \$10 note to get the new spackle total off to a good start. **PDG John Dodd** cross-fined the **President** for having failed to welcome his son **James** at the opening of the meeting, even though "He's over 6 feet tall: how could you not see him?"

It was a fair cop, as James was on the visitor's list ably prepared by **Rotarian Julie Thorp**, but having been President I am keenly aware of the risks of welcoming everyone by name, and have to sympathise with Adrian, who apologised and read off the entire welcome list again at the close of the meeting.

He next introduced **Lucile Richard** to speak on her homeland of France, where she lives in a picturesque house near the Atlantic coast, which has a swimming pool and a fish pond "because my father likes fish." She surfs and is a life guard even though the sea seldom rises above 12°C: no wonder she wanted to come to Australia, where the climate actually supports these activities.



Lucile Richard's home, family, school and friends in Les Sables-D'Olonne, France.

She answered several questions from members, including the information that she has tried Vegemite, but does not like the taste! “Unastrayan” I hear you say? More like inedible: we’re proud of vegemite for much the same reason we’re proud of funnelweb spiders, snakes, crocs and sharks; they scare foreigners!

John Dodd gave the vote of thanks, told us that Lucile was a gifted young lady of exceptional ability, and is now part of the Dodd family. Once again we reflect on the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and how it benefits both the Students and the host Clubs. Long may it continue at Ryde.



Lucile Richard's home town, Les Sables-D'Olonne, France.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 20th (Sun) Graffiti Removal Day
10am - 4pm Details TBC

December 15th **RI Convention 2014 - Earlybird Registration Deadline**
1st - 4th June, 2014 / \$310 US includes 8 day free travel (bus/train/ferry)
www.riconvention.org

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

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Percentage Attendance 27th August: 88.10%

Makeups: Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, PP Patrick Longfield, Rtn Erdem Toner.

Apologies: Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, Dr Surinder Joson, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Charles Kilby, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP John Higgins, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Ron Thomson, PP Ross Rocca, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Rob Senior.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 3rd Thomas Muldoon - Numerology/Astrology - Fact or Fantasy?

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

August 30th Bill & Val Payne

Sept 6th Geoff & Janice Brennan

Sept 6th Geoff & Tui Nix

**IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL FAMILY / CULTURAL EVENT
PLANNED & WOULD LIKE TO INVITE LUCILE RICHARD TO ATTEND,
PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 30th 30 Year Club Anniversary for **Ed Berlage**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	THANKS
Sept 3rd	Charles Kilby Ron Taffa	Noel Dunn	David James
Sept 10th	Geoff Nix Stefan Sojka	Stephen Thorp	Burkhart Foertsch

You need a Working With Children Check! There are 4 steps to the process:

1. Register online at www.check.kids.nsw.gov.au



At the bottom under “**For Individuals**”, click “**Apply**”

Complete all fields including selecting “**Purpose for check**” of “**Clubs or Other bodies...**” as below:

Purpose for check *

- Paid employee
- Self employed
- Volunteer, authorised carer, adult household member, student on a professional placement, prospective adoptive parent

Child-related sector *

Clubs or other bodies providing services to children

You will be emailed a confirmation of your application which looks like this:

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Your application for a Working With Children Check has been successfully lodged. Your Application Number is: **APP0054164**. To complete your application you must attend a NSW Motor Registry or Government Access Centre (locations listed on the NSW Working With Children Check website) by **14/01/2014** to

2. Take this notice to your local RTA centre together with the identification form you nominated - Drivers Licence / ID card. Staff at the RTA will confirm you are the person in the notice.
3. A few hours later you will be emailed a confirmation letter that your application has been processed, which includes a **WWC number** on letterhead like this:



4. Forward this email to Kalma so she can register you as a volunteer at Ryde Rotary. **Please talk to Kalma if you have any questions!**

Past District Governor Jim McIntyre, gave the principal toast, to Rotary International, in these words: “Ryde Rotarians have been taken into one of the truly unique organisations of the world. If President Eric’s speech is an indication of what it is going to do, you are assured of success. Rotary is sometimes referred to as the Golden Rule in Overalls. I say to you new members, get into your overalls and go to work, for the Objects of Rotary are as wide as the earth and as high as the Heavens.”



The response to this toast was by that grand elder statesman and Rotarian, **Sir Robert Garran**. “Rotary,” he said, “is a world brotherhood of men of goodwill. It started in America and spread all over the world. It helps a man to get out of his own hard shell, and opens his mind, his heart and his soul to his fellows. Fellowship inspires Service, and from service springs better fellowship. Remember, he profits most who serves best. Look for Fellowship and Service, and keep warm in your hearts this new great spirit of Rotary.”

The remaining toasts were duly honoured and then Charter Member Bob Beer thanked all concerned for the gifts of Rotary insignia received from other clubs. These were many, and made a brave show indeed. Final acknowledgments were made and the parting songs brought the function to a close.

The guests and fellows sang “The End of a Rotary Day” and it was the end, the end to all the problems, misgivings and uncertainties that go with all new ventures. But it was really a beginning. The Rotary Club of Ryde was established and set on its course, with the members eagerly facing the task of making a proud record of service and fellowship.

POSSIBLE HOMESTAY?

President Miles Hedge of the Rotary Club of Blayney (District 9700) has written to Ryde Club asking if we could help find a family in the Ryde district who may be prepared to offer a bed/breakfast arrangement for Saturday nights & Sunday mornings for a young Blayney local Laura Reeks as she trains and plays with the Australian Volleyball team at Homebush.

The Reeks family are great supporters of Rotary and are highly regarded locally. It would be great if the Rotary family could help out this young woman as she represents Australia.

Some financial arrangement would be arranged, plus the Reeks family would like to offer reciprocal holidays in Blayney, which could be fun as they are a great family unit and are into all sorts of sports including GoKarting.

At present Laura (19) stays in a motel, which is a bit lonely! **If anyone in Ryde Club would be interested or know of a suitable family, please contact President Adrian.**

For more information and booking request forms, please contact Adrian Hallett on 0409 037 701 or email halletts@bigpond.net.au

- October 3rd (Thurs)** A lunch time cruise to watch the Tall Ships arriving in Sydney Harbour. Enjoy a buffet lunch.
Cruise: RPC 100
Depart TBA Wharf at 10:15am for 3.5 hr Cruise / **\$75pp**
- October 4th (Fri)** An early morning start to view the arrival of part of the fleet of visiting warships. This cruise will include the 21 gun salute at 10am. Enjoy breakfast as the sun rises over the Harbour.
Cruise: RPC 101
Depart TBA Wharf at 7am for 4 hr Cruise / **\$75pp**
- October 4th (Fri)** A Friday night special end of week wind-down cruise to view all the ships at anchor just ahead of the special day. Catch the lights on the ships as they prepare for the ceremonies tomorrow. A light meal will be served.
Cruise: RPC 102
Depart TBA Wharf at 6:30pm for 2.5 hr Cruise / **\$65pp**
- October 5th (Sat)** Join us and be as close as possible to the Ceremonial Fleet Review on Sydney Harbour.
Cruise: RPC 103
Enjoy a delicious seafood banquet and limited open bar.
Depart TBA Wharf at 10am for 4.5 hr Cruise / **\$110pp**
- October 5th (Sat)** Tonight we cruise the Harbour to view the visiting ships at anchor and to finish the night view the fireworks and light show. Enjoy our seafood banquet and limited open bar.
Cruise: RPC 104
Depart TBA Wharf at 6pm for 4 hr Cruise / **\$110pp**
- October 10th (Thurs)** Bid farewell to the tall ships as they depart Sydney Harbour after their involvement in the Fleet Review. Enjoy a buffet lunch.
Cruise: RPC 105
Depart TBA Wharf at 10am for 3.5 hr Cruise / **\$70pp**
- October 11th (Fri)** Your last chance to be up close with the magnificent warships as they leave Sydney. Wave bye bye to all the sailors who have enjoyed all Sydney has to offer. A buffet lunch will be serve.
Cruise: RPC 106
Depart TBA Wharf at 10am for 3.5 hr Cruise / **\$70pp**

PLEASE NOTE:

- These packages have been prepared using the most up to date information available at time of publication.
- Minor changes may still be necessary to comply with yet to be announced events and navigational restrictions.
- The final choice of a city wharf will be made close to the event, being mindful of your needs for transport and nearby parking. It may be the Star City Wharf, but this is not guaranteed.
- All cruises are subject to minimum numbers.

So now I really feel like the second half of my exchange has begun. I didn't expect this to feel like such a big milestone but I've begun school again and the nooblets are here which now makes me an honorary oldie. It's a weird feeling.

Not much is new and soon I'll be expected to be the wise one who knows all about Finland, the language and everything. But just like the start of the first half of my exchange I'm going to be spending most of my time with my Finnish friends because I'm not overwhelmingly excited to make a hundred new friends when I already have all these amazing Finnish friends close to home. So what have I been up to since last report...

Well first I went to Norway with my 3rd host father/club counsellor, Juha and his father Esko. We drove about 15 hours through Finland up through Lapland where I was able to see the normally very homogenous landscape change into a more swampy environment. We stayed a night in a log cabin where I've never seen so many mosquitos in my life and then left early again the next day to drive through to Norway. Norway's fjords are probably the most beautiful landscape I have ever witnessed with my own eyes.

There's are really interesting dynamic between huge mountains jutting out from the sea, permafrost on their peaks and then down towards the water, a thin sliver where it's flat enough for houses to be built. Despite being in the arctic circle, there is a surprising amount of wildlife here. Having less humans around means there's a lot more space for a huge variety of birdlife, marine creatures and flocks of sheep to live. There are even dolphins living up there. During the week we followed the typical fisherman's routine. Wake up at a decent time, have breakfast then go out on the ocean for about 8 hours and catch a couple of hundred fish, maybe some sharks or a whale nothing too fancy then back to the dock to fillet them and finally at home we cook them up spend the night talking and plan the next day.

Straight after my week of fishing ended, I took a train to Helsinki to visit my friend Melissa who lives in Sibbo (near Helsinki). My cousins had been planning to visit me but because of a bit of a mismatch with organising times they had ended up planning to come when I was out of the country in Norway.

That meant I only got to see them for a night and a day but we made the most of our time together, staying up really late and then spending the next day in Helsinki. We had a lot of fun catching up after so long and getting to see the city. The bonds of Cerojjac run deep and bannerman Yanni from house Shaw doth duly belong within its ranks.

The next awesome thing I did was go to Finland's scout jamboree. There was over 4000 scouts there and a load of really cool activities. But I was the only guy in my sub-camp who was my age; everyone else was around 13/14. So on this camp I learnt to be a lot more independent. Before, I felt the need to be with someone to do anything but now I don't feel insecure if I'm doing something by myself. But anywho I also had a job working in the kitchen there. It made me appreciate how hard those kinds of jobs are and also how boring it can get serving to people. Now out of sheer sympathy for my fellow

brethren and sisthren who have to serve the same thing to person after person every day, I've started to have actual chats with them to make their day less monotonously boring.

Last weekend I went to the keskiaika markkinat or middle ages festival! It was so awesome to release my inner history nerd and be childish for the day. My friend and I had swordfights with dudes who looked like they legitimately could be Vikings, I wore chainmail and got stabbed with some scissors and met some really funny guys who gave me a neck pendant which has "NI", as in the knights who say Ni, Niio and Niiipong from monty python and the holy grail, engraved on it. Then on the following day TUFF, my Frisbee team played in the junior nationals tournament for ultimate Frisbee. We came 4th out of 5 teams but that for us was an achievement considering how new and small our team was compared to the others playing there and that the average age for our team was also the youngest.

So the last thing I should talk about is that I've started school again. I'm happy to be back even if the lessons get a bit boring because I get to see all my friends again and they have free lunch so there's that too. Our school recently merged with Viiala's school. They're a small town about 10 km from Toijala and with them came an exchange student from Mexico called Rodrigo. He's a good guy and it's cool having another one of my species around. But to summate, all is well and it's calmed down a little since the hecticness of summer holidays. Which was needed!

REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE'S

As we come to the end of the second term 2013, I have the privilege and honour to say a very big thank you to you all for your tremendous support which has been enabling the school to achieve its goals and grow bigger and bigger all the time. As usual, the second term had a lot of achievements and we are proud of all our staff – teaching and non teaching - for their collective effort to make sure that our 10 year strategic plan is being implemented well.

To mention but a few, we had a very wonderful science day where students had an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge, skills and passion for Science and technology. It was amazing to see the advanced level of the invention and innovation made by the students. The Cultural Day of 6th July was also a remarkable event. The theme of the day brought everyone together regardless of their cultural differences. A lot of very well prepared traditional music songs, dance, food stuffs etc. made the day colourful!

Quality teaching and learning continued to take place inside and outside the classrooms with a lot of well organized group discussions emphasize critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students undertook some project e.g. writing story books and some research. The boarding program continued well with minimal challenges and students were very excited to participate in community services activities during the weekends.

Again, thank you all for your endless support!

Rasul Abdul



Diego Ibarra Sanchez for The New York Times

Muhammad Arshad, head of the Rotary vaccination team at Karachi's main railway terminal, gave a dose of the vaccine to a toddler aboard a train waiting to pull out. After the killings of polio workers in December, Mr Arshad thought about quitting, he said. "But then I thought: This is good work, and God will protect me."

At the Front Lines Again

[Pakistan]'s new determination has also brought Rotary International back to the front lines. The club, founded in Chicago in 1905, started the global polio eradication drive in 1988. It has had chapters in what is now Pakistan since 1927, and is now led by Aziz Memon, a hard-driving textile magnate.

Mr. Memon, 70, and other Rotary-affiliated executives have used their money and political connections to keep the pressure on. They compensated the killed vaccinators' relatives and held news conferences at which the families urged others to continue fighting.

Rotarians also work in places that terrify government officials. In an industrial neighborhood in Karachi, where both gangs and the Taliban hold sway after dark, Abdul Waheed Khan oversaw a Rotary polio clinic in his school, Naunehal Academy. A big, gregarious man, he angered the Taliban by admitting girls to his academy and offering a liberal arts education instead of only Koran study. His only security was local teenagers who ride motorcycles beside his car to keep anyone from pulling up alongside.

In March, he hosted Dr. Robert S. Scott, the 79-year-old Canadian chairman of Rotary's polio committee, who flew in to vaccinate children to prove that the fight would go on despite the December killings.

“I had a fatwa put on my head,” Mr. Khan said in April as he led a tour of the clinic. “They said I was Jewish. I had a friend issue a counter-fatwa saying I was a good Muslim.”

On May 13, Mr. Khan was killed by gunmen who also wounded his 1-year-old daughter. His clinic will not close. “No one can replace Waheed, but life has to go on,” Mr. Memon said.

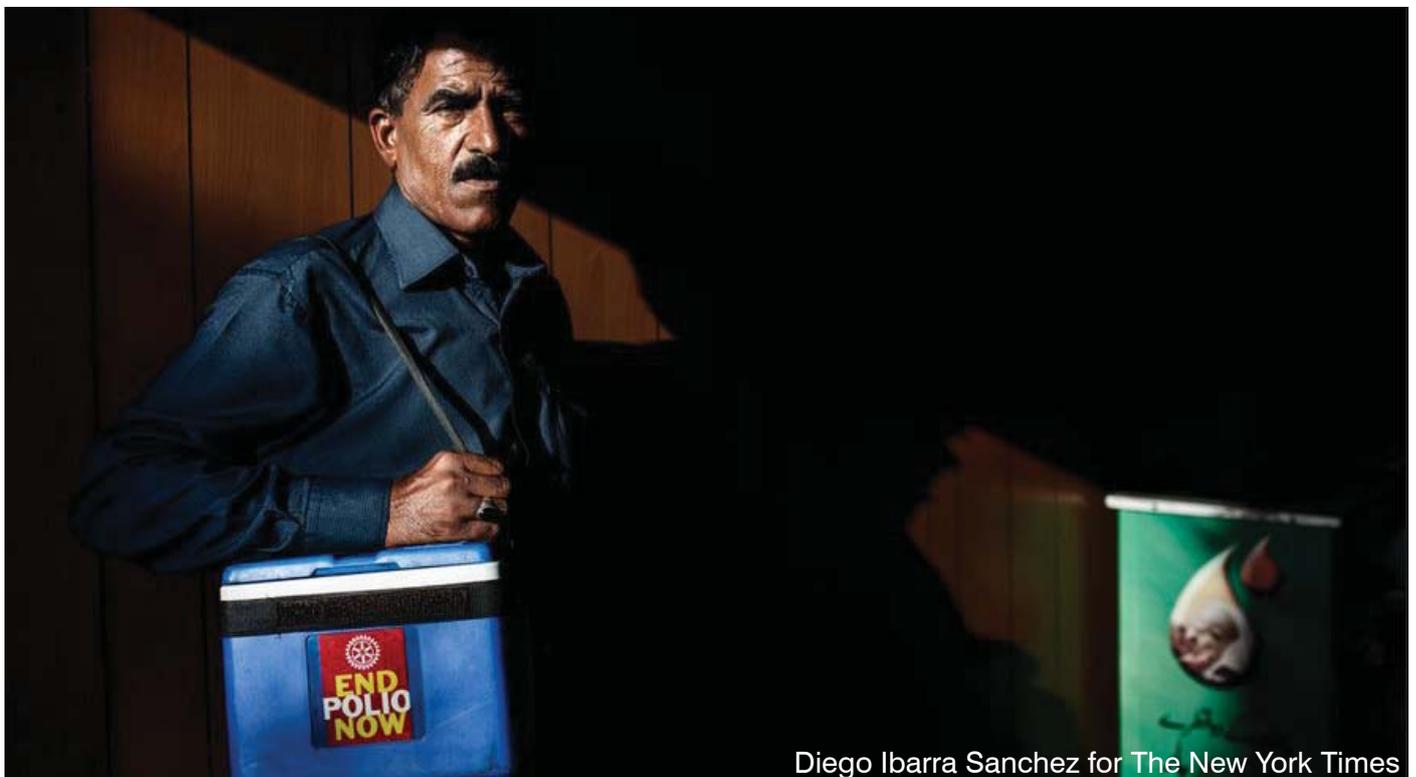
Near the Afghan frontier, where thousands of children live in valleys under Taliban control, teams do the same at military roadblocks. At hospitals, which are usually guarded by soldiers, nurses will pack extra doses of the vaccine on ice for families willing to smuggle it to neighbors.

Some frontier clan chiefs have lost their government stipends for opposing vaccination, and officials have threatened to deny national identity cards to their clans. But the chiefs are in a bind; the Taliban have assassinated many for cooperating with the government.

Mr. Memon of Rotary opposes what he called “these coercive gimmicks.”

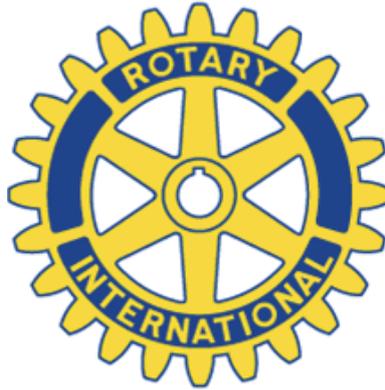
“We can’t twist arms,” he said. “We want to win them over with love and affection.”

**Extract from The New York Times “Pakistan Battles Polio, and Its People’s Mistrust”
by Donald G McNeil Jr., Published 21 July 2013**



Diego Ibarra Sanchez for The New York Times

Ghulam Jilani, the leader of a Rotary vaccination team that boards all buses stopped at a military checkpoint on the main highway into Karachi. The soldiers’ presence may prod some hesitant families to accept the vaccine, he said. Sometimes, couples have arguments, he said, usually with the men repeating rumours that the vaccine is a Western plot and the women insisting the children be vaccinated.



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!
