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AVENUES

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| Community Service | Allen Horrell |
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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

September 24 **Fiona Carr & Mabel Chow**
Brighter Futures

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Siddharth Maheshwari & Ross Rocca

Loyal Toast Nora Etmekdjian

Vote of Thanks Allen Horrell

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

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Last Tuesday we held our Club Forum and had the opportunity to discuss future possible activities that we may be able to undertake. There was much feedback which left room to refine some ideas. My thanks to those who were able to attend the meeting and who contributed in such a positive way.

Unfortunately I am not able to make it to the meeting on Tuesday, however I am confident that Kalma will fill the role admirably.

Don't forget to book your places on the International Fleet Review Cruises. The Club will be going on the Saturday morning cruise (RPC 103) Booking forms are available from President Adrian.

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**.

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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?**

A Club Fellowship night saw shenanigans with random table allocations mixing up the habits of the usual – always good fun. **PDG John Dodd** toasted the bloodless political coup over the weekend as well as RI – all well applauded. There was also loud applause for birthday boy **Bob Kaye Smith** and the **Dodds'** wedding anniversary, followed by enthusiastic fellowship and conversation. Dinner of chicken schnitzel on sweet potato with baby broccoli and baby squash made for colourful eating, good for the eyesight, blood and waistlines!

President Adrian quickly gained volunteers for the two Meals-on-Wheels tams needed as an extra emergency fill-in, with special thanks to **Erdem, Victoria, John and Steve** for volunteering without hesitation! His best news is that the vessel we will be on for the Fleet Review is one of only 30 permitted within a specific exclusion zone for the event, giving us the opportunity for a very unique perspective on this special event.

Exchange student **Lucile** described her amazingly eventful week to us including a tour of Bateman's Bay, via the Berry doughnut shop, and a visit to Mogo Zoo. Then back in Sydney for the Sydney Swans game, where she admired the very short shorts worn by all players (all ladies in the audience seemed to agree with her!!!). She visited the Moon Festival in Cabramatta, although admitted that chopsticks continue to confound her.

Kalma, yes me, provided forewarning of Christmas Shopping opportunities, including puddings and cards, which will commence shortly, before **Martin Aston** reminded us that the Apprentice of the Year is also looming in conjunction with local TAFE colleges. He also reminded us about our golf day at the end of March 2014 in addition to a golf event hosted by Hunters Hill club at the end of October, in which we are all invited to participate.

Siddharth reported that the Tamil Nadu project is progressing well with the support of the Indigo Foundation. Its intention is to keep financially disadvantaged children in school for longer. The second active international project targets breaking the cycle of domestic help with the aim of providing alternative employment opportunities – more news in this area to come.

Charles reported that his accidental absence was really because he was supporting his son's efforts after being selected to play rugby in New Zealand, and the team being desperately in need of an Assistant Manager. He observed the phenomenal growth of the group from silent teenagers to total camaraderie.

The Sargeant received a very cool welcome. **Kalma** won the spackle, selecting a recommended bottle of white despite shuffling the deck herself in the hope of reaching utopia! Fines for the birthdays were short, but the best was for all those who have not contributed to The Hub since January – very profitable collection!

President Adrian opened the Fellowship session with a number of projects posed for consideration, with each table to discuss and provide recommendations and suggestions. After considerable noise and fellowship, the feedback was (mostly) practical and will provide the Board with good direction regarding these potential projects.

Do you want to make contributions to The Rotary Foundation and/or Australian Rotary Health by “instalments”?

Some members do just this when they pay each week at the door. On top of their meal fee they add \$5 or \$10 which is then recorded against their name in the club’s accounting system. This is an ideal way to make a small contribution each week with little pain on the pocket. Some members contribute to just one fund, others split their contribution and there’s also the option to alternate each week.

How do I do this, I hear you ask! When you pay by cash or cheque at the door, just ask me to add a contribution and nominate how you would like it to be applied.

It’s as easy as that.

David James

CAN YOU HOST A DINNER?

On Tuesday night 3 June 2014 we will be having the Host Hospitality Night as part of the 2014 Rotary International Convention.

We are asking local Rotarians to host a dinner for visiting Rotarians and their partners. Ideally, the dinner will be in your home, however you can take your guests to a restaurant if preferred. This event is to be a personal experience where visiting Rotarians can dine in small groups in an informal setting, make new friends, and see what life is like in Sydney.

For further information, contact PDG Dick White: hosthospitality@rotary2014.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

October 5th (Sat) Fleet Review Cruise - Bookings Essential
Depart Casino Wharf at 10am for 4.5 hr Cruise / \$110pp

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 17th September: 97.22%

Makeups: PP Stephen Thorp, Rtn Julie Thorp.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Allen Horrell, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Duncan Taylor, PP Ken Allen, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Rob Senior.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 1st PP Charles Kilby - Christian Community Aid (CCA)

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

September 27th Artin & Nora Etmekdjian

October 4th Burkhart & Patricia Foertsch

October 11th David & Sally James

**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

September 24th 17 Year Club Anniversary for **Noel Dunn**

September 25th 6th Club Anniversary for **Burkhart Foertsch**

September 28th 9th Club Anniversary for **Artin Etmekdjian**

September 30th 33 Year Club Anniversary for **Graham Metcalfe**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

| DATE | WELCOMERS | LOYAL TOAST | THANKS |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Oct 1st | Rob Senior David Johnston | Charles Kilby | Graham Metcalfe |
| Oct 8th | Ron Thompson Stephen Thorp | Ashley Peake | Peter Cooper |

Dear all at Rotary Club of Ryde inc
Hopefully you are all well and thus going great with your daily activities

For me I thank the Almighty for I am extremely healthy and doing fantastic with my studies it is a little bit hot here at St Jude this could be summer, what about Australia?

just a few days ago here at St Jude we had career fair celebration and it was such a spectacular event. All St Jude students showed great artistic skills beyond compare. On that day I saw a lot of stuff and lucky enough I got exposed to adverse career clusters.

I wish you guys were there to share the happiness with me, hopefully next career fair if God wishes we shall be together and I am praying for that.

Well at the moment I am preparing myself for end of term three examinations. it is my belief that you guys will pray for me so that I may do them with ease

I would like to say God bless you all for the love and support

with love
Kelvin Jackson

ENGINEERS & LAWYERS

An engineer dies and goes to Hell. He's hot and miserable, so he decides to take action.

The airconditioning has been busted for a long time, so he fixes it. Things cool down quickly. The moving walkway motor jammed, so he unjams it. People can get from place to place much more easily. The TV was grainy and unclear, so he fixes the connection to the satellite dish and now they get hundreds of high definition channels.

One day, God decides to look down on Hell and see how his grand design is working out and notices that everyone is happy and enjoying umbrella drinks. He asks the Devil what is going on.

The Devil says, "Things are great down here since you sent us an engineer."

"What?!" says God. "An engineer? I didn't send you one of those. That must have been a mistake. Send him upstairs immediately."

The Devil responds, "No way! We want to keep our engineer. We like him!"

God demands, "If you don't send him to me immediately, I'll sue!"

The Devil laughs. "Where are you going to get a lawyer?"



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!
