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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club #18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6PM FOR 6:30PM

MEETING LOCATION:
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October 15

Interplast

Joan & David Hart (Board Meeting to follow)

TONIGHT'S ROSTER**Welcomers** David Johnston & Geoff Brennan**Loyal Toast** John Higgins**Guest Introduction** Burkhardt Foertsch**Vote of Thanks** Ken Allen

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 08

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Last Tuesday the Club enjoyed a guest speaker who came to us from one of the projects we have supported for many years – The School of St Jude in Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa. I understand he presented very well and enhanced our knowledge of the school and its work.

Thanks to Kalma for filling in whilst Linda and I were at the Cocktail party launch for the Rotary International Convention in Sydney from 1st to 4th June 2014. I urge all members to attend the Convention but most importantly to register early to get the benefit of the discount BUT ALSO to allow District to recoup some valuable funding already spent on the Convention.

Our thoughts and best wishes to those on the sick list.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

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?**

Once again **Acting President Kalma** opened the meeting, welcoming our special guests **Kim Saville** and **Felix Mollel** from the School of St Jude and their entourage of supporters. After reading the apologies Kalma called upon **PP Ross Rocca** who reported an 82% attendance. She then donned a strange head-dress, which competed for colour with Felix's shirt, and launched into a sales pitch for Christmas puddings and other allegedly edible seasonal treats. An order form was circulated. This reminded me of a multiple choice question in the Australian Citizenship test:

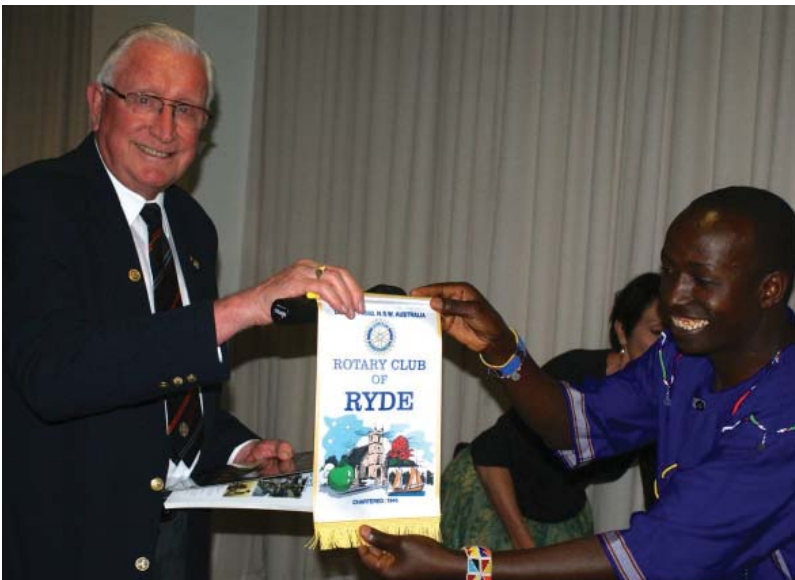
Is the traditional Aussie Christmas dinner:

- a) At least two roasted meats with roast vegetables, followed by a pudding you could use as a cannonball. Also ham. In 40°C heat.
- b) A seafood buffet followed by a Barbie, with rather a lot of booze. And ham. In 40°C heat.
- c) Both of the above, one at lunchtime and one at dinnertime. Weather continues fine.

She also reminded us to register for the Sydney Convention by 15th December for early bird discounts. **Serjeant Geoff Brennan** then took the floor to announce the Graffiti Removal Day on 20th October, as advertised full page in the latest Rotary Down Under, where we shall apply more layers of paint to the Epping Road underpass. **John Mazlin** spruiked this year's Foundation Dinner with guest of honour **RIP Ron Burton**.

Lucile Richard's report covered her visit to the Koala Park where she talked to a Cockatoo, fed a Kangaroo. On Friday night she had dinner with **PP Burkhardt Foertsch** and family, and on Saturday enjoyed a day afloat with the Ryde Rotary Navy Fleet Review, with her special favourite being the French Frigate. On Sunday she moved in with her new host family the Gorises at Epping. On Tuesday she returned to School and the Australian institution of school uniforms.

Julie and Steve Thorp are off to an Inner Wheel conference next week, so to stop the wheels falling off our catering arrangements, **Rtn Victoria Gouel** is taking the numbers for the next two weeks.



Noel Dunn presents a banner to Felix Mollel; the Mexican Hug; President Adrian & Linda with RIP Ron Burton & Jetta

Kalma then told us of her impending World trip: first she is off to Cambodia to see Angkor What (I'm assuming it is the famous restaurant and bar, not Angkor Wat, the ruins) and the Killing Fields (there's something disturbing about this being Cambodia's most popular tourist attraction), then Myanmar perhaps to visit **Patrick Longfield's** ancestral home? She will visit several other places before the School of St Jude – at this point **Felix** took a bow, and I suspect Kalma's welcome will be warm!

Geoff fined **Hendo** on general principles as a warm-up exercise before drawing the spackle, won by **Geoff "The Younger" Nix** who took away a fine bottle of Italian Red. More fines were meted table by table as the table spokesman failed one of Serjeant Geoff's Quizzes. **David Johnston** attempted to fine Serjeant Geoff for calling Prince Harry 'Prince Henry' but had the fact that Harry is a nickname explained to him instead.

The International Chair **Siddharth Maheshwari** then introduced **Felix and Kim**. While Kim is an Australian, Felix is a Maasai and Visitor Coordinator at the School of St Jude who has never left Tanzania before. Felix first said Thank you to our club for sponsoring a Teacher and student at the School of St Jude then started a Mexican Hug which went around the room, leading to some unusual sights: Bob Kaye-Smith hugging David James, and Hendo's hugs with Bob Carroll and Martin Aston were among the crowd favourites.

Felix described the generally substandard Tanzanian Public School system, contrasting this with the World-class care that the poorest kids get at the School of St Jude. Life without education meant Felix could only get manual labouring jobs or work looking after the Maasai's prized cattle. It was a major triumph when he finally got a Bus driver's job at the School, where he engaged the school children on the buses to help him learn English. After three years he became visitor coordinator in 2009. His enthusiasm for the School of St Jude was as apparent as his gratitude to the school's sponsors. "Fighting Poverty through Education:" Now that would make a great Rotary Theme!

PP Noel Dunn gave the vote of thanks with dignity and feeling, presenting Felix with a Ryde banner and a copy of our "Humanity in Motion" coffee table book. Felix said both will go on display at the School of St Jude.

We sung our National Anthem with a shade more pride than usual: Australia and Australian Rotary Clubs provide most of the funding for the School of St Jude, a truly worthy recipient of our aid.

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

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Percentage Attendance 8th October: 85.00%

Makeups: PDG John Dodd, PP Duncan Taylor, President Adrian Hallett, Rtn John Brown.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PDG John Dod, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Duncan Taylor, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Peter Cooper, PP Tony Abboud, President Adrian Hallett, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn John Brown, Rtn Rob Senior, Rtn Ron Taffa, Rtn Stefan Sojka, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 22nd Steve Cartland - Sydney Living Museums
October 29th Apprentice of the Year Awards
November 5th INTERACT - Interaction Night

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by Mal & Kathleen Goris
9877 0852 / 17 Pearl Ave, Epping

Please confirm your plans in advance with both Lucile and the Goris family!

October 18th Artin & Nora Etmekdjian
October 25th SURF CAMP
November 1st Siddharth & Swati Maheshwari

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October 16th 48th Wedding Anniversary for **Ian & Ruth Henderson**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
22.10	Tony Abboud Burkhardt Foertsch	Les Whitcroft	Victoria Gouel	Stefan Sojka
29.10	Noel Dunn Adrian Hallett	Bob Kaye-Smith	-	Martin Aston

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

Nov. 2nd (Sat) Special BBQ
West Ryde 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

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS : TRAVEL AGENTS EDITION


1. I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts.
2. We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price.
3. We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow.
4. No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared.
5. We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish.
6. The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room.

TEST FOR LAST WEEK : ANSWERS

There was once a recluse who never left his home. The only time anyone ever visited him was when his food and supplies were delivered, but they never came inside. Then, one stormy winter night when an icy gale was blowing, he had a nervous breakdown. He went upstairs, turned off all the lights and went to bed. Next morning, he had caused the deaths of several hundred people. **How?**

A: THE MAN LIVED IN A LIGHTHOUSE

Three of the glasses are filled with orange juice, the other three are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange them so the full and empty glasses alternate?



A: PICK UP THE 2ND GLASS, EMPTY INTO THE 5TH GLASS & PUT IT BACK



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!
