

The HUB

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Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

A. Frostbite

Q. What's the best thing to give your parents for Christmas?

A. A list of everything you want!

Q. What do you get when you eat Christmas decorations?

A. Tinsilitis!

Q. What's red and white, red and white, red and white?

A. Santa Claus rolling down the hill.



**WISHING YOU A HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A SUPER NEW YEAR
FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE**



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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

December 17 Ryde Rotary Christmas Party!

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Lucile Richard & Burkhart Foertsch

Loyal Toast 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 06

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Last Tuesday was our Annual General Meeting which saw the acceptance of our previous minutes and past years accounts. It also saw the election of the new Board to oversee our Club in the coming 2014 – 2015 year.

It was my pleasure to announce that to assist our President Elect Kalma McLellan were:

Secretary Steve Thorp

Treasurer David James

Directors Tony Abboud

John Dodd

Kahryn Dodd

Bob Kaye-Smith

Congratulations to those elected. You have a good Club with a fine history to look after.

This Tuesday is our last meeting for the year of 2013 and will be a special meeting to celebrate the season of Christmas. We will be treated to a special Christmas fare with our meeting room dressed for the occasion.

I also have it on good authority that we should be expecting a visit from a special gentleman dressed in distinctive red and white attire.

For those unable to make it to our meeting may I thank you for your support over the last six months and extend to you and your family the best of wishes for the Christmas season and a safe, happy and healthy 2014.

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?**

President Adrian Hallett welcomed our guests including our honorary member PDG Alex Sawyer, resplendent in a brightly coloured ethnic costume from Madagascar. Many anniversaries were then announced to applause from our members and attention from our Serjeant. Then Julie reported on both District Conference and Convention: our registration total by the early bird cut-off date made us the winning large club in the District, the reward for which is three free registrations for Convention, which seems overly generous! The board has decided what to do with these, and will make the announcement soon.

Steak with carrots broccoli and mashed potatoes appeared briefly on our tables, then at 7pm the AGM was announced and running with admirable speed, the only delay being the election of four Directors, for which we had 5 nominations, and a secret ballot counted by independent scrutineers invited for the purpose. The other Board positions were elected unopposed. The four elected Directors will be assigned portfolios by the President and Board of the incoming year, being Projects, Foundation, Public Relations and Membership. Ideally each will have a 2IC in the role who can act in their place during any absences, and learn the portfolio for potential succession planning.

The AGM was officially closed, and Lucile gave the shortest Youth Exchange Report ever, by the time I'd finished noting the election results it was all over. I will instead report that Lucile has a special place in my heart after my visit to France where I met the Search and Rescue men and women of "les Sauveteurs en Mer" (Rescuers at Sea) in Canet, who had searched for my brother five years ago. Lucile is a volunteer for the same organisation in her home town. It is in many ways a small world.



Community Chair John Dodd reported that Shelter Box has received \$700,000 in donations this year to the end of November, and this has funded the delivery of 780 Shelter Boxes and an additional 1050 tents to the Philippines in response to Typhoon Haiyan. Shelter Box is also active in Lebanon and Turkey assisting with Syrian refugees. John asked for volunteers for the two remaining slots in Christmas Gift wrapping, and John Brown took one, leaving only a Monday 17th December slot with Lucile. Contact John if you can help. He also reported on the Tree of Joy and thanked those involved for their efforts, Burkhart Foertsch, Ron Taffa and Nora Etmekdjian amongst them. Former member James Candrick and his Westpac Bank staff have been very helpful yet again at Top Ryde. He also reported on a project at Tebbutt Lodge, and called for Meals on Wheels volunteers for the difficult slot of Sunday morning 29th December, finding two hands in the air for that. A busy period in Community!

President Adrian Hallett reported that the new owners of the Eastwood centre, Yuhu Corporation, have donated substantial funds to numerous local charities, many of whom we also support such as CCA and Erin's place.

PDG Alex Sawyer spoke about his period as a 15 year old refugee in the Philippines several years ago, and his dismay that the island where he lived has been devastated by Typhoon Haiyan, so none of the structures he recalls there still exist. He applauded the efforts of Rotary and of Shelterbox in particular.

On being told that children attending our Christmas Party next week must pay full price if they want an adult meal PP Duncan asked if he could pay \$10 and have chicken nuggets and chips? President Adrian Hallett responded by calling the Serjeant to the lectern to fine him.

Alex was asked to draw the spackle ticket and announced "Green F4!" as he handed the winning ticket to Lucile to take to the Serjeant. "It's Blue!" she cried, to which the Serjeant responded: "He's colour-blind, as evidenced by his appare! I had a shirt like that when I went off the rails and became a Hippie in the 1960's. It might even be the same shirt if he's had it taken out. It shows his strength of character that he can wear it in public!"

It was a great performance from Geoff and I think there was a fine in there somewhere. He followed it up with a speech of great eloquence in praise of the Christmas season which somehow turned into fining Victoria Gouel for having nicked our name badges! The late members were then fined as usual, PP Patrick Longfield for the offence of "waving coquettishly" to the Serjeant, all members of next year's board were fined for their Service, and assorted cross fines were meted before President Adrian Hallett closed the meeting with our National Anthem.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| Dec. 16 - 24th | Community Fundraiser : Christmas Gift Wrapping
Top Ryde Centre (opposite SpecSavers) / Contact John Dodd for the roster |
| Dec. 29th (Sun) | Meals on Wheels
Please contact Bob Carroll to volunteer |
| Jan. 14th (Tues) | Fellowship Dinner: IN PLACE OF REGULAR TUESDAY MEETING!
Location & Details TBC by email |
| February 7th (Fri) | Youth Exchange Dinner
6:30 for 7pm / \$60pp / Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club / RSVP to Charles Kilby |
| Feb. 18th (Tues) | Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ
Please contact John Dodd to volunteer |
| March 23rd (Sun) | Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ
Please contact John Dodd to volunteer |
| March 28th (Fri) | Major Fundraiser : Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day
Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club / Contact Martin Aston for more information |

Percentage Attendance 10th December: 90.70%

Makeups: PP Bob Carroll, PP Martin Aston.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP Martin Aston, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Rob Senior, Rtn Stefan Sojka.

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 17th** **Christmas Party! PARTNERS NIGHT**
- January 14th** **Fellowship Dinner - Location & Details TBC**
- January 21st** **First Official 2014 Club Meeting**

Q. What's a good holiday tip?
A. Never catch snowflakes with your tongue until all the birds have gone south for the winter.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- December 17th** 36th Wedding Anniversary for **Steve & Julie Thorp**
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- December 21st** 37th Club Anniversary for **Peter Cooper**
- December 22nd** 57th Birthday of **Tony Abboud**
- December 23rd** 83rd Birthday of **Noel Dunn**
- December 27th** 95th Birthday of **George Bouckley**
- January 1st** 66th Birthday of **Rob Senior**
- January 2nd** 13th Club Anniversary for **Charles Kilby**
- January 4th** Birthday Celebration for **Angie (Martin Aston)**
- January 14th** 25th Wedding Anniversary for **Allen & Bernadette Horrell**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
21.01	Jan Cutler Kalma McLellan	Graham Metcalfe	Nora Etmekdjian	Patrick Longfield
28.01	Geoff Nix John Higgins	Graham Metcalfe	Nora Etmekdjian	Patrick Longfield

In a distant, dark forest, lives a population of 400 highly intelligent dwarfs. The dwarfs all look exactly alike, but only differ in the fact that they are wearing either a red or a blue hat. There are 250 dwarfs with a red hat and 150 dwarfs with a blue hat. Striking however, is that the dwarfs do not know these numbers themselves and that none of them knows what the color of his hat is (there are for example no mirrors in this forest). Nevertheless, dwarfs do know that there is at least one dwarf with a red hat.

During a certain period of their year, there is a big party in this village, to which initially all dwarfs will go. However, this party is only intended for dwarfs wearing a blue hat. Dwarfs with a red hat are supposed not to return to the party the next day, as soon as they know that they are wearing a red hat.

How many days does it take before there are no more dwarfs with a red hat left at the party?

IF YOU CAN'T WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE BREAK FOR THE ANSWER, FEEL FREE TO EMAIL YOUR SOLUTIONS TO EDITOR@RYDEROTARY.ORG.AU

TEST FOR LAST WEEK : ANSWERS

Molly has a set of four alphabet blocks. Each side of these blocks is printed with a different letter, making 24 in total. Molly notices that by rearranging the blocks, she can spell each of the following words:

BOXY, BUCK, CHAW, DIGS, EXAM, FLIT,
GIRL, JUMP, OGRE, OKAY, PAWN, ZEST

Which letters are on each block?

**This answer is too long to publish!
Please look for the link to the solution in the HUB email :)**



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!
