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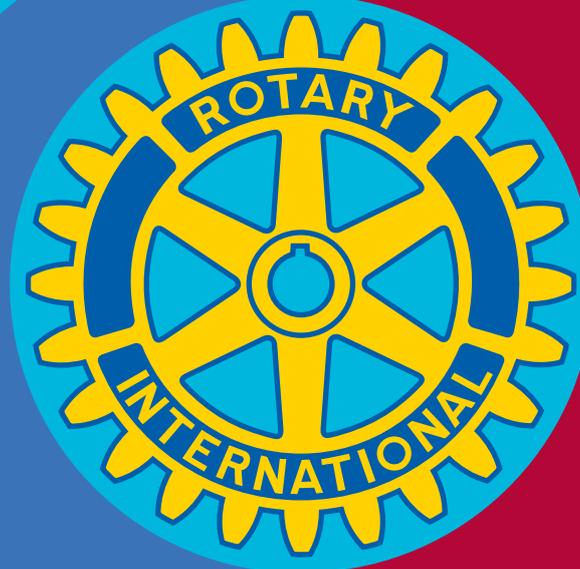
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CLUB INFORMATION

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

January 28

Caring & Living As Neighbours (CLAN) Vietnam

Jim Willet

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Martin Aston & Duncan Taylor

Loyal Toast Julie Thorp

Guest Intro Allen Horrell

Vote of Thanks Peter Cooper

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Adrian of the change. **Duty roster is on Page 6.**

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Where has January gone?

A busy weekend removing paint vandalism in Ryde and West Ryde saw an improvement in the visual appearance of the areas. Thanks to those who helped.

Our Club has been approached to help with a young Vanuatu girl who is coming back to Australia for further surgery following her ROMAC treatment in 2008. Please call / see me for more information

Great news about Tony Abboud – he was released from hospital on Thursday just 2 days after successful back surgery. Tony is recuperating at home under the watchful eye of wife Sylvia.

Surinder Joson is still at the San Hospital. We wish him well with his on-going treatment.

This weeks guest speaker is Jim Willet and his topic is 'Caring and Living as Neighbours (C.L.A.N.) – Vietnam

Best wishes to any other members on the sick list.

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?**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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- February 7th (Fri) Youth Exchange Dinner**
6:30 for 7pm / \$60pp / Ryde-East. Leagues Club / RSVP to C. Kilby **by 23rd January**
- Feb. 16th (Sun)** Banjo Patterson "Narrambla" Cottage Official Opening
TWT Coach Trip & Lunch: \$75 pp / Presented by Rotary Club of Orange
- March 2nd (Sun)** Sahra by the River : Indigo Foundation Borjagai Fundraiser
12:30pm / \$90pp / 2/76 Phillip St Parramatta / www.trybooking.com/ECCW
- March 25th (Tues)** 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
- April 5th (Sat)** Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ
Please contact John Dodd to volunteer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - DUES

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 again remain at \$125 for the period 1st Jan to 30th June 2014.

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.

David James

ROTARY MOVING FORWARD? OUR FUTURE IN THE MODERN AGE

At our meeting last week, PDG John correctly made the point that societal change in developing countries has been the context for Rotary growth in those places. The traditional Rotary paradigm is evidently appealing in the prevailing circumstances.

Clearly, the same paradigm isn't as appealing in our circumstances. Hence demand for it has fallen away. Continuing to promote the traditional offering (even vigorously, in new locations, and differently packaged) in a context of falling demand is very unlikely to result in a sustainable increase in take-up. Stories of such situations abound.

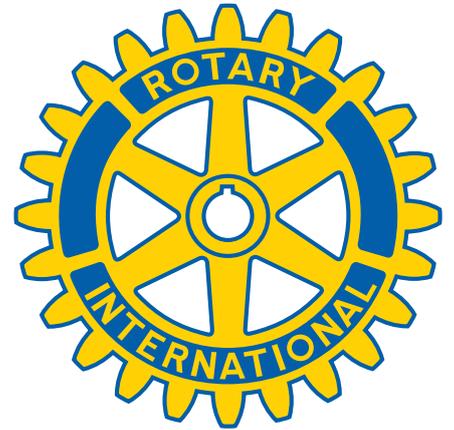
In spite of millions spent on promotion, Kodak went out of business in a market which now prefers the convenience of taking pictures on smart phones.

Traditional Rotary parallels the camera and film. New Rotary needs to parallel the smart phone.

What should it look like?

Rob Mitchell

ROTARY CLUB of RYDE



2014



**4-BALL AMBROSE
COMPLIMENTARY
BUNKER CLINIC**

**REGISTRATION +
BREAKFAST 6:30AM
SHOTGUN START 8AM
LUNCH APPROX. 1PM**

CHARITY GOLF DAY

**FRIDAY 28TH MARCH
RYDE-PARRAMATTA GOLF CLUB**



**SUPPORTING ROTARY PROJECTS
IN AUSTRALIA AND THE WIDER WORLD**
and
PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA



Percentage Attendance 28th January: 100.00%

Makeups: PP Charles Kilby, PP Charles Kilby, PP Charles Kilby, PP Martin Aston.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Bob Carroll, PP Charles Kilby, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn John Mazlin, Rtn Stefan Sojka.

LOOKING AHEAD

February 11th **John Goris** - Exchange Student returned from Finland!

February 18th **Fellowship Night**

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

9980 7337 / 2 York St, Beecroft

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

February 7th Charles & Victoria Kilby

February 14th Siddharth & Swati Maheshwari

February 21st Duncan & Marli Taylor

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 4th 51st Birthday for **Stefan Sojka**

February 7th 52nd Birthday for **Artin Etmekdjian**

February 7th Birthday Celebration for **Artin (Nora Etmekdjian)**

February 9th Birthday Celebration for **Elinor (John Higgins)**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
11.02	John Brown Nora Etmekdjian	Burkhart Foertsch	Kalma McLellan	Charles Kilby
18.02	Kathryn Dodd Ross Rocca	John Brown	-	-



THIS IS AN EARLY NOTICE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT



**Sunday
2 March 2014**

12.30pm

SAHRA BY THE RIVER

**2/76 Phillip Street
Parramatta**

\$90 per person

All soft drinks and Lebanese coffee are included.

A banquet will be served in the old Lebanese style with ten meza entrees followed by grilled meat skewers with vegetarian options.

Alcoholic drinks are available for your purchase in this lovely riverside restaurant

This is a fundraising event to benefit our wonderful Borjegai Schools Project in Afghanistan and your support will be most welcome.

Ali Reza Yunespour, our Project Advisor, plans to show us the video of the Project's exceptional progress.

Bookings with payment for tickets can be made at:
<http://www.trybooking.com/ECCW>

Tables can be arranged for your group or simply join friends of the Project on the day.

We'd love to see you there and hope you'll join us for this event in early 2014.

The restaurant is only 100 metres from the Rivercat ferry wharf in Parramatta.

the first thing we offer is **respect**



President Adrian Hallett welcomed visitors and announced the apologies: most notable being PP Tony Abboud, who was on the operating table at the Prince of Wales Hospital for 4 hours of surgery on his back, and Rtn Surinder Joson who is undergoing radio-therapy, domiciled for some time at room 612 at the SAN. Rotarian visitors welcome.

After dinner, a minute steak and vegetables including the obligatory beans, birthdays and anniversaries were announced, those receiving the accolades somewhat subdued as the Serjeant scribbled down their names, Noel and Graham taking some ribbing for being at the meeting instead of out to dinner with their wives!

After David James' appeal for subs to be paid, it was time for Lucile's report: "Allo!" she began, to a chorus of "Allo, Allo!" from the BBC sitcom fans in the club. She enjoyed Christmas with the Goris family, although it felt "too hot to be Christmas!" She then joined them on a holiday down the South Coast, characterized by Blue Sea, white beaches and a red Lucile from sunburn! At New Year she enjoyed the Fireworks in the Sydney Harbour, and since then has enjoyed RYLA week, a holiday at Lake Macquarie with the Dodd family, returning to Sydney for Australia Day, and tomorrow is keenly looking forward to returning to school. Or not...

PE Kalma reminded those of us attending the one day Conference at Chatswood to choose a break-out session and register that for planning purposes. She gave PP Patrick's Sustainability session a plug, to the applause of the room. She also pointed out that the Convention email request has had a poor response, she thought due to the requirement for the latest web browser to read it, and offered to register volunteers for those struggling to do so.

PP Martin Aston told us our Golf Day requires Sponsors, Entrants and Donors of prizes: Bottles of wine are always well-received.

Serjeant Geoff asked PP (and PM) Artin Etmekdjian to draw the spackle, Jan took away a bottle of Red and a second consolation prize of a bag of lollies, and the Spackle jackpot headed north of \$800. Serjeant Geoff told Graham and Noel they would not be fined for their wedding anniversaries, having already paid the week before, instead being fined for leaving their wives at home on the big day. Victoria and Siddharth were fined for lateness, Patrick, Artin and me for talking, and then Victoria was hit again for the "Barangaroo Underbelly" front page Daily Telegraph article he displayed on screen. That headline sought to compare the CFMEU with underworld gangsters, but apparently there is a difference, it is just too subtle for most to distinguish between the two.

Sadly the Ron Pacey Award was a massive earner for the Serjeant, as no-one could name the 2013 awardee, PP Bob Kaye-Smith.

PDG John Dodd spoke on the idea of setting up a Satellite Club at West Ryde, as a way of increasing Rotary membership in our area. He pointed out the history of Rotary membership, which rose steadily from 1905 till 1990, and has been steady since, in spite of much time and effort seeking further growth. Rotary then is the very model of Sustainability, a concept that was coincidentally hatched at that time by the UN Agenda 21 movement. Maybe 1.2 Million is the Earth's "Carrying Capacity" for Rotarians? But I digress.

John pointed out that fellowship builds enthusiasm in clubs, citing our involvement in running his conference last year: near 100% involvement of club members working together and taking satisfaction from achieving a shared goal. The fostering of a new club would have similar benefits, making our club stronger.

The Council on Legislation (COL) is Rotary's Parliament, where delegates from 530 Districts vote on changes to our rules every three years.

Last year they allowed for the existence of Satellite Clubs, where the members belong to the host club, but meet at a different time and place, perhaps for a low-cost 30 minute meeting (there is no minimum meeting time in the Rotary Constitution), run projects independently, have a Chairman who reports to the host club's President, and when they reach a certain size, be chartered as a daughter club in their own right. Being the chairman of a satellite club would be a challenge, but would be blazing a trail for other clubs to follow, and performing a service to the District as well as to the people of West Ryde. Being the Founding President of a new Rotary Club is something that can never be taken away from you either; food for thought from our PDG John.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT ROMAC

Anna Nakou is a 6 year old burns victim from Vanuatu, on her second visit to Sydney, for treatment of contractures. She was initially here in Sep–Oct 2008, under the care of Drs. John Harvey and Rob Gates. Anna and her mother Marie will arrive in Sydney, from Port Vila, Vanuatu on Sunday 2nd February.



Heading home: Anna Nakou and her mother Marie yesterday, who will both soon return to Vanuatu. Picture: James Elsby

Brave Anna wins shocking burns battle

Michelle Cazzulino
 WHEN Anna Nakou arrived in Australia less than two months ago, the burns that covered 40 per cent of her tiny body were slowly killing her. She was malnourished, her injuries were severely infected and medical staff in her native Vanuatu could do no more to save her. However, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of doctors at The Children's Hospital at Westmead and the Australia-based humanitarian program ROMAC, Anna was flown to Sydney where she received the treatment she so desperately needed. Yesterday she was given the all-clear to return home by Dr John Harvey, the chairman of the NSW Severe Burns Injury Service, who said her prognosis was "excellent". Anna, who hails from a remote village in northern Vanuatu, was in bed about six weeks ago when a candle lighting her family's hut overturned, igniting a mosquito net. Minutes later, her bedclothes caught fire. Local doctor Basil Leodoro had completed part of his training in Australia and was able to resuscitate her and perform minor skin grafts, using techniques acquired during his time here. However, when it became clear that he could do no more to help her, he rang his Australian colleagues. Dr Harvey paid tribute to Dr Leodoro and said despite a lack of equipment in the capital, Port Vila, Dr Leodoro had saved Anna's life. Dr Harvey said many others had played a role in Anna's survival — her burns were treated using equipment purchased by the Day of Difference Foundation and the NSW Fire Brigades. Although she lost five toes, Dr Harvey said Anna's extraordinary progress had been gratifying. Speaking through an interpreter, Anna's mother, Marie, who travelled to Sydney with her daughter, said she wanted to thank all those who helped.

Philip Smith from ROMAC is looking for Rotarians who may be able to spare the time to transport mother and child for outings, or visit the mother and child in The Childrens Hospital Westmead.

The mother speaks only a little English, her language being 'Bislama'.

The purpose of a visitor to the hospital bedside each morning and night, is to ensure the mother and child, and nurses in the Ward, are OK and do not need for anything from ROMAC; and feed that info back to me, thanks.

Once you have been once, you will get the idea. A visit only takes a short time and is essential to the mother and child.

If you are able to help, please call/email : philipsmith@tpg.com.au / 0419 203 020

Buongiorno a tutti! I am sending the biggest and warmest greetings from Sacile, Italy! I have officially arrived and settled into my new home with the Menegazzi's for a week and a bit now and it's been grande! On Sunday (19 January), I arrived at Venice airport after a long flight (Sydney - Dubai - Heathrow - Venice) of around 27 hours. Albeit the long hours, little sleep and plane-sickness around me, the flights were definitely enjoyable, having been given the opportunity to meet and talk with other outbound exchange students and especially those also travelling to Italy. We had the opportunity to share our fears, expectations and planned trips for the year - we were all excited for the Europe trip in June. Arrival was a mix of emotions - my luggage ended up lost somewhere between Heathrow and Venice but my wonderful host family and counsellor greeted me with beautiful smiles, warm hugs and a small cup of bitter, strong coffee!

Sacile is a cute little town with around 20,000 people, and there is none of the city-buzz I am used to. The roads here are small and only a few stores are open on Mondays. One of the greater differences that really made itself felt was the fact that I had to wake up at 6:30am the very next morning to go to school! The education system in Italy is also drastically different from Australia and in my very first class, my classmates were fascinated at the idea of a school uniform, two week holidays after every term and having no classes on Saturdays. On the very first day at Liceo "G. Leopardi - E. Majorana", I was welcomed with a standing chorus of my name 'Sham, Libbi Mun-Mun' by my classmates - I was told later that they've been expecting my arrival because my name has been on the class roll since last September.

My class is in the second last year of high school and they have been together ever since the first year and so, each lesson I find myself sitting amongst a group of friends rather than classmates. They have been extremely welcoming, being cautious to speak in Italian slowly whenever I am around and trying hard to express themselves well in English when talking to me. On Thursday my class had an excursion to Villa Manin (a big beautiful residence once used by a governor in the past) where we visited an exhibition on the work of war photojournalist, Robert Capa. Whilst the guide spoke in Italian, the richness of the images made the trip an incredible experience! The dreaded school on Saturday finally came but to my surprise, it wasn't as tedious or tiring as I imagined - I have begun to bring some Italian workbooks to complete during difficult subjects like history, philosophy and Latin and to my great surprise and happiness, my classmates opened up to me even more and were willing to correct my mistakes and teach me!

At home, I really enjoy the company of Rinaldo (my host father), Alessandra (my host mother) and Irene. They've been so caring and loving - making sure I tried the classic Italian dishes (pizza, pasta and tiramisu) on the very first night, and on my very first weekend in Italy, they took me to Cortina d'Ampezzo, a commune in the heart of the Dolomite mountains. My very first view of these snowcapped mountains was at 6pm on Saturday night from the highway but it had already won my heart! The view the next morning was even better than I expected and combined with the bright sunlight and clear skies, it was a beautiful Sunday! Cortina is currently hosting the 2014 Ski World Cup. I was also given the opportunity to spend time with Irene and her cousins - we hung out together on the Saturday night at a bar (this is how Italians refer to restaurants) and went to the gym together!

ARCHIMEDES PART II

In an aquarium filled with water, a block of ice block floats, with a bar of gold frozen in it. We mark the current water level.

When the ice has molten completely and the bar of gold has sunk to the bottom of the aquarium, will the water level be higher, lower, or still the same?

At the start, the upward force, needed to keep the bar of gold floating, equals the weight of the gold. Therefore, the weight of the displaced water equals the weight of the gold. In the end, the amount the displaced water equals the volume of the bar of gold. Since the density of water is less than that of gold, the weight of displaced water is then less than the weight of the gold.

Conclusion: The water level will be lower when the ice is melted & the gold has sunk.

ARCHIMEDES PART III

In an aquarium filled with water, a block of wood floats. On top of the block of wood, a brick has been glued. We mark the current water level.

If the block of wood is turned around (so that the brick hangs underneath), will the water level rise, fall, or stay the same?

The upward force, needed to keep the block of wood with the brick floating, is equal to the weight of the block of wood with the brick. Turning the block of wood around does not change the weight, so the needed upward force stays the same, so the weight of the displaced water stays the same.

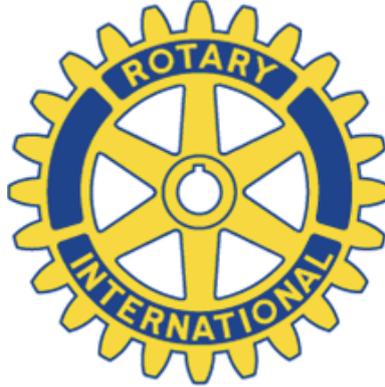
ARCHIMEDES PART IV

In an aquarium filled with water, a sponge floats.

While the sponge slowly absorbs water (but stays floating), will the water level rise, fall, or stay the same?

When the sponge absorbs a certain amount of water, it will get heavier. Because the sponge keeps floating, the additional amount of displaced water will therefore be equal to the absorbed amount of water.

Conclusion: The water level stays the same.



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!
