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**ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE :
REBOUNDS & OUTBOUNDS 2013-2014**



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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

February 11

Youth Exchange : Finland 2013

John Goris

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers John Brown & John Dodd

Loyal Toast Burkhart Foertsch

Guest Intro Kalma McLellan

Vote of Thanks Charles Kilby

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,

Our guest speaker last Tuesday certainly gave us something to think about. CLAN is another fine example of local people making a difference on the world scene. It should certainly makes us glad we live where we do and make us thankful for all the benefits we take so readily for granted.

This Tuesday we will hear from our recently returned exchange student, John Goris and learn what a wonderful experience he has had whilst on youth exchange in Finland.

On the health front we should see Tony Abboud showing how well he is recovering with Tony joining us for our meeting. Meanwhile Surinder Joson continues to convalesce at the San Hospital. Several Club members have been and visited with him. Surinder appreciates the company as it breaks the otherwise long days.

Next week we are having a Fellowship night and I ask you to give some thought to how the Club can make or generate additional revenue to enable us to make a difference in our local environment / community. Any ideas to create additional revenue will be favourably received and may serve as a good basis for group discussion which may lead to variations not previously envisaged. Please put your thinking caps on.

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?**

Feb. 16th (Sun) Banjo Patterson "Narrambla" Cottage Official Opening
TWT Coach Trip & Lunch: \$75 pp / Presented by Rotary Club of Orange

Feb. 23rd (Sun) **District 9685 Conference 2014**
The Concourse, Chatswood / conference2014d9586.wordpress.com

March 2nd (Sun) Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

March 2nd (Sun) Sahra by the River : Indigo Foundation Borjagai Fundraiser
12:30pm / \$90pp / 2/76 Phillip St Parramatta / www.trybooking.com/ECCW

March 11th (Tues) **PARTNERS NIGHT : Royal Rehabilitation Hospital Tour**
6 for 6:30pm / \$30pp (incl. drinks) / Royal Rehab Hospital, 235 Morrison Rd

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

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.



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 legs were so severely infected and swollen that in her mother, 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.

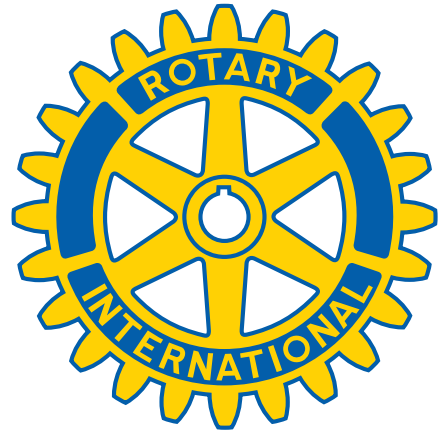
Philip Smith from ROMAC is looking for Rotarians who may be able to spare the time to transport mother and child for outings, or visit the mother and child in The Childrens Hospital Westmead. The mother speaks only a little English, her language being 'Bislama'.

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

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 4th February: 94.59%

Makeups: Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, PP David James, Rtn Erdem Toner.

Apologies: Dr Siddharth Maheshwari, Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Carroll, PP David James, PP Ken Allen, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn John Mazlin.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 14th Siddharth & Swati Maheshwari

February 21st Charles & Victorial Kilby

February 28th Victoria Gouel

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 15th 9 Year Club Anniversary for **Steve Thorp**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
18.02	Ross Rocca Nora Etmekdjian	John Brown	-	-
25.02	Steve Thorp Peter Cooper	Geoff Brennan	Patrick Longfield	Victoria Gouel

WHY TEACHERS DRINK

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. Name the four seasons.

A. Salt, pepper, mustard & vinegar.

Q. What is a seizure?

A. A Roman Emperor.

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.



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**



After being welcomed to our meeting by Martin Aston and Duncan Taylor, I recalled that I too had a rostered duty for the night, and introduced myself to our guest speaker Jim Willett. Finding that he was not only a fellow Kiwi, but hails from Invercargill where I went to high school, and has a history of community service through Australian Business Volunteers, Fair-trade Australia & New Zealand and CLAN (Caring and Living As Neighbours) in Vietnam, I discovered we had much in common.

The meeting got off to a good start with Julie Thorp toasting the Queen, and then President Adrian Hallett announced Stefan's 51st Birthday just as he walked in. Adrian plugged the trip to Orange to honour Banjo Patterson, and also spruiked the new RYPEN project in the Blue Mountains, before introducing Lucile Richard's weekly report.

Lucile has been back at school, attended a birthday party, been to the hairdresser, and went to Chinese New Year in Chinatown with Artin and Nora. She also went to a 20/20 cricket match, and has acquired a dolphin (presumably inflatable) for the Dodd swimming pool. John Dodd was uncharacteristically found to be speechless, with nothing to say when called to give his report, so Martin Aston took the floor seeking volunteers to help run the Golf day, and yes, he does want donations of wine, especially from those who cannot attend in person on the day.

Charles Kilby reported that his son Luke is now in Brasil, and Anna Horrell is having a great time in Finland, as is Libbi Sham in Italy. PE Kalma McLellan announced that the Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition is "Under Control!"

After the schnitzel, carrots, beans and mashed potatoes had been consumed, Serjeant Geoff asked Lucile to collect the fines, and PDG John to draw the Spackle. PE Kalma had the winning ticket, but was given a red card and sent off without the jackpot. Fines came thick and fast, faster than this scribe could record, but included Victoria and Stefan for lateness, Stefan again for his birthday, Patrick and some lesser known talkers for verbosity, including Stefan yet again.

The Hub quiz once again proved that comprehension and retention of information is vastly improved by actually reading the Hub. One question concerned Rob Mitchell's thoughtful letter to the editor on the future of Rotary, where traditional Rotary was compared to Kodak's camera film business. Members are invited to write to the Hub with their suggestions for how future Rotary can be as cool as a smartphone.

The Next Generation staff had noted the relentless bullying of the birthday boy and gave Stefan two desserts as compensation. "He's got two puddings!" yelled ever observant Victoria. "It's his birthday!" I replied. "But he's got two puddings!" It seemed like an over-reaction for a pottle of brown stuff with half a strawberry on top, so I passed mine over and said "Now he's got three!"

I introduced Jim Willett to the club, and he told us CLAN is an NGO founded by his neighbour and Rotarian Kate Hansen who has met Paul Harris, proven by a photograph of the great man with her grandfather. CLAN works with Non-Communicable Disease sufferers in Vietnam. In a masterful display of someone who has done his homework, Jim's presentation was structured around the four questions of the Four Way Test and showed how CLAN's projects ticked all the Rotary boxes.

Their plans are well developed, but they lack the resources to implement them, so are seeking assistance with funding. As Geoff Brennan said later he deserves a \$500 donation just for the effort he had put into the presentation to our club. I wondered whether their work would qualify for a matching grant if they partnered with a Vietnamese Rotary Club. I also wondered if Australian Business Volunteers, Fair-trade ANZ and CLAN were our future partners or our competitors, proving to be as cool as a Smartphone?

RYEP STUDENT ANNA HORRELL : NEWS FROM FINLAND

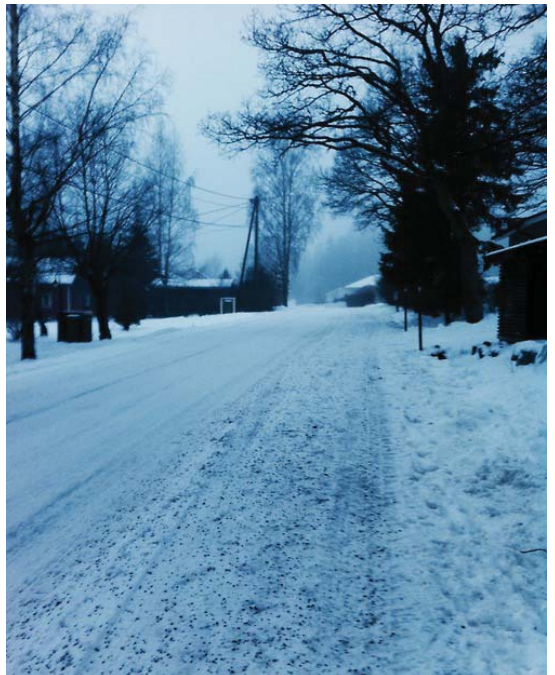
Last week I said goodbye to the other exchange students, RotEx and everyone else at Karkku and said hello to my host family. My host family is really lovely and they have made me feel very welcome in their home.

My Australia day was spent in a very unusual, but fun, way. After lunch I went with my host sisters, Ilona and Inkeri, to the lake to go ice skating. It was lots of fun even though I found it challenging as snow covered areas were uneven. I fell over about 10 times but you have to start somewhere. So each time I laughed it off, plus it was worth it as I got to skate to an island on the lake and drink hot chocolate.

Tuesday was my first day at my new school. This week I have been going to Inkeri's classes as my schedule starts next week. However it has been good as it has allowed me to learn my way around the school. Everyone at school has been nice and I'm looking forward to next week.

I also got to try more new fun things such as wheel gymnastics. Doing spins and turns in a big metal bar wheel is super fun. I also got to see another gorgeous church, clear the snow and go skiing again. I thought skiing was hard... Getting up after falling with skis connected to your feet is even harder. It was still enjoyable though and the sauna was the perfect way to end the day.

I'm loving this winter wonderland and all the wonderful experiences I'm having. Including Just curling up by the fire.



ROTARY CAN HELP



THE BULLYING YES WE CAN AND YES WE SHOULD

We have an opportunity, an OBLIGATION, to change lives and indeed to SAVE the lives of thousands of young people right here in Australia

My sincere wish is that every club in District 9685 wholeheartedly supports this project and watches with pride as it spreads throughout the world via this amazing organisation of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

WE WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE OF AT LEAST TWO VERY
COMPASSIONATE, EXPERT PEOPLE IN THIS AREA OF CRITICAL
NEED IN OUR SOCIETY . . .

Julie and Andrew Matthews

"Being Happy", "Follow Your Heart", "Happiness in Hard Times", "Being a Happy Teen"

"Stop the Bullying", (with Julie).

Go to www.seashell.com.au to purchase your copy of this most excellent book.

Andrew Matthews' books have sold over 8 million copies in 43 different languages

Julie and Andrew will travel from Cairns to give us some insights, encouragement and guidance to enable us to conduct STB meetings.

I ask most sincerely that Presidents, Youth and Community Directors and other concerned members make every effort to attend the **Break Out Session** at District 9685 Conference and also to purchase a copy of "STOP THE BULLYING" and read it in preparation.

go to www.seashell.com.au

For further information please contact PP Michael Small PHF, The Rotary Club of Upper Blue Mountains, Sunrise.

0417 84 3456

e-mail: mskumbayah@hotmail.com.au

In a small village in the middle of nowhere, three innocent prisoners are sitting in a jail. One day, the cruel jailer takes them out and places them in a line on three chairs, in such a way that man C can see both man A and man B, man B can see only man A, and man A can see none of the other men.

The jailer shows them 5 hats, 2 of which are black and 3 of which are white. After this, he blindfolds the men, places one hat on each of their heads, and removes the blindfolds again. The jailer tells his three prisoners that if one of them is able to determine the color of his hat within one minute, all of them are released. Otherwise, they will all be executed. None of the prisoners can see his own hat, and all are intelligent. After 59 seconds, man A shouts out the (correct) color of his hat!

What is the color of man A's hat, and how does he know?

**IF YOU CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK FOR THE ANSWERS, FEEL FREE TO
EMAIL YOUR SOLUTIONS TO EDITOR@RYDEROTARY.ORG.AU**

**SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF CHEESE,
WHO AM I TO DISS A BRIE.
I CHEDDAR THE WORLD
AND THE FETA CHEESE,
EVERYBODY'S LOOKING FOR STILTON.**



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!