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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)
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504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

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Ryde NSW 1680

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March 04

National Youth Science Forum 2014

Joyce Yu

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers	Noel Dunn
Loyal Toast	Tony Abboud
Guest Intro	Jan Cutler
Vote of Thanks	John Brown

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 week was Patrick Mahoney, whom our Club sponsored to RYLA around 2008. He spoke of the changes RYLA has made to his life since then.

It was a unique opportunity we do not get very often as we usually lose contact with our attendees. Thanks also to Patrick for filling in at the last minute.

Our guest speaker for Tuesday night will be Joyce Yu whom our Club sponsored to attend the National Youth Science Forum held in Perth. We are looking forward to hearing from Joyce especially following receipt of her thank you letter.

Best wishes to those on the sick list. Hope to see you soon.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night.

Adrian

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, SYDNEY, 1-4 JUNE 2014

Have you read the latest news about the Convention and its associated events in "Corroboree"
- the official newsletter of the Host Organising Committee?

Please let President Adrian know if you need a copy!

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?**

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

April 6th (Sun) Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

April 30th (Wed) Combined Service Clubs Dinner
Details TBC - save the date! ****IN PLACE OF TUESDAY MEETING****

11TH MARCH : VISIT TO RYDE ROYAL REHAB HOSPITAL

Ryde Rotary will be holding our meeting in the Community Hall at Royal Rehab (previously The Royal Rehabilitation Centre, Sydney) on Morrison Rd, Putney on Tuesday March 11th. We shall be given a brief tour of the new facility, a talk on the work they do and a chance to ask any questions about the hospital.

A meal will be provided, including drinks, for our usual fee of \$30pp, which will be **payable in cash on the night please - no direct debits that night!**

Remember it is a Partners Night (including wives, husbands or significant-others) and a sheet will be going round the tables this week.

If you can't go and you said you would, please let Julie know before 10am Monday 10th March.

Royal Rehab have advised that the best entry is from Charles Street, parking around the Recreation Circle (see map).

Have an enjoyable evening!

Martin Aston
Vocational Service Director



Oh what a joy it was to see the return of our 2xPP and **Sergeant Geoff Brennan**, to bring some harmonic foundation to Rotary Grace after last week's cacophony! Apt, too, that he was rostered to toast our Queen, which he achieved with a minimalism that made haiku poetry appear long-winded – simply, “The Queen” – and I promptly downed my second glass of red in readiness for the furious illegible scribbling that was to be my night ahead.

President Adrian Hallett commenced by welcoming guest speaker, **Pat Mahony**, **PDGW Janelle Dodd** & **YES Lucile**. With **PP Allen Horrell** still in NZ, there was a list of apologies about as long as a Hobbit's arm, later reported by stand-in attendance reporter & abacus-fiddler **Graham Metcalfe** to be an anatomically correct 92.68%.

Adrian proceeded to congratulate the birthday & anniversary celebrators. **Ron & Margaret Taffa** for a chart-topping 57 years of marriage, **Nora Etmekdjian** for clocking up 7 years with our club, **Peter Cooper's** wife **Margaret** & **yours truly's** wife **Lata's** birthdays and **David Johnston**, hitting the big half-century!!

With dinner running slightly behind schedule, President Adrian kicked off with an ad-lib report on District Conference, held two days earlier. In a nutshell, it was good! **John Dodd**, after his recent secondment from DG to PDG took a few seconds and seconded Adrian's comments, adding that the dancing was second to none. He raised a second topic, that of ‘**Home Hospitality Nights**’, where local Rotarians of host districts get the fabulous privilege of entertaining visiting Rotarians, as he and Janelle did with **Trish and Simon Boyle** & their daughter **Louise** from NZ – and plan to do the same for at least another 8 more couples during the RI Convention in June. It sounds like a fabulous idea and a great way to network with Rotarians and leaders from far-flung places and in one short evening, create deep networks and life-long friendships. PDG John also mentioned something about Shelterbox, but there is a big red wine stain obliterating my notes.

Julie Thorp then announced next years' conference as one not to miss, going back to the 3-day format and happening in the Hunter Valley on the **20-22 March 2015**. She innocently mentioned ‘partners’, prompting ‘**Pedantic**’ **PP Patrick Longfield** to pontificate pompously about the partners/wives predicament. I tried to explain that one must say ‘partners’ because your wife is by definition your partner, but that doesn't necessarily mean your partner is your wife – Just like global warming could by definition mean more heat waves, but that doesn't necessarily mean a heat wave is proof of global warming. He remained sceptical. Dinner seemed to have been completely served, but I seemed to have missed out, so I went to the bar to beckon our delightful maître d' to hasten my meal and get me a drink while she was at it. While she was at it, I realised that an entire table, including **PDG John Dodd** had not yet been served yet either, so I shrank in shame to the size of a door mouse – but not before I'd gotten my drink and meal first.

Lucile told us how she went ten-pin bowling with the **Kilby family** and had a great time. **Charles Kilby** remarked from our table that it was interesting to see an exchange student wind up in the ‘gutter’! Apparently Lucile has a hidden talent we are yet to enjoy, as she was rumoured to have performed some kind of Eurovision remake of Kylie Minogue's “Rotarmotion”. Lucille loved District Conference, being a flag bearer, dining with the Dodds and finding out just how much stuff Rotary does.

PE Kalma McLellan reported on the upcoming **Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition**, only weeks away, asking for help at the heats. **David James** spruiked the **Golf Day** again, asking for more prizes, suggesting perhaps cold hard cash as an easy option for those of us who don't own jewellery stores, bottle shops, hi-fi shops or real estate agents and can't donate pink diamonds, grog, big screen TVs or houses as prizes. <http://www.trybooking.com/76864> is the place to go to book for the event! **PP Charles Kilby** has a burgeoning Youth portfolio, with National Youth Science Forum participant Joyce Yu coming next week, NYSF coming up again, Ryde Secondary Interact Club getting their bell, Luke Kilby and Anna Horrell loving their exchange years so far & MUNA coming up in April @ Knox.

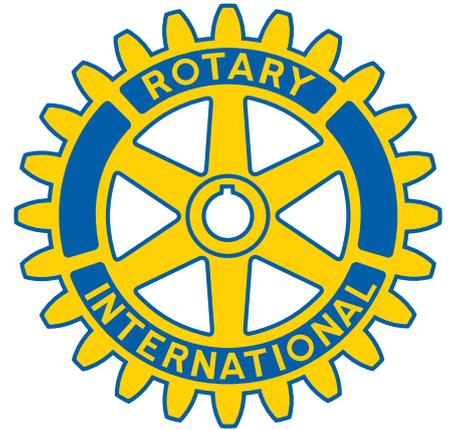
Sergeant's session commenced furiously with **PP Geoff Brennan's** return, wearing his table cloth shirt, fining all and sundry. **Kathryn Dodd** drew the spackle and chose the red. I became a hapless victim of Geoff's excessive adulation then paid the ultimate price. **Martin Aston** was pinged for a typo and a medical procedure, **Patrick** for talking (surprise, surprise) and welcomer **Peter Cooper** for not welcoming, or welcoming too much, or something. **Patrick** wreaked vengeance on the sergeant for his dress sense and physique (thank you Patrick Schwarzenegger) before introducing our guest speaker.

Pat Mahony is a RYLA veteran from 2007 and what a life he has had since! He is now studying medicine with the RAAF at Sydney Uni, and has worked at ANSTO and CSIRO as a nuclear chemist & science writer. Pat was a GSE team member in 2010 to Germany, was Charter President of **Brindabella Rotaract Club** (and served as treasurer), was a RYLA facilitator from 2009 – 2012 and helped establish RYLA in Timor-Leste.



He explained how far he had come since his initial impression of Rotary until now and how RYLA essentially changed his life completely. The long-term effects have seen his career blossom and his leadership skills magnify. Pat said that RYLA doesn't add anything (as you have it all within you already) it takes away your blocks and frees you to be the leader you were always meant to be. RYLA promotes 'servant leadership' and tuned him to his core values and beliefs that drive him ever onward in his career and community service. He is a perfect ambassador for RYLA and testament to the life-long impact it has on its participants. Kathryn Dodd thanked him for his inspirational talk and we wound up the night in full voice (and in tune) thanks to the tonal gravity of PP Geoff Brennan's fog-horn-class lung pipe. Until next week...

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



On Friday afternoon, President Adrian together with PE Kalma and Geoff Nix visited Ryde Secondary College to attend a meeting of their Interact Club.

During the meeting the Club was presented with their Club bell and a cheque for \$250.00 which represented their part of the proceeds from Christmas Gift Wrapping at Top Ryde City Shopping Centre.

The Club outlined a range of fundraising activities they wished to undertake during the year and discussed suitable charities to whom they could donate.

Following their meeting we discussed a range of concerns and some joint activities or ventures that may be possible.

We wish them well in their coming year!

Adrian



GRAFFITI REMOVAL : MARCH 2014

Wet weather and a small roll-up had no effect on the enthusiasm of the Paint Vandalism Clean-Up team on the first Sunday of March. President Adrian, Kilby, Maheshwari and Brennan found work again at West Ryde shops, San Antonio da Padava nursing home and a private paling fence near Ryde Secondary College.

Interaction with pedestrians, employees and the homeowner was positive and the citizen has promised a donation through our website. Whilst we will see if the donation eventuates, the interaction is what our project is about. Awareness of how to fight vandalism will eventually make this scourge a thing of the past.

It needs to be said that PP Bill Payne was sorely missed; both for his extensive knowledge of coatings and his wonderful flask of coffee and macadamia biscuits.

Geoff Brennan

PROFESSOR JOHN RASKO

The microscopic world of cells is nothing short of mind-bendingly complex. It requires a special kind of person to take on the enormous challenge of understanding this world in order to solve our greatest medical challenges. John Rasko, Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney, is such a person.

A Haematologist and Pathologist by trade, John tackles this mysterious miniature world of genomics and stem cell research with a giant intellect and an even greater personal drive on his ceaseless quest for revolutionary new treatments and cures to our most challenging of diseases.



Professor Rasko put in 18 years of study and practice, before he even got into his stride, highlighting just how much these tiny cells and their complexities demand of our intellect. But he is no cloistered academic. John believes in a holistic “Bench to Bedside” philosophy of haematology. His career is evenly balanced between seeing individual patients regularly, conducting regular diagnoses, getting out into the public arena promoting scientific advancement and ethics ...and sitting in the lab at the cutting edge of biomedical research, developing treatments that he can take right back to his patients’ bedsides.

A pioneer in the development of gene technology in his capacity as Director of the Cell and Molecular Therapy Laboratories at RPA Hospital, Professor Rasko has made significant contributions to the technology that identifies genetic abnormalities, improves the packaging of normal genes for use in gene therapy for hereditary diseases and cancer.

At the same time Professor Rasko maintains a robust teaching schedule, taking on PhD students and training future scientists.

John’s CV runs to 27 pages! It covers the entire spectrum of vocational life, including public speaking, clinical trials, securing patents, writing books, papers and articles, media appearances, government advisory roles, ethics committees, volunteer work, and numerous prizes and awards, including an Officer of the Order of Australia.

Professor Rasko’s life’s work is to cure serious diseases by pioneering and developing revolutionary gene and adult stem cell therapies. Already his breakthroughs have saved and prolonged tens of thousands of lives, and as he continues on his vocational path, the impacts of his tireless efforts will be felt by millions of people around the world, of every generation yet to come.

Thanks to Stefan Sojka for this great citation.

Percentage Attendance 25th February: 81.58%

Makeups: PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Noel Dunn OAM, PP Ross Rocca.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Allen Horrell, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Duncan Taylor, PP John Higgins, PP Noel Dunn OAM, PP Ross Rocca, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn John Brown, Rtn John Mazlin, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

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!

March 7th Patrick & Yvonne Longfield

March 14th Kalma McLellan

March 21st John & Elinor Higgins

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February 27th 57th Wedding Anniversary for **Ron & Margaret Taffa***

March 4th 50th Birthday of **David Johnston**

March 7th Birthday Celebration for **Yvonne (Patrick Longfield)**

March 8th 37th** Club Anniversary for **Doug Thompson**

March 9th 56th Birthday of **Allen Horrell**

March 10th 43rd Wedding Anniversary for **Burkhart & Patricia Foertsch**

* **Correction for Issue #31** February 27th was the 57th Wedding Anniversary for **Ron & Margaret Taffa**

** Including his time in Rylsone-Kandos, **Doug Thompson** has been a Rotarian for 41 years & 8 months

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
04.11	Charles Kilby & Ron Taffa	Allen Horrell	Noel Dunn	John Higgins
04.18	Ian Henderson & Patrick Longfield	Nora Etmekdjian	David Johnston	Victoria Gouel

You are a participant in a quiz. The quizmaster shows you three closed doors.

He tells you that behind one of these doors, there is a prize, and behind the other two doors, there is nothing.

You select one of the doors, but before you open it, the quizmaster deliberately picks out a remaining empty door and shows that there is nothing behind it.

The quizmaster offers you a chance to switch doors with the remaining closed door.

Should you stick to your choice?

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

TEST FOR LAST WEEK : SOLUTION

You have a stack of 23 cards. Each card has an image of a cross on one side and an image of a circle on the other side. You know that 14 cards in the stack are lying with the cross up, and therefore 9 cards are with the circle up. You do not know in which order the cards are. You are in a completely dark room, so you cannot see anything.

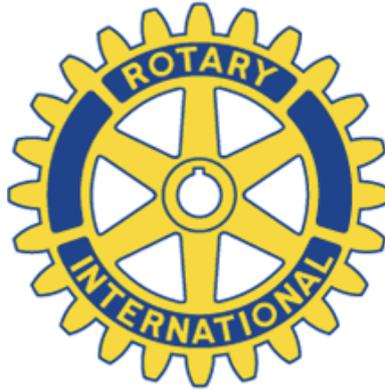
How can you, without seeing anything, divide the stack of cards in two smaller stacks, in such a way that both stacks have the same number of cards with a cross up?

Take 14 cards from the stack. Of these 14 cards, k cards are with the cross up and therefore $14-k$ cards are with the circle up. In the remaining stack of 9 cards are $14-k$ cards with a cross up.

Then turn the stack of 14 cards round. Now there are $14-k$ cards with a cross up in both stacks.

Note that we do not know exactly how many cards are lying with a cross up in both stacks (or how many cards are lying with a circle up).

We only know that both stacks have the same number of cards with a cross up.



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!
