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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

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PO BOX 90
Ryde NSW 1680

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April 01

Ambassador Restaurant, Ryde TAFE

6:30 for 7pm Vocational Visit**There is NO meeting at Next Generation this week.**

All places at the Ambassador Restaurant have been booked and pre-paid. If you have not booked and pre-paid, please submit an apology to the Attendance Officer, as you have not been included in the booking.

ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM

Dear Rotarians and Rotary Friends,

Our guest speaker last Tuesday was Tom Sweeney, a Rotarian from the Crows Nest Rotary Club, and a past speaker at our Club. His talk entitled – The Plot Thickens, did not disappoint.

Our day at Bunnings was not the success we had hoped for but the next opportunity on Saturday 5th April should be very different given the money now being spent on promotion. Volunteers are still required for Saturday so please contact John Dodd.

Our Annual Golf Day was held on Friday. The weather was overcast with periods of drizzle but thankfully no serious rain as had been occurring over the previous few days. Congratulations to Martin Aston and his team for a great day.

A special thank you to those that were able to assist with Meals on Wheels last Sunday. Another good job successfully completed.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night. Do not forget we are at Ryde TAFE in their Restaurant this week.

We will be back at Next Gen next week for our Junior Schools Public Speaking Finals. This is always a good night and a good excuse to bring your partner along for some good entertainment.

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?**

April 5th (Sat) Community Fundraiser : Bunnings Rydalmere BBQ
8am - 4pm / 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****

June 2-4 **Rotary International Convention 2014**
Register online or contact Julie Thorp

June 3rd (Tues) **RI Convention Host Hospitality Night - PARTNERS NIGHT**
Details TBC (In place of regular meeting)

MARCH 25 - AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

We were relegated to the small room for our meeting, but **Acting Serjeant Patrick** tried for large protocol, crying "President Adrian!" at every turn, in the solemn tones of a Monarchist announcing the return of the King.

After a tasty appetiser of Rotary conversation we dined on chicken schnitzel, carrots, broccoli and mashed potatoes, finishing as **President Adrian Hallett** asked for volunteers to start a Satellite e-Club attached to Ryde. Heads nodded - another e-Club isn't needed, a satellite club in the surrounding area makes no sense when members drive from Alexandria, Randwick and Ku-ring-gai to attend this venue, but combine the two concepts and suddenly you've got something worthwhile! I see website design in Stefan's future...

Bob Kaye-Smith called for volunteer drivers to collect our Host Hospitality Dinner guests on Tuesday 3rd June, and then it was time for **Lucile's** report. She attended the Junior Schools' Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday and what amazed at the speaking skills of the 11 and 12 year-olds. On Friday she went to the annual Umina Beach Weekend: "On Saturday a man showed me his reptiles!" had the members laughing for some reason, and "It was scary when he put this snake round my neck!" That would have been the Gosford Reptile Park.

The exchange students went to a bush dance that night and on Sunday played bare-foot soccer. When **PDG John Dodd** asked whether she attended school before leaving for Umina, Lucile replied "No, I was too sick!" to more hilarity from the members.

PP Burkhart Foertsch told us about a Purple Tie Ball, and **Bob Kaye-Smith** volunteered to take care of the Club's arrangements for the discoloured event. **Kalma** spoke on the Junior Schools' Public Speaking Competition the previous Wednesday and if anything was even more impressed than Lucile had been, with 3 girls from two Catholic Primary Schools taking all three finalist places from a field of 27.

John Dodd reported on the Bunnings BBQ fiasco held during the day, with few customers and much over-catering. April 5 will be a bigger and better day for us, he said. **PP Martin Aston** sold more fridge keys, sales being only slightly dented by the admission that this year's fridge has only 6 bottles of wine in it: the difference over last year that it is being raffled in Lent, I suppose!

Rtn Siddharth Maheshwari reported on our Tamil Nadu project, showing photos of Indian students at our Year 10 coaching centres. He pointed out that these are first generation students who can get no coaching at home. At less than \$7000 over several years, this project gives "a lot of bang for our buck" as PDG John commented.

Julie then tried to turn our Bunnings bread back into dough by selling it to members: it might have been better donated to the Salvos or CCA to use feeding the homeless. **Serjeant Patrick** drew howls of outrage when he drew his own spackle ticket, only subsiding when he cut the 3 of diamonds. Embittered by his loss he then fined all the Monarchists in the room to celebrate the return of Sirs and Dames to the Australian Polity.

After the usual round of fines ended, **Martin Aston** introduced **Tom Sweeney** from Crow's Nest Rotary Club, as a man born in a Pub, who now works in a Cemetery. Tom recounted many tales of his cemeteries, saying he has 20 people a day inquiring after ancestors buried therein. His cemeteries are Macquarie Park, Field of Mars, Frenchs Forest, and Gore Hill, the latter founded in 1867, an "a classic example of an English Victorian/Edwardian cemetery". While Rookwood is the oldest and largest cemetery in Sydney, Field of Mars has several First Fleeters transplanted there from graves moved to make way for the widening of Victoria Road.

Macquarie Park has lost Saint Mary Mackillop to North Sydney, but still has her mother Flora, moved there from St Charles Borromeo Church in Ryde at her daughter's insistence and laid to rest amongst nuns of Mackillop's order. Tom told us how Flora was lost at sea due to a drunken captain and an incompetent crew on a coastal steamer from Melbourne, her body washed ashore the next day and recovered by her family.

His most moving story was that of Lottie Cox and Raymond Longford, buried together at Macquarie Park. They acted together in a NSW acting troupe, fell in love but couldn't marry due to Raymond's being a divorcee.

Under the name Lottie Lyle, she and Raymond Longford made silent movies together, and virtually founded the Australian film industry. When Lottie was diagnosed with tuberculosis, Raymond petitioned the Vatican for an annulment so they could be married before she died. Sadly she passed away and was buried before the annulment arrived. Raymond Longford later remarried, and on his death, his wife had him buried beside his one true love.

Rtn Julie Thorp thanked Tom, revealing in the process that she was a double First Fleeter (or at least her ancestors were). It was an interesting night, and I think the tale of the unmarried couple buried together will be long remembered.

Percentage Attendance 25th March: 89.74%

Makeups: PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP John Higgins, Rtn Geoff Nix.

Apologies: Dr Surinder Joson, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Duncan Taylor, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP John Higgins, PP Ross Rocca, PP Tony Abboud, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Geoff Nix, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- April 1st** Birthday Celebration for **Lorraine (Bob Carroll)**
- April 2nd** 12 Year Club Anniversary for **Geoffrey Brennan**
- April 3rd** 51st Birthday for **Charles Kilby**
- April 3rd** 13 Year Club Anniversary for **Bob Carroll**
- April 4th** 47 Year Club Anniversary for **Les Whitcroft**
- April 5th** 20 Year Club Anniversary for **Jan Cutler**
- April 5th** Birthday Celebration for **Judy (Erdem Toner)**

I cook with wine.
Sometimes I even add it to the food.

- W. C. Fields

LUCILE RICHARD - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Lucile is currently hosted by Steve & Julie Thorp

9871 1109 / 4 Maralinga Place, West Pennant Hills

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

April 4th Graham & Carolyn Metcalfe

April 10th - 26th SAFARI

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Adrian of the change.

DATE	WELCOMERS	LOYAL TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
08.04	Martin Aston & Kalma McLellan	Elisabeth Curcic-Daher	Patrick Longfield	
15.04	Bob Carroll & Ron Taffa	John Dodd	Peter Cooper	Nora Etmekdjian

Five patients, all potential blood donors, are waiting in the doctor's surgery and are sitting on the bench from left to right. Can you determine the position of each patient along with their blood group, age, height and weight? Their ages are 5, 9, 30, 46 and 60. Their heights are 40, 48, 60, 65 and 74. Their weights are 40, 75, 96, 125 and 165.

- ◆ The person on the far right is 37 years older than Jason, and is 60 inches tall.
- ◆ Jason weighs 56 pounds more than his height.
- ◆ Alan weighs 75 pounds and is 74 inches tall.
- ◆ John is type AB and weighs 56 pounds less than Jason.
- ◆ The person in the centre is 9 years old, is blood type AO and weighs 96 pounds.
- ◆ Adam, who is the first, is 65 inches tall, and weighs 100 pounds more than his height.
- ◆ The person who is blood type O, is 25 years older than the person to the left of them.
- ◆ Kevin is 60 years old.
- ◆ The person who is blood type A, is 55 years younger than Kevin and is not next to the person who is type AO.
- ◆ The person who is next to the 9 year old but not next to the person who is 65 inches tall, is blood type B, and weighs 125 pounds.

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

After a local Post Office burglary, five suspects were being interviewed. Police know that each of them told the truth in one of the statements and lied in the other. From this information can you tell who committed the crime?

Brian said:

It wasn't Charles
It was Alan

Derek said:

It was Charles
It wasn't Alan

Charles said:

It was Brian
It wasn't Eric

Alan said:

It was Eric
It wasn't Brian

Eric said:

It was Derek
It was Alan

Derek was the culprit.

Looking at Brian's statement if it was Charles, then Brian was lying in his first statement, which makes the second statement true. Which would mean that it was both Charles and Alan. So it can't be Charles.

Which means Derek was lying in his first statement, which makes the second statement true. Therefore it can't be Alan.

So Eric's second statement must be false, meaning his first statement was true, therefore it was Derek.



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!
