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**MY ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE YEAR  
LUCILE RICHARD LES SABLES D'OLONNE, FRANCE**



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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:**

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PO BOX 90  
Ryde NSW 1680

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**June 17**

My Rotary Youth Exchange Year in Australia

**Lucile Richard****TONIGHT'S ROSTER**

<b>Welcomers</b>	David Johnston & Bob Carroll
<b>Loyal Toast</b>	Graham Metcalfe
<b>Introduction</b>	Stefan Sojka
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Pat Mahony

**Upcoming duty roster is on Page 7.** If you are unable to fulfill any duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Adrian of the change.

**ADRIAN'S ADDENDUM**

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

My year is almost over. Where has the time gone.

Last Tuesday we welcomed Lynda Ben-Menashe from the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies for an enlightening talk on Judaism. Lynda left us with a better understanding of the faith and knowledge about those who have, and those who practise it.

Sunday saw the Club at Bunnings at Rydalmere again for another Sausage Sizzle. Trade was steady all day with over 450 sandwiches being sold. My thanks to those that were able to help out, especially whilst I was away in training for District Probus duties.

This week we are having another PARTNERS night as we welcome our exchange student Lucile to tell us all about her twelve months in Australia on Youth Exchange.

Please remember to book your place for our Club Change-over on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. See other notices herein.

Our thoughts are with all our friends on the sick list. Please get well soon as we miss you.

Adrian

The future belongs to those  
who prepare it today.

- Malcom X

Through, Lucile's dad, Olivier, I would like to share this few words.

I know she has found an unforgettable place within the host families, which have considered Lucile as their own daughter. Doing that, you have showed that the Rotary international is, and still is, a huge family, through the entire world despite politic, cultural & geographical barriers.

Thanks to the Rotary & its foundation, the exchange student has been created for students who wish living in a foreign country during one year in order to discover a different way of live and open their mind.

We are looking forward to see her back, in her native town, in order to share her Australia adventure & unique souvenirs that she certainly won't forget. On behalf on my club and myself, I would like to thank you for what you have done for Lucile through you, Rotarians, and host families.



President Jean-Paul Bacha & Youth Director Francois David

Just to let you know, it will be for the Rotary Club of Les Sables d'Olonne, an obligation to host any members from the Rotary Club of Ryde with the greatest pleasure. When we are talking about France, we often think of Paris. However, you just need to drive four hours to discover something completely different.

Les Sables d'Olonne is a lovely city on the Atlantic coast, very touristic during the summer, with some amazing places and rich culture. You are more that welcome at my time as long as you wish.

I would like to conclude this speech by the exchange of our own banner which could symbolize the deep Rotarian relationship between us.

Thank you for listening.

Jean-Paul Bacha  
President, Rotary Club of Les Sables d'Olonne

## 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](mailto: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?**

Hello everyone!

I hope you are doing really good!!! First of all my excuses for letting so much time pass since my last letter to you!! The past year has been so incredibly busy and energy wasting that I am not sure when I last wrote you and up to where I told about of my life! ;)

Anyways, what is important is that I am doing really good and that, after lots of suffering, my heart is feeling happy again, really really happy!!! Since March 2013 I am living in Madrid, permanently (or at least until the day we move to Australia!!!) and after getting engaged last September with Marcelo, we got married this May in Tuscany!! It has been a really amazing wedding, it lasted a whole weekend, indeed we celebrated for 3 days!!!! ;) family joined us as well as friends from all over the world, Australians included, who came to celebrate it with us!!! Here I share a couple of pictures with you.....



I really thought about writing you so much before the wedding, but time is never enough... (Especially when organizing a wedding from far away and involving people internationally!!). Although a bit late, I really wanted to tell you how grateful I am to Rotary for giving me the unforgettable, extraordinary and unique opportunity to study in Australia, which not only enriched my resume, but most of all brought me to meet my husband!!! :) And because Australia is a really special chapter of our lives, we are planning to work hard on making our way back there!!!

Nora has been already helping a lot, trying to let our resume reach the right people, and if any of you has some ideas, suggestions or contacts to help us come back to Sydney, these would be more than welcome!! It would be our best wedding present!!! ;) Marcelo is a Ecommerce and marketing manager and I am currently working as commercial director for a fashion company, however with my language skills and my studied my profile is pretty flexible!! I would love to hear back from you and the club, and stay updated to what happens there too!! Let's keep in touch! My email is always raffyti@yahoo.it and my phone number is 0034 629166418.

A huge hug to all of you, Raffy

## ROTARY IN THE MEDIA

Rotary is receiving significant international media coverage this week for its role in the historic polio-free certification of the World Health Organization's South-East Asia region.

Highlights include:

- CNN International: India beats the odds, beats polio
- BBC.com: World now 80% polio free, World Health Organization says
- The Guardian: India may be free of polio—but the disease hasn't been eradicated yet (op-ed by Archie Panjabi)
- Reuters : Q+A: India at risk until polio is eradicated globally-Rotary
- The Wall Street Journal Online : Q&A: India Eliminates Polio
- HuffPost Live: Violinist & Conductor Itzhak Perlman LIVE
- Forbes.com: John Hewko explains polio's legacy

I am also pleased to report that Rotary received extensive media coverage throughout 2013, with more than 626 news organizations in 35 countries featuring our humanitarian efforts. Of those, 58 stories appeared in top tier international news organizations, including nine out of the 10 most influential ranked by Forbes, including the Associated Press, The New York Times, BBC, Agence France Presse, The Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal. Rotary's role in the fight to end polio was highlighted in top-level, global media at unprecedented levels last year. And Rotary's partnership with its celebrity ambassadors for polio eradication helped raise our digital visibility to new audiences via posts on endpolio.org and celebrity social media channels.

John Hewko  
General Secretary, Rotary International

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| <b>June 20th (Fri)</b>  | <b>Wesley Tebbutt Lodge Open Day</b><br>Contact Tebbutt Lodge for Details / 9858 4999   |
| <b>June 22nd (Sun)</b>  | <b>Barangaroo Headland Park &amp; Barangaroo South Open Day</b><br>Details TBC / Please contact Victoria Gouel for details                      |
| <b>June 24th (Tues)</b> | <b>Ryde Rotary Changeover 2014</b><br>6 for 6:30pm / \$35 / Ryde-X Club, 724 Victoria Rd, Ryde  |
| <b>June 27th (Fri)</b>  | <b>Rotary Club of North Ryde Changeover Dinner</b><br>6:30 - 9:30pm / \$50 / Atlantis Restaurant, Nth Ryde / northryderotary@gmail.com          |
| <b>June 28th (Sat)</b>  | <b>District 9685 Changeover 2014</b><br>6:30 for 7pm / \$55 / Castle Hill RSL / Register online or via Julie Thorp                              |
| <b>July 6th (Sun)</b>   | <b>Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)</b><br>Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd  |
| <b>July 25th (Fri)</b>  | <b>Ryde Signature Dinner</b><br>6:30 for 7pm / \$95 / Ryde-Eastwood Leagues / RSVP via <a href="http://ryderotary.org.au">ryderotary.org.au</a> |

**Percentage Attendance 10<sup>th</sup> June: 97.30%**

**Makeups:** PDG John Dodd, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Allen Horrell, PP Martin Aston, Rtn Julie Thorp, Rtn Kathryn Dodd, Rtn Patrick Mahony.

**Apologies:** Dr Surinder Joson, PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Ashley Peake, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Geoffrey Brennan, PP Jan Cutler, PP John Higgins, PP Ken Allen, PP Martin Aston, PP Noel Dunn, PP Patrick Longfield, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn Kalma McLellan, Rtn Julie Thorp, Rtn Nora Etmekdjian, Rtn Victoria Gouel.

It's been a long race to the finish line.  
 That line is now in sight.  
 But we'll only cross it if we keep moving forward.  
 And the only way to do that is with the help of every  
 single Rotarian, everywhere in the world.

- RI President Ron D. Burton  
 End Polio Now

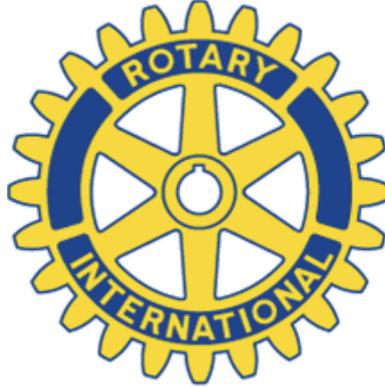
**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- June 17th**                    61st Wedding Anniversary for **Ross & Rose Rocca**
- June 18th**                    1st (again) Club Anniversary for **Victoria Gouel**
- June 19th**                    Birthday Celebration for **Janice (Geoff Brennan)**
- June 20th**                    8th Club Anniversary for **Stefan Sojka**
- June 24th**                    73rd Birthday for **Patrick Longfield**

**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	TOAST TO ROTARY	INTRO	THANKS
<b>17.06</b>	Elisabeth Daher & Julie Thorp	-	-	-
<b>01.07</b>	Joh Brown & John Higgins	Kalma McLellan	Martin Aston	Victoria Gouel



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## **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.

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## **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?

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## **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!

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