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PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY

CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING
VOCATIONAL SKILL
& COMMITMENT IN RYDE



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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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May 19th

Pride of Workmanship Awards 2015
Partner's Night

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers	Peter Cooper & Graham Metcalfe
Toast to Rotary	Charles Kilby Chartered May 19 th 1930 : The Rotary Club of Casablanca, Morocco
Introduction	Duncan Taylor
Vote of Thanks	Noel Dunn

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

KALMA'S KORNER

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

I do not think any of us were aware of ALS, its implications, pseudonyms, symptoms or treatments until last week, and now we are all in a position to contribute hugely to the research to find better treatments and alternate approaches to longer life for sufferers. If you have not done so already, please complete the online survey we were offered (it is at www.alsquest.org) to complement the very intriguing hand measurements which we offered towards the study also – lots of fun comparing digital lengths!!

This week we celebrate with many of our local businesses as they nominate employees for the Pride of Workmanship awards. Participants in these awards are always exemplary, and almost always humbled by the opportunity to be recognized for their contributions. We congratulate them all and hope that they enjoy this moment in the spotlight!

And with great sadness we mark the passing of Honorary member Surinder Joson last week after a long illness. We will miss his learned approach to argument and philosophy and his quiet and determined demeanor.

Kalma

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us;
what we have done for others and the world
remains and is immortal.

- Albert Pike

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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May 19th (Tues) **Ryde Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards**
6 for 6:30pm / \$30 / Next Generations, Ryde Aquatic Centre

May 24th (Sun) **Kariong-Somersby Rotary : Concert for LifeLine**
6:30 for 7pm / \$35pp at the door / Phillip House, 21 Old Mt Penang Rd, Kariong

May 31st (Sun) **Meals on Wheels**
Contact Adrian Hallett to volunteer - Note this clash with Red Shield Appeal!

May 30th & 31st (Sat/Sun) **Red Shield Appeal**
Please contact John Higgins to volunteer as a driver for an Interact team

June 2nd (Tues) **2015 Combined Services Dinner**
6 for 6:30pm / \$30 / Next Generations, Ryde Aquatic Centre

June 7th (Sun) **Graffiti Removal (First Sunday every month!)**
Meet 8am West Ryde Car Park in Ryedale Rd

June 27th (Sat) **District 9685 Changeover**
6 for 6:30pm / \$50pp / Hornsby RSL / <http://changeover.rotarydistrict9685.org.au>

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 as early as possible!**
(10am Monday at the absolute latest)

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?**

ESAT RYDE : JOIN US FOR A MAKEUP!



Our satellite E-Club meets via teleconference at **8:30am each Wednesday**, and members may participate at any time (alternatively or additionally) via the on-line forum accessible by clicking the "Forum" link on the E-Club webpage.

Meeting participation involves a small "participation fee" of \$10, all of which will be directed to projects supported by the E-Club. Payment is via direct transfer to "Rotary Club of Ryde Inc ESATRYDE", BSB 112 879 A/C 432369151.

The simplest way to visit, "make-up" or participate via our E-Club is through audio participation in the regular Wednesday teleconferences. Just dial-in to (02) 91916319 a few minutes before 08:30, and enter conference code 949175097# when asked. To see the visual component of meetings, click the meeting link on the E-Club webpage.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Three more volunteers are required for our regular Meals on Wheels deliveries on Sunday 31st May 2015.

YES I know it is Red Shield collection day which is why we need extra help.

If you are not taking part in Red Shield please consider this activity.

You will need to start in Eastwood at 11.30
and it should take about 1.5 to 2 hours

Please contact Adrian Hallett on 0409 037 701 if you can help.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY

Rotary's signature event is scheduled to be held on SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2015.

Please pencil the date to your diary now so you can assist on this special day.

More details to follow closer to the event.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Our Club will be hosting another exchange student from July 2015 for twelve months.

We are expecting a young lady from France.

Have you considered the opportunities that HOSTING a student can bring?

If you would like to be part of the Youth Exchange experience please talk to John Brown, Pat Mahony or Adrian Hallett.

LAST WEEK AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

PP Steve Thorp toasted the **Rotary Club of Ciudad de Gautamala**, and said he'd have told us more if he'd been able to read the Spanish on their website. "No habla español" I said helpfully.

President Kalma Mclellan announced that **Rtn Nora Etmekdjian** has been selected as this year's Ryde Volunteer of the year, and no one has worked harder for the accolade. **Kalma** then played for us a YouTube for the launch of the inaugural Rotary Emergency Services Community Volunteer Awards, where we could see SES, RFS, Ambos and Marine Rescue personnel being honoured by Rotary.

On our own club's response to the emergency in Nepal, we have already donated **3 Shelterboxes**, and are fundraising for a fourth. **Julie Thorp** thanked the Mother's Day volunteers and appealed for men's shoe boxes for her next project. Under cross-examination she admitted that a large-footed woman's shoe box might suffice, but it must be un-hinged!

A list was circulated for District Changeover, with next week's Pride of Workmanship attendance written in on one side, a dual purpose form doing our bit for sustainability.

Kathryn reported that she and **Pat Mahony** are off to run a marathon this weekend after **John & James Dodd** race on Saturday; we wish them all the best.

PP John Higgins spruiked Red Shield Appeal, 30-31st May. Save the date. Car and bus drivers are required to ferry Interactors to the various collection areas for door-knocking. John acknowledged the great support given to the Salvation by our club for the last 30 years, and singled out **PP Noel Dunn** for a special mention for his years of effort for Red Shield.

PP Adrian reported that he had presented a cheque for \$500 to the James Ruse Interact as their share of the take from Christmas Present wrapping at Top Ryde last year. They announced their intention to match the same amount and buy a Shelterbox for Nepal. Sunday 18th October is NSW Graffiti Removal day, so again, save the date.

Serjeant Patrick remembered to draw the spackle and **PP Geoff Brennan** took away a bottle of wine having failed to find the Joker, but was immediately fined by a vengeful Serjeant for ripping up the Queen of Spades! **PE Victoria** was fined again for being late, **PDG John and Steve Thorp** for arguing during the meeting, **Swati** for her birthday, **Nora** for her gong, and **Julie Thorp** “for being a Mother Hen!” Sensing an injustice, I interjected “Fair Go, she can’t possibly be a Father Hen!” Several members were fined for their elegant black attire, and then it was time for **Geoff** to introduce our speaker, **Jane Parkin Kullman**, an environmental engineer, to speak on ALS.

ALS is Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Motor Neuron Disease or Lou Gehrig’s Disease. Stephen Hawkings has it, and Mao Tse-tung is alleged to have died of it, unfortunately not before he killed 78 million people. Jane explained that the cause of ALS is unknown, but believed to be a combination of genetic and chemical factors: Cycads toxin BMAA is one known factor, as is pre-natal testosterone, which is apparently thought to correlate with long fingers. The club took part in a finger-measuring exercise to assist in this research.

For those who weren’t there, I am not making this up; it’s true, I tell you! The summary of the state of the scientific consensus on ALS follows:

“Genes load the gun, Environment pulls the trigger.”

A cure will require a lot more detail than that, which is why **PP Tony Abboud** thanked Jane for her efforts to find the causes and hopefully a cure.

To raise new questions, new possibilities,
to regard old problems from a new angle,
requires creative imagination
and marks real advance in science.

- Albert Einstein

Percentage Attendance 12th May: 78.38%

Makeups: PP Rob Mitchell.

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Ashley Peake, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Charles Kilby, PP Duncan Taylor, PP Rob Mitchell, PP Ross Rocca, Rtn Elisabeth Curcic-Daher, Rtn Erdem Toner, Rtn John Brown, Rtn Pat Mahony.

LOOKING AHEAD : TUESDAY DINNER MEETINGS

May 26th A Hypothetical - **John Dodd**
June 2nd **Combined Service Clubs Dinner - Hosted by Ryde Rotary**
June 9th Fragile X - **Robyn Iredale & Wendy Bruce**
June 16th Parkinson's Disease - **Owen Streatfeild**
June 23rd **Club Assembly**
June 30th **Club Changeover PARTNERS NIGHT!**

LOOKING AHEAD : eSAT RYDE (8:30am WEDNESDAYS)

May 15th **Virtual Golf Tournament**
May 27th Tamil Nadu with Indigo Foundation - **John Bolger**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 20th 1 Year Club Anniversary for **Pat Mahony**

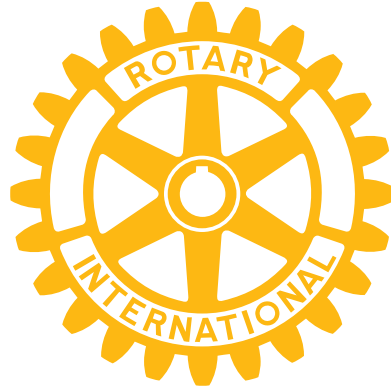
“Why do these cashews keep saying nice things about my hair?”
 “They’re the complimentary nuts.”

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
26.05	Burkhart Foertsch & Bill Payne	Geoff Brennan	John Higgins	Peter Cooper
02.06	John Dodd & David Johnston	Ian Henderson	Erdem Toner	Bob Carroll

Rotary



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 over 34,000 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 THANKS

For good food,
For good fellowship, and the
opportunity to serve through Rotary,
We give thanks.

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!
