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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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Ryde NSW 1680

RSVP GUESTS OR ABSENCES TO JULIE THORP: 9871 1109

November 10th How Fat Cells are Affected by Sugars
Hilal Varinli

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers	Ken Allen & Burkhart Foertsch
Toast to Rotary	David Johnston
Introduction	Ian Henderson
Vote of Thanks	Ross Rocca

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

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING AT TOP RYDE CENTRE



Our Christmas Gift Wrapping fundraiser resumes this year on Thursday 10th December. Its our major "hands-on" fundraiser, so please chip in to help.

We're assisted again by the CWA and Eastwood Girl Guides. Our days to fill are -

Thursday 10th 10am-9pm
Saturday 12th 10am-6pm
Monday 14th 10am-6pm
Thursday 17th 10am-9pm
Sunday 20th 10am-7pm
Wednesday 23rd 10am-9pm
Thursday 24th 10am-6.30pm

I'm expecting assistance on 'our' days from James Ruse Interact, Meadowbank Probus and some of the exchange students, but we'll need, at all times, at least one Rotarian (or wife, spouse, partner) on duty.

Put yourself on the roster sheet doing the rounds or e-mail david.w.james@gmail.com and request a spot. Shifts are 2½ hours (allowing for an overlap) and its fairly common

to do two adjacent shifts. If you do sign up for adjacent shifts, I will ply you with coffee (or tea).

WRAPPING MASTERCLASS

Following the meal and business bits of our meeting on 17th November we'll have a practice run. Whether you're on the roster or not at Christmas, we'll have a fun night. Materials will be supplied.

If you have an odd-shaped item that you'd like to practice on, bring it, wrap it and take it home. You'll need to provide a gold coin donation for this privilege. Bring wives, partners, friends. Our normal meeting will be followed by this 'wrap-up'.

LAST YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

We can use your old cards; they make good fodder for gift tags. Bring them in soon so our "team" can start cutting. In fact, we'll also have card-cutting opportunities at our Masterclass (17th November).

PP David James

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Nov 9th (Mon)

Rotary Foundation Dinner

6:30 for 7pm / \$67.50pp / The Epping Club /
RSVP foundationdinner.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

**Nov. 13-15
(Fri - Sun)**

Ryde Rotary Fellowship Weekend Away

Contact Peter Cooper to register your interest

Nov. 28th (Sat)

District 9685 Christmas Dinner

6 for 6:30pm / \$35pp / Hornsby RSL / presidentsmeeting.rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Dec. 8th (Tues)

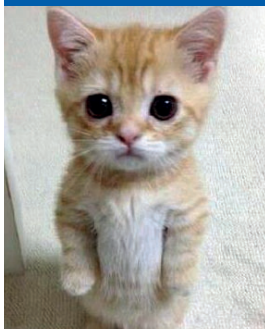
Ryde Rotary Annual General Meeting

7pm (During regular meeting) / See PP Steve Thorp to nominate 2015/16 board

December 10-24th Christmas Wrapping @ Top Ryde City

Contact David James to volunteer

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

As the Club must pay for meals provided, you are expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without apology by 10am Monday.

FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER FUN

Elisabeth, Nora and Artin had a wonderful time last Friday with Violet, our exchange student. We thought of making the experience an exotic one for Violet. We took her to Farsi Restaurant in Top Ryde.

We all enjoyed the dips, Violet liked the tomato eggplant dip, and the walnut cheese with herbs got the tick from Artin. We ordered the yogurt drink which was not palatable to anyone except Nora, she drank the rest of the bottle.

The main meal was served with sumptuous saffron rice, we had plenty of food.

We enjoyed Persian music and singing, when it was time to dance, we were invited. Violet and Nora gave it a try and Elisabeth wouldn't leave the dance floor and befriended everyone.

We finished the night with rose water saffron ice cream. Overall, it was a nice experience and we look forward to taking Violet to another exotic food experience.

Rtn Nora Etmekdjian



LAST WEEK AS RECALLED BY ALLEN HORRELL

President Victoria Gouel having called in sick, **PP Geoff Brennan** started the meeting by welcoming **PDG Monica and Geoff Saville**. He also congratulated **PP Ross Rocca** on completing 39 years' service to Rotary, observing that he has also been married for 62 years: "He's a stayer!"

After the meal, **Violette** gave her report: she was at Surf Camp the weekend before last, and also attended Matilda the stage show. Last Friday **the Abbouds** took her to dinner at a Manly restaurant and she went to see Sculptures by the Sea at Bondi/Bronte beaches.

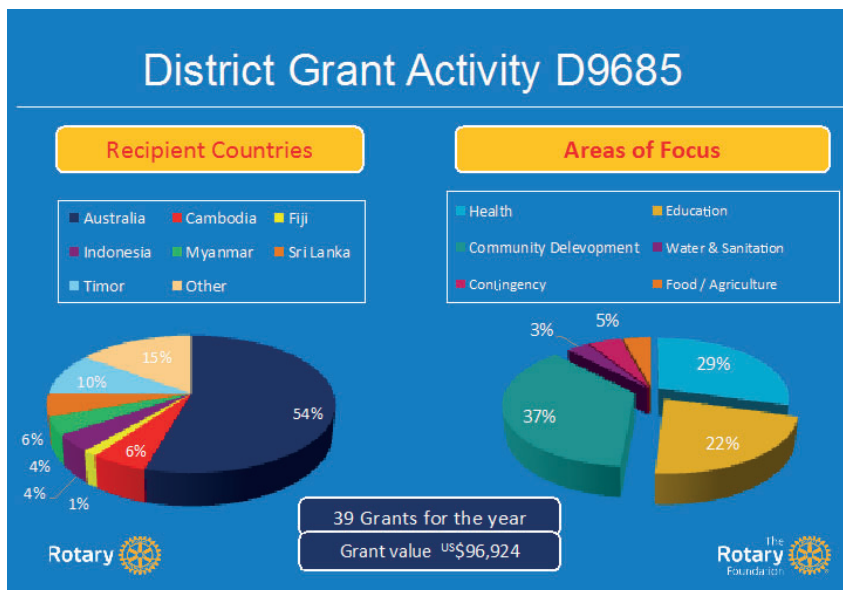
Kathryn Dodd is looking for a new Hub editor so she can retire from this essential role: it only takes a few hours every week, but has brutal deadlines: perhaps it could be shared by two or more Rotarians?

PP Kalma McLellan told us the Good News: Christmas Puddings are now on sale! Bad News: Christmas Cards can no longer be sourced, so we can't order them this year. "Yes, you can!" said **PDG Monica**, "I've got 7000; how many do you want?"

PP Peter Cooper reminded us of the fellowship weekend 13-15th November, when we will be staying at the Echo Point Motel, eating at the Katoomba RSL 7pm Friday, and the Katoomba Family Hotel Bistro on Saturday night. Thanks to **Peter Cooper and Ron Taffa** for arranging yet another trip away for our members and partners: this is a great

annual event, and it is not too late to join; call Peter to book.

PP Bob Carroll reported on the Trees of Joy, then Monica drew **Graham Metcalfe's** spackle ticket, and he found the Joker to win the Spackle jackpot, to the applause of the club, and was immediately fined by the Serjeant to start rebuilding the fund. **Stefan** was fined for his Melbourne Cup-inspired ponytail, having effectively been accused of resembling the South end of a North-bound horse! Naturally **I was fined** for the All Black victory, **Graham** again for his new unpronounceable car, **John** for hosting Violette, and **Nora and Elisabeth** for sitting together again.



PDG Monica was introduced by **PP Geoff**, listing her achievements in the world of Rotary, especially her inspirational year as D9680 Governor. She gave a presentation on the Rotary Foundation TRF: "Doing Good in the World" has to be the best motto ever!

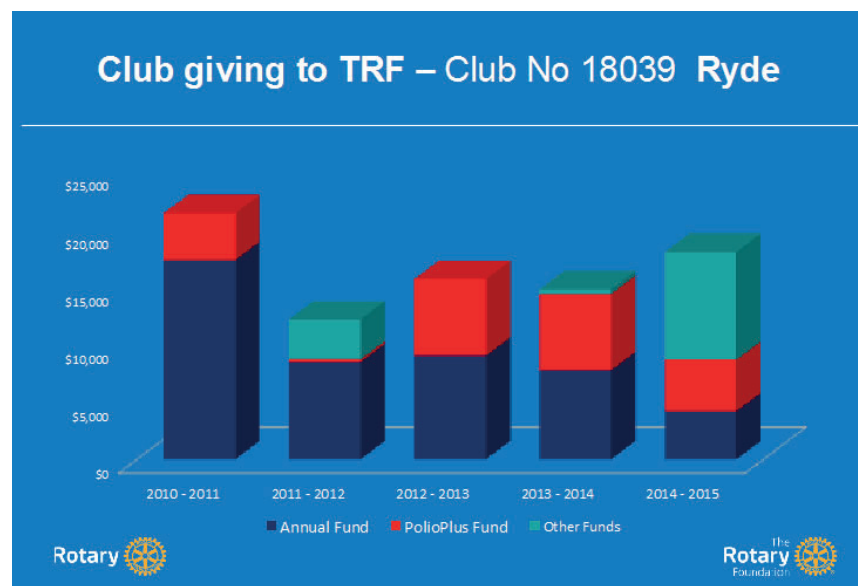
The 6 areas of focus were well covered, as well as TRF's signature project Polio Plus. Polio only afflicts two countries

now: Pakistan and Afghanistan; when once it was worldwide, 51 cases this year when once it was over 1000 per day. She then attempted to explain the District Grants and Global Grants system, ably assisted by interjections from **PDG John Dodd**.

"You can now apply for Global Grants on-line!" she said. "Only if you have a degree in Bureaucracy, the patience of a Saint and the tenacity of a Pit-Bull!" interjected John (or words to that effect). I wondered what our newer members made of two PDGs arguing over TRF DGs and GGs!

We ended with the vote of thanks by **Rtn Kathryn Dodd**, followed by the Anthem.

Ryde is a great club, as could be seen by the potential disaster of a last minute cancellation by our President being averted so ably by an unprepared but extremely experienced trouper like **Geoff Brennan**.



Percentage Attendance 3rd November: 70.97%

Makeups: PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP David James, PP Rob Mitchell, Rtn Dennise Herrick.

Apologies: PDG Les Whitcroft, PP Adrian Hallett, PP Artin Etmekdjian, PP Bob Kaye-Smith, PP Burkhart Foertsch, PP Charles Kilby, PP David James, PP Jan Cutler, PP John Higgins, PP Ken Allen, PP Martin Aston, PP Noel Dunn, PP Patrick Longfield, PP Rob Mitchell, PP Steve Thorp, PP Tony Abboud, President Victoria Gouel, Rtn David Johnston, Rtn Dennise Herrick, Rtn John Brown, Rtn Julie Thorp, Rtn Pat Mahony.

LOOKING AHEAD

- November 17th Gift Wrapping Fun Night - David James**
PARTNERS & HONORARY MEMBERS NIGHT
- November 24th Club Assembly**
- December 1st VOCATIONAL VISIT - Details TBC by John Brown**
- December 8th Annual General Meeting**

VIOLETTE ROHART - FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Violette is being hosted by John & Janelle Dodd

Please confirm your plans in advance with both Violette and the Dodd family!

- Nov 13th John & Elinor Higgins**
- Nov 20th Patrick & Yvonne Longfield**
- Nov 27th Bob Kaye-Smith & Janis Redford**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

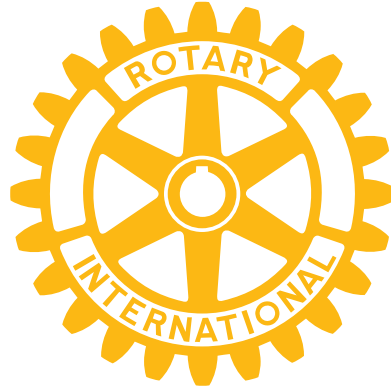
- November 12th 31st Birthday for Pat Mahony**
- November 13th 39th Wedding Anniversary for George & Ruth Bouckley**

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

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DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS
Nov 17th	Stefan Sojka & Steve Thorp	Bill Payne	Charles Kilby	Dennise Herrick
Nov 24th	Jan Cutler & David James	Geoff Brennan	-	-

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

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!
