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The HUB

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WELCOME BACK SWARTI AND SIDDHARTH!

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CLUB INFORMATION

Chartered 22nd April 1946 District 9685 RI Club No. 18039

MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY 6:00 PM FOR 6:30 PM START

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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August 16th

Rotary International Constitution – John Dodd

TONIGHT'S ROSTER

Welcomers Tony Abboud & Ken Allen

Toast to Rotary Ian Henderson

Introduction Rachael Ings

Vote of Thanks Alan Oertel

5 Minute Talk Grace Moyo

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 1-4th
(Thurs-Sun)

Rotary Zone Institute

Penrith Panthers / Contact John Dodd to express interest.

Sept 10th
(Sat)

Rotary Club of St. Ives: Comedy For A Cause

Roseville Golf Club 7:30pm. \$30 per person.

Sept 24th
(Sat)

Days For Girls Ryde Team: Musical Afternoon Tea

Eastwood Uniting Church 2:30-5:00 pm. \$35 per person.

Oct. 7th
(Fri)

Ryde Rotary: Community Day

Details TBC.

Oct. 11th
(Tues)

Ryde Rotary: Hat Day for Mental Health Awareness

Regular club meeting & partners night.

Oct. 30th
(Sun)

Ryde Rotary: Graffiti Removal

Speak to Adrian .



EDITOR'S RIDDLE

A little brain-bender to warm up your week.
Email editor@ryderotary.org.au with the answer, or discuss
the puzzle with the editor on Tuesday!

What belongs to you but others use more than you do?

The usual Tuesday meeting was opened by **President Julie Thorp**. There came confusion around the room, however, as it appeared that one lucky Rotarian would have the chance to give a solo performance of the Rotary grace. Thankfully for **PP Adrian Hallett**, Julie realised the error and promptly corrected her phrasing. A red-faced Julie then delightfully announced the attendance of exchange student/member of the Ryde family, **Simen Øie** and special guests, **Siddharth** and **Swati Maheshwarri**. Siddharth and Swati then spoke of their past year living in America; Swati describing how she was busy volunteering and travelling and Siddharth bravely agreeing that “unlike Swati, I wasn’t having a holiday”. An Italian feast of bread and spaghetti bolognese was then served, just as **Kathryn Dodd** tried to stealthily arrive and grab a seat. Kathryn avoided a fine however, as she did commute a little further than most (Singapore) that day and can be forgiven for being a tad late.

One of our newest Rotarians, **Ayesha Jadhvani**, was then invited to present her five minute vocational talk. Just as it was a challenge for Ayesha to cover her history in five minutes, it was also a struggle to keep this part of the hub recall short, for our new Rotarian has achieved so much already! Ayesha spoke of how she has journeyed (with the help of an Opal card) from India, to Bahrain and Dubai, and then ultimately, to Sydney for study at UTS. She must have liked the looks of Sydney though, as this has become two degrees instead: a masters in project management and a masters in accounting & finance, and then full-time work in finance. I think I can speak on behalf of everyone in the Rotary Club of Ryde to say that we are fortunate to have Ayesha as a member, for she has a wealth of knowledge, is well-travelled, is willing to help in her community and can support not one, but four countries in the Olympics.

Julie announced that if anyone is wishing to burn off some of those calories of a Rotary dinner, the Next Gen Club has an offer to use the facilities for the next week. Simen then gave his weekly report. He is certainly covering every square metre of Sydney during his exchange, as he enjoyed lunch in Hyde Park and then a walk in the Botanical Gardens on Saturday with fellow exchange students. As this wasn’t sufficient sightseeing for one weekend, Simen completed the City2Surf on Sunday, from Hyde Park to Bondi with exchange student **Matias Tiittanen**, young **Patrick Mahony**, baby-faced **Alan Oertel** and myself. We then enjoyed burgers in Bondi after our herculean feat of endurance and determination.

PP Bob Kaye-Smith then put the pressure on us all, announcing just 14 short months until the weekend trip away, whilst **PP Geoff Brennan** promoted the Centurion program, being careful not to cut into the guest speaker time. **PDG John Dodd** thanked Adrian for his assistance with Probus. **PP Ian “Hendo” Henderson** won the spackle, but sadly drew a non-sparkly four of diamonds. Our Serjeant-at-Arms, **David Johnston**, was then taught a lesson for payback; fining Bob Kaye-Smith, **PP Bill Payne** and **PP Peter Cooper** for “misplacing” their badges, and then receiving a cross-fine for this thievery. Everyone present was fined for not living up to expectations of being noisy, whilst **PP Tony Abboud** was fined for glancing at his phone. Tony then crossed-fined John Dodd, for beating Simen at pool. Kathryn took her father’s side, claiming that he was “teaching Australian culture”.

“The voice of Rotary” (Geoff) and Mr Tech (**Stefan Sojka**) then introduced the topic of the night’s talk and future talks throughout the year, *Interviewing Rotarians*. Our guest speaker for the first talk was none other than Mr Rotary, **PP Ashley Peake**. At the age of 95, Ashley has “enjoyed them all [years], except a couple”. In 1962, one of Ashley’s patients invited him to a Rotary meeting and Ashley was inducted as a Rotarian the following week. He spent many years with the Ryde Club demonstrating Rotary values and had a “very good year” as President in 1967. When Geoff concluded the interview, he asked Ashley what his view of Rotary was. Ashley responded, “it’s evolving, I don’t have any doubts service is always a valuable thing to do”. Stay tuned for further episodes of *Interviewing Rotarians* in the coming months.



Julie closed the meeting with her thought for the week:

“My grandchild has taught us what love truly means: it means watching Peppa Pig while football is on another channel”.

Fellows what a night we had last week starting with your President not knowing if she was Arthur or Martha. But rallied to keep the meeting in order.

Ayesha's story was very interesting she has succeeded in so much in her short life. Australia is gaining such a great person.

This week we hear from Grace and her vocational talk. I look forward to hearing her story.

Also this week we have our own PDG John Dodd and his talk on the Rotary International Constitution. Who else could we have explain this to us and hopefully it will all be a little clearer to all of us.

GREETINGS FROM FRANCE

Dear host families, Dear Rotarians, Dear Counsellors,
It has been almost two months since Violette came back from Australia and we are truly enjoying having her back.

We do know that she misses Australia heaps and that she thinks a lot about it, though she has been really good to us.

We have found her in great form. She is more self-confident and I believe that it is the result of a fantastic year spent in your homes and thanks to the love you gave her.

She often talks of her club and of her 6 Australian parents ! She is so grateful and so are we.

Violette has spent two weeks with us in our holiday house in the south-west. Three of her girlfriends came as well and they all made the most of their stay.

Next week, she will be starting University. I think that her year in Australia enabled her to fully blossom and have all the chances to succeed the contest !

We are thanking you again for taking a great care of our daughter.

Kind regards.

Sophie and Augustin Rohart

LOOKING AHEAD

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August 23 rd	Rotary International Constitution – John Dodd
August 30 th	Interplast – Di Gillies
September 6 th	Rotarians Against Malaria
September 13 th	Outbound Exchange Talk – Maggie Miller
September 20 th	My Favourite Convict – Bob Selinger

SIMEN OIE – FRIDAY NIGHT ROSTER

Simen is being hosted by John & Janelle Dodd – please confirm your plans in advance

August 26 th	Patrick & Yvonne Longfield
September 2 nd	John & Elinor Higgins
September 9 th	Peter & Margaret Cooper
September 16 th	Alan Oertel & Rachael Ings
September 23 rd	Ross & Ros Rocca

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

There are no birthdays or anniversaries this week. In the words of Attendance Officer Graham Metcalfe: “first time I can recall that happening.”

ATTENDANCE

Members	Make-Ups	Apologies	Guests	Percentage
30	0	11	3	81%

CLUB MEETING DUTY ROSTER

DATE	WELCOMERS	TOAST	INTRO	THANKS	5 MINUTES
Aug. 30 th	G. Brennan & J. Brown	Dennise Herrick	Ayesha Jadhvani	Ross Rocca	Bill Payne
Sept. 6 th	B. Carroll & J. Cutler	John Higgins	David Johnston	Stefan Sojka	Graham Metcalfe
Sept. 13 th	J. Dodd & N. Dunn	Rachael Ings	Bob Kaye-Smith	Ron Taffa	Patrick Mahony
Sept 20 th	V. Gouel & A. Hallett	Ayesha Jadhvani	Patrick Longfield	Duncan Taylor	Patrick Longfield

EDITOR'S WORD

If you think you've had a rough time at work, I once got fired from a calendar factory.

I thought it was a bit harsh though, all I did was take a day off.

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.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
2. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

ROTARY GRACE

Oh 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

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!