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Chartered: 22nd April 1946
Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to Ryde
Aquatic Centre, 504 Victoria Road, Ryde
Meeting Time: Every Tuesday — 6:00pm for 6:30pm
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This Week... Ambassadorial Scholar

Tonight Feb 8: Ambassadorial Scholar—Paul Benitez (Medical Doctor)



Last Meeting — as recalled by Allen Horrell

We assembled at Brush Farm House for the tour organised by **Kalma McLellan**, and after lots of milling about in the old house, moved on to the Corrective Services Academy Bistro for Dinner and our normal meeting.

"Oh Lord and giver of all good"... Apparently Aussification hasn't improved my singing as I led off on the wrong note, but the rest of the club recovered fairly well.

The Loyal toast was dispensed with since none of us had anything to drink, but the rostered talk this week was by **Maureen Mulheron**, who in her day job as book-keeper told us that EFT payments in the last four years that could not be matched with any invoice or customer. So if you are outsourcing your Accounts Payable, or staffing the position with school leavers, beware! Saving money on their salaries may be costing you thousands in erroneous payments to incorrect Bank Accounts.



Dinner was enough to cause us to envy corrective services trainees – I had Steak Cordon Bleu with potatoes, peas and carrots – recognisable vegetables, and not a string bean in sight!

I welcomed our guests and thanked everyone who has congratulated us on our Australian citizenship. **Martin Aston** spoke on ex-Ryde member, the much-missed **Victoria Gouel**, and assured us all the Brisbane floods had left her 16th floor apartment unscathed – what a relief!

John Mazlin, newly appointed replacement for the departed **Burkhart** as community Chair, reported on the "meals on wheels" last week, thanking **Geoff** and **Janice Brennan** and **Val** and **Bill Payne** for their assistance in this vital task.

The Serjeant at arms started off hesitantly, hampered by the lack of a Hub, but was soon fining everyone, including his President for being a New Australian – that makes a nice change from being fined for being a Kiwi!

Alex Sawyer introduced outbound Ambassadorial Scholar, **Toby Collins**, a Solicitor who grew up in some place west of Albury that sounds like "delinquent". Despite this handicap Toby went on to get a double Honours degree in Philosophy and Law – no mean feat, and the synthesis of the two branches of academia must give rise to some fascinating insights: "I sue therefore I am." Toby has a long connection with Rotary, a graduate of RYLA 2007, sponsored by Macquarie Park Rotary Club for the second

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Ambassadorial Scholarship from our District this year. He is off to Oxford University in the UK to study the Law of International Armed Conflict (Geneva Convention and various UN Treaties) and International Criminal Law, which concerns Crimes against Humanity. He plans to get a Master's degree in International Law in 9 months' time, then to work in this field to make the World a better place. We wish him well. Foundation 2IC **John Mazlin** gave the vote of thanks with a few well-chosen words and then I reminded the members that the District's first choice for Ambassadorial Scholar is speaking at next week's meeting. I thanked **Kalma** for arranging the vocational visit, and closed the meeting with our National Anthem, which was my first time singing it as an Australian citizen at a Rotary Meeting.

Allen Horrell



I'll jump from here and I reckon I won't even dislocate my knee.

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Rotary helping hand

The Rotary extended family showed its strength this weekend as a group of Rotarians, ex-Rotarians, spouses and offspring gathered in record heat to help former Rotarians PP Val and Reg Style clear out a life-time's accumulation of memories, clothes and household items from their shed, caravan and rumpus room.

Guided by the expertise of Mal and Lorraine Cox, items were tipped, saved for sale (with proceeds to go to the Rotary Foundation) recycled or kept. Four loads went to the tip, paper and cardboard were recycled, many bags of clothes went to Vinnie's and unused towels and linen were added to a truckload Lorraine had organised for Queensland flood victims. The team will regroup in a couple of weeks to finish the task. Linda Hallett, Lorraine and Sally James provided food, and David kept us hydrated with countless bottles of water.



At the end of the two days, the helpers were tired, dirty and smelly, but very aware that the work of Rotarians extends from the grand scale to the personal.

Sally James



Thanks to all involved, including RFF staffer Karen, and Hire One for donating the tipper. Those also involved were Malcolm and Lorraine Cox, David and Sally James, Adrian, Linda, Emma and Andrew Hallett (along with Emma's partner Greg ... yes the whole family!), Duncan Taylor, Charles Kilby and Charles Kilby, Rob Mitchell, Ron Thomson, Jan Cutler. Photo shows one of the Charles Kilbys in action. Guess which one!

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Other events ...

◆ **Welcome Home/Introduction Dinner for Youth Exchange Students**

Date: Friday 11th February 2011

Time: 6:15 for 7pm

Location: Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club



◆ **Rotary Harbour Cruise to celebrate Rotary's 106th Birthday (23/2)**

Date: 22nd February 2011

Time: 6pm sharp,

Location: Birkenhead Point Ferry Wharf (NB: Reservations closing fast!)

◆ **Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day**

Date: 25th February 2011

Time: Registration and breakfast, 7am for 8am start

Location: Oatlands Golf Club



◆ **GSE (USA) Team arrives**

Date: Saturday 26th February 2011



◆ **District 9680 Rotary Charity Golf Day**

Date: 4th March 2011

Time: 8.30am s shotgun start

Location: Northbridge Golf Club, Sailors Bay Road

Contact: Peter McNair, R/C Northbridge, 0415 242 628



◆ **Rotary Celebrates Inspirational Women—Awards Dinner**

Date: Thursday 10th March 2011

Time: 7pm

Location: Four Seasons Hotel, 199 George Street, Sydney

Cost: \$100 per person (Proceeds to Flood Relief)

Guests of Honour: RI President Ray and Judie Klinginsmith

Details: registrar@rotaryd9750.org.au

◆ **Rotary Youth Exchange combined welcome home/BBQ/Movies**

Date: Saturday 26th March 2011

Location: The Dodds' tennis court/open air cinema

Subs are NOW DUE



Treasurer Steve Thorp would be pleased to receive your ½ yearly subscription — only \$125.00 for the half year (yes, no increase...)

Payment may be made by cheque—made out to Rotary Club of Ryde and given to Steve or by direct deposit —

BSB: 112 879

Account Number: 000589388

Please identify the deposit with your name and provide the Treasurer with a copy of the receipt.

Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 80.49%

Makeups:

Apologies: Siddharth Maheshwari, Surinder Joson, Les Whitcroft, Artin Etmekdjian, Ashley Peake, Duncan Taylor, Eric Bond, Tony Abboud, Burkhart Foertsch, Hameed Fazal, James Candrick, Ken Allen, Terry Kerim.

Guests: Raffaella Tiscar, Anna Gossweiler

Guests of members: Lorraine Carroll, Linda Hallett, Ruth Henderson, Bernadette Horrell, Janis Redford, Carolyn Metcalfe, Rose Rocca, Sharon Rushforth

Rotarian Guests:

Guest Speaker: Toby Collins, Ambassadorial Scholar



Looking Ahead...

Feb 15: '4-Way Test' School's Speaking Competition (Final)

Feb 22: Harbour Cruise

March 1: First RYLA in East Timor—PP Theo Glockemann, District Youth Chairman

March 8: TBA

March 15: My Year in Brasil—James Dodd

March 22: TBA

March 29: Ryde Council visit—Clr Artin Etmekdjian

Any suggestions? Contact Martin Aston: maaston@optusnet.com.au 02 9808 2574

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 7: Artin Etmekdjian — 49th Birthday

February 8: Ron Thomson—5th Wedding Anniversary

February 9: Eric Bond— 93rd Birthday

February 9: Elinor Higgins—Birthday

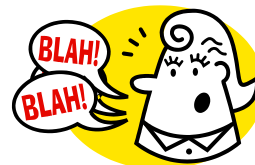


Rostered Talk

The rostered Rotarian can choose to give either a Vocational **4** minute talk on their career or the Four Way Test, or give a **2** minute Elevator Talk, designed to describe Rotary in general, or Ryde Rotary in particular, to a stranger in a lift.

Upcoming speakers:

- ◆ David James 8/2/2011
- ◆ David Johnston 15/2/2011
- ◆ Surinder Joson 22/2/2011
- ◆ Bob Kaye-Smith 22/02/2011



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Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day is *fast* approaching



Here's an opportunity to spend half a day on the golf course for a good cause.

The Ryde Rotary Charity Golf Day will be held on Friday 25th February 2011 at Oatlands Golf Club. Shotgun start at 8am with registration from 7. Breakfast supplied for the early birds. Golf Day co-ordinator Mick Nelson invites you to —

- Play on the day (as an individual or in a group)
- Find a sponsor
- Source prizes for raffles, etc.
- Help with preparations and activity on the day.

Call Mick Nelson on **0428 645 128**

Friday Night Roster for Anna

Febr	11	Charles and Victoria Kilby
	18	Bob Kaye-Smith and Janis
	25	David and Sally James
March	4	John and Elinor Higgins
	11	Ian and Ruth Henderson
	25	Burkhart and Patricia Foertsch

*Anna (0459 494 143) is hosted by :
Mike and Carol Morgan,
24 Lewis St, Epping
9876 1575; 0409 761 575
Feel free to swap as long as all advised*

Meals on Wheels — 2011



Sunday 29th May 2011

Sunday 31st July 2011,

Sunday 30th October 2011

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Press Clipping— TWT

Note in this week's TWT:

“Saturday is a very special day for the Rocca family of Ryde as the matriarch Santa Agata Rocca turns 102 years young supported by her only son Ross Rocca and his wife Rosa and their children Ross Junior and daughters Rosemarie and Regina. “



Santa Agata Rocca 102Yrs

Your Royal payment is requested ...



Royal Rendezvous Harbour Cruise payment now due:

It has been decided that we all need to pay our Treasurer Steve Thorpe for the Royal Rendezvous Harbour Cruise in advance – there won't be time on the night.

Please take the time in the next week or so to

- ◆ pay Steve at the next meeting,
- ◆ mail a cheque to PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680, or
- ◆ Pay by deposit into our account with the following details:
The Rotary Club of Ryde
BSB 112 879
Account 153 969 007
Reference Harbour Cruise
Name – Your name, so Steve can tick you off (the list!).

Please send all HUB contributions to Kalma

For 15th and 22nd February editions the editorial and production responsibilities of The HUB will be in the capable hands of Kalma McLellan as Sally and I head west about as far as we can go. For these editions would you please send reports, news of events and photos to Kalma at the following address:

kalmamclellan@optusnet.com.au

If you are sending attachments, please keep these to under 5MB or use the file transfer website www.mailbigfile.com

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Personal Data



Rydely Rotary holds a certain amount of personal data about each member — though nothing that you haven't supplied yourself. This data is held in our central database (RI-CAS, aka Clubmate) and is administered by PP Graham Metcalfe. This information can only be as accurate as is supplied to Graham. Graham produces various reports, including the weekly attendance and periodically a list of all noteworthy occasions - such as your anniversary(ies) and birthdays. This data is used by The Hub Editor in the "Birthdays and Anniversaries" section and, in turn, by the President when he stands at the lectern. If this data is incorrect at the source it can often leave egg on the Pres' face.

If you notice that a date attributed to your birthday or anniversary is wrong, please communicate the information immediately to Graham. This, in turn, will reflect in correct information being published and celebrated.

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Vocational Report

The 2010/2011 Vocational Service projects have gone smoothly.

The 'Apprenticeship of the Year' competition - our first two placings, Daniel Hadley and Joel Wray attended interviews last Friday evening for the District Award for Apprentice of the Year - keeping my fingers crossed that we may repeat last year's success.

Our vocational visit to Brush Farm Correctional Academy - although the evening was very hot, it proved to be an interesting evening with a great meal after the tour.

This year, the 'Pride of Workmanship Awards' will be held on Tuesday 17 May, the day I return from a 5 week overseas holiday - Graham Rushforth has kindly agreed to take over the project. I will start the ball rolling before I leave and I know you will help him if he needs any assistance in my absence. I'll talk to Peter Cooper and Ross Rocca (other members of the vocational team) next week and let them know what I'm up to as they don't have email.

ShelterBox fundraiser



Shelterbox Patron & Everest climber Lincoln Hall OAM, will be in attendance at the **Avoca Beach Picture Theatre** on Friday 11th February to introduce a new sensational film '127 hours'. Please come along at 7pm to enjoy a glass of wine, meet with Lincoln, hear his introduction of this new film, before the screening @ 8.30pm

Financial support will be given, on the night, to purchase a Shelterbox. The tent & box will be on display

Tickets only \$16.50 which includes Drink on Arrival
Please call the Theatre on 4382 1677 to book
Look forward to seeing you there

Regards,

Peter Pearce

Shelterbox Australia

Catholic Community Services says 'thank you'

If it were not for the generosity of the Rotary Club of Ryde and hundreds of very giving and generous members of the local West Ryde and Eastwood communities many of our elderly and under privileged would have gone unnoticed last Christmas. One Hundred special clients received a gift this year.

"These gifts go to people who often have very few friends or family to support them at this time of the year", Janis Redford, General Manager of Catholic Community Services said. "They receive enormous joy from knowing that someone else has thought of them and we are very appreciative to the Rotary Club of Ryde for organising this great community service."



One of the special clients who received a gift this year is Mrs Princzie De Kauwe (pictured at left) who is 80yrs of age and has been a client of Catholic Community Services for the past 3 years. Mrs De Kauwe is reliant on her pension with few luxuries in her daily life. The gift from the Rotary Tree of Joy is a welcome "little bit of pampering".

Like many of our older community members, Mrs De Kauwe is unable to get around freely and Catholic Community Services provides her with a Community Aged Care Package to help her stay in her own home, take her on a weekly shopping trip that is very important to her as her weekly excursion out of the house and we perform light house cleaning duties.

Don't Mess with Senior Citizens



No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighbourhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Merle ."

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armoured car, practically landing at their feet. Merle quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money — fifty thousand dollars!

Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Merle said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.

The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighbourhood looking for the money, and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armoured car yesterday?"

Merle said, "No".

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic.

Merle said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile"

The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said: "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Merle and I were walking home from school yesterday"

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"



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, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service above Self", Rotary's main objective is

Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank you for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary

The Four-Way Test

of the things we think, say & do:

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

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;