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 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
 Postal Address: Rotary Club of Ryde Inc.
 PO Box 90 Ryde, NSW 1680



This Week... Andrea

Tonight July 12: My Year in Australia — 2008-9 Ryde exchange student from Switzerland, **Andrea Müller**. (Partners)



Ken's Korner

Somebody remarked that Club Assemblies can be a bit of a dull evening but last week seemed to me to be profitable as we set the agenda for the year ahead. This week we are delighted to have our former exchange student Andrea Müller from Switzerland to share with us what's been happening in her life since she returned home. We look forward to it.

Two reminders: A large number of members are still to complete bio details for the website. It doesn't need to be long so please see what you can do as soon as possible and secondly, half yearly subs of \$125.00 are due now. Please see the treasurer soon.

Yours, as we seek to put service above self,

Ken Allen



Last Week... as recalled by Allen Horrell

It was billed as a Club Assembly but Tuesday was first and foremost the night President Ken (or more formally President Allen) ran his first meeting as President. It also saw the return of **Andrea Muller**, our ex-exchange Student rebounding from Switzerland, and the return of PE **Burkhart Foertsch**, the Burgher from Bega! First up to speak was Treasurer McFee – sorry, Treasurer **Mick** asking for our membership fees to be paid promptly - \$125 due for payment next week! His speech was a model of clarity and brevity in a world in dire need of both.

A visiting Rotarian **Dr. Vidya Sagar Madhurakavi**, did a make-up at our club and brought his son Jaya too – fittingly they sat at the international table with **Siddharth** and **Surinder** to make them welcome.

PP **Peter Cooper** asked us to book *Friday 22nd July* for a Club Fellowship Dinner at a restaurant yet to be disclosed, but no doubt excellent!

President Ken Allen read a letter from MP Victor "Dominelli" (confusing his flock) congratulating us on our Anti-Graffiti crusade. I made a note to ask Victor Dominello what the Italian word for Graffiti is – the Ryde word of course is "Paint Vandalism!"

I took care of some final Past President tasks – Presenting **Lydia Scuglia** her 100% attendance certificate, and giving **Burkhart** all the things he missed at our Changeover:



Dr. Vidya Sagar Madhurakavi with President Ken

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Last Week ... continued



the programme, his 2010/11 President's gift and a Rotary Kangaroo badge. I also displayed the District Changeover's haul of two more District Awards – the ARHRF Award Shield and the **Les Whitcroft** District Governor's Shield. After 35

years his club has finally won the award Les donated to the District when he was Governor for being the "Best All-round Rotary Club in the District!" He never thought it would take so long.

Kalma McLellan won the Spackle, but unable to find the Joker, passed up the chance to win the \$35.50 accumulated since Hendo broke the bank two weeks ago. Still the bottle of white looked quite drinkable.

After a chicken dinner I had the leisure to enjoy for once, and the potato mash was great, I thought, we went into Club Assembly by Committee, hatching the cunning plans which will come to fruition later this year.

Membership committee was chaired in a lack-lustre way by a Director who was paying more attention to his IPP portfolio than to membership, but my team still came up with some great ideas: erect a Rotary Wheel at Meadowbank Ferry Terminal where hundreds of residents of the Shepherd's Bay development can see it each day, provide input to Club Service committee on how to improve the appearance of our meetings, already good, but let's make them great, and invite Vocational Leaders in the Ryde area to be guest speakers at our club: that's how **Tony Abboud** was inoculated with the Rotary virus.



Siddharth's International meeting decided to reintroduce the idea of International dinners.



Nora said her Community committee had 15 projects planned, and there would have been more had she not been distracted by PP **Charles Kilby** offering suggestions, all of which she already knew!



In spite of being at the wrong table for most of the night, PP **Charles Kilby** had managed to scope out a plan for Youth: "My Goal is to run every programme in the Youth portfolio! We'll run the lot, by assigning a Rotary Liaison Officer to each School in Ryde!" He plans to replicate the James Ruse Interact club to Ryde Secondary, Marsden and Holy Cross, and to start a Rotaract Club in Ryde. I'm a little worried that this modest plan may expand until scope creep leads his team to attempt more than they can reasonably accomplish in a single year, but time will tell!



Ron Thomson spoke on Vocation visits, speakers and projects, and gave the clear impression that, just quietly; he knows what he is doing,

President Ken told us we are in for another great year, the meeting closed with the Anthem, and we were done for another week.

Allen Horrell

Letter

David,

Thanks for remembering me. For your info I'm in Turkey. They tell me that Turkeys don't come from Turkey but Tulips do! And Bega comes from Bega as well!! Anyway the figures are attached. I did ask that anyone who had a makeup email me, but so far not one email. I do feel forgotten.

Kind regards,

Graham



HUB Contributions

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Semi-Annual Fees are DUE



Treasurer Michael Nelson would like to remind members that their semi-annual membership fees are due **NOW**. You may write a cheque, give him cash or direct credit to —

Rotary Club of Ryde, Inc.
BSB: 112-879
Account #: 000589388



Deadline for material in **The HUB** is **Friday** 5pm unless otherwise arranged.



City of Ryde

Community Volunteers Helpdesk — July-August roster

Monday	11-July	Jean	18-July	Jean	25-July	Jean	1-Aug	Jean
Tuesday	12-July	David	19-July	David	26-July	David	2-Aug	David
Wednesday	13-July	Rob	20-July	Rob	27-July	Rob	3-Aug	Azar
Thursday	14-July	Azar	21-July	Paul	28-July	Azar	4-Aug	Sophie
Friday	15-July	John	22-July	Sophie	29-July	John	5-Aug	John

If you need to vary this arrangement, arrange your own swap and advise Persis on 9952 8048 or pkoo@ryde.nsw.gov.au



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 88.67%

Makeups: None advised
Apologies: Eric Bond, Artin Etmekdjian, Ian Henderson, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim, Patrick Longfield, Graham Metcalfe, James Candrick, Maureen Mulheron, Stefan Sojka
Guests: Julie Thorp, Andrea Müller, PP Dr Dr. Vidya Sagar Madhurakavi

Looking Ahead...

July 19: My Year in Australia — returning exchange student Anna Gossweiler.
 Anna's Last Night with the Club. (Partners)

July 26: TBA
Aug 2: TBA
Aug 9: TBA
Aug 16: District Governor David Rand's visit to Ryde Rotary
Aug 23:



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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 15: Bob Kaye-Smith — 3 year Club Anniversary
July 15: David James — 3 year Club Anniversary

Friday Night Roster for Anna

Anna (0459 494 143) is currently being hosted by the Choi family at 119 Kissing Point Road Dundas (access from Albion Street). Feel free to swap as long as all advised. Apologies if some have not had the opportunity. I am sure Anna is open to socialising on other nights.

			July	15	Tony and Sylvia Abboud
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Absentee Advice — RING VAL

If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at this week's meeting, please ring Val Payne (**9874 5787**). Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology.

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Other events ...

- ▶ **Lifeline Book Fair**
Knox Grammar School, Pacific Highway, Wahroonga
Thursday 14th—Sunday 17th July
- ▶ **Club Fellowship Dinner**
Friday 19th July
Details TBA
- ▶ **Meals on Wheels**
Sunday 31st July, 8.30am
Contact: Bob Carroll
- ▶ **Theatre Party—Mary Poppins**
Date: Sunday 31st July 1pm
Location: Capitol Theatre
- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**
Date: Saturday 6th August (first Saturday in the month)
Time: 8am-10am



Meals on Wheels



If you have a Rotary-related item for this calendar, please e-mail it to editor@ryderotary.org.au

Don't mess with senior citizens



The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

A Rose by any other name

A couple of advancing years had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great... I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

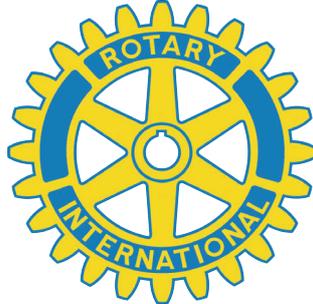
The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

The Rotary Club of Ryde



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 service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

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 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 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!