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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... at Royal Ryde Rehabilitation Centre

Tonight Sept 27: Special Club Meeting at **Royal Ryde Rehabilitation Centre (Partners)** - *see information in this issue on access*
Our Presentation will be made by CEO Stephen Lowndes, and it will include introducing previous Ryde Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards recipients. The Presentation will be: Royal Rehab - Maximising Abilities.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers: Nora Etmekdjian, Hameed Fazal
Loyal Toast by: Peter Cooper
Guest speaker introduced by: —
Guest speaker thanked by: Kalma McLellan



If you are unable to fulfil this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President-Elect Burkhart.

The Roster for the next two weeks appears on Page 11



Ken's Korner

Greetings for another week. This week we have a visit to The Ryde Rehabilitation Centre to hear what's been happening there. Wives and partner's are welcome please make sure that Martin Aston knows if you are bringing any people that are not already listed. Once again as I'll be on leave I'm grateful to President elect Burkhart for running the evening.

Our Tamil Nadu project in India is progressing hopefully. Siddharth will bring us up to date this week or next.

I'm pleased to see that our welcome roster is working and that those listed are arriving in time to welcome others. The next two weeks' responsibilities are listed on Page 11.

We (through Burkhart) are also checking with Next generation Management to see what signage we can have downstairs to indicate where our meeting is being held.

Thank you again to PP Duncan Taylor for the great job he is doing liaising with James Ruse Interact Club. It is a great contact for the club. Have a good week

Ken

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. Not only that, it's the polite thing to do.



Last Week... as recalled by David James

Serjeant **Steve** called us to order in the big room this week with a slightly off-centre bang of the bell. He failed to hit the sweet spot but **Paul Burnett** made up for it with the loyal toast. Half way through the best Rotary meal I have ever tasted I realised the absence of our two resident scribes – **Allen Horrell** and **Stefan Sojka**. Horrors! 'I'll have to do it myself', I heard myself mutter.

Our lively exchange student **Victoria** spent a fair amount of time last week eating. Firstly with **Bob & Lorraine Carroll** and then a sumptuous Indian banquet at **Surrinder Joson's** in downtown, leafy Melrose Park. She summed this up by saying "I'm really enjoying being an exchange student in Australia".

Artin was congratulated at being re-elected Mayor whereupon the Serjeantt boldly asked who was Deputy Mayor. Someone yelled out "Nora!". Just as well the tables were well-separated.

President-elect **Burkhart** announced the success of the raffle and blithely suggested that he has more tickets to sell. We also have many cans of drink, but no more sausages. Rtn **Richard Henricus** said we'd been invited to do a similar gig for the National Park Rangers' picnic on 16th October. Our projects team are considering this request. I wonder when Rotary will shake the mantle of running BBQs and sausage sizzles?

Patrick Longfield managed to scour the room asking for credit card details of those going to the Conference. Who was that man last seen leaving the room with a large sack?

John Mazlin escaped the Serjeant's notice by wearing a tie, but he aptly reminded us that our Ambassadorial Scholarship for **Alp Atik** was made possible through the Rotary Foundation and re-iterated that 100% membership of the Centurion program would help.

Charles Kilby introduced **Geoff Brennan** (who needs no introduction) to auction off more gardening kits. The secateurs are "Swiss-style" and guaranteed to cut, and the gloves have at least five fingers he said. Yuk! The reverse auction managed to add well to the coffers and the proceeds were immediately turned around in favour of the James Ruse Interact Club's Cambodian project.

As a reward for his efforts PP Geoff had the lucky number in the Spackle but, alas, drew only 5 of Hearts.

Serjeant **Steve** fined just about everyone. I can't remember all of them because I was running around with the collection box. Never argue with the Serjeant – even if you are doing something else!

PP **Duncan Taylor** introduced **Megan Connors** the Deputy Principal of James Ruse Agricultural High School who then introduced her team – **Beatrice, Richard and Clarence**. PDG **Les Whitcroft** suggested that this may be the largest Interact Club within a Rotary club in Australia; something we'll ask **Bob Kaye-Smith** to confirm when

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Last week ... more

he returns from holidays. JRAHS Interact has 160 members – they collected and donated \$13,000 to charities in 2010 and 2011 through initiatives such as Pink Food Day, Red Shield Appeal, Westmead Bandaged Bear Day, Christmas gift wrapping and National Bandana Day BBQ for Canteen. There is a separate report in this issue on their experiences.

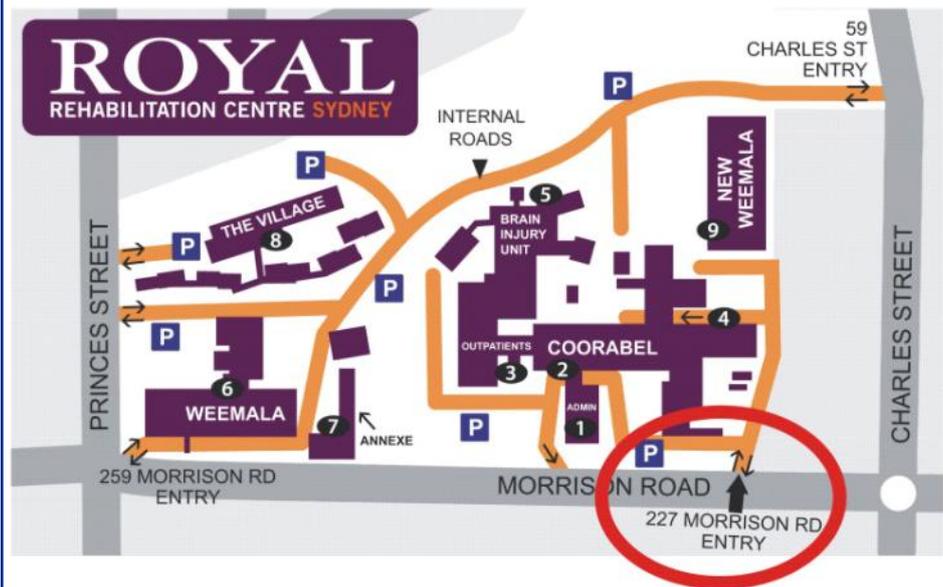
Duncan presented Interact with their official certificate of registration and, after questions from the floor **President Ken** closed the meeting and set out in search of a tall man carrying a sack of credit cards.

David James

This week, we are somewhere else ...

Our meeting this week will be at Royal Ryde Rehabilitation Centre, 227 Morrison Road, Putney. Entry to the car park is off Morrison Road, adjacent to the IGA Putney carpark. On entry turn immediately left into the car parking. There will be signage directing guests to the Conference Centre. 6pm for 6.30, same cost as at Next Generation but drinks are included.

ROYAL REHABILITATION CENTRE: 227 MORRISON ROAD, RYDE NSW Tel: (02) 9807 1144



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James Ruse Agricultural High School visits Cambodia in July

4:30am, July second, 2011, Sydney stood in silence. However, at this insanely early hour, in twelve houses, lights were turning on, teeth were being brushed and cars were starting and thus, our Cambodian adventure of 2011 had begun.

Why Cambodia?

As part of JRAHS's commitment to building global citizens and promoting social justice we had connected with an orphanage in Cambodia and after many years of fundraising and dreaming of visiting we were finally on our way.

After being shepherded through customs which resulted in the confiscation of several badly concealed water pistols, we glided through duty free and took over the back of the plane. Fourteen short hours later, we were in Cambodia.

The first bus ride, through the streets of Phnom Penh was amazing. We glued our faces to the windows in wonder and disbelief, staring at entire families on motor scooters; pedestrians running across roads and tuk tuks with well over 10 people on board. We were already fearing for our lives.



The next day began in the capital, Phnom Penh where we visited Tuol Sleng prison and its killing fields Choeung Ek. This was a very emotional day for all of us as we witnessed the terrible genocide, events that occurred not so long ago. So many of the photographs of blank, sullen, sunken faces seemed to be people who we once knew, but had forgotten. So many innocent lives were wasted. Learning about this tragedy

really linked back to our aim, of empowerment of the young leaders of tomorrow, of the greater understanding of social justice.

On a lighter note, in the afternoon, we headed to the recently renovated central markets. There we were able to exercise our superb bargaining skills emerging with hats, bracelets and jewellery; whilst looking somewhat apprehensively towards the supposed iPhone 5.

Eventually though, we did arrive at HOPE, the purpose of our journey. We were greeted by a guard of honour made up of a swarm of mini kids who sang us a welcome song as we walked through the gates. After receiving a scarf each and getting a good dusting of Ceremonial Cambodian powder, the children at



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HOPE held us a welcome concert involving singing, dancing and even a magic show. We were also blessed by local monks and whilst holy Buddhist water flew in all directions, we tried our best not to laugh as one of the monks answered his mobile phone in the middle of the prayer.

The days that followed were simply out of this world. Between lessons in Khmer, English and Maths (our favourite), we partied, played games, partied, toured the local area, school and university and partied some more. Throughout all this fun, we forged numerous friendships, shared dozens of scandals and took thousands of photos.



When it arrived, the time to say goodbye was extremely difficult. One hundred and twenty Cambodian children joined with us in a circle where we were able to speak as a group for one last time. We spoke of the fun we'd had, and what we'd learnt, but we also spoke about what the future holds. We spoke about friendship, and education and opportunity.

Our adventure in Cambodia, one of the most impoverished countries in the world left us all hungry for change, hungry for a better future for the children at HOPE and hungry for a just and equal world.

**By Richard Tong,
JRAHS Interact and
Cambodian Trip
representative**



Cambodia Team 2011

*Abbirami Liganathan, Beatrice Zang,
Dominique Chan, Sandra Li,
Charmaine Lo, Vanessa Shim, Bridget
Lee, Rui Chen, Richard Tong, Andrew
Lo, plus (not in photo) Mrs Connors,
Miss Murphy and Mrs Golding*

◆ *Photos captured from their video presentation*

Rotary Peace Centers Program



Peace fellows discuss what Rotary Peace Centers program has meant to them

The Rotary Peace Centers program provided Alejandra Rueda Zarate, of Bogota, Colombia, with skills that she's now using to help poor villagers in her nation's countryside.

"Thanks to the program, I complemented my years of work experience with international knowledge and learning, allowing me to start my own initiative on rural development and poverty alleviation," says Zarate, a 2010 graduate of the Rotary Peace Center at the University of California, Berkeley, who had worked in the agricultural industry before her fellowship. "The strategic platform brings capacity building to peasants in the countryside, and has had significant results for conflict alleviation in Colombia."

Each year, the Rotary Peace Centers train future leaders who have a demonstrated commitment to peace, preparing them to promote national and international cooperation and the successful resolution of conflict. Fellows earn a master's degree in international relations, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or related fields, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies.

Working to promote peace

Your generous support of the [Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative](#) ensures the program's future, providing opportunities for new classes of peace fellows, and empowering the more than 600 alumni already working to promote greater tolerance and cooperation.

In honor of the International Day of Peace, 21 September, we asked former peace fellows how the program equipped them for their current work in the field:



Shai Tamari, a 2006-08 Rotary Peace Fellow, in a Palestinian refugee camp outside Amman, Jordan. Photo courtesy of Shai Tamari

"The Rotary Peace Centers program provided me with the confidence to walk through the halls of the U.S. Congress, seek a position as a foreign policy adviser, and know that I have something to offer which members of Congress desire in an aide -- knowledge, experience, and chutzpa," says Shai Tamari, a 2006-08 fellow at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA.

"As a U.S. diplomat, the knowledge and experience I gained as a peace fellow have had a direct impact on my work with international organizations in Libya, Somalia, and Yemen," says Tim Haynes, a 2004-06 fellow at Sciences Po, France.

"I have been working for the German development cooperation on its climate protection program, where I am able to work with developing countries to help them address their development challenges in the face of climate change. I have been granted a bird's-eye view into the issue as a member of the German delegation to climate negotiations," says Sallie Lacy, a 2005-07 fellow at the University of Queensland, Australia.



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 93.48%

Makeups: Allen Horrell, Bob Carroll, Ken Allen, Duncan Taylor, David James
Apologies: Allen Horrell, Bob Carroll, Bob Kaye-Smith, Eric Bond, Rob Mitchell, James Candrick, Lydia Scuglia, Stefan Sojka, Terry Kerim
Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt, Megan Connors, Clarence Ma, Richard Tong, Beatrice Zhang
Guest of Rotarians: Sofia Fazal, David Mulheron

Looking Ahead...



Oct 4: **The Eggtober Foundation**—Gynaecological Cancer Awareness (*Partners*)
Oct 11: **The Young Love Foundation**—Jenny Moulder
Oct 18: **Apprentice of the Year Awards**
Oct 25: **Club Forum—Strategic Planning**
Nov 1: **Top Ryde City Update**—Leah May
Nov 8: **Membership Extension**—PDG Tony Castley

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



Anniversaries

September 28: Artin Etmekdjian — 7th Club Anniversary
September 30: Graham Metcalfe — 31st Club Anniversary
October 2: Ashley & Marie Peake — 23rd Wedding Anniversary
October 2: John & Elinor Higgins — 43rd Wedding Anniversary

Friday Night Roster for Victoria



Victoria Blichfeldt is currently being hosted by the Horrell family. Feel free to swap as long as all advised.

Who	When
Noel Dunn	30/9/2011
Artin & Nora	7/10/2011
Burkhart Foertsch	14/10/2011
Adrian Hallett	21/10/2011

Who	When
Hameed Fazal	28/10/2011
Ian Henderson	4/11/2011
Richard Henricus	11/11/2011
John Higgins	18/11/2011

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Someone might laugh



Irish Vasectomy

After having their eleventh child, an Irish couple decided that was enough, as they couldn't afford a larger bed! So the husband went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want any more children.

The doctor told him there was a procedure called a vasectomy that would fix the problem but it was expensive. A less costly alternative was to go home, get a firework, light it, put it in a beer can and then hold the can up to his ear and count to 10.

The husband said to the doctor, "B'Jayzus, I may not be the smartest guy in the world but I don't see how putting a firework in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me."

"Trust me, it will do the job", said the doctor.

So the man went home, lit a banger and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5" at which point he paused, and placed the beer can between his legs so he could continue counting on his other hand.

Understanding Engineers #1

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said,

"Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said,

"Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said,

"Good choice, The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."



This week's Brain Teaser

What do these seven words all have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

Answer? ... go to www.ryderotary.org.au/brain teasers

Other events ...

▶ **Ryde Healthy Lifestyle and Wellbeing Day**

Date: Wednesday 12th October 2011

Location: Ryde Hospital

Details: Paula Hanlon — email phanlon@nsccha.health.nsw.gov.au

▶ **Granny Smith Festival**

Date: Saturday 15th October 2011

Location: Everywhere in Eastwood



▶ **Ryde Rotary Fellowship Weekend**

Date: 28th — 30th October

Destination: Lithgow

Details: Forthcoming from Peter Cooper



▶ **Meals on Wheels**

Sunday 30th October, 10.45am

Contact: Bob Carroll



Meals on Wheels

▶ **Ryde Rotary Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**

Date: Saturday 5th November (first Saturday in the month)

Time: 8am-10am

Details: Charles Kilby



▶ **Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner**

Date: Wednesday 7th December 2011

Venue: The Epping Club

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm



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▶ **Ryde Rotary Golf Day**

Date: Friday 10th February 2012

Venue: Oatlands Golf Club

Details: Forthcoming from Michael Nelson and Ron Thomson



▶ **District Conference**

Date: 16-18th March 2012

Venue: WIN Sports & Entertainment Centre, Wollongong

Details: Patrick Longfield

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

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
3/10/2011	Ian H	Richard H	Jan C	Stefan S	John M
11/10/2011	John H	Allen H	John D	Charles K	Maureen M

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!