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MONTH**

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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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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

This Week... Club Forum

Tonight	Jan 24: 6 for 6.30	Club Forum Are our meetings relevant?
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Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Artin & Nora Etmekdjian
Loyal Toast by	Geoff Brennan
Guest Speaker introduced by	—
Guest Speaker thanked by	—



If you are unable to fulfill this duty, please arrange your own swap and inform President Ken what you've done.

The "Meeting Night Roster" for the next 3 meetings appears on Page 11

Ken's Korner



Welcome to another week at Ryde Rotary. This week we are having a Club Forum at which we will be updated on the events planned for the coming month. We will also have a discussion and survey of our members feelings about several aspects of our club procedures as outlined last week. I have also asked Graham to give us an update on how our finances are going for the year. Whilst on that the Next Generation Club have informed us that the meal cost will rise to \$29.00 from \$27.00. The board has decided to leave the weekly fee at \$30.00 for the present and monitor proceedings. The 21st February is closest to RI's 106th birthday so it will be a wives and partners night.

And now just a few reminders ... don't forget to let Ron know if you can get a team together for the Golf Day on 10th Feb... contact Adrian if you can help with the Australia Day barbecue and for incoming Board Members the Leadership Courses are very important and the club will help with fees for these to assist you.

Remember Rotary is Service above Self

Ken

REMINDER ... Semi-Annual Dues ...

HUB Contributions

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Last week ... as recalled by Kalma McLellan

Good to see everyone back after the formal holiday break, although many members still appeared to be in vacation-mode and very relaxed (or still away in exotic places). We dined on chicken breast in green pepper gravy with snow peas and chat potatoes, followed by slivers of succulent and low calorie cheese cake. **Nora** congratulated all concerned for raising over \$2100 with the Top Ryde Christmas wrapping. 65 helpers attended over the wrapping period, 45 of whom were from James Ruse Interact and did an outstanding job. Only a handful of members in comparison helped out, and the Serjeant ensured that all others were reminded of their Christmas obligations for 2012.

Ron Thompson reminded us that the Ryde Rotary Golf Day is looming fast however numbers are half that required, and mostly from his own work connections. He encouraged all members to maximise the opportunity for their own connections to swell the numbers and ensure that the day continues to be a success and funds raised can make a difference to our projects.

Adrian Hallett announced an invitation from Ryde City Council to 'man' the barbecue at the Australia Day celebrations at Ryde Common on Jan 26th. All volunteers most welcome with free entertainment provided for the afternoon and a number of stalls being set up in support.

Kalma is collecting a database of activities suitable for entertaining our exchange student on the Friday night roster. This will provide a pool of ideas for all to use as well as the opportunity to keep track of what has already been used.

Victoria regaled us with her vacation adventures – boating, surfing, movies – and a recent relocation just to keep her truly grounded. She also celebrated her birthday in recent days, getting the year off to a wonderful start.

Patrick Longfield introduced with aplomb our guest speaker, **Justine MacPherson**, to talk about the work of **The Good Shepherd Sisters** at their orphanage in Kotahena in Sri Lanka. Justine happened upon her travels to Sri Lanka quite by accident, and then fell in love with the country, much to the interest of her Mum who is also Sri Lankan. Justine has now paid many visits to the orphanage, which supports abandoned and orphaned girls providing them with a general education which would otherwise be outside their reach. Most importantly the orphanage teaches them how to speak English to expand their employability opportunities, which are very narrow with only their native language. The Catholic sisters operating the orphanage represent a 5% minority religion in Sri Lanka which is dominated by Bhuddist and Moslem faiths, however the orphanage continues to be constantly full and turning applicants away. On the side, Justine has used her recently attained business skills to start her own business (fondue2you) and provided all attendees with excellent samples of her 'cake on a stick' delicacy. Most samples were enthusiastically consumed with many of her business cards disappearing also – we wish her business venture every success.



President Ken with Justine MacPherson

Last week ... continued

President Ken reminded us of the Club Assembly next week, and tasked us with preparing **3 things to talk about:**

- our proudest moment
- our most embarrassing moment
- our happiest moment.

We will also consider the traditional trappings of Rotary and their relevance to future potential membership including grace, the national anthem and the Serjeant's session. So think about them from an outsiders perspective before Tuesday's meeting.

Kalma McLellan

RYLA Dinner



It was a fair old trek from the Bluescope Alexandria office back to Oatlands to collect Bernadette then drive to the Pittwater RSL for the RYLA dinner, which was 6pm for 6:45pm start. There was no hope of making it by 6, but we did take our seats just prior to 6:45, so were able to participate in Rotary Grace, Toast the Queen, hear the official welcome and Toast RI.

We sat with our sponsored RYLArrians, who this year are my son David Horrell, and Top Ryde resident and Macquarie University student Alice Fielding-Smith (pictured right). There was quite a crowd with 76 RYLArrians, a team of facilitators, and the Rotarians from the sponsoring clubs. Each course took a while to serve the assembled multitude with the sheer number of diners to be delivered a meal, the usual steak or chicken alternating. On the back of the programme I noted that one of the event sponsors was our very own Ron Thomson's Laser Wizard Pty Ltd!



Gary Squire with President Ken A

After the main the RYLA Program Leader gave an address on success: his thesis appeared to be that careers and businesses fail because of the individual's low self-esteem (so that you sabotage your own efforts), or a lack of a clear vision focusing on your objectives (so that your efforts are misdirected). He gave the example of people who go to business seminars, agree that the material and ideas are just what their business needs, then return to the office, file their notes and carry on business as usual, not putting their learnings to practise. Maybe there is an element of truth in that, but self-belief and focus on goals can only take you so far. Certainly being energetic and focused is better than low energy unfocused procrastination, but maybe some businesses fail because the market just isn't that into what they have to offer?

The RYLA Sergeants fined the assembled Rotarians for a list of crimes that spoke volumes about their perceptions of Rotary. We were fined if we had paid off our mortgage, drove there in a Four Wheel Drive, our kids had all finished Uni, or we played Golf. Being heavily mortgaged, without 4WD, kids in school, with no golfing experience whatsoever, I dodged the bullet each time, but still paid up as it was to raise money for charity, and they cleared \$1000 in 10 minutes.

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Ryde Rotary welcomes in the New Year



Photo centrefold



RYLA Dinner ... *continued*

The keynote address was on "The 7 Lies We Have Been Told About Today's Youth" by Gen Y expert Michael McQueen, and those of you who have been to the last few District Conferences will have heard most of what he had to say. The 7 lies weren't actually lies; they were just generalisations about an entire generation. If you are going to make judgements on an entire generation, you cannot do so without generalising, and therefore lying about some individuals in that group. For instance one "lie" was "Gen Y kids have no moral compass" no sense of right and wrong. Older people say "You should do this!" and Gen Y reply "Why?" He went on to say Gen Y do not believe in moral absolutes; everything is shades of grey rather than black and white. That is another generalisation by the way – not all Gen Y believe in situational ethics, where what is right on Tuesday might be wrong on Wednesday.

"They have no respect!" may be a lie but so is "Respect must be reciprocal and earned!" To which I would reply "Why? Shouldn't you respect the office while you find out if the holder is worthy of your esteem? Shouldn't the same courtesy be extended to your elders in the first instance, or are manners too old-fashioned for Gen Y?"

"They are selfish and self-absorbed!" Maybe not be true, but while there may be no "I" in team, but there's a "me" in awesome! Facebook would not have 800 million subscribers if there were not some truth to this accusation.

"They are lazy and think they are entitled to rewards they have not earned!" No, they just want a better work/life balance than the career fixation that gave their parents heart attacks and divorce. Again, both these generalisations are half-truths.

"They communicate only on-line by texting, Facebook and Twitter!" Perhaps they don't know how to communicate any other way: 62% of Gen Y are fatherless, either in the sense that their father has split with their mother, or that they are leaving for work before the kids get up, and arriving home late in the evening, and emotionally absent even then. If that is true, perhaps everything we say about Gen Y only really applies to that 62%, not to the whole generation. The other 38% are just like past generations, only with more technology.

It was announced that there have been no new cases of Polio reported in India for the last year, which means that technically, India is no longer on the polio endemic list. Now there are only three remaining polio endemic countries: Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. That is great news.

As we were leaving a patron approached me saying "Who are all you people? I've never seen so many nice people gathered together in one place before!" I explained we were Rotarians, and that we joined to serve the community, but stayed because of the friendships we made with those nice people. "What do you do?" he asked.

"Try to make the World a better place, at home and abroad, any way we can!"

He got into his car promising to Google Rotary the next day, and I reflected that that is really the purpose of RYLA: we are training tomorrow's leaders in the hope of making the future a better place.

Allen Horrell

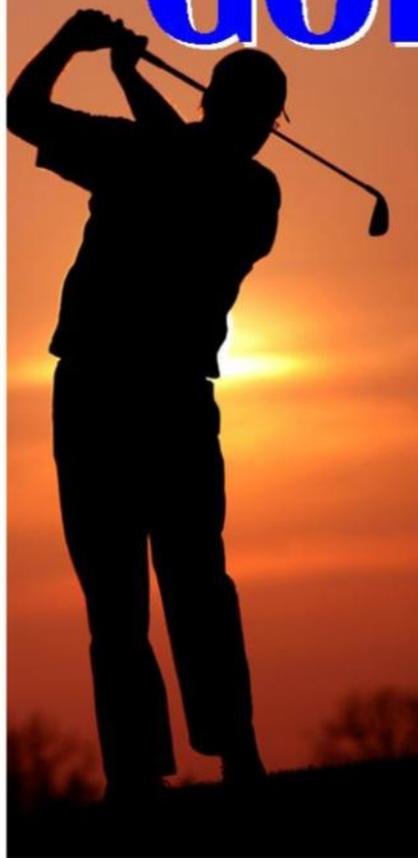
Deadline to submit material in **The HUB** is Friday 5pm unless otherwise arranged.



ROTARY CLUB OF RYDE

2012 CHARITY

GOLF DAY



**Proudly hosted at
Oatlands Golf Club**

**Friday
10th February 2012**

**4-ball Ambrose
Complimentary Bunker Clinic
Registration 7am + breakfast
Shotgun start 8am
Lunch approx 1pm**



Proceeds to community projects of the Rotary Club of Ryde. The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia will receive \$50 from this registration which will be a tax deductible donation for you.



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 86.05%

Makeups: Allen Horrell, John Dodd, Hameed Fazal

Apologies: Allen Horrell, Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, David James, Duncan Taylor, Hameed Fazal, Paul Burnett, Ron Taffa, Stefan Sojka, Terry Kerim

Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt

Guest Speaker: Justine McPherson, Good Samaritan Orphanage, Sri Lanka

Leave of Absence: Tony Abboud

2012

Looking Ahead...

Jan 31: RYLA candidates will speak to the Club about their recent experiences at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (to be confirmed)

Feb 7: Conflict Resolution at Work and Home' - Mark Rosenberg

Feb 14: The 4-Way Test Speaking Competition. Year 11 students from local high schools compete for this annual prize.

Feb 21: Partners' night



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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- January 24:** 36 year wedding anniversary for **Geoff & Janice Brennan**
- January 26:** 42 year wedding anniversary for **Rob & Judy Mitchell**
- January 28:** 56 year Wedding Anniversary for **Noel & Faye Dunn**
- January 28:** 45 year wedding anniversary for **Graham & Carolyn Metcalfe**
- January 29:** Birthday celebration for **Sally James**



Semi-Annual Fees are DUE



Treasurer Graham Metcalfe would like to remind members that their semi-annual membership fees of **\$125** are **NOW DUE**.

You may write a cheque, give him cash or pay by direct credit to —

Rotary Club of Ryde, Inc.

BSB: 112-879

Account #: 000589388

If you need to give a late apology for non-attendance at any meeting please ring Val Payne (**9874 5787**) **before 10am Monday**. Club policy is that you will be expected to pay for your meal if you are absent without timely apology.

Other events ...

- ▶ **Meals on Wheels**
Sunday 29th January, 10.45am
Contact: Bob Carroll
- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**
Date: Saturday 4th February (first Saturday in the month)
Time: 8am-10am
Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Ryde Rotary Annual Charity Golf Day**
Date: Friday 10th February 2012
Venue: Oatlands Golf Club
Details: Ron Thomson, Mick Nelson (see notice Page 9)
- ▶ **Annual District 9680 Youth Exchange Dinner**
Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
Date: Friday 10th February 2012
- ▶ **Sailing Day for Youth Exchange students**
Date: 12th February 2012
Venue: Royal Motor Yacht Club, Broken Bay
- ▶ **“End Polio Now” Fundraiser Movie Preview**
“Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” [PG]
Meal and Movie preview
Date, venue & cost: to be confirmed



Meals on Wheels



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

Friday Night Roster for Victoria

Victoria is presently hosted with Daniel & Kristina Graham — 9873 6096

Who	When
Graham Metcalfe	27/1/2012
Maureen Mulheron	3/2/2012

Who	When
Youth Exch. Dinner	10/2/2012
Bill & Val Payne	17/2/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
31/01/12	Burkhart	Adrian H.	Paul B.	Jan C	Noel Dunn
7 /02/12	Ian Hendo	Richard H.	Artin E.	Bob C.	Jan C.
14/02/12	John Higgins	Allen Horrell	Nora E.	—	—

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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!