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we embrace
**WORLD
UNDERSTANDING**

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

This Week... Speaking Competition



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

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	David Johnson, Allen Horrell
Loyal Toast by	Burkhart Foertsch
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 again to another week of Rotary. It's been a busy time for many in the Club with the Golf Day last Friday which went extremely well thanks to Ron Thomson, and the large team, who turned up on the day to help in one way or another. Thankfully the weather was clement and the golf enjoyed as well as a significant amount of money being raised for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Thanks Ron and Team!

Two dinners have been held since our last meeting and the club was well represented at both. Firstly the Youth Exchange Welcome Dinner last Friday and then on Monday Night, the Combined Service Clubs Dinner.

It was encouraging to see our members, and one prospective member, rally round after our last meeting to make sure that the Primary Schools Speaking Competition will be held this year. Thanks to Allen Horrell and those who have volunteered to help!

The District is still putting out the rallying cry for more attendees for the District Conference next month at Wollongong so if you are interested please see Patrick; it's not to late.

This week will look forward to our Secondary Schools 4 Way test Speaking Competition which is in the hands of our secretary Bob Kaye-Smith. Don't forget, if you can't attend don't keep us guessing. **Let Val Know**

Ken

"X"

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.



Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

After grace and a toast to the Queen I chatted with visitor **Geoff Nix** and Guest Speaker **Mark Rosenberg** who had much in common, Mark as a "Coach rather than a Consultant", and Geoff formerly of AIM, now running his own Training business.

President **Ken** observed that last week's guest **John Brown** hadn't made it to the meeting, and that our Honourable Secretary **Bob Kaye-Smith** was running late. DGE John Dodd is off on his "Listening Tour" of the District, so we won't see much of him for the next few months.

Ron Thomson announced he has achieved the target of 100 golfers needed to achieve breakeven for our Oatlands Golf Day, and that profitability of the whole fundraiser has been greatly enhanced by the generosity of an anonymous donor who values our good works highly enough to sponsor \$10K.

President **Ken** asked the Club – what shall we wear to the Masked Ball? "Masks!" some wit replied, but of course we could go in last year's Batman costumes, complete with mask, or PE **Burkhart** has offered the loan of his collection of 50 masks to the club.

PP **Geoff Brennan** showed us the Vandaltrak website where we can upload photos of paint vandalism for it to be removed ASAP, and pointed out that Top Ryde is now a graffiti-free zone: the miscreants have given up, knowing we will remove it every month.

Maureen has been to her first RLI course (if you don't know what that means look it up at <http://ryderotary.org.au/acronyms>) and reported that attendees suggested that each club print their Constitution and By-Laws once a year in the club bulletin. Seeing our Hub Editor about to have a coronary, I interjected "Download it from our website!" We are after all trying to be "A modern, professional club!" Go to <http://ryderotary.org.au/downloads> and download [Bylaws Rotary Club of Ryde 2010](#) and [Constitution Rotary Club of Ryde](#).

We discussed getting rid of the heavy wooden honour boards and replacing them with electronic versions, as ours are full and we don't want to have to pay for two new ones, or store them, or lug them in and out of our meeting every week. PP **Mick Nelson** helped us imagine what this would be like by displaying the three Rydalmerre Honour Boards alongside the four Ryde ones.

I invited interested members to attend a Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition after the meeting, little realising I was talking myself into another job.

Adrian Hallett reported on Meals on Wheels, thanking his intrepid team, then went on to explain his vision of our club showcase at Conference where we will show photographs of our projects alongside the appropriate Rotary Theme. For instance a picture of our Afghanistan School would be linked to the "Building Communities, Bridging Contents!" theme. Several Themes could be linked to one Project, and vice versa. You could say that same project was to "Make Dreams Real" for Ali Yunespour! Rotary Themes can be viewed at <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/presidents/themes/>.

Steve was in "Fine" form, fining **Hendo** for being on time and greeting members as his

Last week ... continued

rostered duty ("I do things properly, not like the Serjeant!"), and **Richard** for failing to do so, **Surinder** for winning the spackle, and me for some random thing I can no longer recall. Cross-fines included **David Johnston** for "thinking he is Allen Horrell" – he was dressed in black, and a vast improvement it was too, and the Serjeant by **Siddharth** for repeatedly calling him **Surinder!**

PP **Bob Carroll** introduced **Mark Rosenberg**, listing his degrees and accomplishments, to speak on "*Collaboration and Conflict Competency*". Some of the respect endowed by this glowing tribute diminished when Mark corrected him: "My second degree was in Psychology, not Physics!" He described a lack of conflict in an organisation as one of the "5 Dysfunctions," as well managed conflict is required for a company or a club to grow and make quality decisions. He read through a scenario involving stressed-out Peter "losing his cool" in a meeting when picked on by Richard the bully. "That's me he's talking about!" called **Richard** from the other end of the room, clasping his hands over his head in a victory salute. Mark ended his talk by telling us to try to use the Info Wheel to resolve conflicts in the club, and I thought "Inner Wheel" would probably work better.

In the questions time **Stefan** acted out a conflict scenario, where **Patrick** became the victim, at least I think he was acting: "The reason Patrick doesn't know what box he's in is because he's stupid!" Seeing no particular reaction to this, he helpfully added "He's a Pommie Bar Steward!" or something that sounds similar. Mark was right about conflict livening up a meeting: that had us all falling about laughing. After the Anthem, the meeting was over, but everyone stood around talking for half an hour afterwards. I think that is a sign of a vibrant club.

Allen Horrell

Court Humour



Real court quotes —

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?
 WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"
 ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?
 WITNESS: My name is Susan!

Useful websites

- Rotary Club of Ryde www.ryderotary.org.au
- Rotary International www.rotary.org
- Rotary Down Under www.rotarydownunder.com.au
- ShelterBox Australia www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au
- School of St Jude www.schoolofstjude.co.tz
- District Conference 2012 <http://conference.rotarydistrict9680.org>

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

Grift-wrapping wrap-up

The Rotary Club of Ryde had another successful Christmas gift wrapping project at Top Ryde Shopping Centre. We made a total of \$2,181.00 from 15th to 24th of December.

The volunteers this year were not just Rotarians and their families, but also 35 Interact students from James Ruse Agricultural High School. Nine of these students were enthusiastic young boys who were keen to wrap square or rectangular shaped gifts. Tying ribbons was an easy task. I often heard them telling each other "tie it like a shoe lace".



Rotarians who joined in enjoyed the company of the Interact students. We highly recommend them for future projects. Each Interact student had the enthusiasm to contribute to the community.

I personally look forward to working with them during Red Shield Appeal in May.

Sincere gratitude to Rotarian wives who offered their gift wrapping skills and attended several shifts. Thank you to Bernadette Horrell, Deirdre Edmonds, Judy Mitchell, Olga Sawyer, Rose Rocca and Swati Mohta. Thank you also to Anna Horrell and Sidra Hameed the two Rotarian daughters who were keen and enthusiastic to wrap every awkward shaped gift.

Also sincere thanks to Rotarians who contributed with some suggestions. On the left hand side of the photo above is the picture of the disposable badge prepared by Maureen Mulheron which we all wore including the Interact students. It was a good idea for promoting Ryde Rotary during Christmas. Above the badge is the picture of the brochure prepared by Allen Horrell. Thirty five of these brochures were given to people from the public who showed interest. Thank you to Allen Horrell, Alex Sawyer, Kalma McLellan, Maureen Mulheron and Rob Mitchell for volunteering for a few shifts.

We also had our own exchange student Victoria Blichfeldt who wrapped a large number of gifts. Alicia Chung a local Rotary Exchange student in 2009 sponsored by North Ryde Rotary joined to help. Both exchange students enjoyed their time and did a wonderful job.

Finally, I received a thank you message from Fiona Stewart, the Marketing Manager of Top Ryde Shopping Centre. She wrote in her message: " We would like to thank you for donating your time and efforts to ensure that the gift wrap service was provided for our customers".

I am now preparing for this year's Christmas gift wrapping. If you have any Christmas cards you don't want to keep, please pass them to me. On average each card can be turned to three gift tags which our customers like to use. Thank you to those Rotarians who have already given me their Christmas cards.

Nora Etmekdjian

Happy New Year from the School of St Jude!



This year, our sponsored teacher, Christina Gabriel, is School of St. Jude's Lower Primary Library teacher.



In 2012, our sponsored student, Kelvin Jackson Laiser is studying at our Secondary Campus at Usa River, in Form 3E.

Golf Day

Our 2012 Annual Charity Golf Day proceeded against all odds ... Mostly surrounding the weather. The clouds lifted, the sun shone and about 100 golfers had a grand day. A further report, with more photos, is forthcoming, along with a summary of the funds raised and distributed.



District Administration Committee nominations

District Governor David Rands is calling for nominations for the District Administration Committee and the Nominating Committee for the 2015-16 District Conference. If you wish to nominate or be nominated, please call District Secretary Gina Growden on 0412 128 106.

New Generations may become Youth in 2013

You will recall that at our meeting on 22nd November PP Allen Horrell proposed (it was seconded by PP Geoff Brennan and passed unanimously at that meeting) that we propose an enactment to the 2013 Council on Legislation to change the name of the Fifth Avenue of Service from "New Generations" to "Youth". Well, its been received and it has "advanced in the queue", you'll be pleased to know.

This enactment would amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to change the name of the fifth Avenue of Service from New Generations to Youth.

For decades, Rotary has conducted worldwide programs for youth such as Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Many countries, including Australia and New Zealand, have had Youth Service as an unofficial Avenue of Service encompassing the programs for young people for many years.

The term "Youth Service" to designate the fifth Avenue of Service maintains consistency in the nomenclature of youth programs.

The original proposal at the 2010 Council on Legislation, to create "Youth Service" as the name of the fifth Avenue of Service, specifically and accurately described the target group for whom youth programs are conducted.

In many countries, young people consider the term "New Generations" vague, patronizing and unacceptable. Many Rotarians consider that the term "New Generations" has a negative impact on the image of Rotary.

File No. 219E

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 13-

To amend the fifth Avenue of Service

Proposed by the Rotary Club of Ryde, N.S.W., Australia
Endorsed by District 9680, N.S.W., Australia
December 2011

1 IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the STANDARD ROTARY CLUB
2 CONSTITUTION be and hereby is amended as follows (page 244 MOP)

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4 **Article 5 Five Avenues of Service**

5 ~~Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the following: 1. International Friendship Center~~

22 members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering
23 acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments,
24 aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through
25 cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.

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27 5. ~~New Generations~~ Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive
28 change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development
29 activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange
30 programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

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Rotary water symposium in Israel stresses sustainability

More than 100 Rotarians took part in an international water symposium in Tel Aviv last November, discussing ways that Rotary can help meet the world's water and sanitation needs.

The symposium, sponsored by District 2490, was held in conjunction with WATEC Israel 2011, an annual water technology exhibition and conference that draws thousands of researchers, developers, politicians, and business executives from around the world.

RI President Kalyan Banerjee, addressing both symposium attendees and the larger WATEC audience, emphasized the need for Rotary service projects to be sustainable.

Sustainability "means that there will not be a problem finding parts, fixing something that is broken, finding the money for maintenance, keeping the project going," he said. "It means the community will take ownership of a solution, so that even though it might have come from Rotary originally, it no longer belongs to Rotary."

Community input

Banerjee used the example of solar ovens to illustrate why successful service projects need to begin with community input. Though solar ovens might look like a perfect solution to the problem of finding cooking fuel -- their energy source is free, inexhaustible, and nonpolluting; they are cheap to make; and they preclude the need to gather wood and cut down trees — other factors might have to be considered, he said. Perhaps local foods need to be cooked at hotter temperatures than a solar oven provides, or the area is very windy and the ovens could blow away, or the local women traditionally rise before dawn to cook.

"These are all issues that you simply might not have thought of," Banerjee said. "When we are talking about solutions to a problem, we must recognize that solutions cannot be imposed. They have to be developed, they have to be appropriate, they have to be a product of communication and cooperation."

Ron Denham, chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group and a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada, said it is especially important to choose appropriate technology for water projects in low-income areas.

"Appropriate technology means that the technology is within the capability and capacity of the people to use. It has to be very simple," he said. "The community also has to be able to afford to operate and maintain the facility."

The day's events brought together a wealth of expertise in water technology in a country that is the world's leader in water conservation.

Conference organizer Avner Fuchs, past governor of District 2490 and a member of the Rotary Club of Gedera, explained that Israel exists in a "permanent state of water shortage. We cannot waste any water, so we look at ways not only to use less water, but to reuse water in every way we can."

Fuchs said Israel recycles 75 percent of its uncontaminated wastewater, adding that the figure will rise to 95 percent by 2020. "Reclaimed water goes into things like cotton, trees, flowers -- anything that people don't end up eating or drinking," he said.

Abby Breitstein — Rotary International News



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 90.70%

Makeups: John Dodd, Kalma McLellan

Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Charles Kilby, John Dodd, John Higgins, Hameed Fazal, Nora Etmekdjian, Ron Taffa, Terry Kerim.

Guests: Geoff Nix

Guest Speaker: Mark Rosenberg

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Looking Ahead...

Feb 21: **ShelterBox update** — Craig Tobler + 107th birthday celebration of Rotary International [Partners]

Feb 28: **Is It The Truth?** A discussion on how we can apply the 4-Way Test today.

March 6: TBA

March 13: TBA



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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 15: 7 year Club Anniversary for **Steve Thorp**

February 20: Birthday Celebration for **Margaret Cooper**



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

We'll be sad if you can't make it ...



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. Isn't that **fair to all concerned**?

Other events ...

▶ **“End Polio Now” Fundraiser Movie Preview
“Best Exotic Marigold Hotel” [PG]**

Date: Thursday 23rd February
Time: 7pm sharp
Venue: Event Cinemas, Castle Towers, Castle Hill
Ticket cost: \$20

... and

Date: Sunday 26th February
Time: 10:30am
Venue: Hoyts Mandarin Centre, Chatswood
Ticket cost: \$20



▶ **District 9680 E-Club of Greater Sydney Charter Night**

Date: 24th February
Time: 6.30 for 7pm
Venue: Boronia Grove Receptions, Rawson Street, Epping
Cost: \$45 per person
RSVP to: john@johncorney.com.au

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

Date: Saturday 3rd March (first Saturday in the month)
Time: 8am-10am
Details: Charles Kilby

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	Who	When
Bill & Val Payne	17/2/2012	Ross Rocca	2/3/2012
Away at Umina	24/2/2012	Ron Taffa	9/3/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
21/02/12	Surinder J. David James	Ian Hendo	Noel Dunn	Nora E.
28/02/12	Charles K. Patrick L.	Richard H.	Burkhart F.	Adrian H.
6/03/12	Siddharth John Mazlin	John Higgins	Adrian H.	Ian Hendo

If you are unable to fulfil this duty, arrange your own swap and then advise President Ken

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!