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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

This Week... Shelterbox Update + Birthday Celebration

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

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Surinder Joson, David James
Loyal Toast by	Ian Henderson
Guest Speaker introduced by	Noel Dunn
Guest Speaker thanked by	Nora Etmekdjian



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

This week we will be celebrating the 107th "Birthday" of Rotary International, the birth of which has enabled so much goodwill to be generated and so much assistance to be given to others both locally and internationally. It has also spawned so many other similar organisations committed to similar ideals. Tonight is an appropriate night, therefore, to welcome Craig Tobler to give us an update on ShelterBox, the simple idea of one Rotarian which now has become a world wide tool in the relief for victims of disaster.... welcome Craig.

Last Thursday I attended the District Governor's bi-monthly dinner at Hornsby. We heard, amongst other things, of experiments going on in the District with Corporate Memberships and Associate Memberships neither of which we have seriously thought about in our club and both of which have drawbacks when it comes to full membership of R.I. One other item was a club experimenting with e-makeups. With so many opportunities for makeups and relaxed requirements for attendance these days I haven't yet quite seen the need. However experiments are continuing! Our neighbour club Gladesville for example hold a meeting with a \$7.00 fee and the meal is an option which follows afterwards to which most stay.

Last Friday morning together with John Mazlin and Ashley Peake I visited Eric Bond to present him with his Honorary Membership Certificate. Eric was delighted to receive it and to hear news of the Club. He assured us that he is an avid reader of The Hub which enables him to keep in touch. See photo Page 6.

See you Tuesday

Ken

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Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell



The meeting room was packed with members and guests for the District Four Way Test speaking competition semi-finals. Visitor **Andrew Dalton** was publicly thanked by **Bob Kaye-Smith** and **Geoff Brennan** for his very professional scriptwriting and video production work over the last few years for the Vocational Excellence Awards presentation at District Conference. Andrew is a past producer on the ABC's Australian Story and he turned the conference segment into a very polished presentation. He is the son of the late PP John Dalton from St Leonards club who spoke at many Rotary meetings, including Ryde, on the International Red Cross. Bob told us this is his last year in the District Vocational Chair role. Just as well, we need him for the Nowra Conference Committee!

Bill Payne rose to speak on the perennial topic of Bowel Scan, no wait it's Bowel Care this year, somewhat embarrassed to raise the subject at a dinner with so many guests. "No need to be embarrassed," he said, "It's just the body's engine exhaust system!" If so, it's in need of some emission controls. "Don't say that," I told Bill, "If they hear that we have an engine exhaust system, they'll want to carbon tax it!"

Ron Thomson reported back on the Golf Day – the Prostate Cancer Foundation shall benefit from the \$7000 raised on the day. He thanked his committee and the club, then the club, in the form of its figurehead President Ken, thanked him for an excellent effort.

I asked members to note the date of Wednesday 14th March for the Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition, and to support it: it's important to the kids to get a good audience. Partners are very welcome to attend the event at the Eastwood Heights Public School.

Past President **Rob Mitchell** read part of an excellent letter from **Ali Yunespour**, now working for DFAT, and just back from Kabul, where he met with Anwar Hadari and the Principal of our school in Borjegai. He said the entire community thanks the Indigo Foundation and the Rotary Club of Ryde for the cultural changes wrought by the now near universal education in the region. Their Children are educated, going to University, and getting paid employment. Read Ali's full report at : <http://www.indigofoundation.org/whats-new>

Victoria Blichfeldt reported on her week: she enjoyed the Exchange Dinner last Friday, and was pleased to be mistaken for an Australian by the other exchange students. She also got a day in a yacht on a day that it wasn't raining. Remember that day: it was summer.

President Ken reported on the Combined Services Dinner at Gladesville Sporties where the speaker was from the Barnardos charity who do good work, and were the beneficiary of funds raised by the dinner. He has volunteered Burkhart to run the event next year, the month before the Nowra Conference.

Patrick once again had the winning Spackle ticket: his luck can't be sustainable!

Doug Thompson and I took our places at the adjudicator's table for the Four Way Test speeches.

Last week ... *continued*

Jananee from North Sydney spoke first giving an emotive speech about Sharing the Wealth and Abolishing Hunger (I could hear the capitals in her delivery), but although she mentioned the Four Way Test it was not integrated into, and supported by, the rest of her speech: "Is it the Truth to be wealthy and not to share with others?" sounds superficial.

Tom from Shore School spoke on protesters, the courage of the Arab Spring, and the wonder of People Power unseating Dictators. It was in many ways a brilliant speech; he had good posture, was immaculately turned out, and used good eye contact and a confident delivery even when the microphone failed. Without missing a beat he lifted his voice and gave the rest of his speech unplugged: an admirable effort. Unfortunately he did not mention even one of the Four Way Tests, so let himself down: you must address the subject of the speech.

Laura from Central Coast Adventist School spoke on Poetry, tying in Valentine's Day with good use of humour. She used effective quotes to support her argument: "poetry is emotion that has found thought, when that thought has found words!" She spoke clearly with good use of the English language, stood upright and had the courage to role play during her speech.

She tied in all four of the Four Way Tests, and finished with a quote from Bob Dylan's "Blowing in the Wind." If you are going to appeal to the authority of a poet, Dylan is arguably the poet of our age.

Thanya is vice-president of our Interact Club at James Ruse Agricultural School, and gave a reasoned speech on the power of social media to change the way we respond to natural disasters, arguing that texting, Facebook, Twitter and Google Apps are changing the rules for how we communicate and coordinate the response to disasters in the modern age. She tied in the Four Way Test well, and if her speech had a flaw, it was that it was too highly intellectual, leaving the audience behind at times, and she spoke too fast as she tried and succeeded to fit all her content into the available time. She would have done better with less content and more humour and empathy.

Danielle from Brigidine College gave a convincing defence of White Lies, saying essentially that Tests 2-4 are more important than a rigid adherence to the literal truth of Test 1. "Continual constant truth can be a terrifying thing!" She made good use of humour to complement her logic and used quotes appropriately.

We marked the speeches independently, then in the end we sorted our marks from top to bottom and found that Doug and I were in accord: the two to go forward to the finals were Danielle and Laura.

All five contestants (see photo page 7) gave good speeches, and should take pride in their performances. To speak confidently in public is something many adults still cannot do.

Allen Horrell

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Honorary Member — PP Eric Bond



Past President Eric Bond receives his Certificate of Honorary Membership from President Ken Allen with Pat Bond and PP Ashley Peak looking on.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HUNTERS HILL PRESENTS
Out of Africa: A Celebration!
African music and dance
Sunday March 25 2012 • 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
All Saints' Church, 2 Ambrose St, Hunters Hill
For tickets / info contact Neville 0409 971 994 or All Saints' Parish 9817 2167
All proceeds used to fund Hunters Hill Rotary's International Humanitarian projects.

4-Way Test Speaking Competition Finalists



Finalists in the District 4-Way Test Speaking Competition held Tuesday 14th February.
 Pictured from left — front row : Laura Pinto, Thanya Sriharan, Jananee Myooran, Danielle Bennett.
 Back row : Bob Kaye-Smith, Tom St. John and President Ken Allen.





Bruce is 72 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, 'Pick me up.' He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say again, 'Pick me up.' He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. Bruce said, 'Are you talking to me?' The frog said, 'Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!' Bruce looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front pocket. The frog said, 'What, are you crazy? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride.' He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, 'Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog.'



Rotary NEWS IN BRIEF from around the globe

Rotary clubs around the globe have many things in common, including a commitment to service. All year long, clubs are taking action to make a difference in their communities. Here's a roundup of recent club activities worldwide:

Canada

Two Interactors and three Rotaractors were among 120 young Canadians who attended an invitation-only barbecue with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Ottawa in June. David Johnston, governor general of Canada and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, hosted the event with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to celebrate service and give the attendees an opportunity to tell the royal couple, government officials, and other dignitaries about their work.

USA

Rotarians in District 6960 (Florida) worked with high school students and other volunteers to package more than 1.3 million meals during a one-day event in May. Over 70 percent of children in the Rotary district receive free or reduced-price meals at school, but during the summer, many don't have enough to eat. The packaged meals – rice and bean casserole and macaroni and cheese, fortified with vitamins and minerals – went to local food banks, which distributed them over the summer months.

Mexico

A partnership between the Rotary Club of San Diego and nurses and doctors at Scripps Mercy Hospital has brought medical care to 9,000 people in remote Mexican villages since 1988. Rotarian volunteers include medical professionals, those providing logistical support, and members of clubs in Mexico. The Mercy Outreach Surgical Team has completed more than 40 weeklong missions, performing procedures to remove congenital tumours, correct cleft lips and palates and crossed eyes, and address other health problems.

Austria

The Rotary Club of Müzzuschlag-Semmering found a sweet way to support a community project: a 365-foot-long pastry created by a local bakery and displayed on a "pastry coaster" specially designed and built by club members Gerd Tomazic and Oswald Ebner. The club sold pieces of the pastry, raising €5,000 for medical equipment for a Red Cross ambulance, which now sports the club's logo.

Lebanon

The Rotary clubs of Beirut Centre and Tucson Sunrise, Ariz., USA, worked together in April to install a wastewater treatment system at Rafik Hariri University Hospital in Beirut. The project, supported by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, will reduce the concentration of residual pharmaceuticals in the hospital's wastewater, which helps irrigate gardens or travels through the sewer system into the Mediterranean Sea.

Kenya

A five-day project brought Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors to Nyumbani Village,

Rotary NEWS IN BRIEF ... continued

home to more than 700 children who have lost family members to HIV/AIDS, to install two solar-powered irrigation wells. The Rotary Club of Greater Portage County (Stevens Point), Wis., USA, joined with the Rotary clubs of Karen-Nairobi and Machakos, Kenya, to carry out the effort, funded by a District Simplified Grant from District 6220 (parts of Michigan and Wisconsin). The group also helped with planting. The solar pumps will be the primary source of irrigation for the community, and will cost less to operate than the old diesel-powered pumps.

Korea

For the second year, District 3650 delivered 10,000 charcoal briquettes to low-income families in Seodaemun-gu, a subdivision of Seoul. Briquettes are a popular source of heat in Korea. Over 450 volunteers, including 120 Rotarians, 167 Interactors, and 142 Rotaractors, participated in the distribution, along with Seodaemun-gu President Suk Jin Moon and National Assembly member Sung Hun Lee.

Australia

The Rotary Club of Wynyard (Tasmania) celebrated the 40th anniversary of its Music Hall show in 2011. Originally organized as a one-time event called the Old Time Music Hall, the production has been held every year, despite setbacks including a fire in the 1990s that destroyed a shed containing all the props and costumes. The performances have raised more than A\$1 million in support of local and international projects – in particular, educational programs for rural medical students.



Rotary International News

HUB Contributions

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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>



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 97.62%

Makeups: Artin Etmekdjian, Nora Etmekdjian, John Dodd, Hameed Fazal.
Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Duncan Taylor, John Dodd, Martin Aston, Tony Abboud, Erdem Toner, Hameed Fazal, Ian Henderson, Nora Etmekdjian, Terry Kerim.
Guests: Geoff Nix, Victoria Blichfeldt + 11 family and school associates
Guest Speaker: 5 High School Public Speaking Contestants
Guests of Members: Andrew Dalton, Don White
Rotarian Guests: Ian Kilpatrick (Terrigal)

Looking Ahead...



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

March 6: A Year in Belgium - Ryde Rotary Club's returned exchange student Pius Choi will talk about the year he recently spent in Belgium.

March 13: **Helping the Homeless in Sydney:** West Ryde locals Susan Thompson and Major Hilton Harmer (Salvation Army) will talk about the work they do with the homeless men and women of Sydney. Perhaps there is an avenue for Rotary help here!

March 20: **The Maringe Leste Project:** Rtn John Mazlin and ex-exchange student to Brasil, James Dodd, will tell us about this project which is being funded by the Club and the Rotary Foundation.

March 27: **Ryde Rotary Club's Public Schools Speaking Competition.**
Children from local Public Schools have the opportunity to speak on a prepared topic, and then on a surprise topic.

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



February 23: 107 year Birthday Celebration for **Rotary International**
February 27: 5 Year Club Anniversary for **Nora Etmekdjian**
February 27: 55 Year Wedding Anniversary for **Ron & Margaret Taffa**

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 ...

▶ **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

▶ **District 9680 Conference**

Date: 16 to 18 March
 Venue: WIN Sports & Entertainment Centre
 Details: conference.rotarydistrict9680.org or see Patrick



▶ **Out of Africa: A Celebration!**

Date: Sunday 25th March 2012
 Time: 2.30—5.00pm
 Venue: All Saints Church, Hunters Hill
 Tickets: \$30 for adults, concessions available
 Contact: Neville Hodgson, Rotary Club of Hunters Hill - 0409 971 994



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
Away at Umina	24/2/2012
Ross Rocca	2/3/2012

Who	When
Ron Taffa	9/3/2012
Duncan Taylor	16/3/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers		Loyal	Intro	Thanks
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
13/03/12	Kalma McL	Erdem Toner	Surinder J.	David James	Richard H.

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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!