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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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This Week... Is It The Truth?

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

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Charles Kilby, Patrick Longfield
Loyal Toast by	Richard Henricus
Guest Speaker introduced by	Burkhart Foertsch
Guest Speaker thanked by	Adrian Hallett



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

Hi all and welcome to another great week at Ryde Rotary. Some of our members are going to "discuss" their interpretation of the 4 Way Test which is certainly receiving some discussion at our Club.

At the Board meeting this week a number of things were discussed and brought to our attention. We have forwarded a cheque for \$5350.00 to the Prostate Foundation of Aust. from the Golf Day proceedings and another cheque for \$1000.00 to the Hunter's Hill Ryde Men's Shed Association. Chris von Schomburg who won our Apprentice of the Year award has won the same award at District level and will receive the same at the District Conference. Our Tamil Nadu project is on target thanks to some international help from DGE John Dodd. Our Maringa Leste Matching grant is likewise on its way. Hopefully we will hear more about these soon.

The board gave formal approval for Nora to continue to work on enlarging the Art Appraisal afternoon which she piloted last year for later in this calendar year. A design has been approved for a new pull up banner to display on the ground floor of Next Generation to indicate where our meeting is as relying on Next Generation has proved frustrating. We are also seeking to have a round of Mystery Dinners before this year is out. Hopefully David James will remind us of how we can best organise it. Finally Allen Horrell informed us that we have several prospective new members whom he is following up

See you on Tuesday

Ken

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Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell



Our meeting to celebrate the 107th Birthday of Rotary was ably marked by PDG **Alex Sawyer's** toast to RI. He demonstrated that he still has the words appropriate to the occasion and the voice to deliver a speech without the aid of a microphone!

Dinner was fish with a salad, but I couldn't find any chips to go with it, or should that be chups?

Ken regaled us with statistics about 1905 USA: 47 years was the life expectancy, only 40% of homes had their own bath, only 8000 cars existed at the time, and Australia's population was less than 4 million. PP **Geoff** was later to point out how much better off we are with over 1 billion cars on the road today!

There was a letter from PP **Duncan** on behalf of the Hunter's Hill-Ryde Men's Shed – at last we have a local Ryde Charity the club can adopt to support.

We have been invited by Gladesville Local Area Command to sell soft-drink and crisps at the Gladesville Blue Light Disco in June, a project which, given the age group, I think is ideally suited to Rotaract, rather than Rotary involvement.

Nora spruiked the Mayor's Big Bash Cricket charity day in support of the "Touched by Olivia" Foundation's drive to build a "Livvi's Place" multi-abled playground in Yamble Reserve.

Bill Scan the Bowel Payne man pointed out that Ryde has a proud record with Bowel Scan, and this year will distribute 800 kits, the third-largest group in the District. Who knows how many lives we have saved by the early detection of this deadly disease?

President Ken thanked PP **Geoff Brennan** for the RI Birthday cake which we then consumed while watching Exchange Student **Victoria Blichfeldt's** slide show of her tour of Sydney CBD on Saturday with Rtn **Maureen Mulheron**. The highlight of the show was the slide of an exhausted Victoria, walked off her feet by Maureen, asleep on the train on their way home.



Victoria ... Keeping up with the pace?

The fines session included **David Johnston's** West Ryde sleep-walk past PP Allen and his family on Sunday. Alert readers of last week's Hub will have noticed that David Johnston appears on page 8: "**David Johnston, governor general of Canada and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar...**" He gets around; he does, and is also double-dipping as a WA Senator; I can prove it:



My family and I were driving through West Ryde at Noon yesterday and stopped at a red light, when David crossed in front of us. We all waved, but he completely ignored us even when I tooted the horn at him. Bernadette suggested that I drive into him; "he might notice that," but the penny eventually dropped, the lights came on and he waved

Last week ... continued

back. He was probably engrossed in planning his week as GG for Canada and as the Australian Federal Shadow Minister for Defence, as well as for whatever it is he does at Channel 10...I shouldn't have told Steve this, as I then got fined for plotting to run over a fellow Rotarian!



*David Johnston ...
beware of kiwis
on the road*

Our guest speaker Craig Tobler gave us a ShelterBox update – he showed us the physical contents of a ShelterBox, but told us that what we actually deliver is not just these useful things, but is "Shelter, Warmth and Dignity." He spoke at some length about the ShelterBox Tent design, now in its 10th version. It was Founder Tom Henderson's idea that the Shelterbox tents must be big enough for the whole family and to last for years in all weather. In Haiti, many are still living in Rotary Tents two years after the disaster. Over 50,000 Shelterboxes have been delivered to 80 countries, including Australia and New Zealand after the Black Saturday bush fires, and the Christchurch earthquakes. We can be proud of our involvement in this great Rotary Project.

Allen Horrell



ShelterBox Australia General Manager, Craig Tobler with President Ken Allen

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Letter from Anna

Hallo dear David

Would you please be so kind and say hi to all the Rotarians and tell them some news?

Yesterday I had a little "Exchange Flashback" I met up with Emma Overlack at her house in Gemany.

Kaela, a friend from high school of hers and mine is staying with Emma's family for the next 6 months. So I was visiting my friend and had the chance to meet Emma too, which was great :) we chatted a lot about our exchange years, host familys and coming home And I realised that my accent is a lot stronger than hers, she sounds a lot more Australian ... too bad for me Apart from that devastating news. I'm very good, my family and friends are well, University is going well and finally winter is coming to an end I'm really looking forward to spring, even though this winter has been perfect, but I'm longing for some warm sunbeams!

I just wanted to say hi to everyone, I miss you all very much and hope you're all well I hope the sun comes out soon and gives you some hot and dry summer days!
Love Anna



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>



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.





2012 AUTUMN FASHION PARADE

Presented by the Inner Wheel Club of Ryde

Stock your wardrobe for the new season

Fashion by Prime Style Fashions



On **Wednesday 14TH March**
Commencing at 10.30am for Parade at 11am

followed by a light luncheon.

At **CHERRYBROOK UNITING CHURCH HALL**
134 New Line Road, Cherrybrook 2126

Cost \$15

Proceeds to the Children's Cancer Institute
Australia



MAYOR'S BIG BASH

City of Ryde & Pirates Cricket Charity Day

HOWZAT! The stars are coming out to play at the Mayor's Big Bash!

Hosted by the Mayor of the City of Ryde in partnership with the Ryde Hunters Hill Pirates Cricket Club, the cricket match will raise funds to help build Livvi's Place, a playground for children of all abilities in Yamble Reserve, Ryde

Barbecue and entertainment for the kids

Free Activate Cricket sessions on the day

So bring the family down to see the Mayor's celebrity team go head to head with the Pirate's best!

WHEN

Sunday 4 March • 9.00am – 2.00pm

WHERE

Ryde Oval, Ryde Park, Princes Street, Ryde

The all-star line-up for the Mayor's XI include:

- Greg Matthews former Australian cricketer
- Paul Clarke former Balmain rugby league player
- Jay Laga'ia Play School presenter actor, musician and Touched by Olivia Ambassador
- John Alexander Member for Bennelong
- Lisa Gormley 'Home and Away'
- Lincoln Younes 'Home and Away'
- Jason Hodges Better Homes and Gardens
- Robert Mammone 'Home and Away', 'Neighbours', 'Underbelly The Matrix'
- Stephen Peacocke 'All Saints', 'Packed to the Rafters', 'Home and Away'
- Lachie Turner Waratah

For further information go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au

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Easily Done!



A farmer stopped by the local mechanic to have his truck fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far away and would just walk home.

On the way home he stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and a 2-litre can of paint. He then stopped by the feed store and picked up a chicken and a goose. However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem – how to carry his entire purchases home.

While he was scratching his head he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost.

She asked, 'Can you tell me how to get to 16 Mockingbird Lane?'

The farmer said, 'Well as a matter of fact, my farm is very close to that house. I would walk you there but I can't carry this lot.'

The old lady suggested 'Why don't you put the can of paint in the bucket, carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken and a goose under each arm and carry them that way?'

'Why thank you very much,' he said and proceeded to walk the old lady home.

On the way he says 'Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time.'

The little old lady looked him over warily then said, 'I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall and have your way with me?'

The farmer said, 'Holy smokes lady! I'm carrying a bucket, a can of paint, a chicken, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?'

The old lady replied, 'Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket and I'll hold the chicken!'

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) - 24th & 25th March

MUNA is part of an International Rotary project to educate senior high school students (years 10 - 12) on the United Nations organisation and its vital commitment to world peace along with health, education and living standards around the world. MUNA helps students to develop public speaking and debating skills along with the study of the customs, culture and problems of the world's nations. Delegates attend MUNA wearing the national dress of the country they represent.



MUNA, sponsored by Macquarie Community College, is scheduled for 24th & 25th March at Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga. Schools can register on line at www.muna.com.au



Attendance last meeting

Attendance Last Meeting: 85.71%

Makeups: Artin Etmekdjian, John Dodd

Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Bob Carroll, Charles Kilby, John Dodd, Mick Nelson, Ron Thomson, Tony Abboud, Richard Henricus, Ron Taffa, Terry Kerim.

Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt, Allan Edworthy, Jessica Martin, Geoff Nix, Alex Sawyer, Olga Sawyer, Aileen White, Don White

Guest Speaker: Craig Tobler

Guests of Members: Margaret Cooper, Linda Hallett, Ruth Henderson, Elinor Higgins, Judy Mitchell, Rose Rocca, Julie Thorp, Judy Wang

Looking Ahead...



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

March 3: Birthday Celebration for **Lata Sojka**

March 4: 48th Birthday Celebration for **David Johnston**



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 ...

- ▶ **Paint Vandalism (Graffiti) Removal Day**
Date: Saturday 3rd March (first Saturday in the month)
Time: 8am-10am
Details: Charles Kilby
- ▶ **Mayor's Big Bash — Charity Cricket Day**
Date: Sunday 4th March
Time: 9am to 2pm
Venue: Ryde Oval, Princes Street, Ryde
- ▶ **2012 Autumn Fashion Parade (Ryde Inner Wheel)**
Date: Wednesday 14th March
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Cherrybrook Uniting Church Hall
Cost: \$15 (includes morning tea)
- ▶ **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



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
Ross Rocca	2/3/2012
Ron Taffa	9/3/2012

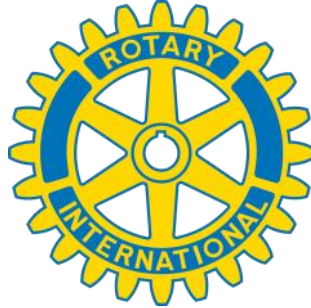
Who	When
District Conference	16/3/2012
Duncan Taylor	23/3/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
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.
20/03/12	Rob Mitchell Maureen M.	Charles K.	D. Johnston	J. Higgins

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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!