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 Club: #18039 / District: #9680 in NSW, Australia
 Meeting Place: Level 2, Next Generation Club, next to
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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This Week... My Year in Belgium

Tonight 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.

Tonight's Roster

Welcomers	Siddharth Maheshwari, John Mazlin
Loyal Toast by	John Higgins
Guest Speaker introduced by	Adrian Hallett
Guest Speaker thanked by	Ian Henderson



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



Greetings once again as we enter another week and another month. With the conference only two weeks away I trust you received my email last Friday concerning a mask-making evening at the Dodd's place 2 York Street Beecroft this Thursday at 7.30pm. If you are able to come please bring scissors and paper glue. Of course if you can't and procure your own mask what can I say about such independence, but I think the plan is to make enough on Thursday for all in our club who are going.

Whilst on the Conference I noticed in a Conference Communication that should you wish to attend the Sunday lunch session on the future of Rotary called *Speak Your Mind* then you need to register on the District website.

This week we welcome to the club Pius Choi our returned Exchange student. He will tell us about his "Year in Belgium"

See you Tuesday

Ken

Court Humour ... real court quote

ATTORNEY:	She had three children, right?
WITNESS:	Yes.
ATTORNEY:	How many were boys?
WITNESS:	None.
ATTORNEY:	Were there any girls?
WITNESS:	Your Honour, I think I need a different attorney!





Last week ... as recalled by Allen Horrell

We sang the Rotary Grace with gusto; President Ken welcomed our guests then listed the absent members, including Rtn **Terry Kerim**, who is in the Philippines opening a new retail outlet, having applied to the board for a 6 month leave of absence which was granted. Dinner was veal schnitzel, mashed potatoes, carrots and broccoli – a really nice meal!

The advertised date of 14th March in the Hub for the Inner wheel event has been changed – it is now the 21st March. See revised notice Page 7.

What **is** on Wednesday, 14th March is the Ryde Junior Schools Public Speaking Competition, at 6pm, at Eastwood Heights Public School. I circulated an attendance sheet for the night, and can reveal that we have 15 Rotarians attending so far, and 28 children. I thanked Snowden Parkes Real Estate and Aussie Home Loans Ryde for their sponsorship of prizes for the event.

Victoria thanked the Club for sponsoring her to attend the Umina Beach weekend on the Central Coast last weekend. She and the other exchange students enjoyed a ferry ride in sunshine before going to the Gosford Reptile Park, where they had lunch and tried to feed the already over-fed kangaroos. Then it was off to the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club where they learned to surf, or actually Victoria learned what it is like to be hit in the head with someone else's surf board. She can't have been too badly hurt, because she had enough presence of mind to regret that the surf life saver who applied the ice pack to her head was middle aged. The bush dance that night was good, even with a sore head, and the next day the students were passengers in a car rally around the Central Coast, a great way to see the country.

Rtn **Val Payne** had the winning ticket but not the elusive Joker. **Burkhart** was holding a spirited conversation throughout the spackle and as a result his table was fined en masse. **Tony, Erdem** and **Nora** were fined for being last in after the gong, and then it was time for Charles to announce that Saturday's Graffiti Busters project was cancelled due to a lack of paint vandalism in the Top Ryde graffiti protection zone. Cheers all round.

Guest speaker Rotarian **Surinder Joson** spoke on The Four Way Test, specifically "Is it the Truth?", which he diverted to the more philosophical question as he went on to explore the history of the concept from St. Anselm to Frank Ramsey, the author of "Truth and Probability".

The faces of my fellow Rotarians were wreathed in smiles as they looked at me, and chuckling, said "summarise **that** for the Hub, Allen!" Fortunately since most of you already have a copy of Surinder's written 13 page paper, I have no need to even try to do so.

So, I'm giving you my own views on The Four Way Test instead.

As I heard of the theoretical underpinnings of horse racing in stochastic theory and decision making in conditions of uncertainty, I reflected that the gambling industry is entirely dependent upon the punters continuing to flunk statistics, and on themselves not applying the Four Way Test to their own activities.

Last week ... *continued*

While it is absolutely correct that it is difficult to precisely define the Truth (or the truth) from first principles, it is however easy to define it by exclusion – the Truth is not a lie, which as Val pointed out every child knows.

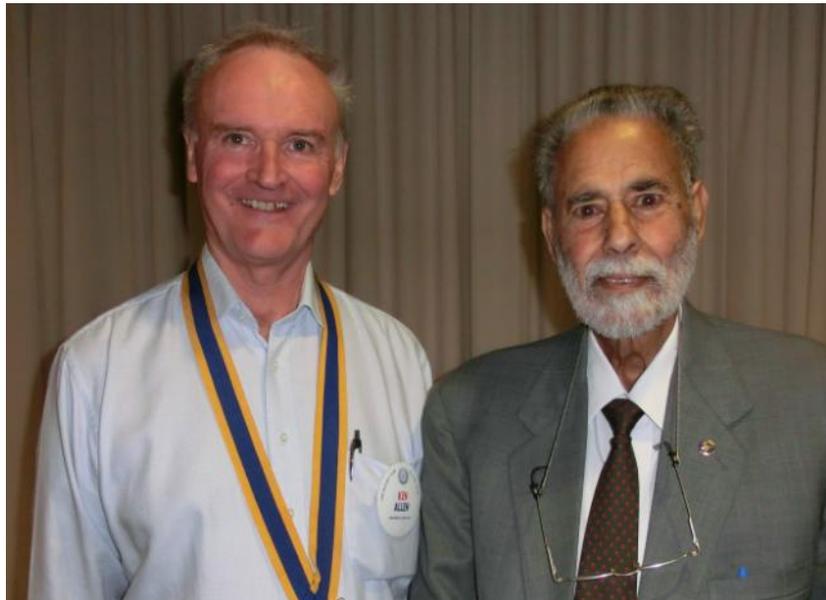
Again, it may be difficult for some to make the link between Truth and Ethics, but it is not difficult to conclude that lying for your own benefit is unethical; and therefore that telling the truth in business is ethical behaviour.

Taylor's Four Way Test can therefore be paraphrased as

Don't tell lies.	(Is it the Truth?)
Don't cheat other people.	(Is it fair to all concerned?)
Make friends of your customers and suppliers.	(Will it build goodwill and better friendships?)
Make every deal a win/win.	(Will it be beneficial to all concerned?)

To finish with a less erudite quote "You've got to let the other guy wet his beak."
~ Don Corleone.

Allen Horrell



Surinder Joson with President Ken Allen

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

Texting Codes for Seniors



ATD:	At The Doctor
BFF:	Best Friend's Funeral
BTW:	Bring the Wheelchair
BYOT:	Bring Your Own Teeth
CBM:	Covered By Medicare
CUATSC:	See You At The Senior's Centre
DWI:	Driving While Incontinent
FWBB:	Friend With Beta Blockers
FWIW:	Forgot Where I Was
FYI:	Found Your Insulin
GGPBL:	Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!
GHA:	Got Heartburn Again
HGBM:	Had Good Bowel Movement
IMHO:	Is My Hearing-Aid On?
LMDO:	Laughing My Dentures Out
LOL:	Living On Lipitor
OMMR:	On My Massage Recliner
OMSG:	Oh My! Sorry. Gas.
ROFL&CGU:	Rolling On The Floor Laughing... and Can't Get Up
TTYL:	Talk To You Louder
WAITT:	Who Am I Talking To?
WTFA:	Wet The Furniture Again
WTP:	Where's The Prunes?
WWNO:	Walker Wheels Need Oil
GGLKI:	Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking In



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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 Stafford Fashions



On **Wednesday 21st 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

India is no longer polio endemic

The World Health Organization has officially removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries. Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February. Azad said that he had been informed of WHO's action by its director-general, Dr. Margaret Chan.

"It is a matter of satisfaction that we have completed one year without any single new case of polio being reported from anywhere in the country," said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the summit, which was organized by the government of India and Rotary International. "This gives us hope that we can finally eradicate polio not only from India but from the face of the entire mother earth. The success of our efforts shows that teamwork pays."

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. Before polio eradication can be certified in India, it must go two more years without another case of the disease. Polio remains endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Bivalent oral vaccine

Until 2009, India accounted for nearly half the number of the world's polio cases. A chief factor in the country's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunization Days to less than 1 percent, according to WHO.

Rotary International has played a major role in helping to stop the transmission of polio in India. Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 119,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, and distribute banners, caps, comic books, and other items.

Global support from Rotarians

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organize and carry out the National Immunization Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says RI President Kalyan Banerjee, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat. "As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished. However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunize



The All India End Polio Now Road Show, organized by District 3201 (parts of Kerala and Tamil Nadu), inspired support for polio eradication in India, Nepal, and Bhutan in late 2011 and early 2012. Photo courtesy of District 3201

India is no longer polio endemic ... *continued*

children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved."

Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, calls India's achievement "a significant step towards a polio-free world – an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what problems need to be overcome. Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels, without which the world would not be marking this milestone."

Deepak Kapur, chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than US\$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities. "We are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," Kapur says.

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Rotary Facts

If ever you're stuck for an answer to the question, 'What does Rotary do?', here are a few quick answers for your "elevator speech"

What is Rotary?: Rotary is a global network of local community volunteers. Rotarians are people just like you and me who lead in their professions and communities by providing humanitarian service, encouraging ethical business practices and sponsoring peace efforts. Rotary clubs are nonreligious, non-political and open to every race, culture and creed. Members represent a diverse mix of local business and professional leaders.

What do Rotarians do?: Rotary clubs and their members participate in a broad range of intercultural and educational activities designed to improve the human condition. Projects include providing healthcare and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development and education to millions of people in need – particularly in developing countries.

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: 80.49%

Makeups: Geoff Brennan, John Dodd, Patrick Longfield, Rob Mitchell
Apologies: Artin Etmekdjian, Les Whitcroft, Bob Carroll, Geoff Brennan, Jan Cutler, John Dodd, Mick Nelson, Patrick Longfield, Rob Mitchell, Ron Thomson, Kalma McLellan, Maureen Mulheron, Paul Burnett, Richard Henricus, Terry Kerim.
Guests: Victoria Blichfeldt, Don Brown, Geoff Nix
Guest Speaker: Surinder Joson
Guests of Members:

Looking Ahead...



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.

April 3: Vocational Visit and Club Meeting at Tom Kerr Autos

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries



March 7: Birthday Celebration for **Yvonne Longfield**
March 8: 35 Year Club Anniversary for **Doug Thompson**
March 9: 54 year Birthday Celebration for **Allen Horrell**
March 10: 41 year Wedding Anniversary for **Burkhart & Pat Foertsch**
March 11: Birthday Celebration for **Julie Thorp**

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 ...

- ▶ **Mayor's Big Bash — Charity Cricket Day**
 Date: Sunday 11th March (weather permitting)
 (rescheduled from Sunday 4th)
 Time: 9am to 2pm
 Venue: Ryde Oval, Princes Street, Ryde
 
- ▶ **Ryde Rotary Junior School Public Speaking Competition Heats**
 Date: Wednesday 14th March
 Time: 6pm for 6.30 start
 Venue: Eastwood Heights Public School, Lincoln Street
- ▶ **District 9680 Conference**
 Date: 16 to 18 March
 Venue: WIN Sports & Entertainment Centre
 Details: conference.rotarydistrict9680.org or see Patrick
 
- ▶ **2012 Autumn Fashion Parade (Ryde Inner Wheel)**
 Date: Wednesday 21st March (*note change of date*)
 Time: 10.30am
 Venue: Cherrybrook Uniting Church Hall
 Cost: \$15 (includes morning tea)
 
- ▶ **MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)**
 Date: 24 to 25th March
 Knox Grammar School, Wahroonga
 

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
Ron Taffa	9/3/2012	Duncan Taylor	23/3/2012
District Conference	16/3/2012	Steve Thorp	30/3/2012

Meeting Night Roster

Date	Welcomers	Loyal	Intro	Thanks
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
27/03/12	Mick Nelson Bill Payne	Patrick L.	—	—

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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!