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**Rotary**  
Club



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**Rotary**  
District 9685



## THE PROGRAM THIS WEEK

### MEMBER'S MYSTERY NIGHT

**Chairman: David Firth**

**Reporter: Theo Glockemann**

**Zoom host: Jim Fraser**

## President's Corner



Hi everyone

The zoom sessions in February are nearly over and we are heading into a gypsy period between venues. This coming Wednesday, David will run the evening on zoom as I will be travelling down south. The next Wednesday we will meet at Mecca Infusion Café and we will have a couple of meetings at our old haunt the Hotel Pennant Hills, followed by a meeting at the Thornleigh Community Garden. Not to mention our combined club birthday and Australia Day Merit Award dinner at the Pennant Hills Golf Club. It all makes for an interesting month.

It was a deeply sad occasion to hear of Ian Huckel passing away a few nights ago. Funeral arrangements will be notified when we have been informed. He will be sadly missed.

But, on a happy note, we give a warm welcome to our new International sister club, The Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge, India. We have already started talking about working together on projects.

As mentioned, our combined 62<sup>nd</sup> Club birthday and Australia Day Merit Awards event (with our guest speaker Janelle Dodd from 'Days for Girls') is on Monday 14th March at the Pennant Hills Golf Club. Please let Ida know of your attendance and the number of guests you are bringing. It will be a most amazing night.

A reminder about the Rotary 'Virtual Train Ride' to take a selfie at a railway station on Wednesday 23rd February and send me the photo. The club will send funds to [raise.rotary.org/EndPolioVirtualTrainRide/challenge21](https://raise.rotary.org/EndPolioVirtualTrainRide/challenge21).

Take care and stay safe. **President Kaye**

**A special zoom link this week as Jim Fraser will be our host.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9886604775>

## MEETING REPORT - 16th FEBRUARY, 2022

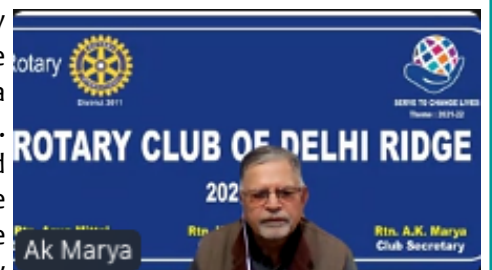
Ida Shi opened this meeting, zoomed to our outstations, with acknowledgement to country. She welcomed Robert Erskine from the RC of Eastwood-Gladesville and A.K. Marya from the R.C. of Delhi Ridge and then reported apologies. We were brought up to date with the situations of Ian Huckel and Pam Hudson. After covering recent anniversaries Ida handed over to President Kaye Carter whose first news item was the pouring of the slab of the Bell edifice near Burradoo. Kaye then invited Daisy to introduce Ida Shi, our speaker for tonight. Ida's theme was Valentine's Day and Daisy asked Herbert Chan how he celebrated – by driving to Canberra to visit the in-laws. St Valentine, who died on 14 February in 269, is the patron saint of epileptics, bee keepers and lovers – an interesting group. Daisy's prodding did reveal that some Rotarians did remember Valentine's Day. Daisy then let us know that she and Raymond announced their engagement on St Valentine's Day 37 years ago. These days she asks Raymond to please forget the chocolates, a red rose will be fine.

Ida introduced her Valentine's theme by letting us know that there is a similar custom in China when romantics do remember, but is not celebrated on 14 February. In China, the custom, Qi Xi, is celebrated on the seventh day of the seventh month after the New Year. As New Year is not a fixed date in the Chinese calendar but related to the lunar cycle, Qi Xi, isn't a fixed date. You can say, though, that it will be some time in August. The celebration developed from an astronomical phenomenon associated with the daughter of the Emperor of Heaven. He seemed to have been a lonely chap and allowed his daughter to marry, hoping for some interesting company. It happened that he wasn't happy after all and, being a mean



old fellow, allowed his lovely daughter to see her husband once a year – on the seventh day of the seventh month. Ida didn't tell us what the husband thought of all this. Anyway, the Chinese associated this legend with long and distant relationships. As red roses were not readily available in those days long ago, it became customary to give a comb and a love locket. One would then use the comb until one's hair turned grey – or fell out. The love locket indicated the two were tied together forever. In time another theme developed, that a girl who was a competent weaver would make a good wife. Ida didn't reveal her weaving skills. These customs made their way to Korea and Japan where the timing is associated with the summer triangle made up of three stars – Vega, Altair and Daneb. Vega is the brightest star in the Northern Hemisphere and the three, forming the Summer triangle, has Daneb forming the head of the Northern Cross. In Japan these days it is customary for the young chap in love to present a box of white chocolates to his admirer. She is meant to consume same, as the Japanese Romeo is expected to return a month later to ensure the chocs have all gone. Did she give some to her Mum? Then came Ida's confession – rather than going to Aldi and buying a single red rose for \$9 that would wilt after a week or so, she spoke to Jack Reid and learnt how to plant a flower in a pot that would last until next year at least. Then members contributed with their recent events. Kaye and Leon had a nice dinner at the Brook in Cherrybrook, Daisy bought a bunch of six roses at Harris Farm for \$25 and Herbert was still driving to Canberra.

We then turned our attention to Anil K Marya who told us that a day for romantics is set aside on the anniversary of an attack on some section of India. He said the Delhi Ridge Club would like to develop a joint project with us. One suggestion was a solar water heating project. Kaye then let us know how we plan to celebrate our recently deferred Australia Day. This event will be combined with the anniversary of the Club's Charter on 14 March 1960 – 62 years ago. We will meet in the Pennant Hills Golf Club and the function will cost \$45. We will probably



be requested to pay ahead. Kaye will prepare official invitations with Pam Hudson. The virtual train ride, a fund raiser towards End Polio, will ask members to photograph themselves at a railway station before 23 February. Our first face to face meeting will be on 2 March at Mecca Infusion at Thompson's Corner. David will circulate their menu, asking members to pre-order. Anoop Sud then took over the screen with photographs related to a terrorist attack on 14 February 2019 previously mentioned by A.K. Marya. At Pulwama 40 Indian soldiers were killed in a bus that was bombed and the date in India is now one of remembrance. The photographs showed some of the commemorative events.



Kaye invited Robert Erskine to report on recent events at his Club – the main event was the flag raising at the John Wearne Reserve on Australia Day with Beecroft, Carlingford and North Rocks. Members who have yet to pay their semi annual fees were reminded. This will be followed by an invoice from our treasurer. In closing, my suggestion for pronouncing Qi Xi is chee shee, however please turn to Ida for something closer. President Kaye closed the meeting with the National Anthem.

Reporter John Ellis

Two of our members  
who were avid  
supporters of  
Valentines Day



Some of the photos provided by Anoop Sud from our new sister club the Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge.



The pictures are of a community fun run held to commemorate those who had made the ultimate sacrifice as member of the Indian Armed Forces. Anil Marya, who is secretary of the Rotary club, is a retired Wing Commander in the Indian Airforce. He joined our zoom meeting last Wednesday

## Vale PP Ian Huckel

Past President Ian joined our club on 10th February, 2005 having moved back to Sydney from Singleton where he and Sue had a motel. During his time there, he had joined the Singleton Rotary Club, so he naturally looked for a local club to join here in Sydney. We quickly realized that he was keen to become involved - indeed in his first year with us he had 3 jobs! He served as President in 2011-12, was Secretary twice, treasurer, International Director, Youth Director, Membership Director and more recently Welfare Chairman.

But Ian was always keen to be involved in whatever the club undertook - trailer raffle selling; Daffodil Day sales. And he was always interested in members and their welfare. Sadly he lost his wife Sue just 3 years ago which was a tremendous loss for him. He leaves a son Derek and daughters Karen and Jennifer and a number of grandchildren. We will miss his cheery smile and friendly greeting.



## PAKISTAN – POLIO FREE FOR 12 MONTHS

ISSA SHALHOUB — JAN 28, 2022

This marks the first time in Pakistan's history that a year has passed with no new cases.

*Article by PDG Bob Aitken, Rotary End Polio Now Coordinator*

27 January 2022 January 27 was a red-letter day for Pakistan – Polio free for 12 months!

The welcome good news continues in the wake of ongoing successful vaccination campaigns in that country and neighbouring Afghanistan.

Rotary International's PolioPlus Chairman, RI Past Vice President Mike McGovern, said the Global Polio Eradication campaign reached 2.4 million children. These children have been in previously inaccessible areas of Afghanistan for the last two years.

At January 11, the number of wild polio virus cases in the world were unchanged from last year - five - one in Pakistan and for in Afghanistan.

'In Pakistan, the government and Global Polio Eradication Initiative workers are focusing on the whole country but especially in high risk union councils,' he continued.

'Of the four cases in Afghanistan in 2021, three emanated from a single area in Pakistan. There were 410 positive environmental samples in Pakistan in 2020 but, in the last six months of 2021, there were only six!

'This is truly a sign of the progress being made in that the virus is now found in water samples in very few areas,' he concluded.

Further good news from this vital campaign area is that organisers now have access to sufficient volunteers/paid workers to maintain the impetus.

The focus on controlling the vaccine derived virus across the continent of Africa remains strong. Chairman Mike said we need to increase immunity by encouraging the use of other vaccines such as those for measles and rubella.

'Some 85% of the vaccine derived Polio cases in the world in the last six months were in Nigeria.

'However, COVID remains a concern and strong cooperation continues with the World Health Organisation COVID teams,' he said.



## WHAT'S ON

Date	Program	Speaker	Chair	Reporter	5 - minute talk	Meal status + extra info
Feb 23	Member's Night <b>Via Zoom</b>		David Firth	Theo Glockemann	Ida Shi	<b>ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY</b>
Mar 2	Members Night <b>Return to Face to Face Meeting at Mecca Infusion</b>	Anoop's feedback from his RLI Training	President Kaye	Adrian Bell	Ahmadul Ameen	<b>Email your menu choice to David Firth</b>
Mar 7	Board Meeting at 7.30pm					
Mar 9	RYPEN 2022 <b>at Hotel Pennant Hills</b>	Nia Michelson & Scott Romanis	John Ellis	Ida Shi		
Monday Mar 14	Club Anniversary & Australia Day Award <b>Social Night at Pennant Hills Golf Club</b>	Janelle Dodd	Phil Stanton	John Ellis	nil	<b>2 course meal</b>
Mar 18 - 19	District 9685 Conference	At West HQ Rooty Hill RSL	Friday night dinner	and	All day Saturday	
Mar 23	Report on District Conference <b>at Hotel Pennant Hills</b>	Attenders	Pres Kaye	Jim Fraser		
Mar 30	Visit to Thornleigh Community Garden	at 6.30pm	Details	to be	advised	

**Last Meeting - 16.2.2022**

Attendance - 47.1%

Apologies: A Ameen, J Fraser, T Glockemann, I Huckel, P Hudson, T Pankhurst, J Reid, J Terry  
 Rotarian Guests: R Erskine - Eastwood-Gladesville  
 A K Marya - Delhi Ridge  
 LOA: P Stanton

**Anniversaries & Birthdays**

**Birthdays:**

Raymond Chan - February 11  
 Rotary International - February 23

**Anniversaries:**

David & Heather Firth - February 5

**Inductions:**

Jim Fraser - February 1  
 Ian Huckel - February 10  
 Herbert Chan - February 24

### CLUB SEMI-ANNUAL DUES

**Just a reminder to members that semi-annual dues are now due. The amount is \$225. Direct debit to the Club Account :**

**BSB: 032-087 ACCOUNT No. 334578**

### Thought for Rotary's Birthday

It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.

[Paul P. Harris](#)