



# Community

Rotary Club of Parramatta City, District 9675

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## The Rotary Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test challenges Rotarians, in everything they 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?

## The Toast

After President Ron welcomed us to 2015, Bob Rosengreen welcomed members to the unhappy events that started it, being the massacre and violence in Paris. We all drank a toast to the Rotary Club of Paris.

## Dates for Diaries

**19<sup>th</sup> January.** National Youth Science Forum presentation

**26<sup>th</sup> January.** Rotary Australia Day BBQ

**2<sup>nd</sup> February.** Induction of Geoff Lee to Club Membership

# Rotary's Family Tree

District Governor Barry Antees told us he had spent his Christmas break researching the 'family tree' of our Rotary district. The Sydney Rotary Club appears to have been first on the scene, in 1921, and it chartered 12 other clubs, which went on chartering clubs of their own. The Parramatta Rotary Club chartered the Rotary Club of Newcastle. Chartering went all over the state and came back to us. The Liverpool Rotary Club was chartered by the Rotary Club of Wollongong. Wherever there was a perceived need in the community, it was grounds for chartering a new club.

Barry said the pioneering work of Rotary had been

extremely valuable. In the early days Rotarians went door to door to see who was suffering from polio. Rotary was able to compile valuable information on the extent of the disease in the community. From those early investigations Rotary was in the position of saying polio was almost wiped out. And from those early campaigns, the NSW Crippled Children's Association and the Northcott Society were founded.

Barry said that chartering of Rotary clubs in the district had continued for a long time. In 1962, nine new clubs were chartered. But the last club was chartered in 2010. Barry said it could not be claimed that we had exhausted the community need for Rotary. "I am trying to encourage people to look out in our community to see if another Rotary club is needed," he said.

*Right: Natalie Poschl, Frederik Andersen and Georgia Naulty*



## Outgoing Exchange Students Visit

Natalie Poschl, who is sponsored by our Club, is going to Germany for 12 months. There were only girls in her family, she said, and each of the three families she would stay with would have host brothers. She does not know when she returns whether she will go back to school or to college.

Georgia Naulty, who is sponsored by Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise, would be going to Denmark, where she would stay in the

town of Holsted, population 3,000. Her host family would have two boys, aged 15 and eight, and a girl, 10. She was also unsure what she would do when she got back. She would either do Year 12 or do a Tertiary Preparation Course and go to university. But while in Denmark she would do her best to become fluent in the language.

Both students leave on Friday to commence their 12 months of exchange representing Australia,

Rotary and their sponsoring clubs.

President Ron said there was enormous potential in such exchange visits. He had met a woman who was a professor in Asian languages at Sydney University. Some 40 years ago she had been a Rotary Exchange student headed for France but had ended up in Korea. That had started a lifelong love affair with the country and with Asian languages. Even now, when she took students, she was "totally knocked out every time".

# Club Updates

**From 1 December  
2015**

## The Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Osaka. He said the club was founded 90 years ago. Its sister club is the Rotary Club of Melbourne, which happens to be the first Rotary club in Australia. At the celebration of the Osaka club's 90th anniversary, there were 20 international visitors present and 130 of the club's own members. Bob said that at the foundation of the Osaka Rotary Club, Japan was 17 years off entering World War 11 and no doubt we ended up fighting some of the Rotarians of the time. "We hope that Christmas and peace to the world has a lot more consideration today, we have to remember these things," Bob said.

## Our Guests

The club welcomed Kathleen Rome, a Year 11 student at Macarthur Girls' High, whom the club is sponsoring to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra. Kathleen was accompanied by her father, Marcus, who is an accountant but in a previous career in manufacturing spent time in India, where Kathleen went to boarding school at the foot of the Himalayas. Career-wise, Kathleen wants to specialise in environmental science.

We also welcomed out exchange student, Frederik Andersen, being hosted by Natalie Cowell, with Natalie's precocious little boy Bohdan looking and acting more and more like Frederik's younger brother.

## Ray Reed

The club welcomed back Ray Reed, who has suffered a series of maladies and misfortunes that have put him in and out of hospital since June. Ray says the

prognosis is "good" and he will be back to good health. "It is just a matter of time, I hope," he said.

## Alwyn Robinson

The club regrets the departure of Alwyn Robinson, who as a Salvation Army major was commander of the Parramatta Citadel. Alwyn joined the club 2-1/2 years ago at the urging of fellow Salvationist Steve Burfield and has not regretted the experience. Now off to join the academic training staff at Bexley North, he said that what had impressed him about the club was the respect members had shown for each other. With the rejoinder by Ralph Cadman that he was "not a bad bloke, really", Alwyn said the atmosphere in the club was "wholesome and I thank you for that". For the record, Alwyn is being replaced at Parramatta by Captains Grant and Sharon Sandercock-Brown





*Left: Kathleen Rome in her environment.*

*Below: PE Malcolm and dog Justin selling Christmas trees*



*Right: Irish wisdom from Malcolm Brown's recent tour*

