



Community Networker

Rotary Club of Parramatta City, District 9675
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Meeting 15/2015 1st June 2015

International Toast

The International toast today was to the Rotary club of Pretoria where the Boer War ended at the signing of the Vereeniging treaty on the 6th May 1902.

Club Donations

Treasurer Phillip reported that at the last board meeting the board decided to make donations to the following beneficiaries.

Beneficiaries	Donation
• Folia	\$1000
• RAWCS for Nepal disaster	\$1000
• St Peters Junior School, Uganda	\$1000
• RC of Ramon Magsaysay, our sister club in the Philippines	\$1000
• To assist NYSF student, Kathleen Shalini to attend the international youth science forum in London	\$1000
• Days for Girls project	\$1000
• Rotary Foundation	\$2500
• Australian Rotary Health Fund	\$4000
➡ \$2500 to indigenous health scholarship	
➡ \$1500 General Funds	
• Westmead Hospital	\$500
• Parramatta Mission	\$500
• Northcott Society	\$500
• Salvation Army	\$500
TOTAL	\$14500

The Rotary Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test challenges

Rotarians, in everything they do, to ask themselves:

Of the things we say or 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?

Salvation Army Red Shield Doorknock

Steve Burfield reported on Red Shield Appeal doorknock held 31st May. Overall the appeal results were down on the previous year. Our Club's collections total over \$3,000 on the day. Thanks to those members and friends who helped on the day.

Frederik Anderson – Exchange Student

President Ron reminded members of the Frederik Farewell dinner on Friday 19th June 7.00 pm at Perini's Restaurant

Rotary Social Media Workshop

PP Keith advised of this one day workshop to be held at RDU House, 3rd floor, 43 Hunter St, Parramatta on Saturday 13th June and recommended that the club be represented. Cost is \$55. Registration enquiries to digitalenquiries@rotarydownunder.com.au

Report from DG Barry

DG Barry mentioned that The District Governors appeal for the Vanuatu disaster raised \$325,000.

Barry also mentioned that the district Chartered a Rotary Community Club of Nepal which is in the Kogarah area. Our District has also chartered one Rotaract club, two Interact clubs and we are about to charter a new Rotary Club, Rotary club of St George Next Gen. made up mainly of 25 year olds meeting physically and on line. They have about 21 prospective members and expecting to have approximately 45 member on charter day.

Discussions have been ongoing regarding the youth exchange program. We have been told that the program has been suspended for the current inbound of international students due in July this year.



Guest Speaker Kahiba Honda

Keith introduced our Guest speaker Kahibah Clement HONDA who would like to be a member of our club but Due to work commitments he will be travelling in and out of Australia. Clement will be leaving within the week to travel to Liberia to assist with the post Ebola rehab for the next 3 months.

Kahibah also known to his friends as Clement was born in Eastern Congo is married with 4 Children aged 6 to 15 has been working with medecins sans frontiers for 15 years In France Switzerland and Africa.

Congo is in the Middle of Africa with a population of 75 million 80% of the population being Christian and 50% Catholic with 10% Moslem with a land mass of 2.3 million square kilometres Half of which is Forest, the biggest next to the Amazon. it is neighbours with 9 other African countries. Its main official language is French. And there are 4 other African languages including Swahili, [Kikongo](#) and [Lingala](#)

The Democratic Republic of Congo is wealthy in the mineral coltan which is used to manufacture [tantalum capacitors](#). Coltan in the Congo is mined manually. But now they have an interest from China, France, Japan, and Canada to invest in Congo and industrialise it.

John Surian thanked Clement for an interesting and informative talk.

DATES FOR DIARY

15 June. Kylie Warry, communications specialist, speaker, author and trainer will address the club. She is the author of a book, *The Enlightened Communicator –Avoid the Common Communication Traps for Betty Connection at Work and Personally.*

19 June. Farewell Dinner for Frederik Andersen. Peronis Restaurant Harris Park

22 June. Last Luncheon meeting in President Ron's year of office.

28 June. District 9675 Changeover Luncheon, Campbelltown.

29 June. Our Changeover evening to welcome Malcolm as Club President. This will be at the Oatlands Golf Club, 6.30 for 7 pm. The meals will cost \$55 per person.