

ROTARY CLUB OF PARRAMATTA CITY Inc. DISTRICT 9675

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### Rotary Four Way Test

#### The Four Way Test challenges Rotarians, in everything they do, to ask of 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?

### *Meeting 18 January 2016*

#### **Our Toast**

Robert Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Calcutta in West Bengal. This club was the closest to the location of Rukhsar Khatoon, who contracted polio when he was 18 months old and was the last known polio victim in India. India has now been polio-free for 15 years.

Bob then proposed a minute's silence for the victims of a suicide bomber in Pakistan who killed 14 people and wounded 20 more in Quetta City in Pakistan. Bob said: "Most of those killed were security officials, in a vehicle outside an anti-polio vaccination centre, who were preparing to escort workers on a door-to-door vaccination program.

He said Pakistan and Afghanistan were the only two countries in the world that remained on the World Health Organisation's list of polio-endemic countries. PDG Barry said that there was a better chance of completing the polio immunisation program in Afghanistan, which was at war, rather than Pakistan, which was not at war, other than with itself.

#### **Presidential Address**

President Malcolm said that things are happening on the international Rotary scene but at present our club, being small, had to focus on fundamentals and remain functional. "We take note of what is happening, such as the RI conference in Seoul," he said. "I have received in the mail a note about Rotary Global Rewards, a scheme where Rotarians can get discounts on such things as air fares and dining. I have received a note from Pip Lovely reminding us of a seminar in Parramatta next month for new members. Oh for new members! We were meant to have supplied a name or two by last Friday as to who was attending. But we really having to grab our spouses to make up numbers at barbecues."

There will be no meeting next Monday because it is deemed to be a long weekend. But please endeavour to be present on March 1 when we get a visit from our DG, Graham Willson.

## **The Rotaract Club at Western Sydney University**

An interclub committee is going full bore to get the club chartered at Parramatta campus at the university, there already being a provision club at the university's Campbelltown campus. At the Parramatta Rotary Club meeting on Monday night, Jake Weragoda, chairperson of Rotaract Australia, and his wife Rebecca did a presentation and we heard from the club's recent RYLA graduate, Pavan Kumar Reddy.

## **International House**

PDG Barry said there was need for Rotary to make a long-term connection with the university. International Houses had been established at Sydney University and the University of New South Wales and it appeared feasible the same thing could be done at Western University, with the benefit of a government grant. We had two political allies, being State Member, Geoff Lee and the Federal Member, Julie Owen.

There were major benefits that could flow from the connection, one being guest speakers. A guest speaker from the economics school could attract a large audience if he chose, for example, to speak about the economics of Western Sydney. We could have an "Ethics Night" where we could have a professorial presentation on that subject. We could have a Q&A panel featuring the Lord Mayor of Parramatta. He said there were plenty of university facilities in the local area, including the University of New England which had a campus "just up the street".

Barry said he had been to Roma in Queensland and a small Rotary Club, of about 17 people, had obtained a grant of \$14 million and built a retirement home in the town, which greatly added to Roma and attracted more people to settle there.

## **District Conference**

All Rotarians intending to go to the District Conference at Nelson Bay must register now.

## **My Career/Your Career**

Ben Jackson said that Hills Community Aid in collaboration with the Northcott Society would be holding a My Career/Your Career session on 18 March where people in the workforce made presentations about how they got into the jobs they were doing. The event needed four or five people to do that. The audience were people with some form of handicap.

## **For Your Diaries**

25 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	There will be no meeting today
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2016.	Australia Day barbecue, Parramatta Park.
1 February 2016.	District Governor's Visit – Graham Wilson.
4-6 March 2016.	District 9675 Conference at Nelson Bay.
14 March 2016	PhD Scholars night.
18th March 2016	My Career/Your Career event at Northcott - 1 Fennell Street, North Parramatta NSW 2151 from 9am-1pm.
17 April 2016	Sydney Welsh Choir Rotary Concert at The King's School