

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 2nd May 2016

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Stratford-on-Avon, this year being the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare. Bob pointed out that the Bard lived in difficult times. It was the eras of the Black Death, when theatres were shut down and it became illegal for groups of people to gather. The Bard, it appears, succeeded despite this and provided a wealth of literature which Bob, with his rather extraordinary mind, was able to absorb.

The Concert

PP Keith said that the King's School concert on April 17 had brought in \$2,700 which, with expenses deducted – most of it going to King's – left us with \$600 profit, whose allocation is a matter for the board. The concert was hard to sell. President Malcolm asked his own congregation at St Philip's Anglican Church, Eastwood, for support, and only two turned up. PDG Barry put the concert on Facebook and out of 1,612 people who visited the site, only six turned up. President Malcolm expressed the view that should there be another concert, it would have to be a combined effort by several Rotary clubs.

District 9685 Governor-elect

Secretary Joy announced that Susan Wakefield OAM had been elected District Governor of D9685 for 2018-19. Susan, a past-president of the Rotary Club of the Lower Blue Mountains, has had a lifetime of service to the community and has been particularly prominent in the Girl Guides movement.

Philippines Paul Harris Fellows

PP Keith read out a letter from the Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay in the Philippines thanking us for our financial contribution, making it possible to appoint PP Boi Carandang and Celeste Sanchez Paul Harris Fellows. Boi is a member of the Rotary Club and Celeste has devoted herself to the use of music to assist in the lives of the country's developmentally disabled.

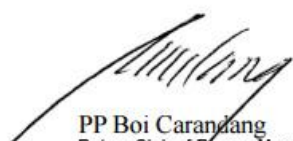
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Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I am writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent contribution to TRF and making I and Ms. Celeste Sanchez the recipient of Paul Harris Fellow. This is something we did not expect. It is considered a blessing and lifetime recognition from people like you who even more demonstrated commitment to serve those in need.

Since 2004, your moral and financial support to our club has played key roles in turning our projects more extensive and meaningful to each family we reached. We are continually inspired to make it better. There is no way to express my sincere gratitude for your generosity but through prayers that may each member gain further strength and wisdom to continuously perform the calling of service above self. Again, my very big thanks.

Sincerely,


PP Boi Carandang
Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay
District 3810-Manila



Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

The Appeal will be held on Sunday, 29 May. Participants are to gather at Bob Rosengreen's home at West Pennant Hills. PDG Barry is to contact the Salvation Army Corps captain at Parramatta to get precise details. He has undertaken to give her a nudge about joining Rotary, continuing a happy tradition our club has had with Salvation Army membership.

RAWCS Project in Uganda

President Malcolm mentioned a letter from Cathy Booth, a Paul Harris Fellow, from the Rotary E-Club of NextGen, She is founder and director of the Umojo Orphanage Kenya, which began on 15 acres of land in 2011. The orphanage, just outside Ukunda, is a RAWCS project, sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club, Bundaberg, but requires financial support. The Nairobi East Rotary Club is a host club to be part of a Global Grant application. The Ginninderra Rotary Club in the ACT wishes to lodge an application on behalf of the project but it needs further help. Specifically, it needs a safari-type vehicle, a building for water and sanitation, a solar farm, a biogas system and a fish farm. There are volunteering opportunities for members. There have been 52 volunteers there to date, and another seven Rotarians are going in August/September to deliver a "Days for Girls" hygiene and training kits for the community. The matter of any help our club we can give, taking into account we already have a project in Africa, will be brought up at the next board meeting.

Bree Rosengreen's Outing

Bob Rosengreen told the meeting that his daughter, Bree, was going to Tanzania for three months to work as a volunteer in a maternity hospital. Bree, who has worked at the delivery ward at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for five years, is doing fundraising in order to give some money to the hospital.

Police Officer of the Year

This year's Police Officer of the Year event is in the competent hands of John Stamboulie.

News from Kaheba Honda in Central African Republic – email received 28th April

Hi Keith,

Thanks for checking on me, i am doing well here in Central African Republic
The project still at initial stage, the funds have been release from the donors (ECHO) 1M Euros. Now waiting the ministry of health to sign the MoU.

Meanwhile busy recruiting local staff, developing tools to monitor the project progress and meeting local leaders to share with them project objectives and interventions.

The community needs are huge, still a big gap with Vaccination coverage.

I really don't know if Rotary may be interested in supporting the routine vaccination in Bossangoa sub-prefecture.

There is 19 health centres only one has functioning cold chain to store vaccine and provide services.

Ministry of Health still struggling to bring back basic services to the communities.

If needed i can provide more details on that.

Pass my regards to all Rotarians.

Regards,

Kaheba

District Assembly

The District Assembly is at Greystanes High School on Saturday this week. President Malcolm undertook to liaise with PE Phil Brophy as to the allocation of members of this incoming board to workshops on that day.

For Your Diaries

7 May. District Assembly at Greystanes High School.

9 May. Regular club meeting. Jill and Ian Cochrane from the LAMB Hospital in Bangladesh are to speak. They are to be invested as Paul Harris Fellows.

16 May. Regular club meeting.

17 May. Board meeting of the Parramatta City Rotary Club.

23 May. Regular club meeting.

27 May. District Presidents' meeting.

29 May. Red Shield Appeal.

30 May. Police Officer of the Year Awards. There will be no lunchtime meeting today. We will meet at Novotel Hotel and the cost will be \$65 per head.

6 May. Regular club meeting.