

**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?

**Changeover Meeting 27 June 2016**

**Our New President**

Past President Malcolm introduced the new president, Phillip Brophy, who was born and bred in Carlingford, became a lawyer and joined the Rotary Club of Parramatta City nearly 15 years ago. Six years ago he served his first term as president. He also became a Paul Harris Fellow.



Phillip said he had taken assurance that Paul Harris himself was a lawyer. Asked to give some detail on himself so that he could be properly introduced, Phillip said he was satisfied with his lot, belonging to Rotary and having two sons, Philip and Joseph. He added: "I have no ambition to learn skiing, a foreign language, how to fly a plane or indeed how to jump out of one with a parachute. In fact he regards himself as a fairly boring individual who tries to associate with more interesting people."

Phillip was accompanied on his installation night by Helen, a retired teacher, and by Joseph, a student in criminology at the University of New South Wales, who was about to take off for Vietnam for a month's holiday. Phillip (that's the son, with the single "l") could not be there. A student in ancient history, Phillip Jr was in Italy on an archaeological dig.

Phillip introduced his board, which included Natalie Cowell as the President-elect for 2016-17. Joy Gillett remains secretary, Keith Henning Treasurer, Bob Rosengreen Rotary Foundation Director, John Totonjian Director of Club Administration, PP Malcolm Brown

Director of Membership and Public Relations, Natalie Cowell, Don Thomson and Johnny Ching as Service Projects Directors, and John Stamboulie, Vocational Director.



### **Honorary Membership for Ralph Cadman**

Charter club member Keith Henning introduced Ralph Cadman, another charter member of the club at its inception in 1972 and who became the inaugural Service Director. Ralph had gone on to fill all directorships in the club, including presidency in 1986/87 and club secretary and treasurer positions. He was also a “go to” person in the club, Keith said, and a supporter of all club activities.

Ralph and Sandra were members of the District Youth Exchange Committee for a number of years. Ralph instigated, at Parramatta High School, in conjunction with vice-principal, a mentoring program of specially selected students. This ran for a number of years and involved Ralph attending the school on a regular basis.

They also hosted a number of Rotary Exchange students. One such episode was most productive. The exchange student ended up marrying their son.

### **Paul Harris Fellowship for Past-President Malcolm**

President Phillip awarded Past President Malcolm a Paul Harris Fellowship, saying as he did so: “Malcolm grabbed the role of president by the scruff of the neck and got straight into it. Addressing Malcolm, he said: “You breathed new life into the club and got some interesting speakers and produced a new event, being a concert by the Sydney Welsh Choir.” PP Malcolm, totally flummoxed, said: “That’s the way it goes! Rotary has got me forever!”

### **Paul Harris Fellowship with Ruby for Past District Governor Barry**

President Malcolm awarded PDG Barry a Paul Harris Fellowship with a Ruby, which signifies that he has donated \$US8,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Barry was awarded his first Paul Harris Fellowship when he completed his first term as president of the Parramatta City Rotary in 2005. “I then made a promise to myself to donate \$AUD100 each month,” Barry said. Helped along by the exchange rate, Barry made rapid progress and quickly put in the \$US1,000 which qualifies a donor for a Paul Harris Fellowship. Barry then received a Paul Harris Fellowship with Sapphire. “It has continued every 12-15 months with another sapphire being added,” he said. “I am proud to know of the lives it [the Rotary Foundation] saves from the projects it undertakes.”

## **Settlement Symposium. Support for Syria**

PDG Barry and PP Malcolm represented the club at the Settlement Symposium, Support for Syria at the Parkroyal Hotel in Parramatta on Friday last week. The event was sponsored by the Friendly Nation Initiative and was attended by representatives of such groups as the Migration Council of Australian Settlement Services, Access Community Services Ltd and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Keynote speakers included Tony Shepherd, former president of the Business Council of Australia and now chairman of the Friendly Nation Executive Committee, Professor Peter Shergold who is NSW Coordinator General for Refugees Resettlement.

It was pointed out that stereotype images of refugees, that they were a hopeless bunch and would be a drain on the economy, simply were not true, and that given a chance, especially with access to education, they could achieve anything. Professor Shergold said there was a lot that had to be done. A sad fact was that in one survey it was found that five years after they arrived, 50 percent of the refugee arrivals did not have a job. With the world facing the biggest refugee crisis since World War II, with 65 million people on the move, the effective resettlement of refugees had to be seriously addressed.

Professor Shergold said his conclusions after visiting refugee centres overseas was that the overwhelming number of people were “incredibly normal” and just wanted to get on with their lives. Overwhelmingly, they wanted to return to where they had come from. He had also seen that Turkey, with 70 million people and problems of its own, had taken in 1.5 million refugees and had treated them well.

Ian Smith, founding partner of Bespoke Approach, an Australian political and advisory firm, said: “I think the willingness of people to help is incredible. In almost every conversation I have had with business leaders, the response has been, ‘How can we help? How can we make a difference?’” It had to be the goal to help those at least in the front line of the crisis, he said. The people in camps just wanted stability and a chance to get on with their lives and provide for their families.

## **For Your Diaries**

4 July. Regular club meeting. Guest Speaker - Christene Squires, Aust Bureau of Statistics, Changes re upcoming Census.

9 July. Indigenous Health workshop. 10am – 1pm Rydges Hotel, Rosehill. Members are invited to attend the “Welcome to Indigenous Health 2016 Scholarships Presentation. We need to give numbers attending as soon as possible. Would those wishing to go let President Philip know?”

11 July. Regular club meeting.

18 July. **Regular club meeting at Northcott, 1 Fennell St, North Parramatta.** Novotel being unavailable for this one occasion.

21 July. Board Meeting 4.30pm Aust Rotary Health office

25 July. Regular club meeting

1 August. Regular club meeting.