

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 4 July 2016

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, the home club of the new RI President, John Germ. That club, 102 years old, has 350 members, making it the 21st largest club in the world. John Germ has set out on his mission with a number of objectives, one being to encourage a situation where all Rotarians can spontaneously answer the question: “What is Rotary?” or “What is Rotary all about?”

Our Guests

We had a number of guests, one being Marilyn “Bolyn” Puno, a dentist and immediate past-president of the Rotary Club of Downtown Davao in the Philippines. She was accompanied by a friend, Nathalie Arocha, originally from the Philippines, now in Australia. Another was Amy Hawker, an Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Scholar. Joining the throng at President Phil’s first meeting was Gerrard Hayes, representing the Northcott Society, with which our club has had long-standing links. Russell Townley, sales manager for Microsystems Pty Ltd, a document scanning company, was also present, as was our speaker, Christene Squires, Enumeration Support Manager for Sydney Metropolitan Operations for the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Amy’s studies

Amy Hawker, who has finished the first semester of her fourth year in Physiotherapy, where she is doing an Honours degree, said she was also working, doing research on rehabilitation, and taking pains to balance her work and study life.

Gerrard and Northcott

Gerrard said he was employer liaison officer with Northcott, which places of hundreds of handicapped people in employment each year. He runs training workshops for people who have been out of work for 10 years or more. “I have placed people in wheelchairs in places

like Price Waterhouse, and in health-related institutions,” he said. “We have people in call centres and general retail and other places.”

Rotary Club of Downtown Davao

Bolyn comes from an all-women club. It has 30 members. It has a literacy project going and a medical and dental centre project, and supports a breast cancer program.



IPP Marilyn “Bolyn” Puno, RC of Downtown Davao with President Phillip

Indigenous Health Scholarships Presentation

President Phil mentioned an Australian Rotary Health Seminar at Rydges Parramatta, Rosehill, on Saturday, 9 July, 10 am to 1 pm, which involves a presentation for Indigenous Health Scholarships. The seminar is free and Phil urges members to attend.

Christmas Trees

President Phil said that this year we would be selling Christmas trees from a site on Castle Hill Road. The change of location, brought about by the sale of Dick Smith’s home, gives us greater visibility but some drivers will find it harder to get access to the site.

He said that in future, we would be likely to be selling trees with the Kellyville/Hills Rotary Club. Bob Rosengreen said he was still in liaison with the scouts about the possibility of selling Christmas trees in the future from a site at Thompson’s Corner.

The District Changeover

PP Malcolm said he and PP Keith had attended the District Changeover at Smithfield on Saturday night last week, a most agreeable occasion in which PDG Graham Wilson had handed over to the Camden Rotary Club’s Stephen Humphreys. Rebecca Weragoda, the District Rotaract Representative, handed over her job to Zachary Fitzpatrick, a Finance and Economics student at the University of Wollongong.

Graham Wilson in his address gave us the rather astonishing information that a count of volunteer hours put in by Rotarians in the district over the last 12 months came to 330,000, which at \$40 an hour amount to \$12 million worth of contribution to the community. These facts, he said, were most useful when Rotary negotiated with government.

Graham handed out a series of awards, one going to Cheryl Deguara, who works with our own Secretary Joy in Australian Rotary Health. Cheryl a Paul Harris Fellowship badge with five sapphires and now received two rubies.

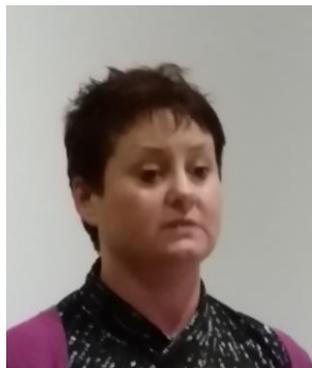
Also present on the night were a two-year-old girl, Junitalia, who had been brought over by her aunt, Estalilta, from East Timor, for Junitalia to have a life-saving open-heart operation at the Royal Children's Hospital, Randwick. The trip had been made possible by the Rotary Club of Cronulla.

The New District Team

DG Stephen Humphreys introduced his team for the next 12 months, including DG-elect Stephen Britten; DG-nominee Susan Haywood; District Secretary Di North; District Treasurer Bill Salter; RI Foundation Chair Paul Reid and New Generations Chair Cheryl Deguara. Stephen pointed out that he, along with PDG Graham Wilson, DGE Stephen Britten, Graham's wife Helen and Stephen's own wife Judith, had all attended Merrylands High School.

The Census

Christene Squires, whose area of responsibility for the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) covers Parramatta and Ryde, announced that the 17th Australian Census would be held on 9 August, a Tuesday and not school holidays, when there was more of a chance of people being home. But if people were out and about – in hotels, or slumming it on the banks of the Parramatta River – it was still the ABS's duty to find them. The census would cost \$300 million and it would involve the help of up to 45,000 people.



Christene Squires

Censuses were very important, Christene said. They went back to ancient times, taking in Babylon and Egypt, and the occasion Jesus was born, and included the Domesday Book in 1086 when it was discovered that surnames helped things along a bit. The first census in Australia was in 1911 and it had proved its usefulness, especially in one case of Dr Norman Gregg, who in 1941 delivered a paper which for the first time linked the rubella virus with birth defects. In the last census, there were 166,858 people in the Parramatta Local Government Area and that included 4,500 Koreans. It also emerged that the most common non-English language was Arabic. These facts had many uses in social planning.

The census had evolved, bringing computerisation in 1966, in 1971 asking people for the first time whether they identified themselves as indigenous, and in 1981 spreading the word about what the census was all about. In 1996 the bureau was able to process the information in less than 12 months. In 2006, for the first time people were able to fill out their census form on-line and nearly 10 percent of people did so.

In 2011, 45 percent of people took up the on-line option. This year, when letters would be delivered to 80 percent of households in Australia instructing people how to fill out forms on-line, and only 20 percent would get hard copies of the form, it was hoped to have it processed within eight months. People could opt to have their personal details available to the public, the catch being that it was only possible 99 years after the census

Christene said there had been difficulties. In 2001 when people were asked to state their religion, one percent of the population had listed it as “Jeddi Knights”. So there had to be adjustments to deal with that sort of thing, but in the coming census, it would be the third where 99.9 percent of the 61 questions would be the same as the previous census.

In terms of total numbers, as at 12.15 pm last Monday there were 24,118,785 Australians. It took a minute and 30 seconds for another person to be added to the number. There were 7.3 billion people in the world and the population was increasing at 200,000 a day.

John Surian, making a welcome reappearance at the club after an absence, said there was no mystery as to why the ABS had selected Christene to be its public face because of her most “lucid presentation”.

For Your Diaries

9 July. Indigenous Health workshop at Rydges Parramatta, 10 am till 1 pm.

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.

7 August. Bunnings Barbecue North Parramatta.