

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?

**Club Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

**Board Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

### Our Guests

Our guests for the day were Dr N.K.Mishra, a surgeon from Bihar, India and member of the Rotary Club of Muzaffarpur, District 3250. He brought his wife, Dr Shobha Rani Mishra, a gynaecologist and also a Rotarian, daughter-in-law Priyanka Parashan and granddaughter.



(President Phil with Drs Mishra)

Also present was Maryann Mascaren. Maryann was born in Negros Occidental, in the Philippines. She migrated in Australia in 1990 and is married with three children, two of whom have graduated from university and the third moving in that direction. Maryann graduated as a Bachelor of Arts in Hotel and Restaurant Management at St Scholastica's College in the Philippines but has since qualified in other areas, including revenue management. Between 1995 and 2009 she worked for

the Telstra Corporation and in 2010 she joined the NSW Office of State Revenue, based in Parramatta, in the Department of Finance Services and Innovation. Till December last year, she was a licenced migration agent. Maryann organised collection of donations in the Office of State Revenue for the victims of Cyclone Yolanda in the Philippines.



Maryann (pictured) said that now she had some spare time, she wanted to contribute to the community. She was intending to bring her daughter to a meeting. She said that in the Philippines, President Duarte had cracked down ruthlessly on people involved in the drug trade, including generals who had been ordered to “retire or die”. But Duarte had gained popularity by visiting hospitals.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Granville Rotary**

President Phil said Granville Rotary Club would be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Auburn Tennis Club, 181 Chisholm Road, Auburn, on 23 August, beginning at 6.30 pm, and members were invited. There was no entry fee.

### **Combined Parramatta Rotary Club’s Annual Youth Vocational Awards**

PP Keith said 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotary Annual Youth Vocation Awards had been transferred to Northmead Performing Arts High School, Campbell Street, Northmead, at 6 pm on 6 September. President Phil said the school organised the event but Rotary’s role was to turn up and provide funding. There will be a light supper provided by “very talented” students at the school. The Rotary Clubs of Parramatta have been invited. RSVP for members attending by 26 August.

### **Pride of Workmanship**

PE Natalia Cowell said that the Pride of Workmanship evening would be on 31 October at the Oatlands Golf Club. It was proposed that there would be a guest speaker from the administration of Parramatta Council. Johnny Ching told the board he would follow that up. Natalie said we need to get Pride of Workmanship flyers out in the community and help would be sort from our local parliamentarians, Julie Owens and Dr Geoff Lee.

## **Membership**

It is noted that RI has designated August to be "Membership Month" and has released a video showing various strategies.

PP Malcolm said he would follow up on Gerard Hayes from Northcott who had signalled he would become a member. He said that thinking outside the square, was there a possibility of amalgamating with Parramatta Daybreak, and wondered whether the effort of getting up early on a meeting day morning might not be too much for our members. PDG Barry Antees said he did not think that was a good idea, because among other things there was a difference in culture between the two clubs. Parramatta Daybreakers were more inclined to be educators while Parramatta City was inclined to have business people.

The board took up the membership issue at its meeting on Tuesday. One idea mooted was to have signs erected at strategic places in Parramatta telling people that Rotary is there and they might care to join. Another was to distribute flyers in letterboxes, an example of which could be seen in a recent flyer put out by Lions.

## **School Uniforms**

At the board meeting on Tuesday, Bob Rosengreen said he had a vehicle full of school uniforms donated by a client of Johnny Ching. He got in touch with Miriam Jacka, director of DIK, to have the uniforms stored at the DIK warehouse in Castle Hill. Johnny Ching told the board there would have to be a working bee to do an inventory of what the stack of uniforms consists of.

## **The Greeting Card**

John Stamboulie said he was working on getting a generic phone number to put on a club greeting card and would contact John Totonjian to work out a design for the card to be distributed to members.

## **Ben Jackson's Membership**

The board decided that Ben Jackson's membership should be put on hold for the time being. He had expressed interest in joining a Rotary club nearer to home.

## **Christmas Trees**

The board was informed that negotiations are continuing over Christmas trees, but the venue for sales has been settled and discussions are continuing with Keith Stapley over such matters as storage of trees. President Phil, who is shortly to take leave, said he would talk to Keith when Phil returned to club duties in October.

## **Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Scholarship**

Youth Director Don Thompson has undertaken to follow up with Taylor-Lai McAlister, who has a scholarship funded by our Club, and is doing a Bachelor of Psychology with Honours at Macquarie University and is report to be doing "extremely well".

## **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)**

Keith gave a rundown on the structure and function of RAWCS, which has tax deductibility status. Donations could be in the form of money or goods, the latter taken up by Donations In Kind (DIK), an organisation which came under the umbrella of RAWCS. Volunteers were called on to go overseas to help with projects and train people. The goods RAWCS particularly wanted related to health and education. Its job then was to store, transport, install and maintain.

RAWCS covered other organisations, including Rotary Australia Overseas Aid, which dealt with emergency situations, Rotary Australia Benevolent Society, which dealt with need within Australia, a Developed Countries Disaster Fund which dealt with events such as the earthquake in New Zealand.

Each Rotary Club could have its own RAWCS project or projects. Our club had St Peter's School in Uganda and the FOLIA program in Bangladesh. A club could register its project with RAWCS and it could get publicity from that for what its members were doing and also take advantage of tax concessions. The system worked best if there was a sister Rotary club at the other end or just a Rotary club whose service director was aware of the coming shipment and could ensure that it went where it was meant to.

RAWCS sent teams all over the world. The volunteers covered by a Rotary insurance policy. Our Club had funded, over 35 years ago a non-Rotarian volunteer, Ron Marcus, who contributed to an overseas project and later became a Rotarian and a very active participant in many RAWCS overseas projects. Keith said that in 2013/14 and 2014/15, RAWCS generated \$30 million a year.

### **For Your Diaries**

20 August. FOLIA dinner at St Stephens Normanhurst.

22 August. Regular club meeting

29 August. Regular club meeting

4 September. Upper Blue Mountains Rotary, is organising a fundraising concert Come Out Swinging at St Marys Rugby League Club. Tickets are \$50pp which includes a light supper. All funds raised go equally to Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and Huntingtons Disease (HD). The centre for research and support for HD is Westmead Hospital

5 September. Regular club meeting

6 September. Rotary Youth Vocational Awards at Northmead High School

12 September. Regular club meeting. To be attended by DG Stephen Humphreys and area coordinator Vera Liondis.

9 October. ARH Wine, Food and Music Race Day at Hawkesbury Race Track.

30 October. Triathlon Pink BBQ Parramatta Park.

31 October. Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards night, Oatlands Golf Club