

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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016P***

**Our Toast**

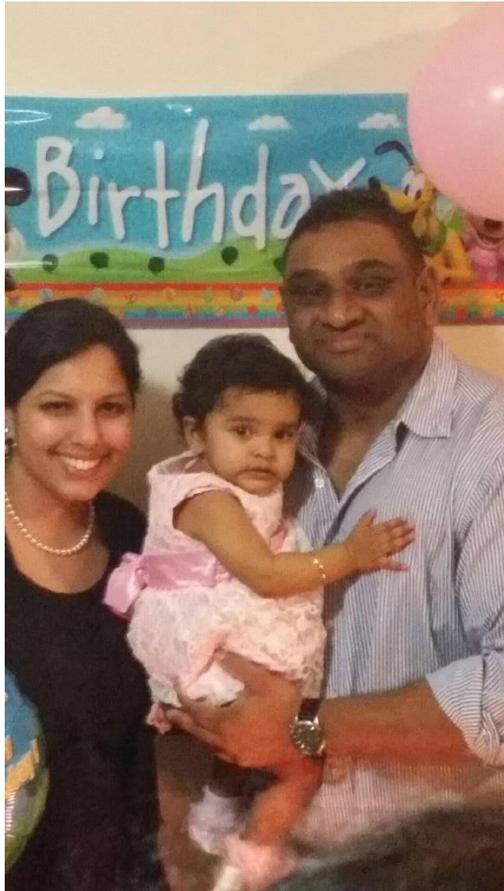
Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Hang Zhou in China, the city hosting this year's G20 Summit. He said it was a provisional Rotary club with 15 members in a city of 21 million, And that, he said, made us feel slightly better about our own meeting on 29 August when a grand total of three members turned up to the club.

**Our Dismal Anniversary**

August 29 this year was the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chartering of our club, then known as the Rotary Club of Parramatta North, PP Keith, one of the foundation members, pointed out. He showed us the original program with the list of attendees, including both Keith and Ralph Cadman. It was hardly a mark of progress that only three members turned up, and that there was a medical practitioner present at a prospective member. The numbers for the meeting this week were healthier, with 11 present and guest Prashanth.

**Our Guest**

Our guest for the day was a former member Prashanth Paramanatham, introduced by PP Johnny Ching. Prashanth had been a Westpac bank manager in Parramatta when he belonged to the club. Then he had to leave the club when he was shifted to Strathfield. He was transferred again to Chatswood and then concluded that he decided that he did not like "the way the bank was going", cutting staff and reducing face-to-face contact with customers. He went into private practice as a consultant, drawing as he did so on contacts he had made while doing his Master of Business degree. He was now working in Parramatta again and focusing on marketing and strategy and start-ups for small business. It was "a hard market to crack", he said, but he had received some work from IT companies. Prashanth continues to live in Westmead and has just had the gift of a daughter, Aria.



Prashanth with wife, Priya and baby, Aria.

### **The Cataloguing**

Bob Rosengreen reminded the club that numbers are required to do an audit of a load of school uniforms delivered to the Donations in Kind facility at Castle Hill. The operation begins at 8.30 am on this coming Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. The address is the Goodman Complex, Unit 4, 12/14 Anella Avenue, Castle Hill.

### **The Transplant Games**

Acting President Natalie reminded us that District 9675 was a sponsor of the 15<sup>th</sup> Australian Transplant Games to be held in Sydney this year from 26 September to 1 October. The District was providing a perpetual trophy for the Child Transplant Overall Winner.

### **Australian Rotary Health Hat Day**

Natalie said the District 9675 Hat Day would be on Friday, 7 October. Our meeting would be on October 10, and it was suggested that our members come along with their hats that day.

### **The Pride of Workmanship**

Natalia reminded us again of the Pride of Workmanship evening at Oatlands Golf Club on October 31.

## **The District Conference**

Acting President Natalie Cowell reminded the club about the District 9675 Conference at the Novotel Hotel in Wollongong from 10 to 12 March next year.

## **The Youth Vocational Education Awards**

A pleasant evening was enjoyed at the Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School on Tuesday night when the Combined Rotary Clubs of Parramatta did the Youth Vocational Education Awards program for 2016. A total of 37 students from 16 high schools received awards. Their work experience had been in retail services, business services, hospitality, hospitality food and beverage, construction, information and digital technology, sports coaching, entertainment.

Warren Fairfax, president of Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club, said the awards went to students who had excelled in their courses in the previous 12 months. He said that since the 1970s, a system had been in operation in NSW schools to give students some exposure to the careers they showed some aptitude for. It was a long way from the previous system, when students left school and had no idea what they wanted to do, and often started out on tertiary training which they did not pursue. Now, the system had mandatory placement of students in industries which they were likely to go to and their participation was part of the Higher School Certificate. After the presentations, in which our own PP Keith Henning participated, Joe Allen from Parramatta Daybreak thanked the organisers.

## **For Your Diaries**

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

26 September. Beginning of the Transplant Games which will be centred in Martin Place, Sydney. The games run till 1 October.

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

10 October. Hat Day for our club.

30 October. Triathlon Pink BBQ, Parramatta Park

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

18 November. D9675 Presidents Meeting

28 November. Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner, Epping Club.

8 December. Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner, Epping Club

10 March 2017. District Conference at Wollongong