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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 20th February 2017

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Boston, USA, as the city was coming up the fourth anniversary of the bombing outrage. He also pointed out that Benjamin Franklin was born there in 1706 and died in 1790, having brought 17 children into the world and left us with a number of wise saying, including that “well done” is better than “well said”.

Our Guests

Our guests included Jerry Tan, who has expressed interest in becoming a member. Jerry was born in Beijing, he studied IT at Beijing University, migrated to Australia in 2000, did a further course in IT at Wollongong University. He runs a company, CMD Optoelectronics, has up to 10 employees and imports LEC lighting from China. His product has enormous savings on electricity when compared with incandescent lighting. He travels often to China and would like to extend his range of contacts.



Jerry Tan

Also present were Geoff and Karen Childs, who were guests of John Totonjian. Geoff, now retired, has had a career in manufacturing and despairs of the decline in manufacturing in Australia. Karen is a midwife at Westmead Hospital which handles 8,000 births a year and has formed a personal belief that “everyone is pregnant at the moment”.

With them, and also brought by John T, was John Ross, who retired three years ago after working as an IT consultant specialising in small businesses, where he set up some software for travel wholesalers which is still being used.

PhD Scholars Night

Phil implored members to register for the PhD Scholars night. PP Keith had sent out an email telling members how to do it. This is to be held at Oatlands Golf Club on 13th March. Registration for the night must be done through the website. <https://www.trybooking.com/252842>

Geoff Lee MP

Geoff Lee, State Liberal MP for Parramatta and an honorary member of our club, is to visit our club meeting on 6 March and discuss with us what is going on in Parramatta, including the vexed issue of the closure of the swimming pool.

Christmas Trees

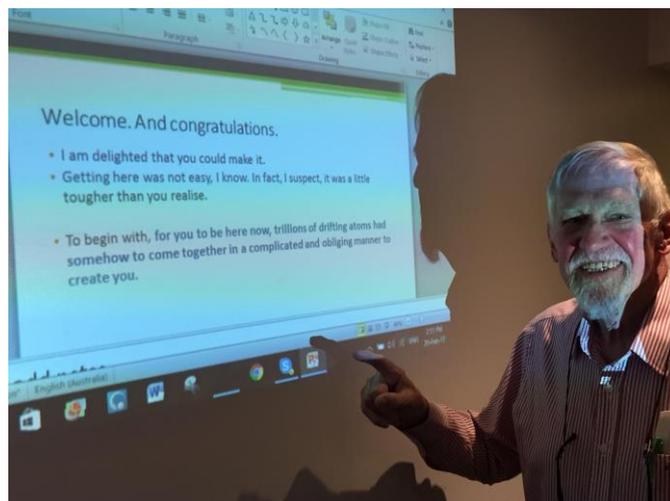
PP Keith Henning has sent a cheque for \$3,500 to Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club for helping us with the Christmas tress sales last December. Keith said at our board meeting on Tuesday that our Fund Raising account surplus, after making donations totalling \$2,500, is \$6,900, so unless we raise additional funds between now and the end of the financial year, we will not have much to distribute this year.

Centenary of the Rotary Foundation

Treasurer Keith Henning told the board meeting that we would not be able to contribute terribly much to commemorate is year's centenary of the formation of the Rotary Foundation. Bob Rosengreen, who handles foundation matters for the club, said there might be scope for a special event, such as a "min-Olympics" for handicapped people in Prince Alfred Park, opposite the Novotel, which we could turn out minds to mark the occasion. The park was of special significance because it was there that Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, planted a tree, which survives.

Timelines

Bob Rosengreen gave us a talk on his latest project, which is setting up a system where people can tell the story of their lives by inserting video clips and other information in chronological order, which enables anyone viewing that life to get a feel for the times they lived in and what would have been their utmost concerns.



Two weeks before his wife, Glenys, was born in Fiji the islands suffered an earthquake that killed eight people. When she was two years old the Queen visited Fiji and her mother took her to see the Queen. "There is a wealth of information you can link into your life," Bob said.

"The first stage of development to the program is to look at baby boomers and people who might be interested in doing a timeline," he said. "There are seven billion people in the world," he said. "That is a lot of people to write a lot of timelines. The world authority on you is you. Nobody knows you better than you. And there are a lot of people who find social media very easy."

Bob said he wanted people to try the system and give him feedback on how it worked. PP Ron Edgar thanked Bob for his most interesting address.

For Your Diaries

27 February. Taylor-Jai McAlister on her RYLA experience.

6 March. Dr Geoff Lee, MP for Parramatta

10-12 March. District Conference at Wollongong

13 March. ARH Scholars Night

1 April. President Elect training 2

6 May. District Assembly for all incoming Board members