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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 19th June 2017

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of St Louis. He said that 90 years ago Charles Lindbergh in his plane, Spirit of St Louis, flew from New York to Paris to win a \$25,000 prize offered to the first person to do it. Six other aviators had died in three crashes trying to win the prize and a fourth crash had injured three. But Lindbergh did it and created history. On 31st August 1927 the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale ratified Lindbergh's performance as the new world record for a non-stop flight. Bob said that in 1996, a \$10 million prize was offered for the first privately financed team that could build and fly a three-passenger vehicle 100 kilometres into space twice within two weeks. In October 2004 that prize was won by Mojave Aerospace Ventures, the prize being awarded in St Louis.

Our Guests

We had two guests for dinner, one being Kathleen Rome, whom the club previously sponsored for a trip to the World Youth Science Forum in 2015. Kathleen went on to excel in the HSC, getting a TER score of 97.95 and winning a place at the University of New South Wales but opted to take a gap year last year. She worked as a customer service officer and with earned money took an overseas trip.

Our other guests were Sher Khan, who is chief executive officer of an Australian multicultural charity. He has been proposed for membership. PP Malcolm, who is sponsoring him, said that Sher had undertaken to get more members from his community into the club.

Our Prospective Youth Exchange Student

President Phil said it had been proposed that our club join with the two other Parramatta Rotary Clubs in sponsoring a 15-year-old Japanese boy as an exchange student. Our club had previously declined to do it ourselves but the combined operation with the two other clubs should be considered. Phil said it was important that our club comply with the new district Child Protection Policy.

Our Meeting Place

Joy said our contract with Novotel was up for renewal. The hotel had told us there would be a rise in prices. Under the new contract, hot meals would cost \$35 and salads \$30. But it was the first price rise there had been for some time.

The club venue would be unavailable on Monday, 17th July because the hotel had another commitment. PDG Barry suggested our club have a social event such as “Christmas in July” and he would contact John Stamboulie to find a good restaurant for the purpose.

Jerry’s Award

Secretary Joy said that on the PhD Scholars’ Night Jerry Tan had made a donation to Australian Rotary Health, for which he was being honoured as a Friend of ARH. She presented him with a pin to attest to that fact.



Tree Day Sunday 30th July - Tree-planting

PDG Barry said the club would be participating in a Parramatta City Council and Planet Ark program on 30th July when community groups would be planting 10,000 trees in the Third Settlement Reserve, Edison Parade, Winston Hills. Time is 10.00am to 1pm. PP Malcolm said it was important that we should wear vests proclaiming that we were participating as Rotarians.

The RI Convention

PP Keith made a quick trip to Atlanta, Georgia, for the RI Convention, leaving on a Friday and returning on Saturday the following week. He said it was a good convention with “amazing” facilities, to cater for 40,000 people, so many there had to be two opening ceremonies. The one disappointment was that Ian Riseley, the Australian incoming RI President, from Sandringham in Victoria, had a problem with his voice, which gave out, and he was unable to speak very much.

Kathleen

Kathleen Rome, said the highlight of her visit to the Youth Science Forum was attending the UNESCO Model United Nations with 200 international students. The groups were given tasks to come up with

engineering solutions. “It gave me the first taste of what engineering was like,” she said. Her group had been very successful with the ideas it came up with and their report had gone to Engineers Without Borders. The students had gone to different places in America, and were specially taken with Washington. They had a session in the United Nations. When she came back and was so successful with the HSC, she did some interviews and was informed that she had a four-year scholarship to the UNSW.

In her gap year last year, Kathleen had worked in customer relations and had gone travelling with her savings, visiting France and Britain. She had now completed her first semester at the University of New South Wales, where she is studying environmental design, said she had chosen to follow “humanitarian engineering” projects such as how to deliver safe drinking water to people in developing countries. Her particular interest was Vanuatu and the Pacific Region. People in those countries did harvest rainwater, she said, but they did not do it in the best way.

Kathleen had joined Young Scientists of Australia Volunteers. The volunteers did a lot of work with high school students. She thought she might inspire other young women to take up science and engineering. “I would like to do something about helping people,” she said. It [going overseas] was a good learning experience but I want to work with sustainable design. But I am just going to go where the path takes me.”

For Your Diaries

26 June. Club Changeover – Novotel Hotel 6pm for 6.30pm

1 July. Parramatta Rotary Changeover Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/277591>

2 July, District 9685 Changeover. 12 noon. St George Motor Boat Club

Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/283732>

10 July. Police Officer of Year event.

15 July. Volunteers’ day at RAWCS Depot, Minchinbury.

30th July. Tree planting for Parramatta City Council and Planet Ark.

More info <http://treeday.planetark.org/site/10015310>

2 September. Sydney Welsh Choir Concert at St Kevin’s Church, Eastwood