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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?

Changeover Club Meeting 26th June 2017

Our Toast

PDG Barry Antees proposed a toast to Rotary International, and said the value of Rotary could be seen in our own personal development. He said he felt far more fulfilled now than when he had joined Rotary. "Where in the world could you meet good lawyers, mortgage brokers and real estate agents?" he asked. "There are people we meet committed to the Four-Way Test. It is these relationships that are good for us. We are enhancing the world with what we do. Whenever there is a problem we know through Rotary there is someone there is someone we might come to pass onto that person."

In replying to the toast PDR Ray Reed said that, like Barry, being a past District Governor, he was also a past Officer of Rotary International and it was appropriate that Barry should propose the toast and he respond. Barry had given a good answer to the question as to why we were all here. Rotary was an organisation that was dedicated to the welfare of mankind. "Rotary reaches to the very end of the Earth in its spread and is one of the few global organisations which would stand up and accept the responsibility of making an organisation work in those interests," he said. "And it is in those interests that Rotary clubs exist and they exist with a guiding hand from Rotary International." Ray said there were many people in the world not in such a beneficial situation as ourselves and we were in a position to help them. "The strategy of Rotary is international and far-reaching in the extreme," he said. "And I believe that in the great majority of cases we follow the same aim which is to preserve the great good that can be promoted through organisations like Rotary."

Our Guests

President Phil welcomed guests, including PDG Lloyd Roever, from the Burwood Rotary Club, and his wife Christine; ADG Vera Liondas; Ralph and Sandy Cadman; Cheryl Deguara from Australian Rotary Health and her partner Robert, and Delma Parker and Coral Boyle from the Hills Special School in Baulkham Hills. He also welcomed prospective club member Sher Khan.

President Phil

President Phil Brophy, stepping down as president of the club, said a highlight of his term of office was working closely with a sister Parramatta club, the Parramatta Daybreak, in selling Christmas trees and he believed that there was greater scope in the three Parramatta clubs working together. That did not happen without a lot of effort from a lot of people, he said. He also believed that the club should preserve its board meetings as a system of governance. Other clubs did not have boards but he believed that the board system was part of our club's strength.

Paul Harris Fellows

Paul Harris Fellow awards were made to John Stamboulie, a member of the club who has done excellent service on our barbecues, and to Delma Parker and Coral Boyle, who have together given a half-century of service as teachers' aides at the Hills Special School at Baulkham Hills.

PP Keith Henning said Delma had been at the school for 30 years, helping children with intellectual, physical and behavioural difficulties. She had also been a member of the Baulkham Hills SES for 20 years. Coral had been at the school for 20 years and had also driven the school bus. Some years ago, at an event in which the school participated at the Riverside Theatre, Coral had been seen dancing on stage with a wheelchair-bound child. The two ladies had demonstrated qualities that all Rotarians should demonstrate.

President Phil presented Keith himself with a Paul Harris Pin Award with Triple Ruby to acknowledge the great financial contribution Keith had made to the Rotary Foundation.

Welcoming Natalie

Phil Brophy stepped down and welcomed Natalie Cowell as President for 2017-2018, whom he said had been an enthusiastic member of the club "always cheerful and far more organised than I will ever be."



Natalie in response said she had felt rather unprepared but had realised that she could always tap into the wonderful resources of the club membership for help. President Phil had been her mentor for the past 12 months and had diligently showed her "the ropes". She also presented Phil with an upgrade on his Paul Harris Fellow pin.

“Our International Rotary theme for this year is “making a difference” and while I believe we strive to do this generally as Rotarians, as it is highlighted this year we must especially make this the year,” he said. “Many of the goals within the Presidential Citation for 2017-18 revolve around making a difference, in our local community, our district and internationally. “We have devised projects and activities which will be designated to work with our local community and schools, interact with plan projects and with other rotary clubs in our district, and continue our support for RYLA/RYPEN students. We also want to raise the public profile in the community and heighten awareness of who we are as Rotarians, and what we do.

“This year I encourage all members to donate \$100 each so as we can nominate individuals for a Paul Harris Fellow award. A Paul Harris Fellow can be nominated for \$1,000 so with our individual contribution of \$100., the remaining \$900 can be made up from the club’s accumulated funds. We have recognised two very worthy recipients who are part of our club, and two very worthy recipients who are not part of our club, and I am sure that each of us knows someone you could nominate ..., they do not have to be Rotarians for us to recognised their “Service Above Self”. Natalie thanked friends and family, especially her family, for their support.



2017-2018 Board

For Your Diaries

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>

3 July. Club meeting. Speaker Barbara Mifsud: Coordinator, Club & District Support, South Pacific & Philippines Office, Rotary International

10 July. Police Officer of Year event.

Bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=291159>

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