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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 3rd July 2017

Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen posed a toast to the Rotary club of Winnipeg, especially significant this year when Canada is celebrating 150 years since its confederation. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg was chartered on 13th April 1912 and with that Rotary, formed in the United States in 1905, became international, Winnipeg being the first Rotary club chartered beyond US boundaries. There were 100 clubs chartered between 1905 and 1914, setting the stage for a world movement which now sees 30,000 clubs. The first 100 Rotary clubs included seven in Canada.

Our Guests

President Natalie welcomed Barbara Misfud, who is employed by Rotary International and works at its office in Smith Street, Parramatta. Barbara's job is to coordinate club and district support in Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and the Philippines. Her office is one of the nine operated by Rotary International. Barbara's office looks after more than 2,000 clubs and 67,000 Rotarians in 17 different countries. She has always worked for not-for-profit organisations, including Vision Australia where she was employed for seven years. She has worked for Mission Australia handling refugee resettlement. Barbara has represented the Rotary region at events such as the National Assembly and district conferences. She gives advice on training and policy and documents district governors' expenses. She also puts Rotarians in touch with specialist staff.

Also present was Heath Adams, a lawyer working in Parramatta and Penrith. He is a graduate from Macquarie University and a Master of Laws. Heath is looking towards membership of Rotary. Beside Heath was Sher Khan, who has been proposed for membership of the club.

Rotary Foundation Dinner

PP Natalie reminded the club of the Rotary Foundation dinner on 20th November at the Blacktown Workers Club. The dinner will be held by our district together with District 9685 and will celebrate 100 years of the operation of the Rotary Foundation.

Police Officer of the Year

There will be no lunchtime meeting next Monday. President Natalie reminded us of the Police Officer of the Year function at the Novotel Hotel on Monday evening next week, at which a Deputy Police Commissioner will be present. It is necessary for club members to book seats on line.

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

Christmas in July

The club will have an evening meeting on Monday evening, 17th July, when we will celebrate Christmas in July. There will also be no lunchtime meeting that day. The dinner will be at Enzo's Cucina, 2 Campbell Street, Northmead. That makes two "transfer" meetings on the trot.

Dream Cricket

The next Monday lunchtime meeting will be on 24th July, when our guest speaker will be Paul Reid, who will talk about Dream Cricket, which is a program to enable handicapped children to play cricket. A representative of the Northcott Society will be present and Merrylands High School has also been asked to participate.

Vocational Youth Awards

This will be held on 29th August at Northmead High School and again there will be no lunchtime meeting that day. This project is being supported by the three Parramatta Rotary clubs.

DIK Working Bee

On Saturday, 15th July, club members have been asked to work a shift at the DIK depot, 6 Colyton Road, Minchinbury from 9 am till 1 pm to clear out the accumulated items and shift them to the DIK premises at Castle Hill.

Tree Planting

PDG Barry reminded us that we are participating in the Parramatta City Council tree-planting operation on Sunday, 30th August. The operation will involve a number of organisations and will aim to plant 10,000 trees in the Parramatta City Council area. Our club has been allocated the Third Settlement Reserve in Winston Hills. Members are to wear vests advertising that they are Rotarians working for the community.

Working with Children Check

It has been decided by the board that every prospective member must get a Working With Children Check number before being accepted as a member. The check can be done on-line and then stamped at Services NSW. They have to be renewed every five years. From 2019 Rotary will not be insured for incidents involving child sex offences, which might have implications for our Youth Exchange scheme.

All Ears Cambodia

Our club will now be a conduit for money to be donated to All Ears Cambodia, a RAWCS project for dealing with deafness in Cambodia. The project is being handled by PP Keith Henning.

Club Planning

PP Natalia has decided that in the club's bid to get a presidential citation, we will dedicate each fourth meeting to planning and have no guest speaker. The first planning meeting will be on 31st July.

High Profile Speakers

President Natalie said the only way we can entice high-profile speakers is to have a large audience. A high-profile speaker with an audience of 12 or so Rotarians would feel put out. An answer is to see whether we could combine with other Rotary clubs to have a high profile speaker.

The Concert

We need to get cracking now to print flyers and posters for the Sydney Welsh Choir at St Kevin's Catholic Church, Eastwood, on Saturday, 2nd September. We need to work out who is collecting the money, distributing tickets and so forth. We need to liaise closely with the Parramatta Daybreak rotary which is jointly running the concert.

Barbara Misfud

Barbara, expanding on her role with Rotary International, said the office had four departments, one looking after general inquiries, one for finance, one for publications and one for the Rotary Foundation. They advised about programs in the Rotary Foundation and organisation of Paul Harris Fellows. The office also looked after club industry support. They did training and policy and support in on-line dealings. It supported district governors and district governors' expenses. It dealt with name changes and mergers of clubs. "We deal with all the curly questions with some Rotarians and we deal with complaints," she said.

Barbara then showed how Rotarians could navigate the website. There was a section available to the public and a section available to members who had registered. The levels of access depended on the categorisation of the members. Rotary Club Central was a tool that allowed clubs to track and achieve their goals. If a member used it for a while, he or she could see where the club had come from and where it was going. It allowed the club to "take hold" of its goal. It could be used when promoting the club and doing lobbying. It was possible to see how the club was progressing towards a presidential citation.

Barbara said clubs could use the system to seek out project partners or get support funding. If a club had an idea for a new project and was seeking support it could put it on the system where it was accessible to the public. If a club was looking for a project for support, it could go into the system to find it. The system could promote a successful project. It could find out what other clubs were doing and do something similar. Facebook could also be used as a promotional tool. Barbara said the club could utilise any of thousands high-quality photographs that were in RI files.

Barbara thought having an Australian President of RI this year, Ian Riseley, would be good for Australian Rotary. Ian was the fifth Australian to hold the position. At present, another Australian, Noel Trevaskis, was on the RI board.

For Your Diaries

10 July. Police Officer of Year event.

15 July. Volunteers' day at Minchinbury.

17th July. Christmas in July, Northmead

24th July. Lunchtime meeting with Paul Reid guest speaker to talk about Dream Cricket

30th July. Tree planting for Parramatta City Council.

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

29th August. Rotary Vocational Youth Awards at Northmead High School.

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

20th November. Rotary Foundation Dinner, Blacktown Workers' Club.