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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?

Police Officer of Year Awards Evening

Our Toast

Sue Hayward, District Governor-elect for District 9675, proposed the toast to Rotary and the people of Australia. She said this was the eighth year of the Police Officer of the Year (POOTY) awards and it had grown bigger and better every year. It raised money for the Rotary Foundation, Police Legacy and the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Sue said the achievements of the foundation were monumental, in particular the almost total elimination of polio throughout the world. She said the POOTY Awards final was at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Darling Harbour on Friday 10th November. Police nominated from five NSW Rotary districts were finalists. Last year, Sue was one of the judges and reading the nominations was "a privilege and an experience". "I did not know about the police and the range of things that happen in the police," she said. "

Our Guests

Trish Eggleston, acting president of Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club, welcomed our guests included Deputy NSW Police Commissioner Jeffrey Loy, Acting Commander of the North-West Police Region, Jeff Philippi, Superintendent Gary Merryweather, Superintendent Wayne Cox, Acting Superintendent Jodi Radmore, Inspector Brad Element, Sue Hayward, John Given, who is chairman of the Rotary Districts of New South Wales Police Officer of the Year Awards, and representatives of the Parramatta Leagues Club, the Albion Hotel, Port Bar, Underwood Jewellers and Dot's Flowers who were sponsoring the event.

Tributes

Andrew Best, our Master of Ceremonies, responding to Sue's proposal of the toast, said that police did "stuff that most of us take for granted and don't even give a thought to". Police were, he said, "more that blokes who pull you over to the side of the road".

Deputy Commissioner Loy said he had been in his present role for six weeks and had been to a lot of functions. "Every function I have attended has had some Rotary flavour to it, including the PCYC," he said. He said that three months ago he had come across one constable who had taken three youths to breakfast of toast and coffee before they went for a job interview, because they had not had breakfast at home. The constable had paid for it out of his own pocket. "That is what cops do every day," he said.

Chris McSeveny, president of Parramatta Rotary Club, said the phrase, “pride in the blue shirt” had “struck a chord” with her.

Winners

There were winners in five categories: Community and Customer Service, Civilian Employee, Investigator, Leadership in the Policing Vocation, Emerging Constable. The Police Officer of the Year went to Constable Kathleen Francis, who won in the Community and Customer Service category. Kathleen started her police career in 2014 and had been with Parramatta police station since then, doing general duties. She has a husband, Chris Archer, who is a plumber. Kathleen, who is expecting a baby, is doing a course to qualify as an investigator and is also doing a course in Social Science on-line from Swinburn University, specialising in criminology.

News from our sister Club in Manila.

President Diwata has advised us of some of the programs they are conducting in association with their Changeover and Installation of Office Bearers in August. They will have a simple Daycare project at Santo Thomas, Manila. There they will be giving some sets of school supplies for 30 students. Also when their Malaysian friends come (around 12 of them) we will visit the Cancer Institute at PGH or Philippine Government Hospital to give alcohol, 40 sets of hygiene kits, plastic folders for the patient's record folder, and if possible some new mattresses for the patients there since theirs' are dilapidated already. But I would need to find some affordable mattresses first. After that we will go to Balubad Elementary School in Cavite to distribute some 50 sets of school supplies, television for teaching (donated by Pres. Peter) and reference books.

They will be using some of our Club's donation to buy the following items

P 2,000 hug-able pillows (some budget will also come from RCIM and RCRM)

P 3,500 school supply kits (also some from RCIM & RCRM)

P 7,000 plastic arm chairs (also some from RCIM & RCRM)

This is what Rotary is all about.

Honorary member, Ralph Cadman, was surprised recently when he received the email below

From: Nicole Symonds-White [mailto:nickilsw@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, 4 April 2017 12:50 AM

To: rcadman@bigpond.com

Subject: hello from the past

Hello Mr. Cadman,

I came across an old email correspondence from you and thought I would get back in touch. I stayed with you and your wife back 7 years ago in 2010 as part of the Rotary GSE from Canada. You and your wife, as well as the trip in general, had a very big impact on me. I came home determined to use what I saw and learned to make some positive changes. You were the first family that welcomed me into their home on the trip. Although I was not particularly young, I had not many life experiences to that point that had affected me like the GSE. I was amazed and challenged by the experiences, the people, and the culture. Inspired in great part by that trip, my husband and I

returned from spending the spring in Haiti last year. This year we just returned from a much shorter trip there. We are hoping to return again longer term. I am certain that we often don't know the impact that the things we do or say have on people around us, but I want you to know that your kindness to me as well as your openness to let me experience a part of Australian life has had a lasting impact. I thank you for this. I hope you and Mrs. Cadman are well. Please know that I remain grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Nicole Symonds-White

Since then he had further email contact with Nicole.

Rotary connections can last a lifetime!

For Your Diaries

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.