

## COMMUNITY NETWORKER No 6/2017-8

### 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?

*Meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017*

#### Our Toast

Bob Rosengreen proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Oxford founded in 1922. And Oxford was where Sir Alexander Fleming, a Scottish bacteriologist, discovered penicillin and where in 1938 Howard Florey organised a team to undertake innovative work and produce stable penicillin. Florey, Australian-born, shared the Nobel Prize in 1945 with Dir Ernst Chain and Fleming for his role in the development.

#### Our Guest

President Natalie welcomed Sher Khan, who has applied for membership; of our club. Sher has returned from spending a few weeks in New Zealand.

#### Guest Speakers

President Natalia said that if we were looking for a guest speaker, we should contact our Australian Rotary Health Representative, Stephen Humphreys on [sjhumphreys14@bigpond.com](mailto:sjhumphreys14@bigpond.com).

#### The State Emergency Services Community Services Awards

The awards were held at the Bankstown Sports Club on Friday night last week. Our club was represented by PDG Barry Antees and PE Malcolm Brown. There were some 400 people in attendance. Daniel Hatton from Bulli Fire and Rescue won the award for being the most outstanding emergency worker. Timothy Lidden from Wagga Wagga Volunteer Rescue Association won the award for being the most outstanding volunteer emergency worker.

#### Hope Road

President Natalie passed on a plea from District Secretary Di North to attend screening of the Film Hope Road at the Palace Theatre, Leichhardt, on 6<sup>th</sup> September. The Hope Road project was initiated by Zacharia Machiek, a South Sudanese man, one of the "lost boys". The project has been sponsored by the Rotary Sydney's International Services Committee. Given the violence in South Sudan and obstacles that Zacharia has had to overcome, this has been an extraordinary and inspirational journey. Zacharia walked 40 days from northern New South Wales to Sydney to raise funds for the

school. Di advised that they need to sell 75 tickets in order for the film screening to do ahead. To purchase tickets please go to <https://tickets.demand.film/event/2052>

### **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**

PP Keith said he had written a letter to Merrylands High School re MUNA. The school was sending a team to Canberra within a fortnight. The school's team had come second in the MUNA competition in our District. Keith said we wanted to have the team present to our Club afterwards. A teacher had written back saying the team was very happy with our club's support.

### **Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay**

PP Keith said that on Friday night this week, the club would have its installation of office bearers. There would be guests from Malaysia and Japan. Keith had written to the incoming president. The club was doing some work on a hospital and could take some beds through DIK. They were also assisting an elementary school, distributing chairs and education kits, and they were providing equipment for a cancer centre.

### **All Ears Cambodia**

PP Keith said he had taken on All Ears Cambodia, a RAWCS project, and had the details of getting the money across to them. He had been informed at the recent RAWCS Eastern Regional meeting in Kiama that the project in Cambodia was "fantastic".

### **St Peters School Uganda.**

PP Keith said the school had 215 pupils, 175 of whom had parents who were contributing the money to the school. The remainder were sponsored children. Funds were about to be forwarded to assist the school with new facilities.

### **Christmas Trees**

PP Phil said he had spoken to Keith Stapeley, of Balkham Hills, who had said we would be welcome back this year to sell Christmas trees from his place. Jerry Chan had raised the issue of selling Christmas lights with the trees and Phil said that was an idea worth exploring.

### **Paul Harris Fellows**

President Natalie said if we wanted more Paul Harris Fellows, the club would have to contribute \$1,000 each to the Rotary Foundation. However, by using accumulated credits PDG Barry Antees said that members could be asked to commit themselves to paying \$100 a year as an ongoing commitment and have the chance to nominate a person. It was pointed out that a Paul Harris Fellow need not be a Rotarian.

### **Food Ladder**

Barry Antees proposed we support the Food Ladder project in Northern Australia, which its prime mover Kelly McJannett had presented to the club. He said it involved the establishment of a massive greenhouse which indigenous people would operate, and it would provide training and food education to indigenous students. It would be self-sustaining. He said he had "a few chats with blokes round the scene" and as soon as he mentioned it was an indigenous project they "put their

hands up". Some clubs were very interested in the welfare of indigenous people. Our club had to come up with a money-raising project so we could contribute ourselves. The project promoters were talking about \$150,000. A minimum grant was \$15,000. But if we got some district money into it, then the Rotary Foundation would fund on a one-to-one basis. If we reached \$75,000 we could apply to the district and they would also put in \$7,500 and RI would match the combined \$15,000. We need to get our members involved and send members out to talk to other clubs about it, once fully briefed on the project. It would be ideal to send members and donors to look at the project during various stages of development.

### **Community Chest 2107 - Winners**

Result of the draw of the Holroyd Rotary Community Chest 2017 raffle drawn at 7pm on Monday 17th July at the Merrylands Bowling Club in Oxford St. Merrylands

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Toyota Yaris Car OR \$16,000.00 Cash**

**HR 29823 – A. Fuller East Maitland  
(sold by Rotary Club of Rutherford Telarah)**

**2nd Prize - \$1,000 worth of Jewellery**

**HR 05030 – S. Asiata - Blakett  
(sold by Rotary Club of Parramatta City – Hills Community Aid)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Netbook / Tablet**

**HR 14272 – N. Strom - Carlingford  
(sold by R C of Carlingford)**

### **For Your Diaries**

11<sup>th</sup> August. Presidents' meeting at Fairy Meadow. Anyone wanting to go must alert Di North by Thursday this week.

12<sup>th</sup> August. The FOLIA dinner will be held at St Stephens, Thornleigh.

14<sup>th</sup> August. Regular Club meeting at the Novotel. We will hear from Miriam Jackson about her research on arthritis.

19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> August. National MUNA event in Canberra. Our Club represented by Merrylands High School

20<sup>th</sup> August. RAMS conference at Wolli Creek.

21<sup>st</sup> August. PDG Keith Roffey will speak to the club about RAWCS Donations in Kind

24<sup>th</sup> August. World Polio Day.

29<sup>th</sup> August. Rotary Vocational Youth Awards at Northmead High School. This will be a transfer meeting, from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday evening.

2<sup>nd</sup> September. Sydney Welsh Choir Concert at St Kevin's Church, Eastwood.

12<sup>th</sup> October. Hat Day.

23<sup>rd</sup> October. Pride of Workmanship evening.

24<sup>th</sup> October. World Polio Day.

29<sup>th</sup> October. Graffiti Removal Day.

17<sup>th</sup> November. District AGM will be held at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

20<sup>th</sup> November. Rotary Foundation Dinner, Blacktown Workers' Club.

17<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Rotary International Peacebuilding Conference was being held at the Sydney Town Hall, with heavy involvement of the Sydney Rotary Club.