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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, 29th August 2017

This was a joint meeting of the three Parramatta Rotary Clubs who have sponsored this year's Vocational Education Awards, held at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) High School on Tuesday night, 29th August. Representatives of the clubs were present, together with award-winners, teachers and families, consuming food prepared by students who have been studying in the hospitality industry. The Master of Ceremonies was Maria Scott, head teacher in administration at the school. Joe Allen, president of Parramatta Day Break Rotary Club, Christ McSeveny, president of Parramatta Rotary Club and our own Natalie assisted in the formalities of the night.

Joe's Address

Joe Allen said the students were receiving awards for the skills they had developed in their vocational education. They had to apply those skills regularly during their courses and were assessed as they were doing it. The awards were recognised across Australia. "It will be recognised as something of value because of the rigor that goes into the study and assessment for that award," he said. "The fact that it has a Rotary stamp means that it has also been recognised by a world-wide body." The teachers had worked over and above their own training to help the students. They had given up their own time to do work placement and they had been assessed as to their own competence.

Teachers' Awards

Ten awards were presented, to teachers from Catherine McAuley Westmead, Cumberland High, Granville South CAPA High, Holroyd High, Maronite College of the Holy Family, Northmead CAPA High, OLMC Parramatta, Paramatta Marist High, St Paul's Catholic College Greystanes and the Hills Sports High.

Students' Awards

Forty-three students' awards were announced, taking in eight students from Catherine McAuley Westmead, Cumberland High (two), Delany College Granville (three), Grandville South CAPA (one), Holroyd High (four), McArthur Girls' High (two), Maronite College of the Holy Family (three), Marsden High (one), Northmead CAPA High (four), OLMC Parramatta (two), Parramatta Marist High (four), Pendle Hill High (two), St Patrick's Marist College (three), St Paul's Catholic College Greystanes (one) and The Hills Sports High (two). They covered Hospitality; IT, Fitness; Retailing; Business Services;

Early Childhood Education and Child Care. One student, obviously serious about life, had had a job placement in the NSW Office of State Revenue.

The Sydney Welsh Choir Concert

PE Malcolm said all possible publicity had been done, including ads in the TWT and Northern District Times. Joe Allen had done a lot of work alerting retirement villages about the concert. Malcolm had made presentations at the Rotary clubs of Epping, Eastwood-Gladesville, Ryde and Carlingford.

Rotarians participating in the organisation should be present at the church at 1 pm on Saturday. A table will be provided in the foyer for sale of tickets and choir merchandise. Parking will be available in the grounds of the primary school adjacent to the church. There will be a function at the Uniting Church just down the road from St Kevin's so parking in the streets near to the concert venue might be difficult but there are plenty of parking spaces further afield. The concert starts at 2 pm and will finish at about 4.30 pm.

For Your Diaries

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

18th September DG Stephen Britten visits club

12th October. Hat Day.

14th October. Mental health first aid course in Parramatta.

14th October. New Rotarians training day at Sydney Fire Station.

19th October. Australian Rotary Health – 'A Night with our Researchers', Dooleys Catholic Club, 24 John St, Auburn.

23rd October. Pride of Workmanship evening.

24th October. World Polio Day.

29th October. Graffiti Removal Day.

17th November. District AGM will be held at the Liverpool Catholic Club.

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

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