

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 8th October 2018

This was a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Parramatta, on the occasion of District Governor, Sue Haywood's official visit to the two clubs. The president of Parramatta Rotary Club, Conrad Saldanha, was Master of Ceremonies. President Malcolm also did a brief presentation. This report focuses on the DG's speech, and will be followed by some items pertaining to our club.

Sue's Rotary Journey

Sue Hayward said that 25 years ago, living in Adelaide with architect husband Mike, one of Mike's clients had suggested to Mike he talk to him about Rotary. The client had then spoken about what Rotary did and what it stood for. She had thought it sounded "really good" and had wanted to find out more. She and Mike had gone to a progressive club that took women members and she had been inveigled into becoming president, discovering then that the job involved a lot more than just chairing meetings. She had been about to hand over to her successor three months earlier but her mentor had stopped her, telling her to finish her term because one day she might be district governor.

Sue was persuaded to go to a district conference at Renmark, which turned out to be a life-changing experience for her. She heard about a Fijian girl who had been brought to Australia, courtesy for Rotary, for life-saving surgery, then the girl herself, a "beautiful Fijian girl", came on stage, causing the long-term patron of ROMAC, Max Walker of cricket fame, to throw his arms around and embrace her. Sue realised that Rotary was not what it was represented to be but what it did, and from that day she became passionate and committed. "I think Rotary is really lucky to have me as a Rotarian because I have been passionate and committed," she said. "I am so lucky to have Rotary in my life because whatever I put in I get so much more." Other Rotarians had had "Rotary moments" like hers and for those who had not, it was "a wonderful thing".



ADG Chris Bennecke, President Conrad, DG Sue and President Malcolm

Drought

DG Sue said the recent drought appeal by Channel Nine had raised \$10.3 million in three weeks. People could donate to a RAWCS drought project because the project was red and it could have access to money raised from the appeal. "The drought will not go away," she said. "Christmas is coming but the drought will still be there. It will be with us for a couple of years." The drought was so bad that people running the Burrumbuttock Hay Run had had to import hay from Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory for the run they hoped to make in December.

Rotary had adopted an "Adopt a Town" program where clubs could visit a town, put on a long lunch for which they bought locally. Vouchers could be given to farmers, to buy in town. A party could be put on for children. Sue said there were some children in Queensland who had never seen rain. She said one DG had telephoned a farmer's wife saying he was bringing out a load of hay and the only thing he wanted in return was a cup of coffee. The farmer's wife said she had no coffee, it was one of life's luxuries she had decided to do without.

Grants

DG Sue said that district grants of about \$5,000 were available to be awarded for worthy community projects. Next year they would be available from 1st July to mid-August. If a club had a worthwhile project it should work out what it was going to cost and make a submission for a grant.

She said there were global grants available. The Rotary Club of Kogarah, working in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Nepal and Shanghai, had won a global grant of more than \$220,000 for a water project in Nepal. To qualify for a grant, the applicant had to go through Rotary Foundation training. The next such course was at the Bankstown Sports Club in November.

Women in Rotary

DG Sue, referring to the Women in Rotary Forum on Sunday, 14th October, said that women made up 20 percent of Rotarians. "I say, 'Let us think about how we can identify and approach suitable women and when we get them into clubs'," she said. It was, she said "so easy to talk to people about Rotary".

The Invictus Games

DG Sue said Rotary had an involvement in the approaching Invictus Games. Some clubs had bought flags to distribute to schools. It was a great spectacle she said. She had been to a basketball match at the Paralympics and it had been “war on wheels”. The Invictus Games Lightning Bolt Convoy Flag Raising Ceremony will be on Friday, 19th October, at Parramatta Town Hall, Centenary Square, Parramatta. It will be from 12.30 to 1.30 pm and will be followed by light refreshments. Parramatta’s Lord Mayor, Andrew Wilson, has issued an invitation to our club to be represented but says it is most important that we confirm our attendance by return email, to M’Leigh Brunetta, civicevents@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or phone 9806 5463.

The District Conference

DG Sue said: “I am hoping you will join us next year at the Bankstown Sports Club to inspire and transform your club.” She encouraged Rotarians to make a booking to stay at the Travelodge Motel overnight on the Saturday. There would be some great personalities at the conference, including sporting stars.

Train to Polio Eradication

DG Sue said the recent train ride for polio, in which she had participated, had been very successful. Thirty years ago, when Rotary started its campaign, there were 350,000 new cases a year throughout the world. This year there were 18, including one in Pakistan in the past week. In January, 34 Rotary volunteers would be going to India for a mass vaccination campaign. It would be the last Rotary would do in India. From then on, India would do its own. Rotary helped on 28th September by conducting “Ride to End Polio”, being train trips on Sydney’s suburban network by Rotarians. Its aim was to raise \$1 million towards the project, and attracting in the process a grant from Bill Gates at a rate of two-to-one. For Parramatta City Rotary Club, the club was represented on the ride by President Malcolm and PP Keith Henning. In the club board meeting, treasurer Barry Antees said the club had fulfilled its commitment to give \$1,870, each club member giving \$187, and had exceeded it by \$13 because one member did not like “odd figures”.



Volunteers on the train ride

Train to eradication



Cherelyn Suzuki

ROTARIANS from 134 Rotary clubs boarded trains on Friday, September 28, and stopped at 187 train stations around Sydney with the challenge to raise \$1 million to go towards the Polio Plus program to eradicate polio from the world.

Rotarians paid \$1 per station and corporate sponsorships injected \$100 per station.

Polio Plus started in Australia in 1979 and Rotary joined organisations such as the World Health and UNICEF. They are supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which gives \$2 for every \$1 raised by Rotarians.

Rotary and its partners have reduced polio by 99.9 per cent worldwide since the first immunisation program in the Philippines in 1979.

With the co-operation of government agencies, Rotarians have helped to immunise more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries.

World Polio Day on Octo-



Rotary members on the 'anti-polio' train.

ber 24 has one focus — to end the disease. For as little as 60c a child can be immunised against polio for life.

• To donate visit endpolio.org/donate

WOMEN IN SERVICE

Started in 2011 by The Hills chapter of Soroptimist International, the eighth annual Women in Service Dinner will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise and The Hills Soroptimist Club at Dural Country Club on October 16 from 6pm for \$55.

There will be a surprise VIP guest speaker and opportunity to network with other community minded people.

All clubs attending are invited to bring one banner and club brochures. The ticket price includes a drink on arrival, dinner, dessert, tea and coffee.

All proceeds on the evening will be donated to the Farmers' Drought Relieve Appeal.

• Details: email milanchristinez@outlook.com

Christmas Trees

At the board meeting for our club on 2nd October, PP Phil Brophy reported that arrangements were well in hand and consideration was being given to the cost of trees and prices to be charged, and differentiation of prices according to tree size. We would sell on the weekend of 8th-9th December, then again on Friday, 14th December, and every day after that till Saturday, 22nd December. Phil said we would be asking former members of the club to assist as volunteers. There might also be liaison with the scouts.

POOTY Presentation

Treasurer Barry Antees said the money raised at the Police Officer of the Year (POOTY) night would be presented on Tuesday, 16th October, to the PCYC and to Police Legacy. We should try to get some

media present The three Parramatta Rotary presidents should be present. John Stamboulie said he might be able to get someone from Parramatta City Council and the Parramatta Business Chamber to be present.

The Change Committee

PDG Barry Antees said the Change Committee for the club would be reviewing our club constitution, which had to be adjusted in accordance with new RI regulations. He thought the club should adopt a whole new constitution, rather than amended it paragraph by paragraph. He said the committee was looking closely at all this and would have something ready for the next board meeting and for the next general meeting.

Graffiti Removal Day

PDG Barry said he had found four sites which required work when we set out with chemicals and brushes on Sunday, 21st October Three of the sites he had found were on Woodville Road. Members could find sites for themselves and if they were on private property then simply ask for permission to remove the graffiti. The operation will be from 8.30 am to maximum 12.00 noon but tis expected to be less. Barry said: "I will have volunteers from the community their number is still not confirmed. Your role will mainly to paint over the graffiti, your artistic skills need to be zero. Please let me know your availability."

Poignant Pictures



Meeting on 22nd October

The next club meeting will be at the Coffee Emporium in Phillip Street on Monday, 22nd October. President Malcolm has said he will be returning that day from a choir tour of Victoria and will not be able to attend the meeting. He asks the club to find someone to chair the meeting.

For Your Diaries

11th October. Golf for Research Day at Camden Lakeside Golf Club.

13th October. Holroyd Rotary Expo. Also, Rotary Training and Personal Development, Sydney Fire Station.

14th October. Women in Rotary Forum.

16th October. Cheque presentation from POOTY night.

21st October. Graffiti Removal Day.

20th – 28th October. Invictus Games.

22nd October. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium.

25th October. Annual Research Dinner for ARH at Dooleys Club, Auburn.

26th – 27th October. RAWCS Eastern Region conference in Dubbo.

27th October. Musical Theatre Gala Concert.

1st November. Screening of The Bohemian Rhapsody.

11th November. Rotary Foundation Dinner.

12th November. Club meeting, Coffee Emporium.

12th -18th November. Waterline Challenge.

26th November. Rotary Foundation Dinner.

8th December. Beginning of Christmas tree sales.

9th December. Roar and Soar, Parramatta Park. Continuation of Christmas tree sales.

14th December. Resumption of Christmas tree sales.

15th December. Continuation of Christmas tree sales which will continue each day till Saturday 22nd December.

23rd February 2019. RAWCS Eastern Region conference, hosted by District 9675, at Casula.