

ROTARY CLUB OF PARRAMATTA CITY Inc. DISTRICT 9675

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Rotary Four-Way Test

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 12th November 2018

Our Toast

PP Phillip Brophy proposed a toast to the "Wagon of Compiègne", where the armistice was signed, ending the Great War. The carriage was used by the Nazis in 1940 for signing of France's surrender, then moved to Berlin and is thought to have been destroyed by the SS in 1945, presumably to prevent that same carriage being used for another German surrender.

Our Guests

We had two guests today, one being an RMA engineer and prospective member, Clarice Chen, and the other Karen Patrick, from the Rotary Club of Columbus, Ohio, who has retired and has agreed with her American husband that she spend six months of each year in Australia.

Clarice, who originates from Malaysia, did her engineering degree at the University of New South Wales. She now works at the RMS in George Street, Parramatta, where she "reviews roads and bridges".

Karen went to the United States 20 years ago when her then husband was transferred there, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where worked for a mining company. Her marriage broke up and she married an American, James Walker, who worked with Case agricultural machinery. Both have retired and she now chooses to spend some of her time with Aussies. She expressed delight in the new range of individuals.



Karen

The Rebadged Rotary Club

President Malcolm expressed some concern over the second-fourth Monday pattern of meetings and said he felt the club was losing its momentum. PDG Barry, who heads the Change Committee to decide on the club's future, said all these issues would be discussed at the clubs' annual general meeting on 10th December.

Barry said: "We are putting together our final plans. We have some marketing plans to put forward so everyone has a chance for engagement. We are proposing some hands-on projects to cater for our members as well as to shore up our position in the community. Hopefully I will put in a business plan for the club at the end of this week. We are looking at rearranging the club and changing the culture of the club. We are trying to sound a well-connected club. We need to be connected."

Barry continued: "The message has been diluted within the community here. It is a large city here and there are three rotary clubs. There is confusion about this in the business world. We need to establish ourselves a little differently from the other two. Our club would have the highest level of working business people in the community. The other two Rotary clubs probably do not have as high a level. So we have got a different culture from the others."

Elaborating on this at the board meeting, Barry said the first objective would be to be recognized throughout the community as a well-connected club. That would come about through our relationship with major employment bodies and our relationship with organisations like Parramatta City Council and the Chamber of Commerce. As and when we find these bodies, we need to build a relationship. The NAB are moving in, so we need to approach the NAB in some fashion. "

Mentoring

Barry said we should also look at the question of having mentors join the club, these being senior people who could give advice on a voluntary basis to younger people in the same profession. He said one source of mentoring was people who had left the club, such as accountant Johnny Ching. When Johnny was asked whether he would be a mentor, he had said: "No problem". Barry said that was an area of engagement for our members. He said: "If you want to do something hands-on, this is something we can do for the Parramatta and Cumberland area. They [the mentors] are all so well-connected to government level at all three stages and when they have an event, they have a large number of councillors and State and Federal members attending the event.,

"That is the basis of the plan that we are putting forward to the club. There were a number of universities in our region. Each had its area which Rotary regarded as part of community service. The mentors could join the club and under the by-laws there could be different classifications of membership. There would be a mentor in the club and they could decide where they wanted to do some community service or whether they just wanted to belong to a community service organisation. "I don't think we are strong enough in realizing the strength of that vocation," he said. "We still have some tightening up to do but we will put a business proposition together and plans will be put together get he to be discussed at the club assembly."

The Soar and Roar Barbecue

Barry said our club would be doing a barbecue along with members of the Granville Rotary Club at the Soar and Roar event at Parramatta Park on Sunday, 9th December. The clubs had agreed to share a trailer.

Christmas Tree Sales

PP Phil Brophy said the final roster for December had been circulated by Joy Gillett. There were more than 20 spaces that could be filled by members of the Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Club. Past members Don Thomson and John Surian had also put their hands up to be rostered. Bob Rosengreen would be available if needed. Phil said there had been some recent rain and this year we should be right with the trees. But the present location did not have the capacity to store large numbers of trees and Keith Stapeley, the very obliging owner of the property, had suggested we bring in a container for that need.

The Waterline Challenge

PP Natalie Cowell said she would be leading the Waterline Challenge walk around Lake Parramatta on Saturday. Keith, PDG Barry, President Malcolm, Rtn Jerry and PP Natalie would be meeting at the café at the park at 10.15 am and would then proceed on the walk.

New Members and Clubs

PDG Barry said he would be meeting with prospective members Clarice Chen and Roy Chi Kwen. Roy worked for the NSW Department of Justice and was keen to join. He had been to our meeting on 22nd October and had gone through the requirements. Barry said he had had a meeting at the University of Technology Sydney with the view to establishing an indigenous Rotary club, which would be a virtual club, where members could meet on-line.

PhD Scholars

PP Keith said a new PhD scholar was coming on board with Australian Rotary Health. She would be doing research in Parkinson's Disease. Keith said we should have a PhD Scholars' night next year at which the two other Parramatta Rotary clubs should be represented. The board at its meeting said the date should be 1st April next year. President Malcolm said he would negotiate with the other two clubs to see whether the date was suitable for them.

Rotary Foundation Awards

PDG Barry has announced that there are some more Paul Harris Recognitions to be awarded to Rotarians and their partners and wives who had been nominated. Barry and PP Keith Henning will both be getting Major Donor Recognitions at the Foundation Dinner on 26th November. Barry said at the last board meeting: "The whole idea is to make a presence, and make a statement that people like you and me are to give, and that we need to encourage more giving. So I think it is appropriate that we make a little celebration of our own members who are going to get one."

Club Finances

PDG Barry said there were some club dues outstanding. He also still had to have some money come in from this year's Police Office of the Year night.

Graffiti Day Thank you letter received.

Dear Mr Antees,

Ref: Removed Graffiti from 185 Woodville Rd

THANK YOU - On behalf of my parents and myself, for offering to remove the graffiti that was placed at my parents fence property.

This act of vandalism happens very often at my parents house, (due to the location of the house taking into consideration that is a corner in a main road), and particularly this time my parents decided not to remove this particular one as they were sick and tired of this offensive situation. Happens that your help was offered at the right time! Thank you again!

Yours Sincerely,
Margarita

News from our very busy Sister Club – Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay – Manila

I am happy to share with you the club's accomplishment and forthcoming projects.

JULY 2018

1. Adopt-a-Daycare Center - we distributed school supplies and writing books in two daycare centers in Manila. More than 100 children were benefited;
2. Attended the Manila International Conference of NGO's on history and peace;

AUGUST 2018

1. Sponsored two (2) scholars for bread & pastry production under Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).
2. Attended to Disaster Awareness and Preparedness Seminar;
3. Attended the induction of RCIM Malaysia and participated in projects implementation.
4. Donated reference books and school bags (backpacks) to Tibag Elementary School and Tibag High School in province of Tarlac;
6. Donated baby bath tubs, hygiene kit and pillows in Tarlac Provincial Hospital;

SEPTEMBER 2018

1. Co-host the International Coastal Clean-up project in Manila Bay.
2. Hosted the PWD Mini Olympics at Quezon City Memorial Circle by providing foods and prizes for children with different disabilities.
3. Co-hosting the Caravan Project in Guiguinto, province of Bulacan:
 - Buntis Party (seminar for pregnant women)
 - Children's party
 - Forum on federalism
 - Medical mission
 - Dental mission
 - Tree planting
 - End polio campaign
 - Road safety campaign
 - Livelihood/training and seminar
 - Free haircut and massage training
 - Jobs fair

OCTOBER 2018

1. Co-hosted and participated in MEGA **JOBS FAIR** Quezon City Hall, Quezon City

ACTIVITIES:

- Blood letting
 - Free legal consultation
 - Free consultation and check-up;
 - mobile screening from Phil. Cancer Society,
 - Feeding program
 - Fire prevention and awareness campaign from bureau of fire and protection
2. Co-hosted and participated in the World End Polio, celebration at Quezon City Circle.
 3. Launched the World End Polio information and awareness during the celebration of St. Anselms Preschool's Halloween Party at Shakeys Restaurant in Quezon City.

Upcoming Projects:

1. re-launching and distribution of Rotary's 1st Preschool Workbook
2. Installation of 4 Way Test Marker and Road Safety in Nagtahan, Manila and Espana Manila;
3. Installation of School Zone Road Signage near Daycare Centre in Manila
4. Formation of Rotary Community Corps;
5. Improvement of Saclag Settlement Farm School's Auditorium and classroom in Elementary School for MANGYAN in San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro (cementing of flooring, installation of windows grill, installation of wash area etc.)
6. Book (pre-school and reference books for elementary)and computer donation to Saclag Settlement Farm School.
7. Host Club for the RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2019;
8. Donation of computers and implementation of Computer basic course to PWD's guardians and parents;

President Marie Vedan

Next Meeting

PP Keith said the next club meeting would be on Monday, 26th November, which happened to be the day of the Rotary Foundation dinner at the Waterview Restaurant in Bicentennial Park. The past Australian president of RI would be speaking and the two Sydney Rotary districts would be represented. He said our club would be represented. The meeting discussed whether we should use that occasion as a transfer meeting but decided we would hold our regular meeting on that date anyway.

Poignant Pictures



The virtues of alternative energy

For Your Diaries

17th November. Waterline Challenge.

26th November. Regular club meeting and Rotary Foundation Dinner.

8th December. Beginning of Christmas tree sales, for which a roster has been circulated. Manning will be done by members of the Parramatta City and Parramatta Daybreak Rotary Clubs.

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

10th December. Club Assembly and Annual General Meeting, where the Change Committee report will be presented by PDG Barry Antees and open to discussion.

22nd December. Last day of Christmas tree sales

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