

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 11th March 2019

Our Toast

PP Phil Brophy proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, District 5300. The club admitted women in 1978. RI revoked the club's charter and it went to the US Supreme Court, which ruled that women could join. Phil, a lawyer, wants it to be widely known that it was lawyers who sorted out this little stoush, just as it was a lawyer who started Rotary in the first place.

Club Presidential Changeover

PDG and PE Barry Antees said he did not think we should make the changeover this year a momentous occasion. He thought a more sensible approach would be to have the changeover at a normal meeting, even if the meeting was extended a bit, perhaps with a bottle of wine. It was agreed that the changeover should be at the meeting on 24th June. President Malcolm grumbled that he was being deprived of six days in office.

The Mothers' Day Classic Barbecue

Keith said that for the Mothers' Day Classic barbecue at Parramatta Park on Sunday 12th May, we should have everything well organised. Keith Henning said we should have a banner up outside the barbecue proclaiming that we were Rotary. He pointed out that at the Australia Day barbecue, there was nothing. The public events like this were an excellent way of projecting our name and our work to the public. Barry said we did have some flyers on Australia Day but we needed to get more promotional material. He said he would organise a banner. Joy Gillett said she would get one.

Australian Rotary Health

Joy Gillett, CEO of Australian Rotary Health, excitingly said that ARH had just received a bequest for a million dollars.

The Club's ARH Dinner on 1st April needs to be promoted by members. Registrations required by 25th March, <https://events.humanitix.com.au/australian-rotary-health-scholars-dinner>

The Mindanao Group

President Malcolm said that Walter Bock, of the Burwood Rotary Club, had decided to go ahead and buy a vehicle his team of Rotary workers on Mindanao in the southern Philippines. The vehicle cost more than \$20,000. He had also decided to bring the team of five to Australia later this year, where

they could see a larger world. None had ever been outside Mindanao. Malcolm said an appeal had been made to Rotary for funding of the vehicle but it did not fit within RAWCS guidelines. Rotary also could not be asked to fund what would be essentially a holiday. Malcolm said that because he had suggested the team come out, he would contribute \$1,000 to help Walter with his expenses. When the team did come, possibly in October/November, he would ask Rotary to do something for to make their visit memorable.

PP Bob Rosengreen's Health

Bob, who was a little sickly last year, with something that needed to be cut out, said he had just seen his specialist and had been informed that it was "all clear".

The District 9675 Conference

The District Conference at Bankstown at the weekend was an outstanding success. PDG Barry and PPs Malcolm and Keith attended. The conference was also attended by PDG John Prendergast, a chartered accountant from New Zealand, who represented the RI president, Barry Rassin. The conference had a series of inspirational speakers, including Louisa Hope, a survivor of the Lindt Café siege in 2014, who had some pertinent things to say about what the Christchurch massacre represented.



Louisa

The conference also heard from Rosie Lotawa, born in Fiji with severe facial and body deformities, who benefited from ROMAC and now lives a normal life. Her visit to the conference was especially meaningful to our DG, Sue Hayward, who said that years ago she was invited to a Rotary conference in Renmark in South Australia and saw the wonderful change Rotary had brought to Rosie's life. That inspiration became a lifelong commitment to Rotary. And at the conference at the weekend, Sue took the opportunity to award Rosie a Paul Harris Fellowship.



Rosie

DG Sue said one of our recent successes was Ride for Rotary, in which our club was represented. She said the operation, which involved train travel by Rotarians to all metropolitan stations throughout Sydney, had brought in more than \$250,000 to assist in the fight against polio. PP Keith, with 47 years Rotary membership behind him, had a chance of taking a starring role as the longest-serving Rotarian present at the conference, but was somewhat pipped by Kevin Bouffler, of Padstow Rotary Club, who had 57 years of service.

The 2020 District Conference

DGE Di North said that next year's conference, at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre, from Friday, 20th March to Sunday to 22nd March 2020, would focus on "reasons" why someone should be a Rotarian.

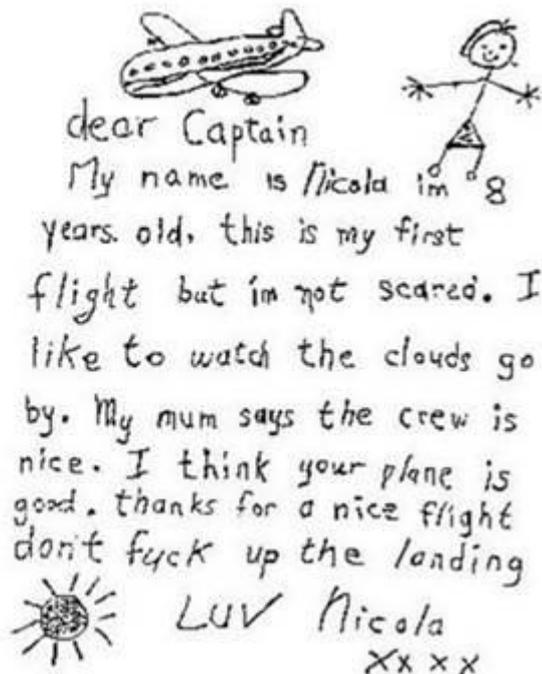
But it would also be special, in that it would be a joint conference involving Districts 9675 and 9685. With District 9685 DGE, Kalma McLellan standing beside her, she said there had been much discussion about whether Districts 9675 and 9685 should amalgamate. "I just want to show you we can work together," she said.

DGE Di said there were many reasons why we should be Rotarians. "Rotary is able to help a child born with a cleft lip, or people who had been forced to drink polluted water, or a child brought down, or at risk of being brought down, by polio. Or perhaps a young adult unable to read or write because that person has not had access to education. Or a community that has been struck down by a disaster." But the other side for a Rotarian was be "the fun, the excitement and camaraderie" in working on projects together."

From the Mouths of Babes

An 8 year old girl from Australia wrote these comments to the pilot.
The flight was Qantas 278 from Sydney to Wellington, NZ on August 12, 2013.

an actual drawing,
handed to a flight
attendant on a
Qantas flight by
an 8 yr old girl



For Your Diaries

25th March. Registrations close for our ARH PhD Scholars evening at the Oatlands Golf Club on Monday,. **Registrations no later than 25th March** <https://events.humanitix.com.au/australian-rotary-health-scholars-dinner>

1st April ARH PhD Scholars night at Oatlands Golf Club

8th April. Club meeting at the Novotel hotel.
Club Board meeting following the normal club meeting.

13th April. There will be a Rotary training day for District 9675 at NSW Fire Services, 147 Pyrmont Street, Sydney, on 13th April.

4th May. Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Bankstown Sports Club from 8.30 am till 12.30pm.

11th May. Rotary District Assembly at the Liverpool Catholic Club at 8.30am till 12.30pm.

12th May. Our club is to put on a barbecue at the Mothers' Day Classic at Parramatta Park.

25th May. Community Service and Membership seminar at the Bankstown Sports Club 8.30am till 12.30pm

1st June. MUNA event at State Parliament House. Applications for this close on 17th May.

2nd June. Rotary training seminars at Bankstown Sports Club
New Generations and Vocational Service 8.30am to 12.30pm.
International Service and Public Image from 1 pm till 4.30 pm.

15th June. Sydney Welsh Choir concert at Northmead High.

12th August. This is the tentative date for the Police Officer of the Year Awards (POOTY). This will be a joint program of all three clubs. The date has yet to be confirmed with the police.

24th – 25th August 2019. Rotarians Against Malaria convention in Melbourne.

14th October. District Governor Di North will visit our club.