

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 27th May 2019

Our Toast

PP Phil Brophy proposed a toast to Hong Kong, on the anniversary of Britain's agreement to return Hong Kong to China. It took 12 years for this to come about, Phil observed, which had some sort of synergy with the Brexit controversy in Britain.

Our Guests

The club welcomed four guests, prospective members Melissa d'souza and Elaine McCroy, President Malcolm's wife, Ingeborg, and PDG Barry's friend of seven years, Laurence Wilson. Laurence is the NSW Sales Manager for Erntecm a Melbourne-based, Australian-owned firm that has operated for more than 40 years and has a long list of outstanding clients in the electrical and electronic industries.

Mental Health First Aid for Nepalis

President Malcolm congratulated PDG Barry Antees on registration of a RABS project, number 96-2018-19, the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Nepali speaking community in NSW. Phil is the project manager and PP Phil Brophy is the deputy project manager. Barry had been inspired to initiate this project when he realised that displaced Nepalis in our society were suffering badly and even in the realms of suicide.

Inspirational Women

President Malcolm said that nominations for Inspirational Women closed on 6th June, The presentation would be on 27th October. PDG and PE Barry said he thought we should nominate Sabha Clara Delshad, born of Persian Jordanian and Palestinian parents, who spoke to us at the previous meeting, who had dedicated her life to human rights and development

Parramatta Rotary Changeovers

Our Rotary Club of Parramatta City will be having its changeover on Monday, 24th June, which would be our next meeting. The changeover would be in the form of an extended regular meeting. PE Barry may have some surprises for us.

President Malcolm reminded members that the Parramatta Rotary Club would be having its changeover on 7th July at the Novotel, with President Conrad standing aside for Cheryl Deguara.

Mentoring

PDG and PE Barry said that the mentoring program for prospective and new members was being brought into effect. Barry was mentoring prospective members Elaine McCory and Suren Singh and PP Natalie was mentoring Melissa d'Souza.

The Eftpos Machine

PDG and PE Barry said that in his role as club treasurer he had purchased a new Eftpos machine, which was cheaper and more efficient than the one we had been using.

Northmead High School/Sydney Welsh Choir Concert – 15th June

Inge Brown said that the arrangements for the concert were in-hand. Details were being taken care of for a risk assessment. She would need a table and chairs to take money. She would need a float and programs had to be printed. A program would serve as a ticket for someone who paid at the door. We would be seeking the services of a coffee van outside the hall. Parking would be available in the streets, at the shopping centre and the school grounds and Rotarians might be needed as ushers for the school grounds. President Malcolm said he was making efforts to promote the concert by distributing flyers and he would be taking out an ad in a local newspaper. Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com/494847.

HEERA

PP Keith said he had put in a shift, as requested, at the HEERA (Health and Education Equipment Repurposing Activity) warehouse at Castle Hill at the weekend where a container was being loaded with health equipment for a hospital at Mt Hagan in Papua New Guinea.

Melissa d'souza



PP Natalie introduced Melissa d'souza (above) who had attended previous meetings, and President Malcolm inducted her into membership of the Club. Originally from India, Melissa had come to

Australia in January this year because of her marriage. She had experience working in the pharmaceutical industry where she had worked for almost six years. Improving people's lives, she said, was "my main motto". Being a small contributor with my work, hence improving people's lives is "my main motto". Otherwise, she loved to try different cuisines and explore new places. She said: "Different cultures and way of living is what attracts me the most."

The Blood Drive

The blood drive for the club involves two occasions in August, one during the week and one during the weekend, in which Rotarians can give blood or plasma, and afterwards get together, perhaps at the Crown Hotel in Church Street, Parramatta, to replace the lost protein.

The Police Officer Of The Year Night

John Stamboulie said the night would be on 12th August where Dominic Tekale from the PCYC would be MC. The bookings would be \$70 a head for a three-course meal. Other details would be coming shortly.

Poignant Pictures



For Your Diaries

6th June. Closing date for Rotary's Inspirational Women nominations.

11th June. Board meeting at 4 pm at the ARH offices in Hunter Street, Parramatta, where we will set the fees and agenda for the following 12 months.

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

24th June. Club Changeover Meeting 12.30pm Extended club luncheon.

29th June. Holroyd Rotary Club changeover At the Holroyd Centre, Miller Street, Merrylands.

1st July. Launch of the Cash Prize Raffle.

7th July. Changeover for Parramatta Rotary Club

20th July. Xmas in July (Indian style) at Ginger's Restaurant in Harris Park.

28th July. National Tree Day.

2nd August. Presentation night for Rotary Emergency Services at Bankstown Sports Club.

12th August. Police Officer of the Year Awards night