

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?**

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Club Changeover, 24th June 2019

Our Toast

PP Phil Brophy proposed a toast to the Rotary Club of Washington DC. He said that on 24th June 1930, the first radar detection of an aircraft was achieved, in the Washington district of Anacostia. Phil had looked up information on the Rotary club and found that it had the board position of "Ombudsman" (We have to keep these club members in line!).

Our Guests

Our guests included Laurence Wilson, NSW Sales Manager for Erntrecm, an electrical and electronics company. They also included Cheryl Deguara, president-elect of the Parramatta Rotary Club, and Ingeborg Brown, wife of PP Malcolm Brown. An apology was received from PP Ralph Cadman, who has had a knee operation.

Outgoing President's Report

PP Malcolm said he had felt a little depressed at the time that the club was not flourishing. But he had looked through our records of meetings and had seen that we achieved all we set out to achieve, including barbecues, Christmas tree sales and events such as Police Officer of the Year awards. We had had our recent concert which was judged to be a very good musical performance, if numbers in the audience were disappointing. We had less money to distribute but had still fulfilled our commitments to our overseas projects, to our sister club, Ramon Magsaysay, in the Philippines, to Australian Rotary Health and the Rotary Foundation. He had high hopes that now our constitutional changes had been made and our venue and meeting schedule established, we would forge ahead under the inspired leadership of incoming president Barry Antees. Barry, on behalf of the club, responded by presenting Malcolm, with a clock, the "Atlas" Award, he said, a once-only presentation for someone who had carried the club on his shoulders.

The Concert

The joint concert of the Sydney Welsh Choir and the Concert Band of the Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Parramatta City and Parramatta Daybreak, was held on Saturday, 15th June, in the school concert hall. The program was inspired and the concert performance, which included a brilliant individual piano recital, was inspired and showed a lot of work had been done in preparation. Malcolm said he thought the school community would rally and increase numbers, seeing 50 percent of the proceeds was going to the school P&C. But the

school community had not come up with the numbers. The concert had been on a Saturday because a church group had hired the hall for Sundays, and a Sunday timing would have been better. Malcolm, who is a member of the Sydney Welsh Choir, said it had been a good idea but he thought the returns were too low to continue the series. Bob Rosengreen said there were other good things that had come from the concert, one being that the students had seen the happiness in music that could be derived by older people. He thought that might help to inspire the youngsters with the thought that they had a future in music. "Personally, I enjoyed it and I think the people who were with me, my wife and brother-in-law and sister, did too. On behalf the few of us, it was a great afternoon."



It was good to see PP John Totonjian among those present at the meeting.

Incoming President's Report

Barry's Rotary Moment. President Barry said that in 2005, having been in Rotary for three years, he had been to the Philippines on a TB immunisation program. That was his first experience as a Rotarian. His positive feelings had been reinforced in 2010 when he had been on a polio immunisation trip to India. "There [in India] there were 1.2 million volunteers and we immunised 176 million children in that two days," he said. It had been "a wonderful moment" for Barry when he realised the impact that Rotary was making. The immunisation program had been repeated since 1985 in every country where polio existed. The program continued in India. Continuing checks had to be made. Australia itself had only been declared polio-free in 2001. The campaign had allowed Rotary to connect with a little over six billion people since 1985.

World Polio Day. Barry said he was proposing a joint project with the Rotary Club of Parramatta, Rotary International and Rotary Down Under at the Parramatta Town Hall on 24th October to celebrate World Polio Day. "We should be making a connection with the people of Parramatta with this disease and its impact," he said. "We create a stage with Rotary where we are continually making connections with people around the world."

The Blood Drive. Barry said our club's blood donation drive, organised by one of our newest members, Melissa d'souza, was "up and running". Melissa had already made two donations of her own since the campaign had started and he expected that when other Rotarians joined, it would have a multiplying effect in that other people would be inspired to give blood and plasma. Our club could be in a position of challenging other clubs to follow suit. "It is impacting with our community and changing lives," he said.

Hat Day. Barry said he was looking forward to a successful Hat Day which would raise funds for mental health research. It would be held at the Novotel and staff at the hotel would be instructed to wear conspicuous hats, as would be Rotarians. That again was having an impact on the lives of others.

National Tree Day. Barry said this would be at the end of July. The club would participate in the planting of 10,000 trees and he would ask someone to put up a Rotary banner where we were doing it. The site we would be operating would probably be the Settlement Reserve at Winston Hills, and we would be interacting with the fellow planters there.

Shelterbox Night. Barry said he wanted members of the club to participate in Shelterbox Night where they would invite friends to their home and tell them about Shelterbox, the scheme which provided some relief to an estimated 85 million people who were deprived of shelter and security through natural disaster. This would be another way we could cooperate with the world community. The Rotary theme for the year would be "Rotary Connects", and we should be out there connecting, he said. "If we keep this together, we will have a huge impact in the next 12 months."

Who Gives A Crap. Barry spoke about the purchase of special toilet rolls in this program, using 100 percent "post-consumer waste fibres", which would deliver 50 percent of profits to WaterAid, to improve water and sanitation in the developing world.

Sad News

The club was recently advised of the passing on 24th June of Nancy Wells. Nancy and her late husband Ray Wells, a Charter member of our club, were well known to some members. There was a private funeral at her wishes, but a memorial service will be held later.

Poignant Picture



For Your Diaries

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

30th June. District Changeover

1st July. Launch of the Cash Prize Raffle.

7th July. Changeover for Parramatta Rotary Club

28th July. National Tree Day.

30th July. Xmas in July (Indian style) at Ginger's Restaurant in Harris Park.

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

12th August. Parramatta LAC Police Officer of Year night

24th October. Immunisation Forum