

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 17 February 2014

International Toast – Rotary Club of Nairobi, first club in Kenya, chartered in 1930.

In recognition of their involvement in a program to sponsor scholars who will graduate this month with Bachelor of Science degrees in Nursing, or Diplomas in General Nursing. The program is aimed to increase access to trained health professionals for mothers and infants in East Africa.

Guests

President Keith welcomed Harold Dews, our guest speaker.

President's Report

President Keith reported that he had attended a joint Presidents meeting on Friday 7th Most of the meeting was about the upcoming conference. The Club was also awarded with a Certificate from Australian Rotary Health for attaining a level of contribution equal to \$14,000 for each member. A presentation was also made to Elaine Lytle for Service Above Self, one of only 150 awarded worldwide. Keith also mentioned that we are still looking for attendees to Shift 2014 there are many top notch speakers. Keith also reminded us there is a board meeting tomorrow Tuesday 18th being the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Reporting on the barefoot bowls at Parramatta RSL, a good time was had by all, but we were not the winners on the night.

Pres Keith also called for volunteers for the Pink Triathlon BBQ which is being held at Parramatta Park on Sunday 16th March.

Applications for the position of District Governor for 2016-17 year are now open, only past presidents are eligible.

We also received a notification from ARH about a new PhD scholar, Louise Birrell.

Pres Keith also mentioned he had spoken to Kevin Wylie who informed him that Maria had a fall and had shattered her shoulder. Maria had been in hospital with a shoulder reconstruction. Maria will be out for action for the next 6 to 8 weeks.

ARH golf day is on 26th of February we will not have a team but there will be the "Bomber Balls" for \$10 each if you are interested please let Pres Keith or Joy Gillett know.

Joy Gillett Secretary

We received a letter from Life Education Australia, asking us to be involved in their 35th anniversary celebration at Parramatta RSL on the 28th of March for a fundraising Lunch.

A letter from Parramatta Mission thanking us for the donation of the puddings.

A Brochure and information from Careflight.

A newsletter from the Royal Institute for the Deaf and Blind Children.

A Letter from Geoff Lee informing us about the achievement award in seniors week and asking for nominations.

Bob Rosengreen

PP Bob mentioned that today was Banjo Patterson's 150 anniversary of his birth, and because of his interest in the poet he recited the 7 minute long "The Man From The Snowy River".

International

In the absence of PP Johnny Ching Pres Keith mentioned the Centurion Program where we donate \$100 each every year to the Rotary Foundation. Application forms were passed around.

Guest Speaker

Past President Glenn introduced Harold Dews who was in the filmmaking business almost all his professional life starting as a Movietone Editor. Harold also uses his editing skills at the church that he attends with Glenn to edit the sermons. Harold was born in Newcastle 82 years ago.

Harold Dews – some snippets from his address.

A group of 40 year old mates decided they should do something together as they have known each other for so many years so they decided to go out to dinner at Gusthouse Zoomla Restaurant because the waitresses were very very pretty and they wore low cut blouses and were very well equipped. 10 years later when the group reached the age of 50 they met again and discussed what they might do where they should meet, they decided to go to the Gusthouse Zoomla Restaurant because they heard that the food was very good and also the wine selection.

10 years later when the group reached the age of 60 they met again and discussed what they might do where they should meet, they decided to go to the Gusthouse Zoomla Restaurant, because they heard that the restaurant was peaceful and quiet and the restaurant was smoke free.

10 years later when the group reached the age of 70 they met again and discussed what they might do where they should meet, they decided to go to the Gusthouse Zoomla Restaurant, because they heard that the restaurant was wheel chair accessible and there was an elevator.

10 years later when the group reached the age of 80 they met again and discussed what they might do where they should meet, they decided to go to the Gusthouse Zoomla Restaurant, because they had never been there before.

1896 was a very significant year not just for the fact that the first modern Olympics were held in Olympia in Greece but because that was the year that the motion picture industry was established when Auguste and Pierre Lumiere had their first public screening of a motion picture.

In 1901 Joseph Perry, a Salvation Army officer made 2 films, "Soldiers Of The Cross" and "Early Christian Martyrs" they were 20 minutes each.

The first feature film was made in Australia in 1906 the story of The Kelly Gang which was over one hour long at a cost of £1,000, was extremely successful, and was said to have returned at least £25,000 to its producers.

At 16 I left school and went for an interview at the Movietone News offices with my father. I got the job where I spent the next 28 years working, where I went through all stages of production. Started as a cutting room assistant, went into the library then the editing department until I became a senior editor. Then I did some camera work becoming a producer then a director.

Being in the film industry has allowed me to travel very extensively, including travelling to Melbourne 38 times in 1 year and going to Perth 3 times in 1 week, filming in Bangkok, Chang Mai. Bangladesh (which is the second most polluted city in the world) Dhaka with the densest population in the world has 16 million people and it is only the size of Hornsby Shire with over 40,000 homeless beggars . 4 million work in the garment industry the average income is \$850 a year. And 50% of women are illiterate, often it takes 90 minutes to travel 10 km.

I also went to Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Bombay, Rome, and lived in Egypt for 2 years, teaching the Christian youth film editing.

And my closing words will be “maagh el salameh ‘ which is the Arabic word when people leave each other.

Bob Rosengreen thanked our guest speaker with a token pen.

Notes from President Mina of our sister club, Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay, Manila.

Hi! Keith,

These are the construction materials we shipped out to Samar , one of the most affected barangay during the typhoon Yolanda.

On Sunday , Feb 23, if push through we will have a medical mission and to deliver the chairs we promised to our Mangyan brothers in Mindoro. It took us a while to deliver because of bad weather and unavoidable circumstances among ourselves.

Thank you again for your continued support in our projects.

Regards to your family and to all the members of RC Parramatta City.



Apologies and Guests

Apologies to Joy Gillett on 8837 1900 before 9.30am on Monday morning.

This is the latest time apologies can be accepted as numbers must be given to the hotel by this time.

If you are bringing a guest please also advise this to Joy by that time to ensure a meal is prepared.

The Club is required to pay for the number of lunches ordered. Invoices for the cost of a meal will be sent to members by Vandana if you do not apologise for non- attendance by 9.30am on Mondays.

The speaker for next meeting will be **Steve Ryan** - criminal lawyer - 'Community Economics'

Some notes from the Board meeting

John Surian was granted six months leave of absence due to work pressures.

John Totonjian agreed to take over as Convenor of the **Police Officer of Year award evening to be held on 12th May**. This function will be run by a committee representing the 3 Parramatta Rotary Clubs.

Australian Rotary Health PhD scholars evening 7th April – note change from 31st March. As Joy will be overseas until just prior to the event she will arrange for acceptances to be taken by Jenny Towe from her office.

International Night planned for Tuesday 3rd June (during Rotary International Convention).

Acceptances have been received for Bob Selinger, an American volunteer who works with Rotary Club of Livingstone and others in Africa and Robert Opira, Founder of St Peters Junior School in Northern Uganda. It is expected that members from Rotary Club of Livingstone and also members from our sister Club, Rotary Club of Ramon Magsaysay, will also be present.

Treasurer Vandana Setia reported that subscription notices had been forwarded to all members. Payment is due immediately.

Dates for Diaries

1 March. SHIFT2014 District 9675 Conference

16 March. BBQ Parramatta Park – Triathlon Pink

5 April. BBQ Bunnings.

7 April. Australian Rotary Health PhD Scholars Evening.

12 May. Police Officer of the Year.

25 May. Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.

3 June. Special Club Night for Rotary International Convention

30 June. Changeover..