

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 7 July 2014

DG Barry Antees Official Visit

The three Parramatta Rotary Clubs, together with the Rotary Clubs of Holroyd and Granville, have been invited to attend the official visit of Barry Antees, Governor of District 9675, at Oatlands Golf Club on Monday night next week 6.30pm for 7pm.

Sponsorship

DG Barry has asked President Ron whether the club could sponsor “a couple of entrepreneurs” in a program being organised by Rotaract Sydney City for this weekend. It was called Get Ahead and sponsorship would cost \$35 a head. Could the club provide up to three candidates?

The Bunnings Barbecue

Past President Keith said the takings from last Saturday’s barbecue at Bunnings had been reasonable, though a little down on a previous barbecue. We had taken \$1,120, and with expenses taken out we should end up with a profit of between \$800 and \$850.

Our Guest

Sze Chuah, prospective member, and presently manager of YellowBrickRoad wealth management in Parramatta, thought he would “drop by and see how I could get involved”. Zse is, of course, most welcome. Sze, 33, was born in Wellington, New Zealand, came to Australia in 1982 at the age of two, attended John Purchase Public School in Cherrybrook and then Sydney Grammar, before enrolling at the University of New South Wales. He studied commerce, finance and computer science.



President Ron Edgar with Sze Chuah

St Peter's Junior School, Uganda

News from Uganda is good. The club's contribution of \$2,500, doubled with a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation, has made it possible for Robert Opira to finish the school building. Robert is chuffed to have been named a Paul Harris Fellow. He said in a letter dated 3 July:

Dear Keith,

I would like to confirm that we received the funding transferred into the school account. We started the work yesterday and we hope it will finish soon.

Meanwhile I would like to share with you my photo as a PHF presented to me by AG Patrice Robinson from St George in Qld on behalf of my Host Club Rotary Club of Redlands Sunrise and Rotary District 9630 in Queensland, Australia. The PHF is in recognition of the peace-building work that I am doing and the school that is supporting hundreds of needy children.



I want to thank you, David Henning Memorial Foundation, your club and the district for making this possible. Without your support this award would have not been made to me.

DG Barry Antees' visit to the colony

Barry is currently doing the rounds of clubs in District 9675 and has taken on something of a 'rock star' status with 50 people from the Parramatta City, Daybreak, Parramatta, Granville and Holroyd registering to celebrate his Governorship on Monday night, 14 July. It also happens to be Bastille Day – so, there will be cake! Well, dessert – main and dessert to be accurate. RE

The Year Ahead

As I look at the program a year isn't very long once you remove Christmas, Easter and other periods of celebration.

The new Board will hold its first meeting on Monday week, 21 July at 11:30. Things that I would welcome thoughts on will include discussing whether we are happy to continue meeting at the Novotel and how we should project ourselves to prospective members without a sense that the space that we meet in is 'our own'. Suggestions for topics for which we will find guest speakers would also be welcome.

And, events! I was in Canberra last weekend and one thing that I picked up on was that a group of clubs had arranged a 'Peak to Peak' bike ride as a sponsored event to raise money for ARH. I think that we might be able adapt an idea from this and make ourselves the event rather than providing BBQ for other organisation's events. Any thoughts? RE

Dates for Diaries

14 July. Official visit of District Governor Barry Antees. There will be no regular lunchtime meeting. Oatlands Golf Club 6.30pm for 7pm, \$45 per person.

21 July. Board meeting. 11.30am at Novotel Hotel.

Malcolm Brown