



CLUB BULLETIN



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- News on Polio Plus
- New Year's Day BBQ

Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday Dec 16th

Fellowship Night

Time; 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Traditional Christmas meal with turkey & ham; dessert of plum pudding with brandy sauce. Normal Price \$25

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Wed 23rd & 30th Dec		No Meetings	
Friday 1st Jan		New Year's Day BBQ at Dennis Coleman's Home	
		See details inside	
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Club Meets
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
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From The Humidor

As we draw closer to the Christmas – New Year period, it is generally the time to reflect on the past year, it is a time for families no matter what their background to get together, for most of us we will see friends we have not seen for the past year, we will look back upon our past years achievements and disappointments. It is a time where we will remember friends and family who are no longer with us, and it is a time to cherish those of whom that are close to us.

Some of us will make New Year resolutions, how many of us promise to make changes in our lives but never carry them through?

As Rotarians we are very lucky people as we get to make a difference in a lot of peoples lives the whole year round.

Most of the people we help we will never get to meet. But the feeling is the same.

Our efforts through organizations such as Foodbank means families can celebrate Christmas who otherwise would not be able to.

Children who might not have gotten a gift, will wake up on Christmas morning to presents provided by rotary clubs around the world.

When is it your turn to sit down and reflect on the past year don't dwell on what you don't have, think positively on what you do have.

We are the lucky ones, who have families that we love and who love us.

Be thankful for all the generous bounty we have been provided.

At the beginning of each of our meetings the first thing the president says is our invocation "we give thanks for the food that we are about to share, the friendships that we enjoy and for the opportunity to use our talents in service to others through Rotary."

These are not just empty words, so when you sit down to your Christmas dinner, think about our invocation, as there are many out there whom are not as lucky as we are.

Last Wednesday evening, our fellowship committee put on one of the finest Christmas I have had the pleasure to attend.

One hundred and nine Rotarians and partners enjoyed a sumptuous meal in beautiful surroundings. Congratulations to the entire committee for a job well done.

The highlight of the evening though was having the pleasure of presenting a PHF to Bernadette Blood, and a sapphire to Michael Blood and a second sapphire to Aub McLaren. Each of these people epitomize our motto of service above self, next Wednesday evening we are back at our usual venue, Conochie Hall for our final meeting of the year, where the kitchen is putting on for us roast turkey and plum pudding.

Have a great week

President Dennis

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New Year's Day BBQ

- Home:** Dennis & Anita's
- Address:** 154 booran road, GLENHUNTLY
- Time :** From 11 am till late.
- Food:** All food, beer and soft drinks will be provided
- Bring:** Seats and chairs
Your favourite bottle of wine to share
Bathers to enjoy the pool and spa if it a hot day,
Your children grand children and friends.
- No:** Cost, Fines or raffle.
- RSVP** For catering purposes to Anita, on 0408191842, or to Dennis, 0409412963 or by email balwynjewellers@optusnet.com.au

A board will go around at the next meeting. Dennis looks forward to seeing you all there.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Last Weeks Meeting

.The meeting was the Christmas Dinner held at Butleigh Wooton in Kew and a grand time was had by all.

The food wine and service was excellent and fellowship was in abundance.

Several highlights during the meeting occurred:

PHF'S

Three presentation were made, a PHF to Bernadette Blood and a second sapphire to Aub McLaren and Michael Blood. All recipients were acknowledged by President Dennis and were all loudly applauded and acknowledged.



FESTIVE CEREMONIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Two members and a partner gave descriptions of the ceremonies and customs that were part of their growing up and that take place at similar periods in the calendar in December. All showed no matter what the applicable religion or ethnicity how similar the celebrations are at this time of the year.



Marcus Falay gave vivid descriptions of the customs and celebrations that occur amongst both the Christian and Muslim populations of Turkey and especially the area around Cappadocia where Marcus grew up.

Anita Bejerano gave details of the places in Israel, Palestine and the Holy Land that are identified with the birth of Christianity, Jerusalem, Nazereth and Bethlehem and spoke passionately about the need to visit these places to feel the real meaning of Christmas



Loreto Resubal spoke about the festive season in the Phillipines, the largest Catholic State in Asia.

He described the series of festive events during December and January where it appeared the Children received a series of gifts from all relations including God Parents

More From The Christmas Dinner



The other highlights from the last great meeting was the entertainment provided by Greg Champion and Angelica Ithier. Angelica provided a great song rendition.

Greg Champion provided a whole repertoire of songs with either a football, cricket or local streets and suburbs.

Greg explained how he could relate to the Club as he spent a long time living in Ashburton, where he wrote a lot of the songs performed for us that had a local flavour.

Some of the audience felt a little aggrieved especially those Collingwood Supporters and the Poms, who Greg had a go at bashing in song.

PE Rob Davies drew the session to a close before Greg could get started on all the other supporters



One other highlight was the passing of our special Exchange Student “ Bruno” who remains in the pink but was passed with ceremony from John and Audrey Steven to Neil and Marg Hookey



A Great Christmas Dinner, probably one of the best we have had recently, Well done the Fellowship Committee.

Requests

STORAGE

In spite of previous publicity, the Art Show stock held by the Club has not been sold. The 4 paintings are currently being stored by Richard Stewart, who will be shifting house this month. The Committee therefore require another location to store these paintings. If any member can help please contact Peter Matthews plmatthews@bigpond.com

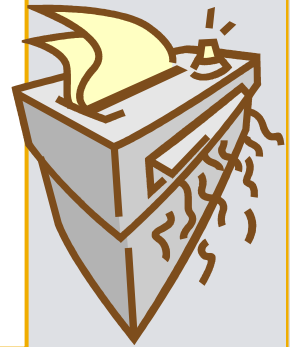


DOCUMENTS DISPOSAL

The other request is for anyone who has access to a large document shredder or secure disposal of documents.

The Editor has copies of previous years Club Directories which are needed to be disposed of in a safe manner which protects members contact details.

If any one can assist please contact Mike Pavey m.pavey1@optusnet.com.au



District Conference News

LETTER TO PRESIDENTS FROM DG COLIN MUIR

Members of the 2010 Conference Committee have just returned from a site visit to Perth and have reported that all is going extremely well with the planning for the 'Big One' in March next year.

The venues, functions, entertainment and speakers are all locked in and ready to go. However, as always the success of any conference is reliant a good attendance. That's where you come in.

Could I please ask you once again to promote our conference and also to encourage your members, those who are considering attending, to register now while the Early Bird option is available.

We have extended the **Early Bird Registrations till the 22 Dec 2009** to try and get those members that may have been a little slow off the mark or those that haven't had the time to think of holidays and the like. We want them to say **YES** and Register **NOW**.

Our numbers so far are OK. However, we really do need to see significant numbers registering before the Xmas break – if possible.

So once again it is all up to our Presidents to get things rolling: *The Future Success of The 2010 Conference is in YOUR Hands.*



Future Apologies

For the first Club Meeting in the New Year on 13th January 2010, Alan Lorenzini will be absent and not able to take apologies.

Apologies for the meeting on 13th January will be handled by John Steven

RYLA Thanks

RECEIVED FROM WAYNE HUNTER RYLA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON D9800

Firstly let me thank you all for sponsoring a candidate or candidates to last weeks RYLA camp, we now have 56 more people who can proudly call themselves “Rylarians”, the camp was a big success and went off very well, we were fortunate to have some good weather for the week as well.



Thanks Again to Dennis Coleman and the Camberwell Rotary Club for hosting this years camp and I am sure everyone that attended the traditional dinner on Wednesday night would have been excited and touched by the enthusiasm from not only the Rylarians but also the Rotarians in attendance.

I hope that you all will keep in touch with your Rylarians and that you will be sponsoring candidates again in 2010, we look forward to working with you again soon

A total of 47 clubs in our district had agreed to sponsor candidates, (unfortunately 3 candidates pulled out late which left us with 44 clubs with candidates attending) I have included the 3 clubs that missed out in this email as they did all the hard work of sourcing a candidate only to have them pull out, we hope you will again support RYLA in 2010.

The Fight Against Polio

In a major step forward in the fight to rid the world of polio, the U.S. government and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) announced that they will be strengthening their collaboration toward eradicating the disease.



Panellists speaking at UNICEF headquarters in New York City on 2 December stressed that the battle against polio may be won or lost depending on how well all sectors of society can work together, including governmental and nongovernmental agencies, and religious organizations. In the areas where polio maintains its last strongholds, misinformation and conflict continue to impede workers' ability to vaccinate children.

Ambassador Abdul Wahab, permanent observer of the OIC to the United Nations, said that vaccinating children against polio is consistent with teachings in the Quran to make every possible effort to take care of children. The OIC has been on the forefront of the fight to eradicate the disease in many Muslim countries.

Wahab also reported that the OIC secretary-general has helped secure funding for polio eradication and contacted the presidents of Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan to encourage them to strengthen their efforts in support of eradicating the disease. The International Islamic Fiqh Academy has issued an edict, or fatwa, about the importance of parents getting their children vaccinated against polio.

Though the disease is 99 percent eradicated, reaching children who live in areas torn apart by conflict or political upheaval has been a major hurdle.

Past RI President James L. Lacy, chair of Rotary International's Polio Eradication Task Force for the United States, said "Rotarians who remember what it was like to fear polio will do whatever it takes to end it. We have to keep pressing ahead. And it takes every one of us to do what we can.

"No one should suffer from a disease that's completely preventable for a few pennies of vaccine. Polio eradication will be our everlasting gift to the world. It's a promise Rotary intends to keep.

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Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc

Members and Guests

57 Members
47 Partners and Friends
Greg Champion and Angela Wilde
Angelica Ithier

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Apologies:

12 Members Apologised

Make Ups:

None reported

Raffle Winner

None this Week

Farewell

Welcome Back



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Birthdays

Les Brown	13th Dec
Frank Leigh	14th Dec
Loreto Resubal	10th Dec
Margret Maxwell	15th Dec

Wedding Anniversaries

Don & Margery Jago	12th Dec	50Yrs
Alan & Andrea Lorenzini	15th Dec	26Yrs

Club Anniversaries

Graeme Hope	10th Dec	6 Yrs
Michael Mullins	11th Dec	24Yrs

Quote of The Week

“Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree.
In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall .”
[L Wilde]

Almoners Report

Congratulations To Don and Margery Jago on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Directory Changes

None