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BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA Inc. - CHARTERED 1930

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 25

Thursday, 14th December 2017.

December is Rotary Disease Prevention & Treatment Month.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, 6pm for 6.30pm (unless stated below).

Duty Officers' Roster: -

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

| DATE: - | 11 th January 2018 | 18 th January 2018 | 25 th January 2018 |
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| PROGRAMME: | BOOK SORTING. | Social Night – 2018 Planning | AUSTRALIA DAY THEME |
| ATTENDANCE: | Karel Bijker | Karel Bijker Gordon Sadders | Karel Bijker Rob Sharkie |
| GREETER: | Not Required | Vida Smart | John Studdert |
| SHORT & SWEET: | Not Required | David Cannon | Phillip Cross |
| FINES MASTER: | Not Required | Bruce Heydon | Neil Hilpern |
| INTRODUCE SPEAKER: | Not Required | Glendyn Groves | John Heazlewood |
| VOTE OF THANKS: | Not Required | Allan Duffus | Margaret Everett |
| BULLETIN REPORTER: | Neil Hilpern | David Friedlieb | Gerry Page |

Invocation: For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.

If you can't attend a meeting, please lodge your apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB ☎ 6922 6444 by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record it in the apology book provided at the meeting attendance table – **IN BLOCK LETTERS**).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

ATTENDANCE: -

We were a little overwhelmed at the meeting this week with a total of sixty-four people (including partners and guests to numerous for us to record here) in attendance to celebrate our final meeting for 2017 as well as to enjoy some Christmas cheer.

Apologies were recorded from David Friedlieb, David Cannon, Rob Sharkie & Tony Hutchinson.

MEETING REPORT: - President Elaine welcomed Members to our Christmas Party which was held at the Wagga Country Club and the following administrative matters were touched upon, prior to all indulging in a fine traditional Christmas dinner with the associated festivities: -



- The merger of Rotary Districts 9700 & 9710 is progressing well and members should have received an update by email. Nominations are currently being sought for District Governor for the 2020/21 Rotary year; they close on the 23rd February 2018. Vacancies also exist for six Area Governors. The full 'job description' and nomination forms are available on the D9700 Website.
- The final BBQ task for this year is on this **Sunday** at the **Botanic Gardens**. Volunteers were called upon to assist.
- Secretary Ellen Brasier reported that a '**Thank-You**' email has been received from one of the new mothers who is a recipient of our '**Read-To-Me**' program at the WWRRRH. She stated how thrilled she was to receive the book and commented on the value of reading and how she was already reading the book to her new baby son.

SHORT & SWEET.



Margaret Everett switched to 'school teacher mode' and entertained us with a Christmas Quiz. She expressed some surprise at the wealth of Christmas knowledge that existed within the group. The inability of some members to follow the basic instruction of raising a hand before being nominated to speak was accepted as showing their enthusiasm for the subject.

Graham Russell then entertained us with his recitation of a 'dinky Aussie' poem by Queensland poet Charlee Marshal (1932-1995) titled "The Christmas Chook". The story was enjoyed by all (except the chook).

FINES MASTER.

Alan Lean ably entertained us with his fine session and managed to once again augment the Club coffers with his humorous presentations.

FESTIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

After a delicious Christmas Meal we held a Christmas Carol session led by our very own fabulous choral group, 'The Rotarettes' (see photo at right). It was great to see everyone joining in the singing of these well known and well loved Christmas Carols.

Finally we were privileged to hear a preview of two of the tracks from Laurie Fromholtz's recordings. The recording features the voice of Graham Russell with backing music composed by David Kennedy. What a talented three-some! We are looking forward to the release of Laurie's recordings.



CLONTARF PRESENTATION: -

President Elaine reported that Graeme, Neil and Peter Veerhuis joined her at the Clontarf Presentation on Monday afternoon at Mount Austin High School. The exciting news is that three of the students have been successful in gaining their HSC. Of these, two are looking at attending University and Jordan is looking to attend a Dance Academy in Northern NSW.

Elaine also mentioned that Germaine Packer was also in attendance. Germaine now resides in Townsville having been 'head hunted' by the Clontarf Program in that city where he has responsibility for some 160 indigenous students.

NEXT MEETING: -

There are no further Club meetings planned now until 11th January 2018. As stated above, this meeting will be held at the Book Sorting facility.



On behalf of the Club board, President Elaine wished all (especially those members and friends who are unable to be with us tonight – particularly Ailsa) a very happy Christmas, and for any who may be travelling over the holiday break, a safe journey.

She looks forward to being with us all again at the Book Sorting facility on the 11th January.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH: -

The Rotary Foundation reduces the causes and effects of disease by:

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
- Combating the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases
- Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities
- Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases
- Supporting studies related to disease prevention and treatment

The Rotary Foundation will allow these works to continue. Make your New Year resolution to support our own charity.

PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

- 11th January 2018 First Club meeting for 2018 (Book Sorting)
- 23/24 February 2018 25 years of Rotary District Peace Communities.
- 17th March 2018 Peace-building Conference 2018 (Sydney).
- 25/27 March 2018 Clay Target Championships.
- 5/6 May 2018 Book Fair.
- 5/6 May 2018 D9700 Conference (Leeton).
- 23/27 June 2018 RI Convention (Toronto).
- 14/16 September 2018 Zone 8 Australian & New Zealand Conference.



SOME 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY LAST WEEK: -



Wendy Bijker, Terrence Mecham & Graeme Callander with prospective member (?).



Two world-weary Rotarians being held up by the Country Club bar.



Alan delivers his Fines Session.



Gordon wins the Lucky Door prize.



Jacqui & Brad Bland – and perhaps another prospective member (??)



“Who was that masked man”
“Kimosabe?”



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (23rd Dec – 19th Jan) : -

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| Birthdays: | Alan Duffus (27/12), Bruce Barber (30/12), Neil Hilpern (8/1) & Dorothy Prest (15/1). |
| Rotary Anniversaries: | Nil. |
| Wedding Anniversaries: | David & Ruth Kennedy (31/12), Bruce & Ruth Barber (2/1) & Peter & Joan Veerhuis (8/1). |

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The Origin of the Little Angel On Top Of The Christmas Tree...



One particular Christmas season, a long time ago, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip. But there were problems. Four of his elves were sick, and the trainee elves just weren't working out. Things got worse when Mrs. Claus told him her mother was coming to visit. Then, when he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth. Two others had jumped the fence and were out carousing, heaven knows where.

When he went to load the sleigh, one of the sideboards cracked and the toy bag fell to the ground, scattering the toys. Frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of coffee and a shot of whiskey, but when he opened the cupboard, he discovered the elves had apparently had a party, and there was nothing left to drink.

Just as he accidentally dropped the coffee pot, breaking it in hundreds of little pieces, the doorbell rang. Santa opened the door, cursing beneath his breath, and there stood a beautiful little angel with an enormous, perfectly shaped Christmas Traditions Christmas tree.

"Merry Christmas Santa," the angel said. "Isn't it just a lovely day to be alive? Look! I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?"

Thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.



What would have happened if it had been three Wise Women instead of three Wise Men? They would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, prepared a casserole, and brought practical gifts.



We look forward to seeing you all again in 2018....