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OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Rotary Club of Essendon celebrated 2016 Christmas party at Harry's Bar in Moonee Ponds well attended by members & guests.

Before the start of the celebrations President Maria announced the recipients of the Paul Harris Recognition, firstly to **Veronica O'Sullivan** for her work with the Caroline Chisholm Society, Art Show and many other projects that she has initiated and seen through to fruition since she joined the Rotary club in 2003.

Veronica's resume distributed to all the members and guests is fitting enough to vote her Australian of the year! (Editor's comments) and will need to have a separate edition of Contact.

Richard Lawrence received the Paul Harris sapphire 2 from Assistant District Governor Colin Styles
(Editor's comment – Apologies for the bad picture Veronica)





New member Jenni Mann was inducted by President Maria



Our newest member to the club was inducted in by President Maria, Jennifer is an Accountant (CPA) working at the Victoria University was present with her partner Peter Mifsud, Jenni thanked the club for accepting her as a member and was given the plaques "Objects of Rotary" and "The 4 way test"

Rotary Foundation



Assistant District Governor Colin Styles spoke to the members about the Rotary Foundation and how it was started with a small amount of money \$20 (from memory) has now grown to have a substantial amount used to assist in various projects around the world.

Colin informed the members and guests present that by donating a small amount we can make a big difference to the people this money goes to help, he also reminded those present that by donating US\$1,000 one becomes entitled to receive the Paul Harris Recognition award.

He said that this can be done by either regular donations that add up to US\$1,000 or one donation of US\$1,000

He said that in addition to doing work deserving of the award this was another way in which members can donate to causes to receive the prestigious award.

Colin further explained how the money collected in the fund is used.



Christmas party pictures



Santa being cosy with President Maria



Santa with our exchange student Nina



Sam & Mary on Santa's lap (Sam not so comfortable)



Tony & Lorri (Tony's hand is ready on the draw To shoot the cameraman if the Picture is bad!!!)



Sue Condos, Mary Tartaglia, Maria Kouppas, John Kouppas & Gail Leask



Sicilians planning their next move?



Jennifer Lawrence on right with friend



Miriam & Gail



Tim Anderson, Peter Mifsud, John Odgers & Charles



Pearl Honson



Jack, Don Knee & Stephen Chandler



Tim Anderson with Santa



Jenni Mann & Peter Mifsud



Michael & Gaye Cariss



Stephen Roe with Jan Thomas



Kelly Abfalter with Richard Lawrence



Lino & Angelina with Kerry Roe



Vera Smith (right) with Friend, Alistair in the background



Lilia & Anthony Taranto with Neil Henderson & Mary



This is a short note to give you an update of the Rotary D9800 Conference in Shepparton in 2017.

We have a great range of speakers and entertainers on our program and you can see their details on our website. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates (<https://www.facebook.com/D9800Conference/>).

If you haven't registered yet, there are discounts and concessions available for early bird registration. These apply to bookings made and paid for by November 30th, so get in quick while the offer lasts. Registrations can be made through our website www.rotaryconference.org.au.

If you have registered, check out the website for ideas about pre and post conference tours. Of particular note is a visit to the cellar door of our Official Wine Supplier, Tallis Wines. The wine, food and views are great and there is a walking trail for the energetic. Tallis is offering visitors discounts of 10% if you buy 6 bottles of wine at the cellar door and 25% if you join their wine club.

I hope this update is useful and I look forward to seeing you in Shepparton in 2017.

Yours in Rotary

Kevin Love
Conference Chair

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EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
Tuesday 20 th December	Board meeting followed by Breakfast	Poynton's Café The Boulevard Aberfeldie @7.30 am
Tuesday 27 th December to 10 th January 2017	NO LUNCH MEETINGS	
17 th January 2017	Joint meeting with RC Essendon North	To be confirmed
24 th Jan 2017	Fellowship meeting	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
Thursday 26 th January 2017	Australia Day BBQ	Home of Boris & Ineka Struk
31 st January 2017	Steve Roe & Richard Lawrence – Kokoda Trek	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
Fri 17 & Sat 18 February 2017	Relay for Life	
3 rd March 2017	Delegation to Myanmar & Cambodia	
14 th March	St Patrick's day meeting	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
Fri 24 th March 2017	Art Show Gala Opening	
Sat 25 th & Sun 26 March	Art Show	
30 th March to 1 st April 2017	District Conference	
May 2017	Graffiti clean-up day	TBC
Tuesday 16 th May 2017	Charter Night	





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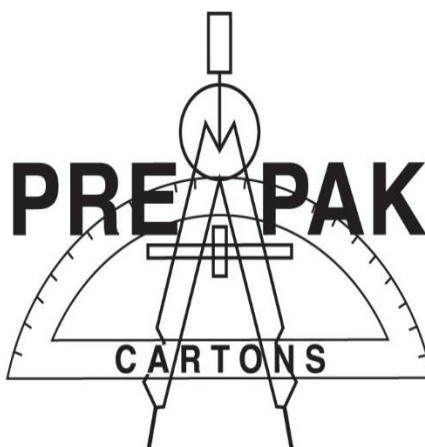
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