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Have a fantastic festive season and hope that 2016 brings, peace, health, happiness and success to you all. [Editors]

## CHRISTMAS PARTY 15th DECEMBER 2015

Posted by Herb Greenwood

## Meeting Report: 15th December 2015

Meeting declared open by President George and handed to Chair of the day: John Ilott.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS WITH HATS AND GIFTS ON THE TABLES TO BE SHARED BY ALL.

TOAST TO ROTARY BY ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, BATMAN CLUSTER, IAN SELAK.

John Ilott commenced the meeting talking about the Indian Chiefs (Northern hemisphere) discussing the weather of the coming year and concluded that they should collect firewood as the winter was to be long and cold.

One chief rang the weather bureau some days later to check on the official view and was told, *THE WINTER WILL BE LONG AND COLD AS THE INDIANS ARE COLLECTING FIREWOOD AS NEVER SEEN BEFORE!!* 

# Speakers

Dec 22, 2015 NO MEETING THIS WEEK

Dec 29, 2015 NO MEETING THIS WEEK

Jan 05, 2016 NO MEETING THIS WEEK

Jan 26, 2016 <u>NO MEETING THIS WEEK</u> <u>- AUSTRALIA DAY</u>

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John then introduced both Anne (STEPS OUTREACH SERVICE) and Amanda (LENTARA ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT).

PRESIDENT GEORGE the presented an envelope to each containing \$750 value of shopping vouchers as donated by Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger.



[L to R: Peter Duras, Bernie, Anne, Margaret, Marjorie and Amanda]

Both Anne and Amanda spoke for a few minutes on the assistance offered by their organisations to the needy people (especially at Christmas time) and both thanked the RCCMS for their special efforts that gave them the pleasure of actually seeing the joy bought by these gifts-over 100 Christmas hamper bags.

Margaret Thomas was mentioned in that she organised the purchase of spices, etc. for the Christmas hampers.

Peter Duras announced that the Club was thankful for the opportunity that Anne and Amanda gave through their organisations to assist those in need.

John then handed over to Gerard Hogan and his Heroes to assist with the SINGING OF CAROLS.



So to the melodious efforts of all we enjoyed the



rendition of the following: *O COME ALL YE FAITHFULL HARK THE HERALD ANGEL SINGS GOOD KING WENCELASS HAIL THE HALLS* WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS. Well done all!

### A COOKED BREAKFAST WAS ENJOYED BY ALL. John Ilott allowed Tony Thomas to participate as SERGEANT who arranged the joke session.

Jokes told by Kevin, Peter and Frank were judged by



the audience and Frank won on a questionable selection of jokes-CONGRATULATIONS FRANK.

NO SANTA APPEARANCE AS HE WAS TOO BUSY REPAIRING THE OUTFIT [for activities on Christmas Eve].

But Kevin Walklate, as Santa's stand-in, distributed



many sweets to all.

Kevin also announced that he had made a decision to reserve booking at the GALA DINNER at the District Conference for all RCCMS attendees.

PRESIDENT GEORGE CLOSED THE MEETING after reminding us that Roger had won the special effort raffle and presented him with a cheque for \$902.15. George wished all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

#### BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD

Fellowship continued with much wishing and talking with friends, guests and visiting Rotarians.

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#### SPECIAL THANKS FROM PETER DURAS

Posted by Peter DURAS

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## SPECIAL THANKS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR, PETER DURAS

A huge thanks to everyone from the Community Service Team.

Due to your generosity and support over the last six months the Club will be able to give strong support to a number of groups over the this Festive but sometimes difficult season.



hampers were handed over to Lentara and Steps Outreach on Tuesday at the Christmas Breakfast. A terrific effort and thanks to everyone involved. Lentara, Steps Outreach and Mick's wonderful organization Shine for Kids will receive a large number of Christmas gifts from the TAL Insurance



Tree of Joy on Friday the 18th. Our thanks to TAL and Stella who did all the organizing.

This weekend Neil Salvano again leads his team for the third weekend of Community Village.





promises to be very hot and challenging two nights for this year's last Village weekend. The Community Village will reappear on White Night. This is a complex and much appreciated initiative, and we again thank Neil, Russell Rolls, the trailer drivers and all our volunteers.

And finally, Youth Projects will concentrate the extra nights of the Night Nurses Patrol that we and District have funded on the week nights immediately preceding and following Christmas. We hope they're not too busy, but I'm afraid they probably will be.

All the Best for a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

### **ROTARY MAJOR DONORS**

Some members may not know that Rotary Foundation recognises Major Donors as follows:

The Rotary Foundation recognizes those individuals or couples whose combined personal giving has reached US\$10,000, regardless of the gift designation. Major Donors may elect to receive a crystal recognition piece and pin(s) commemorating the gift at each new recognition level. There are four levels: 10,000 to 24,999.99 – Level One 25,000 to 49,999.99 – Level One 50,000 to 99,999.99 – Level Three 100,000 to 249,999.99 – Level Four

Three members of RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise were appropriately awarded that recognition. Both photos were take at the Rotary Foundation Cocktail Party during the recent Zone 8 Institute gathering.





DGE Neville John with Rebecca.





to R: Joanne Schilling: Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Young Suk "YS" Yoon: Rotary International Foundation Trustee, Marjorie and Bernie and John Germ, RI President Elect.

## **GALLERY**

Very serious Choirmasters!



Our DGE Neville John getting into the media again! This time an interview on Radio 3WBC. [Photo below]



