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Jan 01, 2013

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### Upcoming events

[DIK Working Bee](#)

Woolshed 40

May 11, 2013 09:30 AM - 12:30

PM

Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV  
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

### DUTY ROSTER - 15 January 2013

Chair	George Mackey
Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Brian Downie
Reporter	Alan Seale
Photographer	Yanpu Zhang
Door	Neville John
Director Report	Kerstin Steiner (Vocational S

### NO BREAKFAST MEETINGS UNTIL TUESDAY JAN 15, 2013

There is NO breakfast meeting on Dec 25, Jan 1 and Jan 8. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 15 January. This scheduling was resolved at the August 2012 board meeting.

### OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING - 15 January 2013

There will obviously be no Club meeting on 25 December ("Merry Christmas") or on 8 January ("Happy Holiday"). The first Club meeting will be on Tuesday, 15 January. The guest speaker for this meeting has yet to be announced. Please check our Speakers page on ClubRunner closer to the time - click [HERE](#) to check our Speakers page.

### A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW (SAPPHIRE) FOR BRIAN DOWNIE

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*Editor Robin STEVENS*

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## PRESIDENT'S HALF-YEARLY REPORT

FROM KAY STEVENS

Seasons greetings to all. I am pleased to provide this update on our first half of the 2012-2013 year.

### Giving

- 98 hamper bags donated at our Christmas Party to Steps Outreach Hotham Mission for their Asylum Seeker Project
- \$26,206 raised at the Charity Auction
- \$9,774 raised at the Paul Harris Breakfast.

### Engaging

- 81.08% attendance for November 2012 at club breakfast and com
- 1396 volunteer hours (960 hours from RCCMS members and 436

other Rotary clubs) at:

- o Ban Heu Yen primary school, northern Laos
  - o Camp Getaway
  - o City2Sea
  - o Community Village
  - o Donations in Kind
  - o McAuley House.
- Visits:
- o Cluster club visits to RC Port Melbourne and RC Melbourne
  - o Victoria Police Academy vocational visit.

#### Supporting

- Disaster Aid Australia for support to southern Philippines
- Group Study Exchange sponsorship
- International House Fraternitas award
- Police Leadership Mentoring Program engagement
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award training program sponsorship
- Secondary school achievement award
- Secondary school science award
- Silk Miller Scholarship award.

#### The Impact

*On behalf of the Safe Streets Task Force unit and Melbourne PSA Management, you and your teams' efforts in providing a safe haven for late night CBD attendees.*

*Can you pass onto your team that their efforts at the Community Village have been appreciated by our members working late nights on Fridays and Saturdays.*

*The coffee, biscuits and water that you supplied goes a long way in promoting a hot spot of Swanston and Flinders St/Lane, and thus promoting a safer City.*

*All the very best for the festive season and please let us know when you are returning include it into our briefing.*

*Kind regards.*

*Dale Huntington | Senior Sergeant | OIC Licensing Unit & Public Order*

In addition, we enjoyed friendship, good speakers, a challenging forum, humour

Kay Stevens, President (alias Mrs Claus)

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#### **CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST REPORT**

A gallery of photos from our Xmas Breakfast is available by clicking here

[Xmas pics](#)

#### **2012 RCCMS CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mary Voice ("RC of Toastmasters")

Chair: Kay Stevens

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Guests

- Dennis Shore, Governor of District 9800
- Ces Akerley – Hon Member
- Anne Fairhall – Representing Geoff Fairhall, Hon Member
- Margaret Thomas - Hon member
- Belinda Boland - Qantas
- James Boland – Captain - Qantas
- Roland Rocchiccioli –guest presenter
- Anne Mitchell – Steps Outreach Service
- Helga Svendsen – Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project
- Mercedes Walklate – Charity Auction support
- Simone Dante - Charity Auction support

Frolicky Stuff:

Mary Voice asked Kay what was her funniest-ever Christmas gift?

Kay: Auntie Lola sent me frilly underwear for a young girl until I was 16.

Kay's Address:

Kay reported that 2012 has been a great year for club achievements including a May of our club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also sent sympathy to members and families and loss.

She presented to Anne Mitchell of Steps Outreach Ministry, and Helga Svendsen Mission, with hampers and big cheques from Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger, and from Circle Credit.

Anne Mitchell described her 15 years with Steps, and mentioned a recent case of a homeless woman with a 15 and 8yo, now 'couch surfing', and whose kids would need hampers and food. Helga of Hotham Mission said the hampers would make a real difference for Hotham refugee clients existing on \$33 a week.

She also presented certificates of appreciation to Mercedes Walklate and Simon were among six helpers for our Charity Auction on 12 October.

DG Dennis Shore paid tribute to Marjorie Gerlinger as someone who makes a difference behind the scenes to the club and District, giving unstintingly of her time and resources. Mary and John Ilott then presented Nev John with chocolates for funniest line of concern over Kevin Walklate's alleged fascination with 50 Shades of Grey. Michael Music Man, won our Loquacity Award, richly deserved.

Mary also mentioned that she had spotted our ex-member Michael Lapina singing the high-profile Messiah performance at the Arts Centre last week.

George Mackey, Tony Thomas and John Barker then performed, word perfect and on timing, the two Ronnies skit about the upper, middle and lower classes, for which it was equivalent of an Oscar.

Sgt Bromby and Greg Cuthbert also did a great skit involving a quiz where answers were. DG Dennis Shore presented Brian Downie with a Sapphire to his Paul Harris Fellowship cited for his wine-based gifts and fund-raising for the club and ability to source merchandise at auctions and raffles. Brian, who joined the club 21 years ago, said he was inspired by "Service above Self". The generous spirit among all members kept him coming back. He would treasure the Sapphire and knew someone else, absent, who would have been present, he said.

We then enjoyed an address by Roland Rocchiccioli, radio, TV and theatrical celebrity playwright. He told of his celebrations of Christmas in the world's great capitals' (and in the WA vestigial mining town of Gwalia, where Italian migrant women participated) and spoke of famous refugees including Einstein, Madelaine Albright, and Irving Berlin. He also mentioned the Lowys, the Myers, Judy Cassab and Victor Chang. Migrants and refugees have brought their own Australian cuisine, which once included for breakfast, spaghetti out of a can on top of a ham.

Mary Voice finished on a high note with a jest about a Merry Chris Moose. Kay then thanked Neville Taylor and the Club Admin committee for their excellent organization of the event; the choir who interspersed proceedings with their soaring music, the hosts, organisers, comedians, Roland and the RACV #

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**COMMUNITY VILLAGE TRAILER SHOWS OUR COLOURS**



Our Community Village trailer now has signage clearly identifying the Community, our community service projects. The signage was generously supplied by Gerry who also donated the trailer to the Club.

Photo: Kevin Love