


ROTARY CLUB OF
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OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK

OUR CLUB CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Chairman: President Adrian

Reporter: David Firth

This is our annual get together with our partners for an evening of fellowship. This time we are meeting at President Adrian's home at 1 Paradise Close, Cherrybrook. Paradise Close is off Benedictine Place. As Paradise Close is a gated community, you will need to park in Benedictine Place, Adrian's home being on your left inside the gate.

CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE PROGRESS

The final selling day was Saturday at Pennant Hills Market Place. Terry Pankhurst towed the trailer to Pennant Hills and also collected it in the afternoon. Our morning selling team was Jim Fraser, Jack Reid, Claude Rigney and Adrian Bell. They were followed by Phil Stanton and Pat Parker. All told, they sold 394 tickets and took \$655.65. This was well down on last year's 467 and \$792.50.

So the final result of our efforts in 2018 with 10 Saturdays and the Sunday at Bunnings, was total ticket sales of 4,474 of which member private sales were 523. Our total takings were \$7,687 of which member sales totalled \$900. We finished about \$170 behind last year.

It should not finish without special thanks to Pat Parker who organised the venues with all the difficulties that involved. Another to be thanked is our major sponsor, Terry & Maureen Pankhurst. Again this year, they have supplied the trailer complete with spare wheel, third wheel and hubcaps!

OUR NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 7th JANUARY at PENNANT HILLS HOTEL

'THE MYSTERY OF SOLAR PANELS REVEALED'

SPEAKER: PRESIDENT ADRIAN

REPORTER: THEO GLOCKEMANN

MEETING REPORT

Meeting opened at 7pm with conversations over dinner. President Adrian welcomed our guests, Connor and Juliet, who would speak later in the program. He also reminded the group that this was the last meeting this year at Hotel Pennant Hills as next week's meeting will be at Adrian's home for the Christmas Function. He also reminded people the \$5 charge per night per member would be added on as a \$100 charge to the members biannual Rotary dues. President Adrian discussed the Australia Day night that is planned to be held at the Beecroft Bowling Club on the 28th of January. The cost is going to be \$35 per head which includes a meal and he encouraged people to ask other friends/associates along to increase the size of the crowd. Theo suggested we invite the singer we sponsored to RYLA a year ago to come along on the Australia Day event to sing a couple of Australian based songs like she did at one of our meetings to add a bit of flair to the meeting. The members agreed and Theo is to check her availability. President Adrian asked for someone to take his place at the district AGM on the 15th of December as he was unable to attend. John Ellis volunteered to attend. David Firth outlined the end of the trailer raffle on the 15th of December with a draw on the 16th at the Golf Club at 1pm. David also gave an update on the progress on the Tree of Joy. It is not going as well as last year due to the lateness of getting it set up at Pennant Hills Marketplace. Next Monday we will be delivering gifts to Stewart House at 9:30 and Tuesday at 9:30 to Parramatta Mission. David is looking for volunteers to assist. Adrian then went on to outline the success of the toilet role program to our guests in that it gives the mice a new home/play toy daily and saves \$10,000 annually in medical research. John Ellis gave an update on the student that we sponsored who is off to NASA for a 10 day program and will be invited back to give a presentation on how the event went.

It was then time for our Guest Speaker Connor McLellan. Connor is looking for support on his volunteering project on the Amazon River to improve the lives of villagers relying on the river to sustain their life. Logging and pollution has destroyed some areas making life very tough. The volunteering project is associated with VESA (Volunteer Eco Students Abroad) who focus on providing English reading and writing skills to students aged between 5 and 12 and improving sanitation by building self-composting toilets to reduce the amount of waste going directly into the river. They also bring along people with building skills to help restore village school facilities to improve the learning environment. The group he is going with is for 18 Days and he is trying to raise \$1500 that funds part of the building and teaching project in a village in Equator located on the Napo River. The VESA program is well established around the world and returns every 2 years to check out how things went to ensure their funds are well used. The return visits have shown how that improved English has allowed villagers to seek out different types of work and then come back to the village to assist in developing others. The village farms have also benefited with improved crops by use of the compost and the improved water quality reducing disease among the villagers. Next speaker was Juliet who wanted to speak about the benefits of volunteering. She started off her presentation saying that she has been a "victim of kindness". She works with a group of 18-35 year olds that lets them give back to the community that supported them as they were growing up. She has recently moved to Wollongong to get out of her Northern Suburbs comfort zone and tries to instil the idea they have to get out there and help each other get things done. She outlined how she had made volunteering as a way of life and thanked the Rotary club for doing the same thing. At question time, Theo gave his thanks for the enthusiasm they both showed and how their involvement in programs provided these villagers/locals organisational support so they can develop a system that keeps giving back. David asked what support the Government provides. There is some funding available but corrupt governments means limited amounts get to the actual villagers. The discussion then turned to funding. Connor is looking for \$1500 that is used for medical and safety equipment as well as materials required to support the build program. Connor has kicked off some fund raising projects which include a Go Fund Me page and presentations to groups such as Rotary. As an example of his commitment to volunteering, Connor has just returned from a volunteering expedition to India where he volunteered at an Ashram near Chennai where he provided English Speaking skills to locals. He also advised that a log would be available to show exactly where the funds provided are used. President Adrian suggested we discuss this at the next meeting to decide on what funding we might be able to provide and David is going to a link to the GoFundMe page in next week's spokes if people want to contribute. President Adrian thanked Connor and Juliet for their contributions and Phil for organising them to speak.

Reporter: Jim Fraser

Connor's fundraising page is at www.gofundme.com and then search for 'Connor McLellan'

To date he only has \$180 raised against his goal of \$1,500.



TRAILER RAFFLE DRAWING

The winner takes the Trailer to Mudgee

Chris Clegg was in Sydney to see some friends and while shopping at the Market Place at Pennant Hills, purchased some tickets in the trailer raffle organised by the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills. "I just liked the idea that these guys were giving up their own time to raise money for such very worthy causes", he said.

As it turns out, Chris is no stranger to charitable causes himself. Chris and his wife own a property in Mudgee called Be-ragoo Homestead where they provide respite care for people with disabilities and or mental illness.

So, in the car park of the Pennant Hills Golf Club, (and amid the damage caused by the storms of Saturday afternoon), Ticket no. 04947 was drawn by Craig Shepherd (a member of the Pennant Hills Golf Club) and witnessed by Past President, Terry Pankhurst of the Rotary Club of Pennant Hills.

The trailer and the goodies are now on their way to Mudgee with a very worthy recipient.



The drawing of the ticket amongst the fallen trees at the golf club



The winner receives his prize from Phil Stanton

Editorial by Russell Prowse on Radio 2UE December 23, 1980

This is the season for the giving and receiving of presents; for wining and dining and socialising with family and friends. And so it should be!

But what a pity that many of us seem to have allowed our thoughts to stray so far from the event on which the festive season is centred... the beginning of the life of Christ.

Born in the humblest of circumstances, Christ inherited no worldly goods. He had no tech college or university education Often without shelter, shoes, food or transport, he gathered around him a dozen mates ... some of them roughnecks and illiterates.

He worked in only a minute part of the world.

He had no lecture halls, printing press, microphones, loud hailer, publicity agents or managers.

He left no word in his own handwriting, or recording of his voice for the world to cherish.

His ministry lasted but three years, and ended when he was "sold out" by a mate.

His closest friend denied him; and he was lynched and put to an agonizing death; without trial.

He left no earthly possessions.

How come that, for nearly 2000 years, this man has had such an incredible influence upon the lives of hundreds of millions of men and women and upon the course of history?

Surely it was because he epitomised kindness, understanding, forgiveness and consideration for others ... mixed with an implacable hatred of all that is evil. He had the courage of his convictions ... he was the antithesis of a mealy-mouthed hypocrite.

He was uncompromising in his belief that happiness comes through good works.

He went about doing good.

More than any other man who ever lived, he, literally, practised what he preached.

No-one can tell me that, in this topsy turvy world, those are not the qualities we desperately need today.

I'm Russell Prowse. ***(This may be a little dated, but I think the essential message is still relevant today. Editor)***

THE FORWARD PROGRAM

DATE	PROGRAM	SPEAKER	CHAIRMAN	REPORTER
Dec 24th & 31st	THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS ON THESE TWO MONDAYS			
Jan 7th	'THE MYSTERY OF SOLAR PANELS REVEALED'	President Adrian	President Adrian	Theo Glockemann
Jan 14th	District Governor's Official Visit	DG Susan Wakefield OAM	President Adrian	Phil Stanton
Jan 28th	Australia Day Meeting	TBA	Phil Stanton	John Ellis

Tree of Joy - 2018

We placed 216 cards on the tree this year with about 200 taken so far. Today, Pat Parker commenced the Distribution, taking about 60 gifts to Stewart House at Curl Curl.

Tomorrow, December 18th, we are taking the balance of the gifts to Parramatta Mission.

If you would like to help, join us at Westpac Bank at 9.30am



ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAST MEETING

Member Attendance: 75%

Apologies: Ian Chappel, Ian Huckel, Pat Parker

Guest Speakers: Connor McLellan & Juliette Grace

Guest: Dr Leon Edena

Leave of Absence: Nil

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

David Firth - Dec 19th

Adrian Bell - Dec 25th

Jim Fraser - Dec 30th

Theo Glockemann - Dec 30th

ANNIVERSARIES

Nil

INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES

David Firth - Dec 16th (36 years)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern,
is very simple: loving others."**

—Bob Hope