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Pennant Hills
Rotary
Club



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This week

OUR CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

at the home of Pam & Peter Hudson

Please bring a small dessert and your drinks. There will be a charge of \$25 to cover the cost of the main course.



Rotary
District 9685



We have the following sister clubs:

- Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise District 9670
- Rotary Club of Delhi Ridge District 3011



MERRY
Christmas



THE CHRISTMAS TRAILER RAFFLE FOR 2022

Last Saturday was the final selling day. We were back at Pennant Hills Marketplace again, and, amazingly we sold virtually the same number of tickets and took \$805. With the receipt of all books taken by members, the final total of the sales was \$10,959, with almost 3,100 tickets sold. Again, this compares very closely with last year. The selling teams on Saturday were Pam and David first, and Ida, Phil and Jason on the second shift. John Ellis brought the trailer to the centre and Terry Pankhurst took the trailer home to prepare it for the presentation on Sunday.



At noon on Sunday, a few of us assembled with the trailer and the borrowed barrel. Phil announced what we were doing to a small crowd and invited someone to come forward and draw the winning ticket. A young fellow volunteered and drew out ticket number 2596 which had been sold at Cherrybrook on November 26th. We phoned the winner but only got her voicemail.

A message was left and we waited...and waited. We finally contacted Emma later in the afternoon and Terry and Pam took the prize to her home in Thornleigh where she and her husband



and their 5 children were thrilled to receive it. But what an appropriate winner - Emma was drawn to the raffle at Cherrybrook when she saw that we were raising funds for St Lucy's School. You see, their youngest child has a disability and is enrolled to start at St Lucy's in 2023! We couldn't have wished for a more appropriate winning family.



CENTURION PROGRAM

Our Foundation Director, Anoop, has confirmed that Jason Terry has now contributed \$100 and is therefore our sixth Centurion this Rotary year.



GIFT WRAPPING AT WESTFIELD HORNSBY

This was a new project for us, one which would provide some extra funds for our Project Account. We booked for one session, from 4.30 to 7.00pm last Friday. We figured we would need 3 or 4 people to wrap and/or deal with customers. In addition, we were also allowed to sell raffle tickets. So the team that assembled comprised Ida Shi - who had organised it - Jim Fraser, John Ellis, and Heather and David Firth. Thus we had 5 in all.

Ida had been there all day with another young lady representing Hearing Matters, however she decided to stay for the whole of our session too despite having been busy during the day with just the two of them. We were soon put to work with a steady stream of customers including one lady who arrived with bags of items which had to be individually wrapped as she was absolutely not interested in wrapping. She ended up spending \$70 with us, and then gave us a present for doing such a good job. Things quietened off after 6 o'clock and we finished at 7pm having raised \$180 - we only sold \$10 of raffle tickets - but overall it was a very pleasant experience and we felt it was a worthwhile effort and we should continue with it next year.



THE MAJOR DELIVERY OF GIFTS FROM THE TREES OF JOY

Last Thursday, Jim and I went down to the Pennant Hills Marketplace to collect gifts which had been kept in the Banna Group office by the security staff. We ended up with a car load. The next day we loaded all the other gifts we had accumulated from both Pennant Hills and Thornleigh, filling both my car and Jim's, and headed off to Parramatta Mission. After negotiating the major changes to the road system in Parramatta CBD due to the light rail installation, we received such a warm reception at the mission with many hands helping to unload and carry the gifts inside (see the photo). It was excellent timing as they were providing hampers and Christmas gifts to families later in the day, and the age ranges of our gifts would allow them to cater for all these family groups. We will deliver any gifts received since Thursday, this week. D Firth



Jim with some of the folk from Parramatta Mission including Paul Moussa, their co-ordinator

WHAT'S ON

| Date | Program | Speaker | Chair | Reporter | |
|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Dec 21 | Club Christmas Party | at Pam Hudson's home. 6.30 for 7.00pm. BYO Desserts and Drinks Cost \$25 per head | | | |
| NOTE: WE WILL BE IN RECESS FROM Dec 21 until Jan 11. | | | | | |
| Jan 11 | Review & Planning Night | At 6.30pm at the | Community Health Centre | | |
| Jan 25 | AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER | At Pennant Hills Golf Club | 6.30 for 7.00pm start | | Partners & Guests |

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

As last year, we are cooperating with other clubs in our cluster and will receive part of a grant from the Australia Day committee. We shall be providing lamingtons again to aged care facilities locally. At the Cherrybrook Christian Aged Care in Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook, we will be serving morning tea on Wednesday January 25, so if you can, please save the date and come along to help - you might even get a lamington and a cup of tea or coffee!

Last Week's Meeting - 14.12.2022

Attendance: 30.8%

Attendance: J Ellis, J Fraser, D Firth, P Hudson

Guests: Nil

Leave of Absence: A Ameen

December Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays:

Neeru Sud - December 1
 Ida Shi - December 5
 George Green - December 17
 David Firth - December 19
 Adrian Bell - December 25
 Jim Fraser - December 30
 Theo Glockemann - December 30

Anniversaries:

Herbert Chan & Bronia Tam - December 17

Club Induction Anniversary:

David Firth - December 16



Interplast
Repairing bodies & rebuilding lives
 in the Asia Pacific region

Happy Festive Season from Interplast

2022 - a year where Interplast made its first journey back to the Pacific since 2019. In the three-year period since COVID-19 impacted travel, patient waiting lists grew, and conditions were left untreated.

In November, our team of surgeons, nurses and anaesthetists made their way to Labasa and Suva in Fiji and met with patients waiting for reconstructive surgery. Interplast's team were able to provide 68 patient consultations and performed 31 life-changing procedures.

Our visit to Fiji, the 145th since 1983, was made possible through the generosity of Rotarians from District 9675, and other individuals committed to repairing bodies and rebuilding lives.

From all of us at Interplast, we thank you for your support in 2022 and wish you all a wonderful Festive Season.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.'

Roy L. Smith