



The Rotary Club of Kwinana

District 9465 Western Australia

Chartered: 22 April 1971

Team 2013-14

President
James Sharkey
Secretary
Genevieve Carr
Treasurer
John Iriks



President James

Bulletin

No 24 16 Dec. 2013



Attendance this week
Total Members 26
Exempt
Apologies 2
Make-up
Attended 22
Honorary Member
Guests 11
Visitors 1
Partners 16
85 %

Facts & Figures
Raffle

Heads & Tails

Birthdays:
Sam C 20th

Anniversary:
Cathy & James 20th

Club Anniversary:
Terry Evans 23rd

If you had any we hope
you had a good day



December 2013

Meets Monday
6 for 6.30pm
At Rotary Hall
Brownell Crescent, Medina

Visitors always welcome

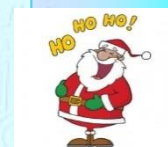
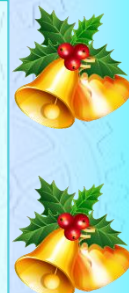
What a great Christmas meeting, the weather was conveniently quite pleasant outside for our 'drinks and nibbles at 6pm. Fantastic turnout we had 22 members, 16 partners plus 25 total visitors. Nice to welcome our special ladies, Pauline, Carol, Stasia, Olive and Pat. We welcomed also PP 2004/05 Michael Bird who presently resides in Tassie, plus a number of family members including 4 children joined us.

The Christmas Message was eloquently given by Pauline Hardidge, a Lay Pastoral Minister at All Saints Anglican Parish in Kwinana.

This will be my last bulletin for 2013, we resume normal service on January 6th with a BBQ meeting at Genevieve and Damien's home, partners invited of course. BYO meat and drinks.

On behalf of our club I wish to extend best wishes to all our readers both locally, interstate and overseas, a special Ho-Ho-Ho! to our friends in Sunderland.

*May you have a very safe and joyous
Merry Christmas
and a happy and prosperous New Year*



Rotary International President
Ron D. Burton

Rotary Club of Norman,
Oklahoma, USA



District Governor 9465

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Coming Events December 2013 Family Month

Wed 18th Board Meeting Rotary Hall 7pm

Mon 23rd No Meeting

Mon 30th No Meeting

January 2014:

Mon 6th BBQ Meeting Genevieve's home / Partners

Mon 13th Club Meeting

Attendance Officer: Errol McDonald 0433 781 914
Apologies by Saturday pm please

The Four-Way Test

Of things we think, say or do.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL? and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Merry Christmas



President James Sharkey

President's Pen

Meeting 16th December 2013



President James welcomed all to our Christmas Meeting, 22 members, 11 partners, 25 total guests and visitors.

Our Christmas Message will be given by Pauline Hardidge, a Lay Pastoral Minister at All Saints Anglican Parish in Kwinana.

President James thanked everyone for attending, wished all a very safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable nappies as gifts!

One year Father Christmas is forced to have an official from the Aviation Authority check his sleigh to make sure it's airworthy. The official checks out the sleigh on the ground then sits beside Father Christmas for a test flight. Suddenly Father Christmas notices the official has a revolver in his pocket. 'What's that for?' he asks. 'You're not a hijacker are you?' 'No,' replies the official. 'But we have to see how you handle this craft when you lose an engine on take-off.'



Our 2013 Christmas Message

Pauline Hardidge
All Saints Anglican Church Kwinana



Christmas Message ...Rotary 2013

Well another year has almost gone and I'm sure like most here you're as bewildered as I am in wondering where this year has gone. We may be thinking that not a lot has happened in the past 12 months, but if we were to sit down and itemise all that has gone on in the past 12 months, we would certainly have our senses awakened. For all of us the year has held birthdays, anniversaries and other celebrations... (be they good or some tinged with sadness) . One thing is for sure that whatever we do or don't do, however we deal with the ups and downs of life I'm sure we will continue in trying to put our best foot forward and get up in the morning and carry on. For some in our community life must feel like one big struggle. At All Saints Parish here in Kwinana we witness these struggles every week, more obvious on Tuesdays and Thursdays when we open our doors to Emergency Relief clients. These are real people, with real lives who dream of a better tomorrow, for some it's putting food on the table for others it's paying their bills, school fees and for some its staying alive. People come to us for support financially, spiritually and for friendship and some out of sheer desperation. We are at times the first faces some may see after being released from jail, and we certainly experience many suffering from mental illness and addictions. As rewarding as it is to help our fellow man it's equally challenging in trying not to be judgmental. I have often found myself thinking how did these people's lives get into such a mess, how did they fall so far that their children were needing to be put into care, why did they allow addition to take control of their lives and where are their families in such times of need? When I sit with these questions, I am gently reminded...there was always someone there when I needed support ,there was always a willing voice to re-assure me that all will be ok, there was always a hand that reached out to me to help me up. I have learnt so much from those less fortunate, I've learnt that not all have had the love of family or friends (those I take for granted) Not all have had the privilege of education, or a place to call home. And not all know how or are willing to ask for help when things start falling down around them. I have spoken with hundreds over the years and it shows in every face that one of the richest gifts we can share is the feeling of belonging, especially in Community. Kwinana is an amazing place that knows how to offer community spirit. Yes it is a work in progress (aren't we all) and it has its challenges with un-employment, homelessness and addictions but when we learn to respect our neighbour and give something of ourselves and our abundance, then we are the ones who feel the blessings of a giving heart.

Christmas Message ...Rotary 2013



Through organizations like Rotary, Smith family, CWA, Anglicare and many, many more clubs who function by team work and a willingness to serve community and who continue to shine a light through their generosity and giving we are seeing and experiencing changed lives and more importantly hope for a future .

Churches also in the area of Kwinana continue to give and support all.

Freeway Church Bertram runs a Boxing class to help youth burn off some frustrations and energy; they also run a basket ministry of a wed where people can pay \$6.00 for a basket full of groceries to help when times are lean.

Victory Life (in Calista) offer free food, clothing and support, running 4 days a week and all are welcome.

All Saints Anglican Church will give out 60 food hampers to those who have less and will once again open its doors on Christmas Day offering Christmas lunch for all those who may be spending Christmas day on their own or are homeless and for some they come just so they're not alone in their emptiness.

So as you can see, generosity and caring is very much alive and well in Kwinana. I'm proud to call this place home, I'm proud to be a part of this City that puts their hand out to help up one who has fallen.

We will always feel were not doing enough in the world to help others but believe me, You do make a difference.

My prayer for this season and I'm sure it's yours to is for peace all over the world, especially in the home.

I pray for safety on our roads, for patients, forgiveness and love and for a cure to be found for terminal illnesses.

May you and all those you love have a safe, healthy and blessed Christmas and year to follow, and may you enjoy your families and your friends as they are the true gifts of this very special season.

Merry Christmas: From Pauline and All Saints Anglican Church Kwinana

Pauline with
President James and
Cathy Sharkey





Kwinana Rotary Club Christmas 2013











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Nubia Group Greetings

MERRY CHRISTMAS

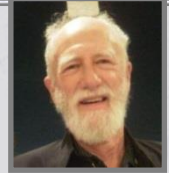
For a Special Friend at Christmas
of all the gifts I've ever received,
your friendship is one
of the most precious.
May the Joys of the season
shed light, hope and fill
our hearts with peace.

A decorative Christmas border featuring a green background with gold snowflakes, a yellow ribbon, and various gifts and ornaments. The gifts include a blue one, a red one, and a yellow one. The ornaments include a blue one, a red one, and a yellow one. The border is framed by a red and white patterned border.



Fine Session

Sergeant PP John Wallhead



President James fined because he didn't give the 'Sergeant' prior notice regarding the 'fine session' is it on or not?

PE Michael copped a fine because he failed to give the 'Sergeant' preferential treatment at dinner time.

PE Michael for masquerading as the maître d' and soliciting tips from the guests.

Michael Bird, just to collect some Tassie money.

Garry Bassett fined for just being Garry, (not sure about that one)

Ed Samut (on a LOA) accused of turning up just for the free booze.

James for referring to the 'Sergeant' as 'old'

PDG John Iriks fined for taking off the door???? (prize)

Pauling James for *looking as though* she was enjoying sitting on Santa's knee!!

The Sergeant was fined for 'not always being prepared'

Colleen McCallum fined by her partner, she recently went off to a Cake Decorating Christmas Party, that's ok, but returned to inform Brian, I'm off on a cruise to NZ in January with the girls and you're not invited!!!! Some smart Alec in the room suggested that after her trip her cakes could be decorated 'All Black'



What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?	Claustrophobia!
Why does Santa have three gardens?	So he can 'ho ho ho'!
Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?	Because he had a low "elf" esteem!
What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?	A Christmas Quacker!
What is the best Christmas present in the world?	A broken drum, you just can't beat it!
What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?	The elf-abet!
What did Santa say to the smoker?	Please don't smoke, it's bad for my elf!
What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?	Horn-aments!
What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?	Frostbite!

How do snowmen get around?	They ride an icicle!
What song do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?	Freeze a jolly good fellow!
How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?	One that's deep pan, crisp and even!
Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?	A mince spy!
What do you call a cat in the desert?	Sandy Claws!
What does Santa do with fat elves?	He sends them to an Elf Farm!
What did Adam say to his wife on the day before Christmas?	It's Christmas, Eve!
How many letters are in the Christmas alphabet?	25. There's "no EL"!
What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?	Tinsilitis!
What's the most popular Christmas wine?	'I don't like Brussels sprouts!'
Why are Christmas Trees like bad knitters?	They keep losing their needles!
What do you get if you cross a bell with a skunk?	Jingle Smells!
What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby? Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer!	
Which famous playwright was terrified of Christmas?	Noël Coward!
What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?	Stick with me and we'll go places!
Why did no one bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay?	Because they were two deer!

It was a cold and misty Christmas morning in the very depth of Winter after a heavy fall of snow and only one farmer and the minister managed to arrive at the church for the morning service. "Well", said the clergyman "I guess there's no point in having a service today." "Well that's not how I see it," said the farmer. "If only one cow turns up at feeding time, I still feed it.'

At a monastery high in the mountains, the monks have a rigid vow of silence. Only at Christmas, and only by one monk, and only with one sentence, is the vow allowed to be broken.

One Christmas, Brother Thomas is allowed to speak and he says, "I like the mashed potatoes we have with the Christmas turkey!" and he sits down. Silence ensues for 365 days.

The next Christmas, Brother Michael gets his turn, and he says "I think the mashed potatoes are lumpy and I hate them!"

Once again, silence for 366 days (it's leap year). The following Christmas, Brother Paul rises and says, "I am fed up with this constant bickering!"

A lady lost her handbag in the bustle of Christmas shopping. It was found by an honest little boy and returned to her. Looking in her purse, she commented, "Hmmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills. "The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."

The Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when a young lady about twenty years old walked up and sat on his lap.

Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?"

"Something for my mother, please." said the young lady.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What do you want me to bring her? "

Without blinking she replied, "A son-in-law!"

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Don't these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

Makeup opportunities

Rockingham:	Monday	6pm for 6.30	Ocean Clipper Inn
Palm beach:	Wednesday	6pm for 6.30	Ocean Clipper Inn
Cockburn	Thursday	7.15am for 7.30	Cockburn Seniors Centre
Fremantle	Wednesday	6pm for 6.30	Royal Fremantle Golf Club

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