

The Racing Wheel

The Rotary Club of Bathurst East Inc NSW Australia.
Bathurst East: The Friendly Club

Building Better Communities



Week ending 16th December 2014

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Last week @ Rotary:

International Toast



Keeping in with the Christmas spirit, the International Toast this week was to the Rotary Club of North Pole in Rotary District 5010 which covers the Yukon area in the USA State of Alaska, having 39 clubs and 1790 members.

The Rotary Club of North Pole received charter in 1978, has 13 members who meet at noon on Wednesdays at the Leaf & Bean Cafe (pictured at the right).

A recent project of the Club has been the building of a bus shelter near a school and seniors housing complex. Some years ago the Club adopted a mile of the local highway system, and at least twice a year the Club organises a cleanup of its mile.

Many other projects are also undertaken, however for more details, please refer to the copy of Bill's presentation as attached.

Thank you Bill.

General Business

1. Don't forget: Kelso High School's "extravaganza", the CIRKUS SURREAL: 3 performances at the School on December 15, 16 & 17 commencing 6:30pm for 7:00pm. If you can't make it perhaps your family and friends can. It will certainly be worth the effort.
2. Christmas Party – cost to the Club is \$ 40.00 per person, Club to subsidise the amount payable by members by \$ 10.00 so amount to pay on the night is \$ 30.00 per person.
3. Swap Meet to be held on 1 February 2015: PP Bob Newton gave further details. Three shifts of three hours each need to be manned on the day. Times: 5:00am to 8:00am, 8:00am to 11:00am, 11:00am to 2:00pm. Refer to Bob for more details and any shift you can work.
4. Request for financial assistance received from the Prostate Cancer Foundation – to be referred to the Board for a decision.
5. Annual Bowel Scan – kit information has arrived. PP Brian Burke would like to step down as organizer this year. Rtn Graeme Bright volunteered to take over as organizer. PP Geoff Fry and PP Greg Madden offered to assist. Four more needed – please contact Graeme.

Annual General Meeting – Election of Office Bearers for 2015/16

The following persons were nominated and upon their acceptance, duly elected:

- President: Tony Pollard
- President Elect: (to be filled)
- Immediate Past President: Peter Keith
- Secretary: Lee Rayner
- Treasurer: Kathy Woodley
- Public Relations Director: Robin Price
- Membership Director: Greg Madden
- Service Projects Director: Peter Keith
- Rotary Foundation Director: Bill Dickie
- Youth Services Director: Graeme Bright
- Club Administration Director: Geoff Fry

Other Non Board Members:

- Bulletin Editor: Maree Richards
- Historian: Alan Petersen
- Photographer: Luis Hernandez

Presentation

A special presentation was made to our ever faithful, meal serving lady from the Bathurst RSL, Marilyn, in thanks for “looking after” us at meal times during the year.

The new Meeting Roster and Van staffing list for the first half of 2015 is attached to this week’s Bulletin – it goes through to 30 June next (subject to any changes being subsequently made), so please read carefully to ensure you know when you are rostered on.



Three Minuter

The “Three Minuter” this week was presented by Rtn Luis Hernandez, who spoke about his recent visit back to his village in the Philippines.

During his visit there, he and Marie were able to attend the San Isidro Pahiyas Festival, a most colourful harvest festival held every May 15th. The festival is designed to honour the Patron Saint of Farmers, San Isidro Labrador.

The festival is very colourful and one of the biggest festivals held each year. Luis brought along to the meeting many photographs illustrating the festivities. A few scenes of the festival are as under:



Question. Did you attend another Rotary meeting or participate in a Rotary project or activity? Please advise **all Rotary make-ups** to **Alan Petersen**.

Next week 17th December @ Rotary



Rotary Christmas Party

President Peter Keith hereby invites all the Rotary Club of Bathurst East Rotarians and partners to our 2014 Rotary Club of Bathurst East Christmas Party.

- When** **6.30pm for 7pm Wednesday 17th December 2014**
- Where:** **“The Hub”, Keppel Street, Bathurst**
- Cost:** **\$ 30.00 (confirmed) bring a present – max value \$10.00**

We next meet on Wednesday 6th January 2015

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Please join us with best wishes to:

- 15th December Terry Mahoney
- 20th December Bob Newton
- 30th December Stephanie Brown
- 31st December Graeme Bright
- Not Recorded Kathy Woodley & Lee Rayner



Other events and more!

- Mon 15 Dec To 17 Dec Cirkus Surreal at Kelso High School
- Wed 17 Dec Christmas Function at “The Hub”
- Sun 01 Feb Swap Meet (Refer PP Bob Newton)
- Mon 16 Mar RYDA commences, finishes Fri 20 March
- Sat 21 Mar District Conference, Cowra
- Sun 12 Apr Rotary Club of Daybreak B2B Cycling event



December is Family of Rotary Month

Rotary's focus this month is the Family of Rotary.

As we approach Christmas and the New Year we are more conscious of a focus on family and family reunions. People of most faiths (or even no religious faith) celebrate on some level, commerce slows down and many families take their annual holidays. So December is indeed a time to reflect on family values and how Rotary helps shape those values. In Rotary many of us see our priorities in life as family, work and then Rotary.

Ideally we should not isolate Rotary from our family life and in some clubs, children are not only welcome but an integral part of Rotary meetings.



Rotary still seeking inspirational women

Nominations are now being sought for the **Rotary Inspirational Women of 2015**, with awards being presented at a gala lunch at Doltone House, Jones Bay in Sydney on 8 March 2015.



Each Rotary Club is seeking candidates who:

- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity.
- Personal contribution and community involvement
- Contribution to the Australian community, vocational service either nationally or internationally.
- Voluntary work above and beyond paid employment.
- Nature and length of activity or service.
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group/organisation/in their own field of endeavour.

Please take the time to nominate suitably qualified women in your community to be considered for these awards. **Click here** to download a Nomination Form to be completed by your club. Please email the completed Nomination Form(s) to either Pia Mylan at pia.mylan@bigpond.com or Paul Wynn at wynn@ozemail.com.au

A message from the International President:



Rotary Membership By the Numbers:

- Rotary Club: There are 34,558 clubs and 1,220,115 members worldwide
- Rotaract: 5,820 clubs and 133,860 Rotaractors (ages 18-30)
- Interact: 15,875 clubs and 365,125 Interactors (ages 12-18)
- Rotary Youth Exchange: More than 8,000 students from 67 countries (ages 14-19)
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards: More than 25,000

GARY C.K. HUANG - President 2014-15

December 2014

If you take a look at the Rotary calendar, it's easy to see where our priorities as an organization lie. The Rotary year begins in July; in August we mark Membership Month, in September we celebrate New

Generations, October is for vocational service, and so on, turning our attention to different topics that are important in Rotary.

It's a great idea to do this, because it reminds us to talk about subjects that we might otherwise overlook during our busy Rotary year. But we all know that every topic on our calendar – from fellowship to our Foundation – is important. All of them are part of what makes Rotary what it is, and what makes all of us Rotarians.

In Rotary, December is Family Month. Looking back on my years as a Rotarian, I have seen how important family is in Rotary – and how important Rotary can be to our families.

My wife, Corinna, chose to join Rotary just a few months ago, after many years as a Rotary spouse. All three of our children are also Rotarians. All of them joined their own club, in their own time. All of them have found unique interests in Rotary. As we have watched them find their own paths, we have been struck by how wonderful it is to have so many members of our family involved in Rotary service.

Rotary gives us something good that we can all do together. With Rotary, we always have interesting things to talk about at dinner. We are all involved in different service, in different clubs, so when we sit down together, we are talking about humanitarian needs of every kind, in every part of the world. There is always something new to learn.

Our conversations are also a wonderful way to teach our children, through our own actions, what is really important in life. They learn about what life is like in different parts of the world, and how all of us have an obligation to help others when we can. I can think of no better lessons to teach our families than the lessons of Rotary service.

I hope that in this Rotary year, many of you will encourage your family members to join Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact. Bringing your family into Rotary doesn't just Light Up Rotary – it lights up your own lives as well.



This being the final issue for the year, let's have some more Christmas fun

Test Flight

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.'



Try Before You Buy!

Myra was going to the Christmas office party but needed a new party dress.

In the clothing store she asked, 'May I try on that dress in the window, please?'

'Certainly not, madam,' responded the salesgirl, 'You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else.'

Mirror Image - Christmas Fable

On Christmas Eve, Nathan thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift for the next day. Always short of money, he thought long and hard about what that present might be'



Unable to decide, Nathan entered Debenhams and in the cosmetics section he asked the girl, 'How about some perfume?' She showed him a bottle costing \$100.00.

'Too expensive,' muttered Nathan.

The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for \$ 25.00. 'Oh dear,' Nathan groused, 'still far too much.'

Growing rather annoyed at Nathan's meanness, the sales girl brought out a tiny \$ 10.00 bottle and offered it to him.

Nathan became really agitated, 'What I mean', he whined, 'is I'd like to see *something really cheap.*'

So the sales girl handed him a mirror.

Christmas Queue Folly

Just before Christmas I was shopping at a toy fair in Worcester

I glanced to my left and caught sight of a queue at the doll counter; they were waiting for the shelves to be restocked with Mattel dolls. As I looked I realised that in the queue was a good friend of mine. Knowing Lennie well I was sure that he had no daughters nor did he have any nieces so I wondered why he should want to buy a doll at Christmas time'

'Hey, Lennie,' I cried, 'I hadn't realised you collected dolls.'

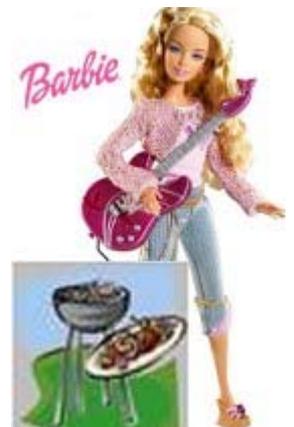
'I don't,' he replied laughing'

'Really,' I queried, 'then you must be buying a Christmas present then?'

'No, not at all, my friend,' responded Lennie, his eyes twinkling merrily'

'If you don't mind my asking then Lennie,' I said, 'Why exactly are you standing in this particular queue?'

'Oh that,' he giggled. 'It's like this, my mate,' he mused, 'I've never been able to resist a **Barbie queue.**'



Don't Mind the Accent

One beautiful December evening Huan Cho and his girlfriend Jung Lee were sitting by the side of the ocean. There was a romantic full moon, and Huan Cho said, "Hey baby, let's play Weeweechu.

"Oh no, not now. Let's just look at the moon", said Jung Lee.

"Oh, c'mon baby, let's you and I play Weeweechu. I love you and it's the perfect time," Huan Cho Begged.

"But I had rather just hold your hand and watch the moon."

"Please Jung Lee, just once... play Weeweechu with me."

Jung Lee looked at Huan Chi and said, "OK, we'll play Weeweechu."

Huan Cho grabbed his guitar and they both sang...

"Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, Weeweechu a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year."

You talk too much

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!"

So that's how that got started!

Not long ago and far away, Santa was getting ready for his annual trip, but there were problems everywhere. Four of his elves got sick and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the sick elves. Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule.

Then Mrs. Clause told Santa that her mum was going to come and visit. This stressed Santa even more.

When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where. More Stress.

Then he began to load his sleigh, when one of the boards cracked and the toy bag fell to the floor and scattered the toys.

Totally frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of tea and a shot of sherry. When he went to the cupboard, he found the elves had drunk all his liquor and there was nothing to drink.

In his frustration, he dropped his tea pot and it shattered into a million pieces and all over the kitchen floor. He got his broom to sweep all the bits up only to find that the mice had eaten the straw off the end of the broom.

Just then the door bell rang and Santa cursed on his way to the door. He opened the door to see a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said: "Where would you like to shove this tree fat man?"

And that my friends, is how the little angel came to be on top of the Christmas tree.

How do you know Santa has to be a man?

No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.

What do you get when Santa Claus goes down a chimney and the fire is lit?

Crisp Kringle

Who is never hungry at Christmas?

The turkey – he's always stuffed!

Peter: Why do you never hear anything about the tenth reindeer, Olive?

Jo: Olive?

Peter: You know, "Olive, the other reindeer, used to laugh and call him names."

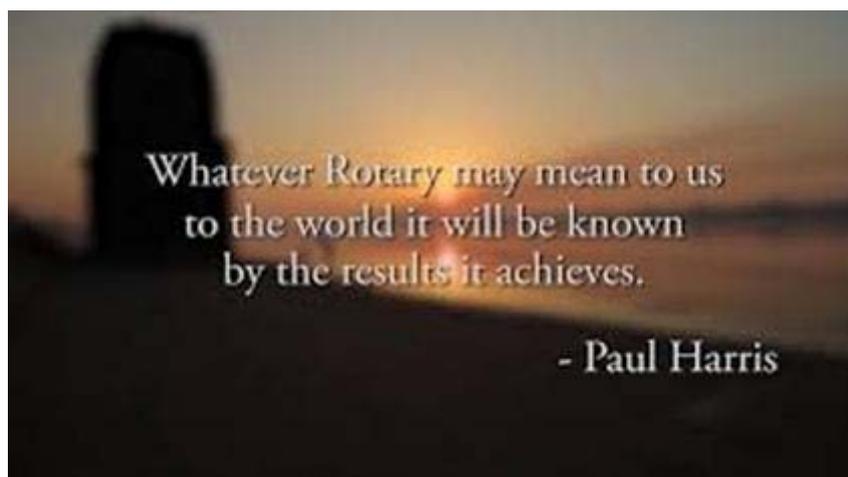
Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Avery.

Avery who?

Avery Merry Christmas to you!





A CARTOON CHRISTMAS



The Aussie spirit of Christmas.



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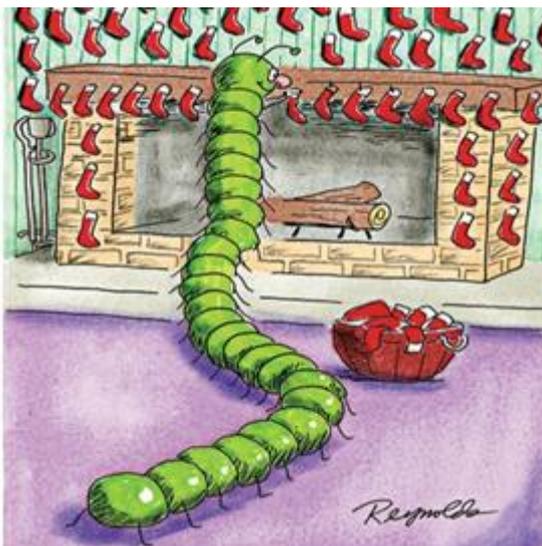
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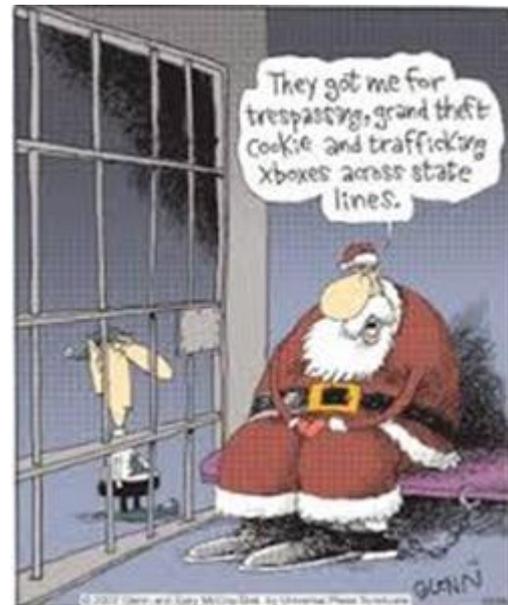


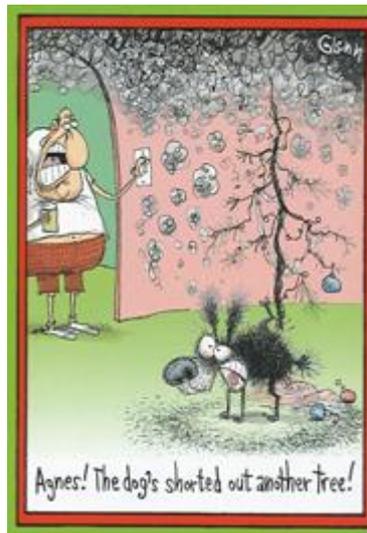
"WE'VE BEEN ON REINDEER CLEAN-UP DUTY FOR A WEEK NOW. MAYBE USING PHOTOSHOP TO PASTE SANTA'S HEAD ON A HOT CHICK'S BODY WASN'T SUCH A HOT IDEA AFTER ALL."



"Honey, our lawyer wishes us, but in no way guarantees, a Merry Christmas."









The Rotary **4 Way Test**

Of the 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?

OK FOLKS, THAT'S IT FOR 2014, TAKE CARE & SEE YOU NEXT YEAR, HAVE A

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
2015**



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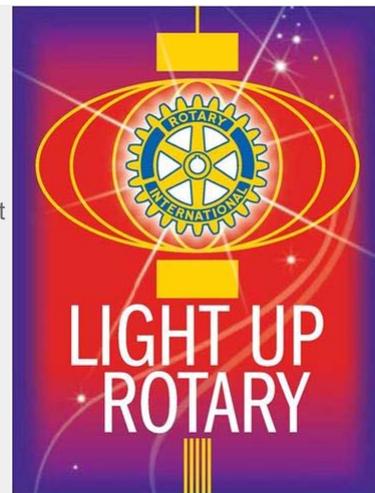
What is Rotary?

Rotary is ordinary people around the world sharing their professional skills and working together in a social environment to build better communities.

We operate as a Club with weekly meetings developed around a guest speaker or special event where business, community and service issues are discussed in an interactive and relaxed atmosphere.

Come and join us:

Wednesday evenings 6.00 for 6.30pm at Bathurst RSL Club
Rankin Street, Bathurst, NSW 2795 Australia



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