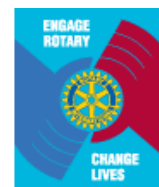




ROTARY CLUB of
WAGGA WAGGA KOORINGAL

Chartered - 23rd July, 1969



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DECEMBER

FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

Family, friendship and fellowship are the foundation,
the bedrock on which Rotary service is built.



MEETING 44 - 26

18 December, 2013

Attendance Members - 23 Apologies - 9 Leave - 2 Absent - 0 Make ups - 4

Guests Fiona Koeck (YX), Peter Hastie, Greg Johnson, Phillip Eades, Anne Marie Binger

Visiting Rotarians

International Toast **Rotary Club of Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia** chartered in 2007 with 10 members. The club provides free dental checks, holds a hamburger day, donates uniforms to orphanages, donates clothes to the hospital, has projects providing clean water, hygiene and sanitation. Members meet each Sunday at the Angkor Miracle Resort & Spa.

There are only five Rotary clubs in Cambodia – three in Phnom Penh, one in Siem Reap and a new one in Battambang. None existed prior to about 10 years ago. Rotary faces an uphill battle to get established since Rotary is relatively isolated — there's no natural affinity with Thailand and no Rotary in Vietnam. (Totalitarian regimes tend NOT to like business people sitting around thinking up ways to improve their communities.)

PROGRAM

CREATING A BETTER LIFE - CAMBODIA

Guest Speaker – Peter Hastie, vice president of South Wagga Apex Club

Introduced by former Apexian and Rotarian, Richard Pottie, Peter gave an informative and emotional presentation to members informing them of a project being conducted in Cambodia by South Wagga Apex.

He provided a brief outline of the atrocities carried out by the Khmer Rouge under the leadership of Pol Pot eliminating nearly 3 million people in Cambodia. He showed slides of the Museum at Tuel Sleng recalling the



genocide of another 20 000 with only 7 survivors. Peter had spoken with one of those survivors and was deeply moved by the experience. Peter also recalled the horror of 'the killing tree' where infants were bashed to death and thrown into open pits.

Six Apexians from South Wagga, their partners and a teenage daughter travelled to Cambodia to work within the communities. They volunteered at 3 different schools where they helped to improve hygiene practices. Children were provided with toothbrushes to clean their teeth twice daily at school leaving toothbrushes for the next day. Villagers were provided with thongs for their feet. Bags of rice costing \$40 which would last for a month were also provided. The group carried out basic maintenance such as plastering and dug three wells to provide water.

The club has currently raised approx \$ 17 000 towards a total of \$30 000 needed to finance the building of a school. They are planning to return to Cambodia in about 18 months time

PROGRAM

CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO CANCER COUNCIL



President Phillip Tome presented Regional Manager for the Cancer Council, Anne Marie Binger with the proceeds (over \$8 000) raised catering at the annual Relay for Life in October.

The club manned the BBQ and the food & drinks canteen over the weekend.

Anne Marie was accompanied by Greg Johnson and Phillip Eades from the Cancer Council.

REPORTS

Youth New Generations: Gavin Davies

- reminded members that a nomination for the Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research project

Service: Sid Clarke

- thanked those members who worked at the Lake Albert Markets last Saturday
- reminded members that Harness Racing meeting was this Friday – Roberson & Guttler
- BBQ at Bunnings on Thursday 9 January
- Greg Guttler has contacted Yvonne Braid re – Australia Day Big Breakfast

Secretary: Henry Gardiner

- advised members that Sunrise Rotary has planned a Rotary Foundation function for Saturday 5 April, 2014 at the International Hotel.
- advised that DGE David Kennedy was requesting volunteers for positions on District committees by 30 January if you are interested

President: Phillip Tome

- asked how many members had registered for RI Convention in June.
- forgot to inform members that he had received promotion from Wagga Rotary which is holding a fundraising dinner to be attended by Phil Liggitt, the voice behind the commentary of the Tour de France. Liggitt will be the keynote speaker on Tuesday, 14 January at RSL Club. Tickets @\$95 available from Civic Theatre Booking Office.
- wished members safe travelling and season's greetings.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This time of year is a time of celebration: a time to appreciate our family and friends, to acknowledge the opportunity we have to help those in need whether within our local community or the world at large and to give thanks for those things which make our lives meaningful and worthwhile. It brings us some time to sit back, relax and enjoy the company of those near and dear to us. It brings a time to reflect on the year that was and what the coming year will bring. It gives us time to prioritise what is important, such as good health and happiness shared with family, friends and our partners.

For without theses 'rocks' to provide a foundation in our lives, we would be unable to fulfil the many roles we undertake - as sons, husbands, fathers, as employers, employees, volunteers and Rotarians - while providing for our own but trying to make this world a better place.

This time of year also gives us the opportunity to be grateful for the life we have here in Australia – freedom, democracy, safety, nutrition, education.

As we indulge ourselves this festive season, please take time to remember those struggling to survive - the homeless, the displaced, those huddled in accommodation provided by a shelterbox, the sick, the hungry and starving and those far from home or without family.

Offer your hand in friendship to someone less fortunate.

*Yours in Rotary, **Phillip***

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



Left – long serving club member Malcolm Nixon & Maureen

Below – club stalwarts – PDG Henry Gardiner, Bill Shaw and Jack Morgan with Joan

Above at back – Bernie Jones with Lesley Masterson

Susan & Richard Pottie and Kevin Pascall

Right – Bill and Bernie Jones



DID YOU KNOW?

The true meaning behind the lyrics of '*The Twelve Days of Christmas*'

The twelve days of Christmas refer to the twelve days between Christmas Day (December 25), the birth of Jesus, and the Epiphany (January 6), the day Christians celebrate the arrival of the Magi (wise men) and the revelation of Christ as the 'light of the world'.

The Christmas song, '*The Twelve Days of Christmas*' may sound silly and contrived to many of us but it actually had its origins in religious symbolism - and a serious purpose. It dates from a time of religious persecution. The song was written as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without fear of arrest - a learning or memory aid to Christians in fact.

The song can be taken at two levels of interpretation - the surface meaning used or misused in the Bonds underwear advertisements or the hidden meaning known only to the Christians involved. Each element is a code word for a religious truth.



The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus.

The **two** turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.

Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.

The **four** calling birds are the four gospels.

The **five** gold rings recall the Hebrew Torah (Law) or the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The **six** geese a-laying stands for the six days of creation.

The **seven** swans a-swimming represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The **eight** maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes.



Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The **ten** lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping represent the eleven faithful Apostles.

Twelve drummers drumming symbolise the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed.

If you think Jesus being symbolised as a partridge in a pear tree sounds blasphemous, remember: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so". (Luke 13:34 and Matthew 23:34)

The 'true love' in the song refers to God Himself. The 'me' receiving the gifts is every Christian. So that song we sing at Christmas time has more meaning than we thought.

Courtesy of The Hub, Ryde Rotary Club and Allen Horrel

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES to CELEBRATE

Continue the celebrations !

31 Dec Kerry Power
04 Jan Dennis & Carol Bishop
05 Jan Henry & Margaret Gardiner

20 Dec Service - Harness Racing
24 Dec Service - MTC Races – Ted Ryder Cup
25 Dec **Christmas Day**

01 Jan 2014 **New Year's Day**
08 Jan Club Assembly
09 Jan Service –BBQ at Bunnings
13 Jan Board Meeting - to be convened if required.
26 Jan **Australia Day**
26 Jan Service – MTC Races

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Merry Christmas.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COMING UP	25 December	08 January 2014	15 January, 2014
Program Topic	CHRISTMAS DAY	Club Assembly	Board Report & Rotary Awareness
Guest Speaker	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year Everyone !		
Set Up		Dennis Bishop	Michael Haggart
Toast to Australia		John Goodwin	Rod Francis
Grace		Ray King	Peter Keith
Fines Session		Polio Pig	Arthur Garthorn
Introduce Speaker	01 January 2014		
Vote of Thanks	NEW YEAR'S DAY		

REMINDERS

- HAVE YOU DONE IT YET? - Checked** your induction certificate, past calendar or diary ... even your memory... for the date you joined this club, by Club Assembly on 8 Jan, 2014 or contact President Phillip Tome. **URGENT AND IMPORTANT**

Apologies – Ken Post on 0418 693 648 by noon on Tuesday.

Absence without an apology will require payment.



The 'Four Way Test'

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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