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ROTARY
CLUB OF
GLEN EIRA



Who's been naughty
and who's been nice?

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO THIS YEAR....

The end of the calendar year marks the midpoint of our Rotary year. Let's look at what we've been up to since July!

The Rotary Year starts 1st July and this year we welcomed our new President Alan Samuel with a night of string music with the students of Wesley College.

Our club has continued to be active in the community, raising funds for worthy causes, helping those in need across the globe, acknowledged some great young people, and have had a good time in doing it.

At local St Mary's Church in Caulfield, we helped build a fence around their playground, with the assistance of a Rotary District grant.

Once a month, we don our aprons at Safeway in Prahran to sell the best sizzling sausages this side of the Yarra River.

Our members have been hands on by assisting with donations and packing at the Donations in Kind store.

When disaster struck in the Philippines, we acted promptly and purchased an Aqua Box which provides immediate relief and safe drinking water.

Throughout the last six months of the year, we have had a strong focus on youth. Our Youth of the Year for 2013 is Callum Lloyd, a dynamic student at local McKinnon Secondary College.

We have been hosting from Poland our delightful exchange student Agata Kmiecik, and we also fell for the extraordinary story of outgoing exchange student Courtney Murtagh from outback Maxwellton. **(cont. p2)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

Tuesday 17th December
End of Year Christmas Spectacular

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Tuesday 7th January
Casual Dinner
Tuesday 14th January
Guest speaker Michael Taft of ABC
Tuesday 21st January
Guest speaker Mark Windsor
Board Meeting
Tuesday 28th January
Guest speaker Kim Ross

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Saturday 1st February
Fundraising Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 4th February
School Program Project
Tuesday 18th February
Guest speaker Mr Myazoe
Japanese School
Sunday 23rd February
Birthday of Rotary International
Tuesday 25th February
Glen Eira SES

Special Christmas Edition



Puns for Educated Minds

This year, Past President Ian Marks retired from our club. We miss his puns at our weekly meetings, so here are some to remember him!



1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whisky-maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, It will still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
8. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
9. Atheism is a non-prophet organisation.
10. There was the person who sent ten puns to friends with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.
11. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
12. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass'
13. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

14. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
15. A backward poet writes inverse.
16. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
17. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
18. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
19. A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
20. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says, 'Dam!'
21. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
22. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron'. The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive'.
23. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root-canal? His goal was to transcend dental medication.
24. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head'

What we've been up to this year (cont.p1) We will not forget her jaw dropping to the floor when we gave her an iPad for her year abroad in Brazil.



Speaking of Youth Exchange, this week our Past President Geoff Asher, a longterm member of the District Youth Exchange Committee, has been appointed onto the Selection Panel for the next District Governor in 2016-17. Well done Geoff!

In conjunction with other clubs in our local Rotary Beachside Cluster, we donated a special modified bicycle for a local primary school student who suffers from the delimitating Charco-Marie-Tooth disease.



We continue to receive updates from Vanuatu from Failyne, who we hosted in Melbourne as she underwent life changing surgery at Monash University through ROMAC. It was great to see her big smile and hear of her progress through kindergarten.

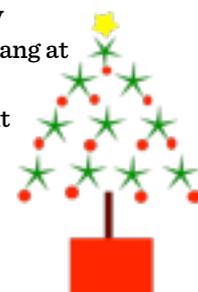
Sam & Joyce Binstock held a successful fundraising party at their home in December, selling Jewellery & Accessories with funds going to Rotary projects.

A big event for our club was our special 9/11 night with guest speaker, internationally renowned Dr Jonathan Barnett. We filled upstairs at the London Tavern and one person even said it was the best talk they'd ever heard - not just Rotary talk, any talk!



Our members also met incoming Rotary International World President Gary Huang at a special Foundation dinner, and we enjoyed other activities, such as the visit to Golden Days Radio.

Can you imagine what the next six months has in store?



Youth Exchange

Our Club continues to sponsor and host students from across the globe.



Myles Ammett attended our club meeting with his mother Fahna. In 2014, he is our club's outbound Youth Exchange student and will be spending the year in Japan. Joining him at our meeting was Yoko (a youth exchange student from Japan, currently hosted by the Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern) and our club's current inbound student from Poland, Agata. They are pictured above with President Alan Samuel.

Soon, our current outbound student Caroline Billington will be returning to Melbourne after spending a year in Poland. She has had an extraordinary year and we hope to have her visit our members early in the new year.



Don't forget that school holidays have now started for Agata. She is currently hosted by Past President Geoff Asher and his wife Coryl. Please make sure that you show her a good time over the summer and invite her along to as many activities as you can.



Courtney goes to Brazil

Our clubs members will remember Courtney Murtagh from Maxwellton in Central Queensland. She is packing her bags ready for her trip of a lifetime to Brazil. Courtney is already keeping in touch with us via the iPad we presented her at our Club Meeting. It will be a fascinating journey, not only in Brazil, but for life afterwards!



The latest update from Agata....

During November I was really busy. At the beginning of the month Anna from Hungary, who lives in Bendigo came to visit me for a weekend. We had a lot of fun. I also met a lot with my friends from school and other exchange students. I helped with BBQ organised every month by Rotary. I had great time with my host mother, we spend our last day in the city. After three months I changed families, I live with Geoff Asher and his wife Coryl. I feel there really good. It easier for me to get to school and I live closer to all my friends from school. I did all exams of year 11. I am especially happy with my results from English and French. I went to the camp to Anglesea organised by Rotex D9800. It was a camp for inbounds and outbounds. It started on Friday evening. We had some activities. On Saturday morning we had high ropes course. It was pretty scary but I went through the entire track and I am really happy about that. It was fun.

Later inbounds were prepared speeches with outbounds, who are going to our home countries. In the afternoon we went to the beach. Most of the people walked into the water. It was my first swim this year and first in my life in the ocean. Later that day we had quiz about general knowledge from different categories. In the evening we had Red Carpet Party. All people get dressed. Atmosphere were just great. On Sunday exchanges who are going away in January they were presenting speeches they prepared before. Camp finished on the afternoon.

There was finally few hot days, I was waiting for it since I came here. I went to the beach couple of times. On Friday most of the exchanges meet on birthday dinner for Alexandra. I spend entire weekend with exchanges and I had lots of fun. It was really busy, but great month.

Agata Kmiecik.

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
17th December	End of Year Party and Hat Spectacular!	Garry Fabian	Geoff Asher	Adrian Nelson	Jan Hill

Have a great break over Christmas and the New Year. We return with a casual dinner on Tuesday 7th January and then have our first guest speaker on Tuesday 14th January, Michael Taft talking about his career at the ABC.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR CLUB?

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

Xmas Hats for Health!

Have you made your Festive Hat this week to help raise funds for Australian Rotary Health? Maybe you could make a turkey hat like the one below?

Prizes are for best male & female, most unusual and for the overall winner.



Have you got a turkey hat like this one?

100 hospital beds for DIK

We have the opportunity to help collect 100 hospital beds from St Vincents Hospital on Monday 30th December. If you're able to help - like Sam Binstock, Joan Luscak and Alan Samuel - please let John Strong know. The hospital beds will be taken from St Vincents to the DIK store in West Footscray to then send to countries in need.

Club Website update in 2014



Our club's website was first started by Past President and Charter Member Kurt Langfelder. It was hosted originally by Vicnet, which provided free hosting for community groups.

Today, our website includes all our club bulletins, photos, our events and other links. The next generation is to adopt the District-recommended model by local businessman Ron Stark. The new website in 2014 will be easy to access on mobile devices and tablets, enable us to manage attendance and provide great information for members and non-members. There will be a cost but we are hoping to recoup it by sponsorship.

Melbourne Basket Brigade

Thanks to all who helped pack hampers and gift baskets to those in need over the weekend. It means a lot to the families!

We need you to eat lots of burgers!!

For the month of December, our club is in the running to win \$300.

For every burger you purchase (for you and your family) at Grill'd 332 Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick, you will receive a token, place it in the Rotary Glen Eira jar and the organisation with the most token's wins \$300, the other two will win \$100 each. So, please take your family there a few times during this month!



ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Rotary Santa Run

'Twas the week before Christmas and all across the globe, Rotarians were dressed in red hat and red robe.

From Holland to England, across the pond to the States - goodwill and friendship was spread with their mates.

They raised money for projects with their Rotary Santa Run for children and for polio whilst still having much fun.

At the end of the race they snuggled down by the fire. Merry Christmas to all from the Rotary Club of Glen Eira!



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