

9th December 2014

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ROTARY
CLUB OF
GLEN EIRA

Rotarians across the world use the holiday season to help those in need.



MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

In Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, 4 local Rotary Clubs join together for their annual holiday lights display.

With less than a month until the start of the third annual Making Spirits Bright holiday lights display, volunteers were hard at work this past weekend readying Evergreen Park for its festive transformation.

About 10 volunteers arrived at the park, starting at 9 a.m., to hang lights and put up displays, said Chairperson Gerry Plehn.

It takes approximately 400 volunteers, 196,000 LED lights and nearly a year's worth of planning and preparation to make the event possible, said Plehn. "It's a big undertaking," Plehn said. "As this progresses on a yearly basis, there's definitely a need for more volunteers to help us with this. ...Any help they can provide us with is appreciated." Admission to the venue is free, but club members ask that participants bring a canned good to donate to the Sheboygan County Food Bank.

With an estimated 30,000 vehicles that passed by the displays in past years, the first two Making Spirits Bright efforts brought in more than 80,000 items for the 10 pantries supported by the Sheboygan County Food Bank.

"Our real focus and impetus for doing this was to encourage people to bring donations for the Sheboygan County Food Bank," Plehn said. "The hope is that more and more people attend and therefore, more and more pantry items are collected as well." This year's event will feature more than two dozen displays. A new display, a 25-foot-tall tree that's choreographed to music, will greet drivers as they enter the park. The clubs also added this year a polar bear family display, a Santa's workshop display and a drive-through igloo that is 20 feet high and 40 feet in diameter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

Tuesday 9th December

Guest speaker David Shave

Sunday 14th December

BBQ at Xmas Hamper Packing Day

Tuesday 16th December

End of Year Party

Saturday 20th December

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Tuesday 13th January

Casual Dinner Meeting

Tuesday 20th January

Beachside Cluster Croquet Night

Tuesday 27th January

Hosting the past GSE Team Leaders

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Tuesday 3rd February

Weekly Meeting

Saturday 7th February

Sausage Sizzle in Glen Huntly

Saturday 21st February

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Tuesday 24th February

GSE Welcome Dinner at Milano's

MARCH WORLD LITERACY MONTH

Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th March

Rotary District 9800 Conference

DATE	GUEST SPEAKER	CASHIER	TOAST TO AUSTRALIA	TOAST TO OUR CLUB	CHAIRMAN
9th December	Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation with guest speaker David Shave	John Leske	Stewart Pert	Sam Binstock	Basil Ornellas
16th December	End of Year Celebration at the London Tavern	Garry Fabian	John Strong	Joan Luscak	Alan Samuel
13th January	Casual Dinner at the London Tavern	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

WHAT'S THE ROTARY CLUB OF GLEN EIRA UP TO?

DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH

End of Year Dinner

Next week is our final meeting for 2014. It is a two course dinner on Tuesday 16th December at the London Tavern. The cost has not been finalised, but bookings are now open.

A booking form will be circulated at this week's meeting, or contact President Alan. Japanese entertainment is being provided by Yoshiko Stynes & her friends Mariko Kuborto, Yoko Ryan and Junko Bauer.



By Royal Appointment.

This time last year HRH dropped in to help raise funds for our Australian Rotary Health hat day.



ROTARY PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Christmas Carols

For the last 20 years, the Rotary Club of Waverley, Victoria has raised more than \$756,000 for Australian Rotary Health through the Christmas Cards project.

These cards are known to sell out quickly, order yours today:

- \$10 for a pack of 10 cards
- \$36 for a pack of 100 cards (add \$6 for each additional 50 cards)
- + \$5 for postage & handling

Check out the Australian Rotary Health website for more information.

