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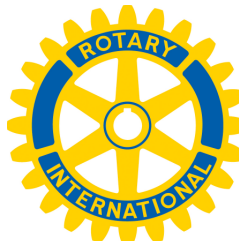
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



A Letter from Louise

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Meeting 1093

Quote of the Week:

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store & he asked me for my autograph." – Shirley Temple

Ho, ho ho...after our visit from Santa last year it would test even the strongest believer. St Nicholas wearing bloomers, a sight to fright!! As for the poor fairy, she didn't just fall from the top of the tree, I think she did have a few too many Crownies & had a fall from grace. A big thank you to them both for finding the time in their busy schedule to visit us.

Santa Crawl....raised **\$6781.45** !!!! Massive effort from Chris Watson & Alysia & Sam Norris. 350 assorted Santa's, Xmas Trees, Fairies & one lone Gingerbread Man. The participants were so generous & were really well behaved.

I realize this is an extremely busy time of year, however, I was more than a little disappointed in the support shown by the Club. Apart from Chris there was Phil Penman & myself representing Rotary. Thanks to Robyn Penman who also helped. We could have made a lot more money for Ronald McDonald House if we had more people manning the buckets. We have had many discussions at Board & at Club Assembly on fund raising ideas, as we can't expect the golfers to keep being the backbone of our fundraising. Well...here's one opportunity. This opportunity also exposes us to a younger demographic, who, heaven forbid, after seeing Rotary in action may think were not all male, pale & stale! (I've had my rant now & got it off my chest.)

Sensational news from District with Phil Lyon's application for a Simplified Grant being successful & the NE Orthopaedic Outreach will receive \$3000. Well done Phil! It was great to hear Dr Di's report on the last visit & she seems very excited by return visits from patients &

seeing what a tremendous difference has been made to their lives through the surgery & treatment received from Dr Rob, Dr Di & the teams of volunteers.

It was wonderful to have so many visitors this week & an 89% roll up of members. However, this was tinged with some sadness having to farewell Stuart & Paula Glover. We wish them well in their move to Caloundra where they will continue their good work with the Salvo's. Big thank you to Paula for leading the National Anthem, which hasn't sounded that good since the last time she visited.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas wherever you may have been, looking forward to a great 2012....please stay safe.

Louise oxo

UPDATES/ NEWS / DIARY DATES

- **Can I have some more recipes please ~~next~~ this year**
- **The Longest Line Dance held during the Country Music Festival has been approved by Council. Chris requires 6 helpers prior to the Cavalcade.**
- **Brian Yeo – Marshalls required for the Cavalcade – need 12 for the 6.30 – 6.45 am start on Saturday 28 January.**
- **Louise – We need RYLA participants so consider family and work colleagues.**
- **Petition for Law and Order – need 10,000 signatures**
- **Di Ford report on last Rabaul/Kokopo trip. Only one week or less with flight issues but 36 operations were undertaken including to Daniel and his Mum Relvie due to ongoing issues from severe burns. Great to hear that we have received \$3,000 from District Simplified Grants.**
- **Caramello Quiz – Q. How many children of Club Members were at the first Christmas Party? A. 76 children under 12 years.**
- **John 'Vindictive Santa' Toulmin quote "A day not depressing someone is a day wasted as an Accountant".**
- **Narelle is going to name her baby 'Sunrise' and will arrange DNA sampling to help confirm the father. DJ got a mention?**
- **Speaking of DJ – operation was a success with good outcome and look forward to having him back amongst his friends.**

Visit from the Vindictive Santa and the 'Easy' Elf/Pixie/Fairy (not sure)



Thanks Biff for the following observation

INTERESTING OBSERVATION

1. The sport of choice for the urban poor is **BASKETBALL.**
- 2 The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is **BOWLING.**
- 3 The sport of choice for front-line workers is **FOOTBALL.**
- 4 The sport of choice for supervisors is **BASEBALL.**
- 5 The sport of choice for middle management is **TENNIS.**

And....

- 6 The sport of choice for corporate executives and officers is **GOLF.**

THE AMAZING CONCLUSION:

The higher you go in the corporate structure, the smaller your balls become..There must be a ton of people in Canberra playing **MARBLES!**

Jokes from Louise... and yes this lot is printable

1. The wife was counting all the 5 and 10 cent pieces out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."

2.

When I was in the pub I heard a couple of nutters saying that they wouldn't feel safe on an aircraft if they knew the pilot was a woman. What a pair of sexist idiots. I mean, it's not as if she'd have to reverse the bloody thing!

3. Little Johnny is sitting in geography class when the teacher asks him, "Where is Pakistan?" He replies, "Outside playing with Paki-Dave".

4. Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter' who has stabbed six people in the arse in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern.

5. Bought some 'rocket salad' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

6. A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen. The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."

7. Murphy says to Paddy "What ya talkin to an envelope for?" "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod!"

8. Just got back from my mate's funeral. He died after being hit on the head with a tennis ball. It was a lovely service.

9. 19 paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks "Why so many of you?" Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."

10. An Asian fellow has moved in next door. He has travelled the world, swum with sharks, wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat.

Thanks to Paul Stevenson for the following article, which is a great read and soooooo true.



understand me, my ex-wife has shaved her head and donned the saffron robes of a Buddhist monastery, my old schoolmates are popping off the twig and, as it is Christmas, I'm supposed to feel good about everything.

So I'm casting around looking at my life, searching for something – anything – to hang a hope upon.

And there it is, staring me in the face. For the past 15 years, I've been creating history. I've been educating the poor, feeding the hungry, curing cataract blindness, battling malaria, educating conflict resolvers, and doing all this by the simple act of cooking the odd sausage.

I joined a Rotary club in 1997.

I was still in my 30s, and I swear I was so embarrassed about joining what I had always thought was an organisation for old fat men in suits that for the first 10 years I didn't tell a soul.

And in all that time, as the Rotary International roll call continued to diminish, we were urged to improve our PR. We all thought that meant getting stories about our fund-raisers in local newspapers. Of course, it's much more than that.

So I began telling friends how Rotary is helping to cure polio – only the second time in history a disease has been eradicated.

How our weekend community barbecues raise enough money to make the world a better place.

We have plenty of women in Rotary these days, and still too many old, fat men in suits.

But surely Christmas is the time for old, fat men in (red) suits.

Mark Wallace

Claim the date

23 February 2012 – Film Premiere for "End Polio Now"

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Tom Wilkinson, Bill Nighy and Dev Patel

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Dad's distraction burnt sausages

Apparently certain Bulletin Editor well known for lack of BBQ skills, but especially with the Aussie Snag.

Pretty simple really.

Place a kilo of lean slim fat free low flavour snags on grill of BBQ and make sure gas is turned to high. Return to BBQ and light gas. (reason for no hair)

With a beer in one hand get distracted by friend or two for 5 minutes until snags are smoking or charring along one side.

Turn snags one quarter turn.

Note some pots need watering and leave for another 5 minutes until some yelling from kitchen alerts to further smoke and smell of burning of aforesaid fat free flavourless snags.

Return to BBQ and turn snags a further one quarter turn.

Get called in to lift down large platter by wife and go to bar fridge for further refreshment and have a chat to the 'inside' people. Look outside and note a lot of smoke again.

Turn sausages for final cooking just to make sure nothing raw inside.

Remove from heat and rest – just to make sure and also helps to dry the little buggers out even more.

Ready to serve to ungrateful family. Back in my day my mother told me charcoal was good for you and.....



ROSTER	11 January 2012	18 January 2012
Guest Speaker	Breakfast in the Park	Paul Bennett
Topic	Anzac Park – East Tamworth	Personal Profile
Door Team	Steve Mitchell & John Worldon	Graham Nuttall & Bruce Hemmett
Meeter & Greeter		Greg Birtles
Welcome		David Baddams
President Assist		Anne Jacob
Visitor Assist		Brian Logan
Corporal Assist		John Treloar
Introduction		Brian Bailey
Vote of Thanks		Maureen Thornton

CORPORALS for **January: Michael Smith & Paul Stevenson**
February: David Baddams & Greg Birtles

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND INDUCTIONS	
Members Birthdays	David Hinwood 1/1, Graham Dooley 7/1 & Bruce Hemmett 13/1
Partners Birthdays	Annette Smith (partner of Julian) 2/1
Anniversaries	Ross & Judy Lobsey 5/1 39 yrs, Brian & Dianna Yeo 10/1 41 yrs & Mark & Anne O'Connor 14/1 17 yrs
Induction into Club	Nil
Attendance	89%
Make Ups	Nil
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Visitors	Jill Toulmin, Sam Norris, Leonie Bell, Keith Pynt & Paula Glover
Head and Tails	John Fogarty
Raffle	Brodie Shields

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