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THE FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say or do: -

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BULLETIN NO: 24

Thursday 12th December, 2019.

DECEMBER IS ROTARY DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH.

Club meets at the WAGGA WAGGA COUNTRY CLUB, **6:00 PM for 6.30 PM** (unless stated below).

Duty Officers' Roster: -

Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot fulfil your rostered duty. Also inform the Bulletin Reporter.

DATE:	Thursday 16 th January 2020.	Thursday 23 rd January 2020.
PROGRAMME:	Book Sorting at the Copland St. Book Sorting Facility.	TBA.
ATTENDANCE:	Karel Bijker	Karel Bijker Peter Murray
GREETER:	Not Required	Mike Murray
SHORT & SWEET:	Not Required	Tony Hutchinson
FINES-MASTER:	Not Required	Alan Lean
INTRODUCE SPEAKER:	Not Required	John Studdert
VOTE OF THANKS:	Not Required	Philip Cross
BULLETIN REPORTER:	Neil Hilpern	Ellen Brasier

Invocation: *For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve through Rotary, we give thanks.*

Unable to attend a meeting? **Please lodge an apology with THE COUNTRY CLUB OFFICE ☎ 6922 6444** by 2.30 pm Wednesday (or pre-record it in the book provided at the meeting attendance table – IN BLOCK LETTERS).

Also, for catering purposes, please advise if bringing a guest to a meeting.

MEETING REPORT: -

Attendance.

This year's 'Christmas Party' meeting was opened with the usual formalities and the 'table decorators' included in the toast. President David welcomed thirty four members – representing 75% of our membership. Apologies were recorded from Bill Prest, Graham Gorrel, John Heazlewood, John Studdert, Neil Hilpern, Paul Galloway, Peter Veerhuis & Rajinder Singh.



Also welcomed were Michael Wynne (guest of Alok Sharma), Peter and Sue Maxwell (tireless volunteers at weekly Tuesday book sorts), Angela Kane (daughter of Alf Barzen), and the wives/partners of Nepal Ghosh (Dipa), Gordon Saggars (Margaret), Terry Mecham (Fran), Tony Hutch (Lyn), Karel Bijker (Wendy), Barry Francis (Christine), Rob Sharkie (Rhonda), Phil Cross (Meryl), David Payne (Fran), David Friedlieb (Catherine), and Brad Bland (Jackie – as well as young son Harry).

Bruce Barber made a welcome return after his travels to the Himalayas where he was involved in a Rotary Project (we hope to be able to report on this activity in a subsequent edition – 'watch this space').

Administrative Matters.

- A sign of the times perhaps? Due to the impending 'cashless society', it is expected that, as of next year, it will be possible for members to **Pay Dinner Fees Electronically**. This announcement was received warmly by most members.
- Last week's **Rotaract Christmas Trivia** evening was attended by six representatives from our club (Elaine, Ellen, Margaret E, Vicky, Peter V and wife Joan). It was a very enjoyable evening, and it was good to see that several other Rotary Clubs from Wagga also attended. These young people deserve our support. Perhaps next year we could make the effort to have more members attend.
- President David and Alan Lean attended the **TAFE Awards** on Tuesday 10th December, and presented an award on behalf of our club. The recipient was Jesse Tennave for Outstanding Student Leadership.
- The **Rotary Peace Ceremony** for 2020 is set down for Sunday 23rd February. Mary Ann Kelly is our club's representative. Another representative would be most welcome. More details will be included in future bulletins.
- President David is seeking nominations/volunteers to represent our Club at the **District Membership Seminar** to be held in Young on 8-9th February 2020. There is the possibility of subsidised accommodation for early volunteers.
- Members wishing to contribute to the Rotary Foundation as '**Centurions**' are requested to do so at their earliest convenience. Either:
 - Use the form attached to this Bulletin (please disregard the date – the form is still current), or
 - Forward their their remittance (\$AUD100 or more) to Club Treasurer Nepal.
- The first draft of the new **Club Website** has been developed – and it is looking very good. Progress towards getting this website 'up and running' is very positive.
- Alok Sharma will be making a visit to India to conduct a **Three-Day Eye Camp**, departing on 16th February. Any member interested in accompanying Alok on this worthy mission should contact him without delay.
- The final BBQ commitment for 2019 is a big one. The **Multicultural BBQ** will be held in the Botanical Gardens on **Saturday 14th December**. A large team is required to cater for a very large crowd. It is anticipated that help will be required from 3 PM 'til approximately 7 PM.



Lucky Door Prize Winners.

Christine Francis was the lucky winner of the wine prize. Gerry Page was the winner of second prize.....a box of chocolates.

Short & Sweet.

Elaine Almond invited members who were in need of any Christmas jokes to contact her, as she inadvertently printed 57 pages of them whilst doing her 'research' for Short & Sweet this week.

She selected two for our enjoyment, and everyone laughed at the appropriate time, so.....well done Elaine!.

Fines Master.



Gordon Sagers helped spread some Christmas Cheer; he began by fining all the usual suspects.....those who celebrated birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and raffle winners. He noted that Wagga Beach has found its way into the list of the top 10 beaches in Australia, and asked all those who had been to this tourism icon in 2019 to pay up. He then proceeded to roast several members and in the process extracted a healthy sum from their pockets.

Christmas Gathering.

Members arrived wearing an interesting collection of hats, ties and other 'garments'. - Rob Sharkie was resplendent in a midnight blue velvet jacket and an outstanding bow tie, David Kennedy just lacked a well-placed pillow to be convincing as Santa, and there are just no words to describe the festive look created by David Wynne – well!..... See for yourself



Entertainment: -

Once again we were astounded by the depth of talent from within our own ranks.

- Graham Russell stepped up to the microphone and delivered two bush yarns, namely 'The Weather Prophet' by Banjo Paterson and 'The Boss's Wife' by that very prolific poet Anonymous. As usual, very well delivered and thoroughly entertaining.
- David Wynne's contribution for the evening was the story of 'Wallaby Jack and the Elephant', which he told with his usual panache whilst dressed in.....let's all be glad he decided to wear his shorts! He finished by auctioning a bottle of wine, with the proceeds being put towards the purchase of gifts to be added to the members' donations to the K Mart Wishing Tree. Our President's wife Catherine was the very generous highest bidder.
- Community Carol Singing. The evening concluded with the singing of Christmas Carols. Thank you to David Kennedy for his efforts in providing the words and the backing music and Sergeant Graeme for leading the singing.

NEXT MEETING: -

The first meeting for 2020 will be on Thursday 16th January at the Club Book Sorting/Storage facility (Copland Street) for a book sort. 6:00 PM for 6.30 PM.



CHRISTMAS: -

Best wishes to all for a happy and safe Christmas.



Whilst Christmas has its origins in the Christian religions, in this country it seems to be enjoyed by all, and is considered to be a season of good will and benevolence. It is considered a time for philanthropy – an exercise that benefits both the donor and the recipient. Whilst you enjoy this season, you might spare a thought for others who might be less well-off.

We are currently asked to provide support for the following worthwhile projects: -

1. The **Zaric family** from Nangus, who are 'doing it pretty tough' at the moment. This family featured on the recent SBS episode of 'Struggle Street'. The Rotary Clubs of Districts 9700 and 9710 are collaborating to provide assistance to the family, firstly by renovating their home. This project is detailed in our District Governor's current Newsletter. Volunteers are being sought to carry out the building, fitting and painting work. - alternatively a Tax Deductible donation can be made through RAWCS at: - <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/44-2019-20>
2. The Rotary Foundation's **Disease Prevention** focus for this month. Your donation will make a difference in this world by helping people in need – from supplying vaccine drops that protect a child from polio to training peace-builders who'll strive for a future with less conflict. With a gift today, the Foundation can make lives better in your community and around the world. Please consider giving the gift of Rotary so together we can keep 'Doing Good in the World'. Donate at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/give-gift-rotary>
3. The **Centurion Club** – the brainchild of our own Peter Walsh, who unfortunately was killed in an air crash. Centurions pledge A\$100 each year to the Rotary Foundation. The donation can direct to specific programmes, such as Polio-plus if you wish. Please see details above regarding this project.

PLEASE BLOCK-OUT THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY: -

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| ◆ 14 th December | Multicultural BBQ – 3:00 PM to 7 PM Wagga Botanical Gardens. |
| ◆ 16 th January 2020 | First Club Meeting for 2020 – Book Sorting Facility. |
| ◆ 11-17 th January 2020 | RYLA. |
| ◆ 8 – 9 th Feb 2020 | District Membership Seminar in Young |
| ◆ 23 rd Feb 2020 | Rotary Peace Ceremony |
| ◆ 4 th March 2020 | Catering At Lilier Lodge. |
| ◆ 20-22 nd March 2020 | Final D9700 Conference (Temora). |
| ◆ 2-3 rd May 2020 | Wagga Rotary BOOK FAIR. |
| ◆ 3 rd June 2020 | Catering At Lilier Lodge. |
| ◆ 6-10 th June 2020 | Rotary International Convention – Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. |



THE 'HAPPY SNAPS' FROM THIS WEEK: -



David, Dipa, Graeme & Peter enjoy some fellowship before the meeting.



Terry Mecham leads the way with 'Christmas Bling'.



With Tony Hutchinson close behind.



Graham Russell recites his Aussie Bush poem.



Harry Bland assists with the Sergeants Session.



Mike Murray – well, just being Mike!



Graeme leads the Carol Singing.



Christine Francis the lucky winner of the Door Prize.



Gerry Page – the 'runner-up' with his box of chocolates.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: -

(1st Jan – 1st Feb.)

Birthdays: Neil Hilpern (8/1), Lyndal Seymour (9/1), Dorothy Prest (15/1), Karel Bijker (24/1) & Ian Gibson (26/1).

Rotary Anniversaries: Nil.

Wedding Anniversaries: Bruce & Ruth Barber (2/1), Peter & Joan Veerhuis (8/1) and Brad & Jacqui Bland (14/1).



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Merry Christmas
from
Your Bulletin Committee.





the Centurion Club



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