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## TONIGHT

Guest speaker

**Young persons' guide to  
Culver City and Sth Africa**

Chairman Adrian Schmidt

Registration Keith Woolnough, Aidan Wright

Greeters Daryl Knight, Glen Vincent

Emergency Max Didier

## NEXT MEETING

*APOLOGIES + guest registration by noon Monday to website address above or phone 9844 3546*

**14 December**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP**

## DUTY REMINDERS

*If you are unable to carry out the duty as rostered below, please ring the emergency person to fill your role for that meeting.*



	<b>14 DEC.</b>	<b>21 DEC.</b>	<b>11 JAN.</b>
Chairperson	Malcolm Ferguson		
Registration	Alan Lonsdale McIldowney	JIM NO MEETING	BBQ fellowship
Greeters	Ian Loxton Roslyn Gaylor	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>Venue to be advised</b>
Emergency	Daryl Knight		

# Last week

**ATTENDANCE: 71.8%**

Total make-ups by members so far this year: 451

**WE WELCOMED** 46 members with partners Denise Alexander, Veronica Coleman, Jan Haigh, Margaret Kidd, Wendy Knight, Anne Kumnick, Adele Mee, Joyce Parr, Frances Wright; visiting Rotarian Jan Verschuren from Belgium; guest of Ian Loxton, John Trainor from NZ; exchange students Veit Hoffmann and Nick Green with mum Sam.

**WE MISSED** Paul Agrotis, Joseph Alphonse, Joady Barnes, Peter Bloomfield, Mitchell Boys, Daryl Brown, Joe Cumbo, Wayne Daniels, Max Didier, Neil English, Malcolm Ferguson, Soula Ganiatsas, Sheena Johnson, Ashley Kumar, Jim McIlldowney, Alan McKinnon, Pauline Nolan, Jeff Stratford.

**WE COLLECTED** Fines, \$87.60; copper pot, \$21.85.  
Total for year: fines, \$1703.40; copper pot, \$611.95.

**WE HEARD** • FROM **President John**: welcome to:

– Jan Verschuren (pictured left exchanging banners with President John). Jan said he was visiting from a club in Belgium with a membership of 42 “and unfortunately no women”.

– Judith Brown (pictured below left), the first female to join RC Doncaster East and its first female president”.

– Wally Spinks, limping but back on his feet.

• FROM **Anthony Fernandez**: thanks for the strong support and prayers while he was in hospital.

• FROM **Ian Goldsmith**: a reminder for members to advise **Ray Carter** ASAP of their plans to attend the GSE dinner at Monte Carlo on Wednesday 3 February (which will replace the club meeting normally scheduled for Monday 1 February). We are co-hosting the evening with RC Box Hill. The \$35 meal cost must be paid before Xmas.



## RUMMAGE SHOP

thanks helpers since last issue:

Pierre Russo  
Jack Salter  
Ray Carter  
Daryl Knight  
Keith Woolnough  
Joady Barnes & Marg.  
Sarah Arslangul x2  
Soula Ganiatsas  
Audrey Lee  
Adele Mee  
Alyce Elliott  
Diane Elliott  
Denise Alexander  
Carole English  
Jan Roberts  
Ingrid Bridger

**Dec. 12** Jack Parr  
Jan Pearce

**Dec. 19** Russell Perry  
Kira Olney

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# PHF Sapphire for David A.

THE club and DG David Forster sprang a surprise on **David Alexander** at last week's meeting by presenting him with a Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire recognition.

Announcing this gesture of support for David as he prepares to step into the role of DG next year, **President John** said David's first association with Rotary was in 1983 when, as an Ambassadorial Scholar, he received a Masters degree from Purdue University, Indiana, USA.

Since then he has served as president of our club in 2005/06, hosted (with Denise, a regular Rummage Shop volunteer) five Rotary exchange students and operated the Infotech program which he introduced in 1996. He was awarded a PHF in 2006.

## Uniform reminder

WITH our participation in *Carols in the Park* soon, members are urged to present themselves as Rotarians by wearing club uniform. Current prices: T-shirt \$26 male, \$29 female; rain jacket \$37; cap \$18. Order from **Peter Giasoumi** at tonight's meeting or phone 9848 3935.



## Partnerships and change vital to Rotary

ON HIS official visit to the club last week, DG David Forster emphasised the value of Rotary clubs working in partnership with one another. He said:

"Partnerships can take many forms and can be with other clubs and organisations locally, nationally and internationally. We have the network to be able to do this successfully . . . to continually develop our ability to use it to best effect.

"When the Rotary organisation works in partnership with others, the potential is mind blowing."

David also focused on the task of attracting new members to Rotary. He said:

"We need to ensure that we embrace change to grow. That does not mean giving up the past.

"The experience of past success is integral to growth. But we must not let past successes overshadow the need for us to identify future needs and priorities. This extends to identifying the needs of our potential members as well as the needs of existing members.

"We must ensure that we provide a medium to which we attract the sort of people who want to make a difference. We want to attract people whose capabilities, professional and personal integrity, attributes and skills will contribute towards Rotary's common principles and operating guidelines."

# Coming events

## TONIGHT

We'll hear from:  
– our outbound Culver City exchange students.  
– South African Rotary speech competition winner.

## DECEMBER 14

Christmas break-up function. Let Daryl Knight know your plans.

Deadline for Xmas hampers to go to Donald.

## DECEMBER 18

BBQ for annual Carols in the Park. Offers of help to Ian Coleman.

## JANUARY 11


Social fellowship BBQ at a venue to be advised.



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**Snag night invitation**

IAN COLEMAN is still seeking BBQ cooks and servers for the annual Manningham Churches pre-Carols family function on Friday 18 December. He thanks **Col Haigh** for offering to cut-up the sausages and **Keith Woolnough** and **Paul Mee** for undertaking to get the BBQ trailer to and from Ruffey Lake Park.

**We help autistic children**

ON BEHALF of our club, **Neil English** and **Carol Banfield** last week presented a \$1049 software package to Elizabeth Dumonic. This will enable her to communicate with her autistic son, Alexandra, who lacks the usual verbal and cognitive skills of the average six-year-old.



Next year Alexandra will attend Bulleen Special School and Elizabeth promises that the software will be shared with other families in similar circumstances. She has written to the club thanking us for the donation.

In 2002 there was one autistic child in every 37 births in Victoria. This number is increasing. Government funding comes nowhere near to the cost of caring for autistic children. Professional therapy alone can cost up to \$300 an hour.

**Sheena shines for Scots**

NEW-but-missing member **Sheena Johnson** reports from UK: "Went to my first Rotary meeting on 3 December at Colwall Rotary Club in District 1100. It is really a gentlemen's club – they didn't conduct any business last night but had a wonderful Scottish guest speaker on Turners Syndrome. We had a buffet with fish pie and salads and I was treated very kindly. The secretary picked me up and took me home. He is also a Scot so I felt quite at home. Some of the members were quietly encouraging me to come back, I think they would like to introduce women to the club!"



Looking to support David Alexander in his *MOVEMBER* fundraising effort, Geoff Kidd last week invited all other mustached members (ladies excluded) to face the camera. This was the result.