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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

Thursday 14th December 2023

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST - RED SQUARE CAMBRIDGE PARK - 8.00 am.

WELCOME BACK ZANE AND JESS - NYSF ALUMNI

It was wonderful to welcome back to our Club Zane Farnum and Jess Stephens. They volunteered to come along to tell us about their busy lives after we last met them as Grade 11 students heading off, with our support, to the National Youth Science forum in 2018 and 2019 respectively. It is no surprise that both have had made outstanding achievements in science thus far.

Zane now holds a Medical Research Degree with Honours and is currently at the Wicking Dementia Research Centre working on his PhD. If that is not enough he is actively involved in community engagement programs which, like the Young Tas. Scientists and the Tas. Model Solar Challenge, make science relevant to young people.

Jess has also been very busy studying Medicine at UTAS for the past four years. In her second year she travelled to Goondiwindi giving COVID vaccinations. Last year was spent completing an Honours Research Project in neuroscience. In 2024 she will be working at the Burnie Hospital. Both Zane and Jess thanked our Club for sparking their interest in science. We wish them every success in their future careers.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT SOUTH ARM ...



Thirty members and partners attended our Christmas Lunch at the South Arm RSL Club.

There was a very festive vibe and many took up the challenge to be as Christmasy as possible as evidenced by PP Ray Pickett and Anne Reeves who won the prize for their efforts.

A rather scrawny Santa made an appearance accompanied by his elfin friend Gayle. They delighted the crowd with sweet treats for being



excellent Rotarians in 2023. President Reg thanked all members for their contribution and commitment to our Club while doing good things in our local community. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the organizing team of Shirin, Jill, Gayle and Robyn, as usual their planning was excellent. Santa drew his own ticket to win the big Xmas hamper, Peter Allanby took second prize and of course Shirin Pickett couldn't miss out and took the Lucky Door prize. Thanks everyone for a great fun day.



TWO NEW MEMBERS! WELCOME DEB AND LEEANNE

It was a pleasure to induct two new members into our Club at last week's meeting. Leeanne Benson (left) was nominated PP Peter Lowery while Deb Austen was proposed by Secretary Robyn. Both have already stepped up to represent our Club at End of Year Assemblies at two of our local schools. A warm welcome to Deb and Leeanne.



A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

Rotarian Karin Zwick (centre) treated all members to a really interesting and ultimately very tasty presentation about how Christmas is celebrated in Germany. While much of what happens is similar to Australia the biggest difference is centred around Christmas Eve when all the action happens. For example the Xmas tree is decorated, people head to Xmas markets to stock up on all manner of treats. Santa Claus doesn't deliver German children's gifts. Christkind does on 24th December. When children hear a bell ring they know their gifts have arrived.

Germans usually don't have their main dinner on the 25th, but on the 24th. This is also the time when Christmas gifts are unwrapped, usually after dinner. Karin provided some delicious treats for us to try and Stollen was favourite in her childhood. It is a yeast bread that is baked with dried fruits, candied citrus peel, nuts and spices. Xmas in Germany happens in winter so a popular drink is Glühwein a hot spiced wine that is a staple at German Christmas markets. Karin brought some for us to sample which went down well with Elaine Hardy's stollen. Many thanks Karin for a really interesting presentation.



Karin is pictured here with Elaine Hardy and Shirin Pickett.

SCHOOL END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES ARE HERE ...

Over the next two weeks Howrah Rotarians will attend all of our eleven local schools to present awards to children who have performed well during 2023. While we provide the schools with a donation, the school staff select the recipients and the qualities they wish to celebrate. Most are academic based but others may be for citizenship, leadership or sporting achievements. Rotarian George Toepfer always enjoys returning to John Paul 11 Catholic School where he was Principal many moons ago. **George is pictured here with Grade 6 student Aaron Okumu.**



Corpus Christi "Festival" School Chocolate Wheel.

With impending rain, which came with force, we were moved into the hall before we arrived. We did well and after many spins and we were all done by 7:15pm ish, when Corpus Christi offered the team that was left, some thank-you hospitality.



Mega, mega, thank you to the Rotary "Chocolate Wheel Team". Gayle, Shirin, Rob, Sue Saunders, Anne, Karin, Susie, and Peter Allanby. Also a special thanks to Matt and Sandra from Corpus Christi School. Sue and Peter, even won prizes. Other prizes were flying out to happy winners thanks to Shirin and Gayle. A good community service evening everyone!



"Hoarse" George
Chocolate Wheel Co-ordinator.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather and acknowledge Elders – past and present of Lutruwita".



HERE AND THERE

- Treasurer Gayle advised the latest Bunning BBQ provided \$1600 to our coffers. Well done team.
- The Club has subsidised the cost to members of the Christmas Lunch at South Arm by \$20.
- Sadly the Rotary Bookshop at Little Howrah Point must close soon as the space is being prepared for a new lease. At the time of writing the bookshop will close on Saturday 17th and will be packed and moved to the Sandford Chapel during the following week. Volunteers will be required for the move. More detailed information will be distributed by email.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Gayle took the white wine and someone else took the chocolates. Probably Shirin, who also won a meat tray run by the Bellerive Yacht Club.

DIARY OF EVENTS ...

JANUARY

Thurs. 18th Our first meeting for 2024 will be an evening BBQ at Gayle's residence at Old Beach. More details later.

FEBRUARY

Thurs. 1st First meeting back at the Bellerive Yacht Club.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SUPER 2024

To all members of Rotary Club of Howrah have a wonderful Christmas with your families and take some well earned rest and recreation and we'll see you all in 2024.



ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

Members who **are unable** to attend Thursday meetings **OR** those who **do not require** a meal should **contact SHIRIN before lunchtime on Tuesdays.**

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