Guess who made it to the most popular place in Croydon these holidays???

BIRTHDAYS - Pauline Brown 13th January, John Gander 15th January

The Rotary Club of Croydon

“Hugs all Round”

Fun, fellowship and friendship combined into one giving spirit.
Club Information:

Postal Address: P.O. Box 226 Croydon Victoria 3136

Meeting venue: Dorset Gardens Hotel 335 Dorset Road Croydon 3136

Club President: John Van Holsteyn president@rotarycroydon.org.au 039 758 4699

Imm. Past President: David Ferres 039725 1899

Secretary: Joy Varughese secretary@rotarycroydon.org.au 0451 880 186

Incoming President Elect: Richard Gilham richardgilham@dodo.com.au 0428 329900

Treasurer: Eric Thomas roya1ltreasurer@rotarycroydon.org.au

Not Able To Come?........... This is so Important!

Please advise apologies for meetings to Jean Stuart on 0416 036489 or mail : jeanieos007@gmail.com

Note! Mondays before 10.00am.

Welcome!

Greeter and hugger for December Ian Cumming
Cashiers for December Jean Stuart, John Hexter

Two course dinner $25.00 at the Dorset Gardens Hotel.

Chronicle contributions and any articles of interest are invited from all members and persons that have an interest in the promotion of Rotary International.

Please email Richard at: pr/communications@rotarycroydon.org.au

By close of business Friday.
### Club Program January – February 2015

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<td>January 27, 2015</td>
<td>Our Guest Speaker this week will be <strong>Martin Bailey</strong>. Martin is a “Word of Mouth Marketing Specialist and will speak to us about how we as Rotarians can use Word of Mouth Marketing to spread the work of Rotary in the community.</td>
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<td>February 3, 2015</td>
<td>Our Guest Speaker for this <strong>Partners Night</strong> will be <strong>Rebecca Miller</strong>, a Rotary World Peace Fellow. Rebecca will speak to us about the objectives of Rotary Foundation’s World Peace Program. For additional information see the following web sites: <a href="https://www.rotary.org/">https://www.rotary.org/</a> and <a href="https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships">https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships</a></td>
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<td>February 10, 2015</td>
<td>Guest Speaker for this week is <strong>Tiffany</strong>, an Australian of Vietnamese descent. Tiffany will speak to us about what she is doing to assist the children in an orphanage near Nah Trang Vietnam. See additional article at the end of the Program.</td>
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<td>February 17, 2015</td>
<td>The Guest Speaker for this week is <strong>Jessica Barlow</strong>. Jessica is the founder of the “Dear Holly Project” For additional information see the link: <a href="http://dearhollyproject.com/">http://dearhollyproject.com/</a></td>
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<td>February 24, 2015</td>
<td>The meeting this week will be held at Kilsyth Club. The District and Carol Laughton will conduct the Youth Seminar for 2015.</td>
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<td>March 3, 2015</td>
<td>Our Guest Speaker for this <strong>Partners Night</strong> will be <strong>Helen Parker</strong> founder of “The Babes Project”. Additional information will be supplied closer to the date. In the meantime have a look at the web site <a href="http://www.thebabesproject.com.au/">http://www.thebabesproject.com.au/</a></td>
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### Diary Dates

- **Rotary Conference**: March 13-15 Ballarat
- **Croquet Challenge**: March 31 RC Lilydale
President’s Report

What an inspiration to hear Elijah, our club’s exchange student, talk about his experiences in Italy. It’s truly amazing how much the Rotary exchange program fosters maturity, insight and openness in students. We, as members, benefit through observing this positive outcome that gives us hope for the future and confidence that the world will become a better place.

In the Board meeting on Tuesday, we confirmed that we will be seeking applications from year 10 students to leave in a year’s time, thereby accepting the responsibility to receive an incoming student.

At the Board meeting, we also decided to cancel our booking for the planned March concert due to the short planning cycle and uncertainty about our ability to fill the venue with an appropriate act. There are many factors that contributed to the less than optimal outcome of our November concert, to name just a few: change in booking process; poor marketing; transition of members organising the concert; a more commercial and limiting approach by venue management; competition from community groups that put on similar concerts for less than half our entry fee; artists’ fees; lower ticket sales by members; and a shrinking mailing list. We intend to review our approach to the concert as a fundraiser, to revamp the associated procedures, and to evaluate promising alternatives. This requires the input of all members. Your feedback and suggestions can be addressed to myself, incognito if you so desire.

We fondly remember Jeanette Griffiths, the wife of our long-time and now honorary member Fred, who passed away peacefully this week. We wish Fred and family our sympathy and support. May Jeanette rest in peace.

Till next week,

John
Welcome home dinner

The District Youth Exchange Committee has extended an open invitation to all to attend a dinner to welcome back exchange students, including Elijah who was sponsored by our club. This will happen on Friday 13th February at the Mulgrave Country Club in Wheelers Hill at 7:00 for 7:30PM. The cost of the 3-course dinner is $30 per person, with drinks at bar price. Please advise Secretary Joy or President John by 31 January if you’d like to attend. Payment in person to John at one of our regular club meetings, as we are sending one booking sheet with payment to the organising committee.

Support for Marlene

For those of you who would like to do something for Marlene, she has suggested that we write to the Northern Territory police to thank them for their dedication in completing the search for Carlie and for the support they have given the Sinclair family over the past eighteen months.

The letter should be addressed to:
Acting Commissioner Reece Kershaw
Northern Territory Police
PO Box 39764
Winneilie NT 0821.

(The Commissioner, John McRoberts, who was in charge of the investigation has this week resigned his position due to an unrelated issue).

Letter received from Lorraine Brodie

To all at Rotary Croydon

My family and myself would like to say a big “Thank you” for the support, love, and caring you all have shown through Ian’s illness. It has helped us cope through Ian’s journey by having such a great group of friends to support us.

I am sure Ian’s memory will live on with the Croydon Rotary for quite a while. He was a good bloke. Thanks you for the beautiful flowers, and the people who attended his “celebration of life”. I am sure he would have enjoyed the day.

Love and best wishes, Lorraine and family.
Men...

Where are you?

An invitation to men over 50

Council on the Ageing (COTA Victoria), Donwood and the Maroondah City Council invite you to be part of this morning event for local men over 50.

Developed and run by peer educators from COTA this event will provide opportunities to:

- Meet, talk and enjoy time with other local men your age.
- 'Chew the fat' about the challenges that face you and other men.
- Enjoy a morning tea and refreshments during the morning’s discussion.
- Learn about OM:NI (Men’s Discussion Groups) - a COTA initiative for men over 50

It will be interesting, informative and fun. A morning you will not want to miss, and it's free!

When: Thursday 12 February 2015
Where: Donwood, 17 Diana St, Croydon Melways ref: 50 E4
Time: 9.30 am – midday

Bookings essential call:
John: 0434 836 695 or
Gillian: 9879 7366 Opt 2

It’s never too late to make new mates!

This event is supported by the Rotary Club of Croydon
Would you like to make a contribution to the “End Polio Now” campaign and see Maggie Smith and friends in the Premier of

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel?

Make your booking now for the movie premier.

Bring your family, bring your friends and bring your neighbours. The more the merrier.

Venue: Croydon Cinemas

Time: 7:00 PM Thursday February 26, 2015 not Wednesday February 25 as earlier indicated

Ticket Price is $15.00 per person

Ticket price includes the movie premier, a donation to Rotary’s End Polio Now and a raffle ticket.

The raffle prize is a voucher to the value of $200.00 to be used at

Coombe-The Melba Estate Restaurant Coldstream

Book your tickets as follows:

1. Visit Nirvana Computer Services, 3/14 Thomas Brew Lane Croydon or
2. Pay for the tickets online to Bendigo Bank, Account Name Rotary Club of Croydon
   BSB 633000, A/c 150142883 and quote your family name. Email roscoe55@optusnet.com.au the
   number of tickets purchased and a contact phone number. Tickets will be issue once payment is
   received or
3. Pay Jean Stuart at a Rotary meeting

Tickets will not be available for this event on the evening at the Cinema.
Donate Supplies, or Donate Funds to Purchase Supplies
Loc Tho Pagoda, Orphanage and Charity School, Nha Trang – Vietnam

Items purchased/donated from Australia to be taken over
The below items are either considered an ultimate luxury where they is much more expensive to buy in Vietnam, not easily available, or simply not available at all. Therefore, it is easier to stock up on them here in Australia and take them over.

- Children's gummy multi-vitamins
- Glucosamine tablets
- Calcium tablets
- Bandages
- Bandage tape
- Lice shampoo (non-aerosol type)
- Alcohol swabs
- Nail fungus treatment
- Asthma spacer
- Medical tweezers
- Medical/surgical gloves
- Blood pressure gauge
- Otoscope (ear examination instrument)
- Burn treatment/cooling cream
- Waterproof band-aids purchased as they are almost impossible to get over there
- Medicine measuring cups
- Baby pacifiers (dummy’s)
- Baby bibs
- English learning CDs, DVDs, flash cards aimed at children in kindergarten to grade 5 (ESL level). These can be pre-loved/second hand in good condition
- Blackack
- Stickers/ment stamps
- Picture story books (including pop-up books, textured books, etc.)
Items to be purchased from over in Vietnam

(From donated funds)

The below items can be easily purchased quite cheaply over in Vietnam:

- Medicated green oil bottle, $1 each. Need 50 bottles
- Soluble vitamins (for the babies). A tube of 20 capsules is $1, need 50 tubes
- Cough syrup. A 60 ml bottle is $3, need 50 bottles
- Gentrisone antibiotic steroid cream. A 20mg tube is $1, need 50 tubes
- Paracetamol. A box of 100 tablets is $2, need 20 boxes
- Ventolin. A pump is $3, need 15
- Cotton buds. A box of 300 is $1, need 10 boxes
- Cotton balls. A bag of 100 is $0.70. Need 10 bags
- Vietnamese to English dictionaries. These are about $3 each and 50 are needed
- White chalk. A box with 100 pieces is about $3, 10 boxes are needed
- Coloured chalk. A box of 50 pieces is about $5 and 5 boxes are needed
- Black board dusters. $0.80 each and 10 are needed
- Pens. A box of 20 blue pens is about $5, need 10 boxes. Red pens, need 5 boxes
- Grey lead pencils. A box of 20 is a about $3, 10 boxes needed
- Colour pencils. One pack of 12 is $2, need 60 packs
- Preschool learn to draw / learn to colour in books, $0.40 each. 200 is needed
- Soy sauce. 1 lt bottles are $1, 30 bottles needed
- Vegetable cooking oil. 5 lt bottles are $3, need 50 bottles
- Rice. 25 kg sack of rice is $15, need 10
- Baby milk formula tins, $20 each, need 10
- Nappies. Pack of 64 pieces is $10 each. Need 15 packs
- High protein flavoured milk (in mini tetra packs). A pack of 3 is $0.90, need 150
- Fruit. Bananas, apples, custard apple, watermelon and dragon fruit. Price varies. Average price per kg is $0.50

Construction of a new classroom

(From donated funds)

The immediate need for the children is to raise funds to build a new classroom. This will be the third classroom Tiffany has constructed in the 5 years since walking through the gates at Loc Tho. Construction is due to commence end of June, taking approximately 7 weeks to complete by August. Construction costs include the fit out of the classroom so it is ready for use and be officially opened for the new school year - which starts in September 2014. The new classroom will also bring in a further 30 children from the neighbouring villages who have been on the waiting list to attend the charity school for a number of years. The cost for this project is $13,000, with the following breakdown:

- $8500 for building materials,
- $1700 for wages for 9 work men over 7 weeks, working 7 days from first light to last light,
- $1500 for a set of new school uniform (top and shorts) for approximately 160 children,
- $800 for desks and chairs for 30 students in the new classroom,
- $300 for sun blinds in all the classrooms,
- $150 for the blackboard, and
- $50 for 2 fans to be installed.

Below are the before and after photos of the classrooms.
Tonight our newly returned exchange student, Elijah Rowland, reported on his year in Italy.

Elijah had only two host families whilst in Italy – the first was in the town of Iseo on the shore of Lake Como and his second host family owned a hotel where Elijah did some cooking and also had his choice of meals.

Elijah told us how he struggled with the language upon arrival when he had little Italian and his host family and fellow students did not speak English. Fortunately, his language skills improved fairly quickly to enable him to cope with his school work, to participate in Italian family life, socialise and also take part in activities with the local cycling club.

It appears Elijah has had a very successful year and this year he will return to Year 11 studies at Melba College.

Good luck Elijah!

Jill Fletcher
Chairman
Outbound Counsellor
31st December 2014

Captain’s Choice Tours
C/o Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd.
No 56, Schilling Lane,
Strathfield-Saye, 3551 35924691,
Australia

Dear Dan,

It is with extreme gratitude that we acknowledge the magnanimous contribution of Rs. 3,735,549.72 by the members of the Captain’s Choice Tour towards supporting Foundation of Goodness’ humanitarian endeavours delivered via 30 productive activity sectors to over 35,000 beneficiaries from 50+ villages.

This commendable and praiseworthy act towards serving mankind is most extraordinary and greatly appreciated by the Foundation of Goodness as we continue to assist those in dire need, by way of our humanitarian endeavors to elevate the standards of disadvantaged villagers.

The initiative and leadership shown by you in driving forward this compassionate act of bringing relief to those who are helpless yet talented and skillful will pave the way for their bright and prosperous future and this thoughtful gesture will be of significant value in enriching the quality of life of those in desperate circumstances.

The community care initiative and the kindness displayed are of significant value and the wholesome deed is most noble especially to enrich humanity which you can all rejoice in.

May you continue to prosper greatly for being supportive of the Foundation of Goodness managed sectors in bridging the gap between the urban & rural sector.

“All the other pleasures of life seem to wear out, but the pleasure of helping others never does”

Please find herewith your official receipt.

FOUNDATION OF GOODNESS

KUSHIL GUNASEKERA
FOUNDER - CHIEF TRUSTEE
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Are you interested in helping in your Local and Worldwide Community, including issues with:- Health, Youth, Community Development and much, much more?.....

Would you like to meet some great Local People?

Would you like to help organize and hold events to raise funds for a range of charities?

Would you like to be involved in regular gatherings where you can enjoy interesting Guest Speakers, Great Company and Brilliant Field Trips?

Come and visit us at Croydon Rotary and find out what you can personally achieve as a Rotarian!

The Rotary Club of Croydon has been involved in the local and worldwide community for over 40 years and is involved in projects including:

✔ In co-operation with the State Government and Maroondah City Council developed the Croydon Y Space playground.
✔ Water Tanks at Monkami.
✔ Ran a Trivia Night Fundraising Event for a local school.
✔ Secondary School Youth Exchange.
✔ Many, many more projects in the local community and overseas.
✔ Involved in Ray White’s Little Ray of Giving for Rotary.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your Rotary Club contact:-

President: John Van Holsteyn 0434 836 695
Secretary: Greg O’Neill 0412 089 600 or

Email John president@rotarycroydon.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/CroydonRotary
http://rotarycroydon.org.au/
Have you invited someone to our Rotary Meeting this week?
It is not that hard. Time to light up and continue your journey with Rotary and be proud of the Badge you wear.
Look at what we did last year and it is going to get even bigger and brighter this year.
Share the light. We are!

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Croydon? Membership will expand new horizons for you. Give John a call on 039 758 4699 Email president@rotarycroydon.org.au

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