



## General update

### Handbooks

The rest of the new handbooks will be supplied next week.

### Reg

Reg appears to be in high spirits, but Eric advises he's struggling.

### Next week's meeting

**Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>** will be a **breakfast meeting** at **Poached** 169 Lygon Street, Brunswick. Breakfast will be \$15. Monies to be given to the Treasurer as usual please.

### January lunches

Will be at the Lomond (subject to being booked by Mell!)

### Night meetings

February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 will be dinner meetings.

### New member

We expect to be inducting David Earley at next week's meeting.

### "Roasting" night

Michael Landry advised that Greg has agreed to be the "roastee" at the first of his roasting nights (sorry, not sure exactly what we're calling it!), where everyone "roasts" the good work Greg has done for the club. A suitable date will be worked out shortly ... anyone who has some good stories about Greg, please let Michael know!

### District Conference (7-9 March 2007 in Canberra)

The cut off for early registration for the conference was yesterday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. It looks like 6 members of the club will be going. Adam is organising a club dinner.

## Christmas cakes and puddings

There's still a few **Christmas cakes and puddings** available – please order through Barry, they're \$13 each.

## This week's joke

*Courtesy of Mick*

The wife is in the kitchen preparing to boil eggs for breakfast:

Her husband walks in. She turns and says, "Honey, you've got to make love to me this very moment."

His eyes light up and he thinks, "Wow! This is my lucky day."

Not wanting to lose the moment, he embraces her and then gives it his all on the kitchen table.

Afterwards she says, "Thanks," and returns to the stove.

Her husband is more than a little puzzled, he asks, "What was that all about?"

She turns and explains, "The egg timer's broken."



## Guest speaker

Cheryle Landolina, our President Elect for 2007-2008, told us her plans for her year as President.

Cheryle intends to introduce the youth art show and competition, which should start in April or June next year. This is intended to put into place a program for kids to achieve, and acknowledge how artistic Brunswick is. It will provide an opportunity for Brunswick's youth to enter an art competition, and the possibility of selling their artwork. Some of the artwork can be displayed in the Counihan Gallery in February 2008.

Cheryle intends to continue with the Tractors in Timor project, and says we need to fundraise around \$10,000 for the project.

Cheryle plans to extend on the Bagong Barrio project in the Philippines, and had considered building a school. Doug has been checking at a local level as to what the area needs the most, and found that vocational skills is the answer. Due to a shortage of land currently available, taking a program there may be the better option, where it can be operated from the third level of the clinic.

Cheryle has organised for John Hardwick to run the Calcutta on October 18<sup>th</sup> (at Caulfield), which in the past has raised \$15 to \$20,000.

Cheryle says we all need to contribute to growing the club's membership numbers, and challenges each member to introduce one new member! The club needs more members to be able to get more projects off the ground.

The mega raffle will continue, as will the Dance Into Life, and the club's presence at the Sydney Road Festival.

Ron made a suggestion of having a large group dinner, with members bringing as many people as they can, where the per person cost covers the cost of the meal plus some extra for fund raising.

## Weekly Program

December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday lunchtime	Christmas Week Breakfast Meeting At "Poached" 169 Lygon Street, Brunswick
December 28 <sup>th</sup>		TBA
January	Thursday lunchtime	Lomond Hotel (to be confirmed)

## DG Bernie's Weekly Message

### **How Do You Rate This Christmas?**

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep.....you are richer than 75% of the people in the world!

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, spare cash in a dish.....you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy!

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness.....you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week!

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of prison, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation.....you are ahead of 500 million people in the world!

If you can meet and exchange ideas freely with your friends and associates without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death.....you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world!

If your parents are still alive and still married.....you are very rare!

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful.....you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not!

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder.....you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch!

If you can read this message, you have just received a double blessing that someone was thinking of you and, furthermore.....you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read!

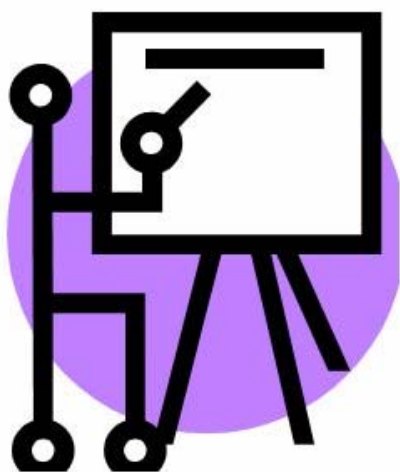
Have a good day, count your blessings and pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

**On behalf of the District Leadership Team, I wish all Rotarians and their families and friends, a very Happy Christmas and safe New Year.**

**Bernie Walshe  
District Governor**



# ROTARY CLUB OF KEW Invites you and interested Club members to dinner to celebrate the arrival of the GSE Team from the Netherlands



RSVP 16th Feb. 07 Rotary Club of Kew, P.O. Box 101  
Kew. 3101

**Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

Time: 6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

**Venue: Kew Golf Club,  
27 Belford Road, East Kew.**

Come and welcome District 1580  
Group Study Exchange Team  
from the Netherlands as they  
begin their wonderful journey of  
discovery in District 9800.

The cost is \$45 per person (with  
drinks at bar prices) for a night to  
be remembered.

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Email: [fasken@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fasken@bigpond.net.au)



# GSE NETHERLANDS TEAM DINNER

## HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEW

**BOOKING FORM** RSVP: Tuesday, February 16th 2007

Club's Contact member.....

Contact details: .....

Number of places                      OR                       Tables of 10

\$45 per person (drinks at bar price)      Total: \$.....

Please provide below names of guests


**Cheques payable to: Rotary Club of Kew—GSE Dinner.**

Please forward this form with your cheque attached to: Rotary Club of Kew, P.O. Box 101, Kew, 3101.

**R C of Kew Contact — Roger Fasken Email: fasken@bigpond.net.au**  
Phone 03 9802 4308.

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