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What colour tree would you like?

PROGRAMME

- 13/12 Annual General Meeting
- 20/12 Club Christmas party Partners night
- 27/12 No meeting
- 3/1 No meeting
- 7/1 Panania Markets
- 10/1 First meeting for 2006

Thibaud Presentation.

Warren Reardon introduced Thibaud, Thibaud is part of the Reardon Family and leaves a mess in the bathroom like everyone else in the family.

Thibaud thanked the Rotary Club of Padstow for his exchange and for hosting him here. He is enjoying his stay in Australia. His presentation began with a sign on a post taken in Romania showing Sydney Australia was 15,348km away.

Belgium is a small country in western Europe and has a population of 10 million people. The country is trilingual and speaks Flemish in the north, French in the south and German in a small part of the east of the country.

Bruxelles is the largest city (we think that is the same as Brussels)

They have a monarch who is currently King Albert II. The money is the Euro and has been since 2002.

Belgium is a large producer of beer and chocolates also mussels, French frits (Belgian frits) and Belgian waffles.

Thibaud showed us a lot of photographs of his home, his school and a lot of historic buildings in various parts of the country.

The transport system consists of trains, trams(street cars) and buses. They have many high grade freeways around the country.

75% of the people in Belgium are of the Catholic faith.

Thibaud is sponsored by the RC of Atomium in District 2170

Trevor Withnall gave the formal thanks to Thibaud and awarded the boomerang with the message "come back"

GRAND AVENUE

BY STEVE BREEN



President Keri.

Welcome to guests and a toast to Rotary International, Australia, Belgium, France, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

Partners introduce their partners and guests introduce themselves. Ken Nicholls PDG special visitor. Apologies from Bobby Nicholls.

Report on the Carols thanks to everyone involved. There were probably about 1000 people as we sold 700 glow sticks and ran out of them.

The running of the carols is a big job and we appreciate the help of all the members that turned up and also the people who supplied the tent, the coloured lights, the generator, the extra lights and organisation for the sound system and the band and the song sheets etc. Without all the helpers the event could not have been held.

Received an email from Bill Little telling us to look for a article in the magazine.

Received an email from Claus (Its bloody cold here) which will be circulated around the meeting. Claus indicated he missed the Australian weather but is settling back into study and to work.

A sheet will be circulated for the Christmas Party for the 20th December. Please indicate if you are coming and also if you are bringing someone. The menu is on the sheet and is a Christmas menu with ham and Christmas pudding.

Secretary Kay away (in hospital)

Glenda received return thanks card from Julie.

Ken McMillan brought treasurers report regarding money taken for trailer raffle ticket sales, sales of sausages at the carols and also sales of glow sticks.

Keith Roffey.

Next week is the AGM where we will appoint a president to follow him and appoint a board for the running of the club for the Rotary Year 2006-2007.

Colin Duff,

We need helpers for the trailer raffle ticket sales and this weekend is going to be difficult as we have many volunteers already working on trees sales as well as the markets on Saturday so it will be difficult. It is getting close to Christmas so please volunteer just this week.

Garry Metcalfe

Youth Report. Naomi our applicant for RYLA this year is here. Naomi then addressed the club briefly.

Ken Nicholls.

Ken Nicholls then addressed the club and indicated that our club had been awarded second in the district for donations to Rotary Foundation. We came second only to Burwood Club so we don't feel too bad.

We gave \$8441 which is \$228 per member , well above the \$100 asked for by Rotary International. This year District has given over \$160,000 to Rotary International which is well above our giving of several years ago when it was only around \$30,000 to \$50,000.

PDG Ken award PP Barry Thompson the banners and the letter of commendation for the club effort. Barry Thompson responded.

Veronica International.

Veronica brought a report that we will have two inbound and two outbound students this year. We already have the inbound students in Emma and Thibaud and the outbounds are present tonight they are Elizabeth and Tim. Elizabeth Ashton and Tim Hurley were then awarded their youth exchange blazers. Tim responded and brought a brief PPT presentation showing where he lived in Panania, where he went to school etc.

Tim is to go to the RC of Hovas in Goteborg in Sweden. This is in the same district that our Internation President Karl Wilhelm comes from.

Mention was made of the state of Elizabeths blaxer without any pins and Emma one of our former exchange students who was in the meeting was asked to come out and show everyone her blazer complete with full size Australian flag attached to the back.

Hawkesbury Club are offering their cookbooks for \$10 each orders can be taken after the meeting.

The Perth Mint 100 year Rotary Coins are now in special at a two for one price and the club has received an extra one as we advertised them on our website. The diary from EHGTHS was also received and this was promptly auctioned off. Trevor bid \$10 but was outbid by Veronica who bid \$15. We thought she would have had plenty already.

Thank you to all the Rotarians who helped serve tonight. It was difficult with 60 at the meeting for one waitress to deliver all the food. Keith made 40c in tips but we felt that if he had shown his legs he could have made a lot more. Keith donated the 40c to the club.

Christmas trees for sale this weekend all day Saturday and if not sold all day Sunday as well. The venue is the corner of Henry Lawson Drive and Milperra Rd. Milperra from 8 am to 6 pm.

We need people to put up signs and to help on the day.

Michael Kenny is having a snooker night on Wednesday night at his Kennedy st address.all welcome bring your own beer.

Colin Duff,

We need to sell raffle tickets at the markets and at the Christmas trees as well so please help us this weekend.

Emma won the raffle (past exchange student)Ken Nicholls was sung happy birthday and Sue Ashton was given champagne by Cliff to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.