

Trev's Tidings

"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other."

Anon

I hope that everyone's Christmas was as good as ours. Nanette and I had some really enjoyable occasions, starting with the Club Christmas party, the highlights of which were the St Christopher's School Choir, the raffling of Sue Leftwich's Christmas cake, which raised \$325, and of course, Santa's visit. The following Sunday we had a Board Christmas get together at *Broughlea*, and on the following Wednesday, the Children's Christmas party, once again so well organised by Connie Galletta. Christmas Eve saw our annual friends and family get together, then lunch with the family on Christmas Day, and a friend's birthday party on Boxing Day. We came out at the end a little tired, to say the least but, as they say, you get out what you put in. New Year was quite different. Down the coast, magnificent tranquil surroundings with lake frontage, only two families involved and, best of all, no computer and no mobile phone reception. To me that was heaven.

Well, here we are starting the second half of my presidential term. And yes, some of us have already started. My heartfelt thanks to those Rotarians who helped out at the Resolution Run barbecue on Saturday. To PP Kevin Freund and IPP Peter Smith, what would I do without you? Bumping-in the barbecue before 5.30am! My thanks also to PDG Harley Tarrant, PP Rod McDougall and Rod Rimes for being there to cook and serve and help make the occasion another enjoyable one. Not a great money earner, but it was never meant to be. This was a helping hand for an organization that was let down just before Christmas. But it did get us out there in the community again, which is what I wanted us to do this year.

This week we have a restaurant night as our first Wednesday meeting followed by the croquet night next week. Our first regular dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25th January, when the after dinner topic will be "Debunking Economics", to be presented by Steve Keen from the University of Western Sydney.

February 1 sees our third Club Assembly of the year. Two of the topics I think we should discuss are Recruitment and Participation. If anyone has any other issues they would like raised please let secretary Rod or myself know so that we can structure the evening accordingly.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012.

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