

Trev's Tidings

"The first rule in buying Christmas presents is to select something shiny. If the chosen object is of leather, the leather must look as if it had been well greased; if of silver, it must gleam with the light that never was on sea or land. This is because the wariest person will often mistake shininess for expensiveness."

P.G. Wodehouse

Louder and Funnier, 1963

Last week was a momentous occasion. Following the vote taken at the Annual General Meeting, we now have a new Constitution and new By-laws. Thank you to PDG Harley Tarrant, PP Roger Vince, PP Joe Saad, PP Peter Smith and PP Rod McDougall for all the hard work. I would also like to thank PDG David Croft for chairing the meeting and Rod and Roger for getting everything ready for it. I congratulate Suzanne Freund on her election as President Elect for 2012-13, and David Martin, Niall King, Anuradha Kamkolkar, Allan Teale and Rodney Rimes on their election to the Board of Directors. Also elected were PP Joe Saad, who will be Secretary, and PP Peter Smith, who will be treasurer, during the presidency of Ray Wilson.

Last Thursday I represented Strathfield Rotary at the Chalmers Road Special School and presented our Citizenship Awards. It was a moving occasion and one that I will not easily forget. I have nothing but the highest regard for the teaching staff at Chalmers Road. They do an outstanding job of looking after the children.

Last Friday, Nanette and I attended the Strathfield School for Seniors Christmas luncheon and there I transferred possession of nine PCs and four laptops which had been donated to Strathfield Rotary by Denise Taylor from the National Childcare Accreditation Council. In addition, I also presented a cheque for \$500 to the School so that the new units could have a wireless network.

On Saturday we joined with Strathfield Council for the annual Carols in the Park celebration. How fortunate were we with the weather? Thank you to everyone who came and helped on the day, especially Bradley Ayres, whose organizational skills this year have been outstanding, and to those Rotarians who donated raffle prizes. On the night our raffle made \$1000 for Chalmers Road School and more than that was made from the BBQ for our other charities. A great result all round.

Merry Christmas everyone and a happy New Year

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*