

MAXI'S TRIVIA

Looking towards the bow of a ship, port is the left hand side and starboard the right. Travelling at night all vessels must display a red sidelight to port, a green to starboard and a white masthead light.

Before rudders were used, the steering oar or steer-board was on the right hand side, hence starboard.

Port is so named because ships in harbour always tied up on that side in a port so that the steering oar would not be crushed against the quay.



Augustus the Strong was elected King of Poland in 1697 and is believed to have fathered 300 children. No trouble about a successor, only one of his sons was legitimate.

The History of the 12 days of Christmas

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge that will not come out of a pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has 2 levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the children could remember.

“The partridge in a pear tree” was Jesus Christ

“Two turtle doves” were the Old & New Testaments

“Three French hens” stood for faith, hope and love

“The four calling birds” were the 4 gospels of Matthew, Mark Luke and John

“The five golden rings: recalled the Torah or Law, the first 5 books of the Old Testament.

“The six geese-a-laying” stood for the 6 days of creation.

“Seven swans a swimming: represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-Prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.

“The eight maids a milking: were the eight beatitudes

“Nine ladies dancing” were the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

“The ten lords a leaping” were the Ten Commandments

“The eleven pipers piping” stood for the 11 faithful disciples

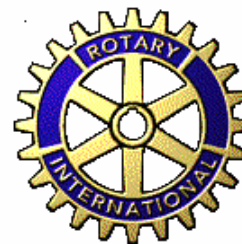
“The twelve drummers drumming” symbolized the 12 points of belief in the Apostles Creed.

So there is your history for today.

This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol.

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Tonight's Program: will be a Fellowship night with catch up on the mail received during the break.

PERSISTENCE

If I were asked to give what I consider the single most useful bit of advice for all humanity it would be this: Expect trouble as an inevitable part of life and when it comes, hold your head high, look it squarely in the eye and say, “I will be bigger than you. You cannot defeat me.”

- Ann Landers

LAST MEETING: seems so long ago with us returning after 4 weeks break. At that last meeting we had Nereda Mitchell outbound YEPS to Switzerland who flies out this month. Nereda was presented with her YEP Blazer and club banners.

ATTENDANCE: 53.85%

APOLOGIES: PP Warren Colless, Rtn Kay Farrell, PP John John Grujovski, PP Neil Houlton, PP Greg Houston and PP John Howie.

CLUB GUESTS: Caroline Brivall YEPS, Gay Day and Nereda Mitchell outbound YEPS to Switzerland

GUESTS OF MEMBERS: Jenny McLeod and Gabby Siamandow

RAFFLE: won by Nereda Mitchell

REPORTS

Secretary's Report: IPDG Bill Little

- Rotary Club of Katoomba 70th birthday 16. 2.2007—6.30—7.00 pm \$65.00 per head.
- Nanoflex Sandvik tubing is extremely high tensile strength with remarkable toughness, corrosion resistance and light weight to be used in the making of a new wheel chair. A young Design and Technology graduate from UWS, Steve Smith, has been a vital part of the project from its inception. The design work is now complete.
- Certificate of Appreciation to Club from Domestic Violence for BBQ
- Conference Registrations

International Service Report: NIL

Vocational Service Report: Director PP Ray Begovich

- POTYA launch 26th March 2007 at Cabramatta Bowling Club—6.00—6.30 pm—cost to be advised
- The awards night will be 25th June at the Marconi Club 6.30—7.00 pm.
- Sponsors required

Youth Service Report: Director PP Geoff Lumley

- RYLA camp candidates completed course by next meeting—to attend club
- High school students night — speaker required to speak on a subject suitable for year 12 students to be held in February—date TBA.

Community Service Report: Director PE Margaret Favelle

- Final Raffle roster being organised—draw on Sunday 24.12.2006 at 3 pm at Bonnyrigg Plaza. The club's taking at \$6,035 the Seniors \$2,659 giving a total income of \$8,695 less expenses \$2,273. Total profit today is \$6,422 commissions to be paid from the nett profit.

President David

- announced Gail's and PP Ray's birthdays he also said that attendance on 18.12.2006 was poor.
- Trailer to Markets Saturday—Trash & Treasurer on Sunday. Thanks to all for their help.

DIARY DATES:



February	High School Students Evening
26. 3.2007	Launch of POTYA Night 6.00—6.30 pm at Cabramatta Bowling Club
5.5.2007	Rotary Race Day 11 am \$100 per person
25. 6.2007	POTYA Awards Night 6.30—7.00 pm to be held Marconi Club—cost TBA
22. 7.2007	Liverpool Super Swap Catering Day Fairfield Showground

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES

We have President David and Julie Butterfield celebrating their anniversary on Friday, 26.1.2007. Congratulations on your special day.



January is Rotary Awareness Month.

January is designated as Rotary Awareness month—it is a time to promote Rotary through public relation activities and internally through Rotary information meetings, discussion and seminars. Let us make the public aware of our Rotary Club and what it does in the community and Internationally.