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**The back page**

**Investment tips for 2009. For all those with money left, it is important to be aware of the next expected mergers so you can get in on the ground floor and make up some losses.**  
 Polygram Records, Warner Bros and Zesta Crackers merge to become: **Poly, Warner Cracker**  
 FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS and become: **FedUP**  
 Fairchild Electronics & Honeywell Computers will become: **Fairwell Honey Child**

**Last week's attendance**

**Club Guests:** Zaiga Thomann (NYSF student), Mark Thomann, Margaret Atkin (ADG, Canb. Sunrise)

**Make-ups:** Jim Grainger

**Honorary members:** Frank Macklin, Rex Hunt

**Guests:** Joanne Binutti, Maureen Booth, Christine Bell, Jill Cromer, Jenny Fox, Pixie Gray, Robin Hart, Helen Harvie, Helen Henderson-Kelly, Dylis Hunt, Louise Ibbotson, Gerda Lambeck, John Joslin, Dorothy Macklin, Helen Sahhar, Don Ellis, Julia Widdup, Celeste Rowlands, Joan Keith, Marcia & John Stiebel, Carol & Colin Hughes

**Members present: 25 Countable: 23 Percent: 77.4 %**

**APOLOGIES**

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**Raven Reporter & photographs**

Robin Cromer

**DINNER ROSTER**

Program	This week - 17 December	Next week - 24 December
	Christmas message Reverend Rex Hunt	No meeting
Introduction	Ray Newcombe	Have a happy Christmas and a great 2009!
Appreciation	Des Pain	
Fellowship	Alec Phillip Eric Taylor	
Raven Recorder	Norma Donaldson	
Birthdays	Jill Cromer 20/12	
Anniversaries	Jill & Robin Cromer, Jim & Babs Grainger 17/12	



# THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

**National Youth Science Forum**



**Zaiga and her father Mark Thomann**

Zaiga Thomann, the Club's selected representative at NYSF attended our Christmas function with her father Mark.

Zaiga has just completed year 11 at Narrabundah College and is excited about the prospects of being part of NYSF with other students from around Australia.

Zaiga will attend the second session of NYSF so if members wish to go to one of the dinners at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, she will be at the dinner on January 22nd.

She has worked with Rudds Consulting Engineers, a Canberra firm based in Philip. Rudds used an innovative approach to contribute to the design of the first Australian building to achieve a five star Greenstar energy rating in 2004 and many others since then.

Rudds supported Zaiga's attendance at NYSF with a cheque for \$1000 made out to the Club. Zaiga presented the cheque to President Shukry who indicated that the funds will be used to support the Rotary Western Desert Project.

**December is Family Month**

**Dates for your diary**

- Wed 17 Dec:** Christmas message, Rex Hunt
- Wed 24 & 31 Dec plus 7 Jan:** No meetings
- Wed 14 Jan:** Meeting at Ros Osbourne's home (12/130 Shackleton Circuit Mawson)
- Wed 21 Jan:** President's barbecue at Shukry's (20 McKail Crescent Stirling)
- Wed 28 Jan:** First meeting at Federal Golf Club

**Tonight**

**Last meeting at the Embassy  
 Christmas message from Rex Hunt**

## Christmas function at the Embassy

The Christmas party was a truly enjoyable evening and a great way to remember the years of fellowship shared by members during the time that meetings have been held at the Embassy Motel. In addition to 25

members, we had three club guests, two honorary members and 23 guests who were mostly partners of members.

Many thanks to all those who were involved in the organisation.

### Santa and his helper come to Woden



Santa and his lovely assistant were welcome guests as everyone received a gift containing a mug, lollies and a party hat.



### Irene serving John Joslin

Irene, that wee Scottish lass with a lovely voice has been serving Rotarians at the Embassy for longer than most of us care to remember. It is hard to believe that this week will be the last meeting of the (Canberra) Woden Club at the Embassy. Irene's lilting laughter and smiling face will be sorely missed.

### Judy Skelton and John Gray share a joke



### Board members Keith Avent (Secretary) and John Widdup (Membership) in party mood.

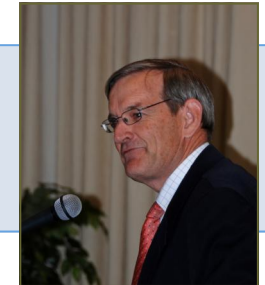


Recent member Lukas Strohmayr chats with Carlo and Joanne Binutti and Helen Sahhar. Helen later transformed into Santa's helper.



Pixie Gray with Jill Cromer

Sergeant David Fox kept us amused with jokes and fines. He told some fantastic tales about several members and imposed fines upon them. Members paid up, even though most disputed the truth of the story.



### Rex and Dylis Hunt enjoy the evening

Rex is an honorary member of the Club and is looking forward to retirement next year.

Reverend Rex will deliver the Christmas message to the Club this week on the theme "Christmas and Popular Culture".



## Rotary Western Desert Project



Helen Sahhar was a member of the team working at Kintore in November. While there she made a sketch of the dreamtime "Men's mountain" that can be seen from Kintore. After coming home, Helen completed this lovely sketch in water colours that highlights the beauty of the Western Desert country.

Well done Helen!