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**Organiser of the Rotary Spring Cycle - Held annually in September**

**The back page****Last week's attendance**

**Club Guests:** ADG Margaret Atkin, Cliff and June Hicks, Jeff Hunt and Sue Pelengaris

**Visitors:** See page 3

**Visiting Rotarians:** Jim Grainger

**Members present:** 24 **Make-ups:** 3

**Countable:** 21 **Percentage:** 80.0 %

**APOLOGIES****BY 3 PM TUESDAY**

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**DINNER ROSTER**

**This week - 16 December**

**Next meeting 6 January 2010**

**Program** Christmas Message - Curtin Uniting Church  
 Rev. Dr. Ockert Meyer (Yarralumla Uniting)

**BBQ Edison Park**

**Introduction** Peter Evans  
**Appreciation** David Fox  
**Fellowship** Des Henderson-Kelly  
 Jeff Ibbotson

**Raven Recorder** Bernadette Cappello  
**Birthdays** Jill Cromer 20/12, Jonathan Benyei 23/12, Noel Hart  
**Anniversaries** Jill and Robin Cromer 17/12

**Parking at Thoroughbred Park**

**Monday 28 December.** Gary Scott (Leader), Pat Schmidt, Ian Excell, Shukry Sahhar

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# THE RAVEN

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF WODEN

**Meetings 6.00 for 6.15 pm each Wednesday, Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill**

**Your fellow (new) member - Susan Pelengaris**

I was born in Queenstown, NZ and educated there up until High School age. I then immigrated with my Parents and three sisters to Sydney before moving to Orange (NSW) and eventually settled in Canberra in 1975. For many years I worked as the Editor-In-Chief's Secretary on the Canberra Times (Mort Street days) and at night I worked as a barmaid in the Red Door Restaurant of the Travelodge.

I saved up to travel and live in London to study at the Cordon Bleu Cookery School (1983). I then worked in Scotland in Hunting and Shooting Lodges before accepting a position as cook to Demis Rousos (Greek Singer and his friend Van Gelig (Chariots of Fire - movie fame).

From there I worked in Advertising in Holborn/Chancery Lane in London, before working in the Construction Industry - in Recruitment and Selection and Assessment Teams.

In 1990, I commenced a BSc in Psychology at London University, Goldsmith College where I majored in Organisational Psychology. I then studied at London University's Regents College in

Regents Park in Psychotherapy. Two further science degrees in the field of Counselling Psychology followed. I was employed as a psychologist on the suicide team from Greenwich District Hospital.

In 2001, I returned to Canberra with my daughter Holly and commenced work in the Pain Management

Unit at the TCH and from there, took on a Senior Clinicians role within the Employee Assistance Industry (EAP) working in and around Government Departments and their employees. I now work in my own private practice in the Woden area and also work as an educator for Beyondblue.



**President Ros inducts Susan**

**Dates for your diary**

**Parking:** See Roster at foot of page 4  
**16 Dec:** Xmas Message - Rev Dr O Meyer  
**23-30 Dec:** No meetings  
**6 Jan 2010:** BBQ Edison Park  
**13 Jan:** First meeting Golf Club  
**Feb 26-28:** Parking at Royal Canberra Show

**Tonight**

**Club Christmas Message**  
**Rev. Dr. O Meyer**  
**Curtin Uniting Church**

**December is Family Month**

## Rotary Club of Woden - Christmas Party

What a wonderful evening it was. It started as Rotarians and their guests entered the room to see that President Ros Osbourne and her husband had added colour coordinated bon-bons, chocolate frogs and beautifully printed programs to the tables. After the opening by Sergeant Ian Excell all members and guests were introduced and welcomed by President Ros.



Cliff Hicks receives a Paul Harris Fellowship

Two very special guests were introduced - Cliff Hicks & Geoff Hunt, who had made a very significant contribution to our Kintore project when they spent several weeks on location in the Western Desert carrying out detailed and extensive electrical work. For exceptional service above self the Club awarded Cliff Hicks a Paul Harris Fellow and to Geoff Hunt a Certificate of Appreciation.

Members and guests then dined on lovely Moroccan Lamb Fillet Skewers or Roast Turkey & Honey Glazed Ham, both with roasted vegetables. The main course was followed by dessert that consisted of Crisp Meringue

Nests or White Chocolate & Mandarin Pannacotta - overall a beautiful meal with excellent fellowship at all the tables.

Entertainment was provided by the Dante Alighieri Italian Choir - a group of people with an interest in Italian language and culture formed some five years ago. The Choir presented six numbers including a beautiful Italian Christmas Carol titled "You came down from the stars" and a delightful song about "A little Italian Calabrian Girl". Carlo Binutti gave a well supported vote of thanks in Italian (that sadly no one in the Rotary Club understood but was well received by the 13 choir members). Sergeant Ian Excell presented a very humorous fine session.

Perhaps the most important activity, from a Rotary point of view, was the induction of Sue Pelenaris as a new member of the Club. Full details of Sue's background are presented on the front page of this copy of the Raven. Overall it was a fun, festive and fantastic Christmas Party that was fully enjoyed by all Rotarians and their guests.

Geoff Hunt awarded Certificate of Appreciation by President Ros



## Club news

### Meeting 16 December:

The Club's final meeting for the year on Wed. 16 Dec. 2009, will held at St James Uniting Church, **CURTIN**. To assist with catering arrangements (food only), members are asked to let Piers know if they plan to attend the meeting. Drinks will be BYO.

**Raven Reporter:** Gary Scott

**Photos:** Robin Cromer

### 6 Jan. 2010 BBQ Edison Park

President Ros suggests that family members are welcome. She has chosen a site on the western side of the park with space for cars in Easty Street. There are about four BBQ's which hopefully will be operational, some seating and about four tables.

Bring your own food and a salad or sweet to share. Chairs & picnic tables could be useful. If weather looks bad, Ros will send an email on Tuesday afternoon on alternative.

## Arthur Holder & Stuart Garnsey Awards.

President Elect Gary Scott will present these awards at the Canberra College Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. The Holder Award will be awarded to Kate Pettigrove and the Garnsey Award to Elaine Li.

The Holder Award commemorates the late Arthur Holder, an Anglican Church Minister, and a Rotarian, in recognition of the close relationship Arthur shared with young people. The award is presented to a year 12 student who has demonstrated *obvious personal development during their time at the College and who has made a substantial contribution to College life.*

The Garnsey Award commemorates the late Stuart Garnsey, who was Principal of the now-closed Woden Valley High School and a Rotarian. The award is presented to a year 12 student for *service to the College community and academic achievement.*



Dante Alighieri Italian Choir in action

### An Italian thank you!



**Members Guests** were:- Babs Grainger, Jackie Cauchi, Jonathon Benyei, Maureen Booth, John Joslin, Helen Sahhar, Pat Schmidt, Helen Henderson-Kelly, Julia Widdup, Anne Robson, Nell Pain, Louise Ibbotson, 3 guests of Phil Ibbotson, Jill Cromer, Shirley Evans, Robyn Hart, and Joanne Binutti.