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|  | 2013-2014  Weekly Bulletin of the  Rotary Club of Forest Hill |  |
| Edition 26: 23 Dec 2013  The Rotary Club of Forest Hill meets at 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm on Mondays at Bucatini Restaurant, 454 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, 3132.  Meal cost $28.00  PO Box 116, Nunawading 3131  **Email**  [**tuck@netspace.net.au**](mailto:tuck@netspace.net.au) **Website foresthillrotary.com** | | |

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**Chris’s Corner**

Please note this is the last Forest Hill Flyer for this year.

This week was our Christmas meeting (see report below).

We conducted a raffle and raised $110.

Also a large collection of non -perishable items were bought by members and Bob Laslett will distribute our

donations to the needy in our community.

Thanks to Bob Williams for providing copies of a video taken at our cherry farm visit last week.

**At the Christmas meeting Stan Harper was presented with his third sapphire (PHF).**

**This was a well-deserved award for his tireless contribution to Rotary over 38 years.**

**In the history of the Club only 4 other members have achieved 3 or more sapphires.**

**Congratulations Stan.**

A reminder there is no meeting next week.

Future Events

* BBQ Meeting at Heather Bremner’s –Jan 6.
* GSE Visit –Feb 24 to be confirmed.
* Whitehorse Farmers Market Egg & Bacon Stall –Apr 13 2014.

# Last Week’s Meeting

Dinner meeting 16 December – Christmas Meeting

The meeting had a lovely feel about it. The numbers were good and we had quite a few visitors. It was a pleasure to have Heather Bremner, Heather Neilson, Li Cong, Leon Liu as well as our guest speaker James Ayling and his wife Alison. There were many partners there as well.

The presentation of a Paul Harris Sapphire to Stan Harper (his 3rd), by President Chris, was a highlight. We had a raffle for some Officeworks vouchers and some delicious cherries, courtesy of Chris and Jenny.

Our guest speaker, James had a powerful message. He is with –Prison Fellowship. He gave graphic word pictures of entering prison cells, relating to the children of prisoners and interacting with inmates. It was obvious that James is driven by practical compassion. There was plenty of challenging ideas in his speech for us to reflect on at this time of reflection. As we catch up with family over Christmas, James asked us to think about prisoners who are unable to do that and the families of prisoners who will not have dad home for Christmas. Christmas is a time when we make an effort to think about others. James certainly gave us plenty to reflect on. An outstanding presentation.

President Chris closed the meeting and wished everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Next meeting will be at Heather Bremner’s place in early January.

Stuart Williams

**Group Study Exchange**

The team from D6580 Indiana USA will arrive Sat 22 Feb. 2014.

If you would be interested in hosting a team member in week 1, please contact Stuart Williams.

The Club will make a decision about hosting the team for a day next week.

If you have any ideas for the visit please mention them.

The team focus is Health and Education.

Stuart Williams Foundation Chairman.

**Fellowship**

The next home hosting will be in February 2014, details to follow.

**Committee Structure 2013-14**

**Foundation & International Chair Stuart Williams**

Members Graham Sharman, Ron Brooks (support on request)

**New Generations Chair Glenys Grant**

Members John McPhee, Warwick Stott, John Donaghey

**Community & Vocation Chair Ray Smith**

Members Bob Williams, Bob Laslett, Garry Baltissen

**Membership/PR/Marketing Chair Doug Berwick**

Members Bill Marsh, Stan Harper and Chris Tuck (support on request)

**Fellowship Chair Ron Brooks**

Member Chris Tuck

**Conference**

**Bob Laslett advises the conference website** [**http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au/**](http://2014conference.9810rotary.org.au/) **is open.**

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| **Thought For The Week**  **The Alphabet of Success-Letter X**  **Xtend to everybody a kindly salutation. Francis G. Monks**  **From The Back Paddock.**  The Winemakers’ Federation estimates the total value of the wine industry in 2007 was $5billion and it  shrank by 13% to $4.4billion by 2012 and profit margins dropped an estimated 38%. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS District Conference – Mar 20-23 2014  Rotary International Convention, Sydney – June 1-4.  Please have FOREST HILL FLYER articles to the Editor at tuck@netspace.net.au by **5 pm Wednesday**  (in Microsoft Word format please).  Also if you do not wish to receive this flyer in the future please contact the Editor [tuck@netspace.net.au](mailto:tuck@netspace.net.au) |
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