

The Rotary Club of Liverpool West Inc



Happy New Year and Welcome... to

Tuesday Meetings

Liverpool Catholic Club – 6.00 for 6.30 pm
Joadja Rd, Prestons (Cnr Hoxton Park Rd)

Attendance by Mon 10.30 am

Joe Cimino 0409 468 579

Satellite Club

Bar Luck Restaurant – 1.00 pm
Level 1, 94 John Street: Cabramatta

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The Liverpool Western Bulletin

For Tuesday 10 Jan 2012 – (Draw for 24 Jan: \$120.00)

TONIGHT'S MEETING, CLUB REVIEW, JOKES

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Venue: Liana's Café, 278 George Street, Liverpool 7.30 am

Program: Informal, (Bacon & Eggs with all the trimmings)

Welcome: the New Year with Estella and Lidia

Our 2nd and Final Breakfast Meeting to start the New Year. The Cafe is located at the southern end of George Street, near Australia Post. The cost is \$20.00 with surplus cash going to a lotto syndicate

Gary will need to finalise numbers at or by this meet for the Social golf and/or dinner to be catered for by the Liverpool Greenway Rotary Club on Wed 18 Jan. See Event Reviews for details

We will return to the Liverpool Catholic Club on Tues 24 Jan with normal meeting time and venue then for three weeks in a row, running up to our movie night on Wednesday 15 Feb: This Means War, for which our Club has the task of Selling 60 tickets.

The next Bulletin will be for Tues 21 February and the current Bulletin editor has given notice that this will be his last, while he will continue to update the Website with information provided.

CLUB REVIEW & ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Means War – Advanced Movie Screening – Romantic Action Comedy

A 6 Rotary Club and Liverpool Chamber Event: Wednesday night 15 February. \$25.00 includes finger food and refreshments. Proceeds to Polio Plus. Each ticket sold may immunise 100 children. See Event Reviews and or visit our Website Article to watch original trailer and/or access information on Polio. Tickets with Ted

New Style Short Calendar with numbered Events

This is to allow members to focus on events coming up. It's a busy schedule with many away events. The result can be a lot of fun with planning and pre club discussions. See Event Reviews following the short calendar for more information, noting early RSVP dates for catered away events.

In Our News Articles this week – George Germanos and John Pillay were very active in community projects with George also active in obtaining publicity for the club in the Liverpool Leader. George also submitted an article for the bulletin with one of our website readers already commenting 'Bloody Well Done'. See Liverpool West School Service Awards Appreciated and today we saved 39 lives. There is also a report on the NSW Cambodian Community fundraising efforts for flood victims and we promote the Sparks program ran by St Vincent de Paul which is seeking volunteers. Web Attachments/: [Vietnam News Letter July to Dec 2011](#)
Photos taken at our Christmas party are then attached electronically here: [Christmas Photos](#)

Vale Kristian Anderson aged 36

Kristian passed away on Mon 2 Jan after a 2 yr battle with Cancer. Peter Houghton Junior performed Guitar sounds for us last year and told us of the plight of Cancer Survivor Kristen Anderson, playing us his Birthday Video to wife Rachel, who at the time was to have an operation costing \$5,000.00 for which Peter and some of his friends had raised \$4,000.00 and for which the club contributed the final balance of \$1,000.00. Kristian is survived by wife Rachel and sons Cody age 5 and Jacob age 3 and our thoughts remain with them. Person wishing to read more about Kristian's story may like to visit the [telegraph online article here](#)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

14 Jan (Sat) – Gary Halliday
14 Jan (Sat) – Eileen Cook
16 Jan (Mon) – John Squillacoti
19 Jan (Thur) – Rosa Cimino
21 Jan (Sat) – Margaret Beadle
23 Jan (Mon) – Kevin Walker
26 Jan (Thur) – John Gibbs
28 Jan (Sat) – George Kristen

Birthdays

31 Jan (Tues) – Sam Capra
13 Feb (Mon) – Barbara Houghton
20 Feb (Mon) – Jim Halliday

Anniversaries

19 Jan (Thur) – Ted and Judith Banks
20 Jan (Fri) – Geoff and Joy Gibbs
29 Jan (Sun) – Mike and Anna Kencalo
4 Feb (Sat) – Chuc and Ann Nguyen

JOKES

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

Please accept without obligation, express or implied, these best wishes for an environmentally safe, socially responsible, low stress, non addictive, and gender neutral celebration of the summer solstice holiday as practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice (but with respect for the religious or secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or for their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all).

A Blessing at the Races

A punter was at the horse races playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt.

He noticed a Priest step out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race..

Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track.

Sure enough, he blessed one of the horses.

The punter made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse won the race.

He collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the Priest would bless next.

He bet big on it, and it won. As the races continued the Priest kept blessing long shots, and each one ended up winning.

The punter was elated. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and waited for the Priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day.

This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. The punter knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag.

He watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead last.

In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was.

Confronting Him, he demanded, 'Father! What happened?

All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings!'

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy.

'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you Protestants; you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'

Mexican Oysters

A Texan stopped at a local restaurant following a day roaming around in Mexico.

While sipping his tequila, he noticed a sizzling, scrumptious looking platter being served at the next table. Not only did it look good, the smell was wonderful.

He asked the waiter, 'What is that you just served?'

The waiter replied, 'Ah senor, you have excellent taste! Those are called Cojones de Toro, bull's testicles from the bull fight this morning. A delicacy!'

The cowboy said, 'What the heck bring me an order.'

The waiter replied, 'I am so sorry senor. There is only one serving per day because there is only one bull fight each morning. If you come early and place your order, we will be sure to save you this delicacy.'

The next morning, the cowboy returned, placed his order, and that evening was served the one and only special delicacy of the day. After a few bites, inspecting his platter, he called to the waiter and said, 'These are delicious, but they are much, much smaller than the ones I saw you serve yesterday.'

The waiter shrugged his shoulders and replied, 'Si, Senor. Sometimes the bull wins'

EVENTS

ROSTERS

Warwick Farm Trackside Markets BBQ Roster

It is recommended that you check with those rostered on with you on the Wednesday before to make sure that you are all going to be available. Link to: [Duty Roster Policy and Long Range Roster](#)

Saturday 14 January 2011 – Trudy Ho, Sam Capra, Steve Alexander

Saturday 21 January 2011 – Le-Duc Hong, Jim Leahy, David Goldston

Saturday 28 January 2011 – Ted Mlynarz, Joe Cimino, Charles Hili

Saturday 4 February 2011 – Geoff Gibbs, James Halliday, Peter Anjos

Saturday 11 February 2011 – Peter Beadle, Ron Houghton, Joe Cauchi

Saturday 18 February 2011 – Jock Cimino, Alan Hall, Kevin Walker

Important: - Be there by 7:45 a.m. and be prepared to stay until 12 noon; the person who takes the cash must complete the weekly trading summary detailing receipts and expenses

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY NIGHT MEMBERS – Short Calendar followed by Event Reviews

SHORT CALENDAR 2012 – JAN TO MAY

- *Black and/or Brown represents our meeting night with brown representing an away meeting*
- *Members requested to invite Partners for Support where shaded in Blue*
- *Written in blue are then other events or programs agreed to be taken on by our club*
- **Numbered** events require promotion, early commitments and rely on member support for their success.
- * Guest Speaker details to be finalised

January 2012	Sat 14 – 21 Jan – RYLA Seminar Blue Gum Lodge, 6 Fels Ave, Springwood		
Tuesday 10	Liana's Café	278 George Liverpool	7.30 am
Wednesday 18	Tri Club Golf Social	Tree Valley Golf Course	2.30 hit off, 5.30 Dinner
Tuesday 24	Heide Schooling	LCC Garden Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30 pm
Tuesday 31	*RYLA Presentation TBC	LCC Garden Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30 pm
February 2012	Thurs Feb 2 – Interclub Meeting 5.30 pm at Hunts, GSE< Movie Night< POY		
Tuesday 7	*NYSF Andrew Xu TBC	LCC Garden Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30 pm
1 - <u>Wednesday 15</u>	Movie Night	Events Cinemas Liverpool	6.30 for 7 pm
	Fri 17 Feb – Presidents Meeting with New Generations Service Director		
2 - <u>Tuesday 21</u>	* Collingwood Hotel	Cnr Hume & Hoxton Pk Rd	6.30 for 7 pm
Tuesday 28	* TBA	LCC Garden Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30 pm

March 2012	Sat 3 Mar – Multi District Pets (for President Elect) / Bowel Scan dates TBA		
Tuesday 6	*TBA	LCC Garden Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30 pm
3 - Sunday 11 TBC	Trattoria La Vigna Restaurant	3 Argyle St, Camden	GSE Greet Luncheon
4 - Tuesday 13	GSE Cultural Tour	Canley Vale / Cabramatta	Morning
5 - Tuesday 13	GSE Joint Club Presentation	Hunts Comfort Inn	6.30 pm RSVP 29 Feb
6 - Tuesday 20	* Club Italia - Cnr Wharf Rd & Hollywood Dr Lansvale		6.00 for 6.30 pm
7 - Mar 23 – 25	D9690 Roman Conference (Fri to Sun)	Penrith Panthers Colosseum	
Tuesday 27	Club Forum	LCC Garden Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30 pm
8 - Mar 28 & 29	Miller Student Interviews	Miller College	5.30 pm
9 - 31 Mar - 3 Apr	Children's Circus Extravaganza	Tentative Times; Sat & Sun: 10:30; 1:30; 4:30 Mon & Tues: 10:00 am & 12:30 pm	
April 2012	Fri 6 To Mon 9 Apr – Easter W/end (School Holidays: Thurs 5 Apr, return Mon 23 Apr)		
Tuesday 17	Consider TRF of meet to Wed	LCC - Garden Restaurant	6.00 for 6.30 pm
10 - Wednesday 18	Liverpool Chamber / Rotary ATC Race Lunch - Warwick Farm 12 noon \$60 incl. drinks		
11 - Sunday 29	District Assembly		
May 2012	Sun 6 to Wed 9 May – The 2012 Rotary International Convention Bangkok		
12 - Tuesday 1	Miller TAFE Pride of Workmanship	LCC Garden Restaurant	6.30 for 7.00 pm
13 - Wednesday 16	Combined Services Night	LCC Function Room	6.30 for 7.00 pm
14 - Sunday 27	Red Shield Appeal	All Saints College Casula	9 am to 2 pm

Download our Full Calendar for 2011/12 from our web site under News/Coming Up

See Event Reviews following

EVENT REVIEWS

Wed 18 Jan 2012 – Tri Club Golf Social – Tree Valley Golf Course, Cross Roads Liverpool

To be hosted by Liverpool Greenway. Social Event Open to all.

Golf: Hit off between 2.30 and 3 pm. Cost: nil.

A catered dinner will be held around 6 p.m. (cost \$25 = own drinks). Tony Scarfone has asked for number as soon as possible so they can finalise the catering. Gary Halliday is collating commitments.

Thurs 2 Feb – Interclub Meeting at Comfort Inn Hunts Liverpool, from 5.30 pm, Discuss Movie Night & POY

We will discuss the Movie night and Police officer of the Year; This may also be the ideal opportunity to discuss the inbound Agenda for the Finnish GSE Team. Numbers to June Young on 0412 968 504



MOVIE NIGHT

'THIS MEANS WAR'

Wednesday 15th February 2012
6:30pm

Events Cinema Complex, Westfield Liverpool

Advanced Movie Screening

- Romance
- Action
- Comedy

*A Liverpool Chamber and 6 Rotary Club Event.
The new cocktail bar at Events Cinema will be open to compliment the night!*

Tickets \$25ea. includes refreshment.

Ticketing information:
 Liverpool - 0411 344 080
 Liverpool Greenway - 0418 114 716
 Liverpool West - 0408 979 304
 Cabramatta - 0418 211 873
 Revesby Warrimbirra - 0421 206 690
 Wetherill Park - 0419 412 761

ENDPOLIONOW

*Proceeds to Polio Eradication
 150 ticket sales may realise 15,000
 immunisations - 100 vaccines per ticket*



Romance, Action, Comedy. Two of the world's top secret agents are best friends who never let anything come between them -- until they inadvertently fall for the same woman. It's all-out war between them, as the two spies battle each other with high-tech surveillance, advanced tactics, and an arsenal capable of bringing down a small country. *Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine, Tom Hardy.* See Flyer, Movie Trailer, & Polio Quick Facts at: [rotaryliverpoolwest.com.au/News/Social Functions](http://rotaryliverpoolwest.com.au/News/Social%20Functions)

Make sure your Valentine's flowers include tickets to this movie.

Tickets \$25 each including refreshments from 6.30 pm (Proceeds to End Polio)

Tues 21 Feb – Collingwood Hotel, Cnr Hume Hwy & Hoxton Pk Rd Liverpool, 6.00 for 6.30 pm

Charles is requesting that partners be invited to experience the Collingwood as a potential alternative venue for our regular meetings. The night is then to be run as a normal meeting with a Guest Speaker to be advised. The meat tray and breakfast tray remain on order and are to be collected from the Catholic Club prior to the meeting along with other paraphernalia such as badges and buckets. Charles will be looking to finalise numbers as early as our normal meeting on Tuesday 7 February as we are then away for 2 meetings in a row with our meeting from 14 Feb having been transferred to Wednesday 15 Feb for the Movie Night.

Sun 11 Mar – GSE Lunchtime Greeting Function (TBC)

President Tony Scarfone of Liverpool Greenway is looking into holding a lunchtime greeting function for the incoming GSE Team at Trattoria La Vigna Restaurant: 3 Argyle St, Camden. Details are yet to be advised. All Rotarians are welcomed to join and help make team members feel welcome.

Tues 13 Mar 2012 – Cultural Tour & 7 Club Joint Presentation of Inbound Finnish GSE Team –

Tuesday morning will be with the Rotary Clubs of Cabramatta, Liverpool West and Liverpool West Satellite Club and include a temple at Canley vale, cultural tour of Cabramatta and Lunch with the Satellite Club at the Bar Luck restaurant, allowing some free time that afternoon, prior to a 7 club Joint Presentation. David Butterfield of Cabramatta will lay the ground work and discuss with President Ted Mlynarz and/or Secretary Charles Hili of Liverpool West.

Tuesday night, 6.30 pm March 13 is then the joint 7 Clubs presentation night which will be held at Comfort Inn Hunts, Crossroads Liverpool, (9 York Street, Casula) Harry Hunt OAM of Liverpool Rotary Club and President of Liverpool Chamber will generously provide a buffet meal at \$30.00 per head and include a bottle of wine on each table. We then look forward to each of the 7 Rotary Clubs transferring their meeting of the same week to join us and will ask Harry to invite Chamber Members. We will also invite Mayor Wendy Waller to join us and offer a Mayoral welcome and speak a little about Liverpool. **RSVP is then requested by Wednesday 29 February** 2012 to John Gibbs on 0425 340 190 or email johngibbs@exemail.com.au The Rotary Club of Liverpool West will run the raffle on the night as it would have otherwise been their turn to run the great debate which has been replaced by this night. Net proceeds may go to Polio Plus excepting where the GSE committee has determined other expenses should be covered. It is then envisaged that the raffle will pay for meals of guests including GSE Team members, 1 host per member and the Mayor if we are successful with our invitation. See '[News Article](#)' for more info regarding the incoming team schedule.

Tues 20 Mar – Club Italia Cnr Wharf Rd & Hollywood Dr Lansvale, 6.00 for 6.30 pm

While not officially a Partners night, partners are indeed welcome to join us and experience Club Italia as a potential alternative venue for our regular meetings. The night is then to be run as a normal meeting with a Guest Speaker to be advised. The meat tray and breakfast tray remain on order and are to be collected from the Catholic Club prior to the meeting along with other paraphernalia such as badges and buckets. Charles will be looking to finalise numbers as early as our normal meeting on Tuesday 6 March as we are then away for 2 meetings in a row with our meeting from 13 Mar having been transferred to Hunts Comfort Inn for a 7 joint Club Presentation night from the incoming GSE Team

Fri – Sun Mar 23-25, 2012 – Rotary District 9690 Conference – Panthers Colosseum, Penrith

Business sessions restricted to Friday and Saturday only. Sunday will be Stay and Play. Stay on site at Panthers at the Chifley Hotel and take in a casual breakfast on Sunday, play golf, visit local attractions, take in lunch on the river or join us at Penrith Lakes for a Sail ability demonstration and trial. Saturday night will be a toga party! Dress in a Toga or as a group of; Senators, Gladiators, Centurions or Slaves? Conference theme: Looking Forward – Looking Back. [Conference Website link](#)

**Sat 31 Mar 2012 to
Tues 3 Apr 2012**

**The Liverpool West
Circus Extravaganza**



Wed 18 Apr 2012 – Liverpool Chamber / Rotary – ATC Race Lunch – 12 noon, \$60 pp (Includes drinks)

Supporting The Eggtober Foundation, sponsored by Australian Turf Club – Details to come.

2 free Tickets for 100Club Members. Liverpool Rotary clubs to sell 20 Tickets each, (Chamber 40)

(Seating limited to 180 Members with 100Club Members, Proceeds target: \$10K)

Rotary International Convention Bangkok, Thailand Sun 6 to Wed 9 May 2012

Sa-Wat-Di Khap from 2011/2012 Rotary international President Kalyan Banerjee as he and his wife Binota invite you to celebrate the spirit of Rotary and the spirit of Thai people as you explore the wonders of the land of smiles: www.rotaryconvention2012.com & www.kalyanbanerjee.com

Immediate Past President Peter Beadle has advised he and wife Margaret will attend the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok in the coming month of May. Peter has then offered to look into travel and accommodation requirements for other members that would like to join them for this event

Tues1 May – Miller College Pride of Workmanship, 6.30 for 7 pm

Date of function to be confirmed, Venue and costs to be confirmed, Student interviews to be held before TAFE term break of Thursday 5 to Monday 23 April also to be confirmed. Miller College of TAFE Administrator Kylie Fitzpatrick replaces Inga Milenkovic who has been our coordinator for the past 21 years

Wed 16 May 2012 – Combined Services Dinner – Liverpool Catholic Club, 6.30 for 7 pm

Involves all Services Club from Liverpool and region – Coordinated by June young OAM and the Rotary Club of Liverpool Greenway – more details soon. (Liverpool Greenway to run Raffle)

Sunday 27 May: Red Shield Appeal – Liverpool Area Coordinator – Harry Hunt

Tuesday 12 June: Restaurant Night at Milano's – Informal Meeting (TBC)

Saturday 14 July: Liverpool West Changeover and 40 years Chartered Celebration.

Sunday 29 July 10am: Christmas in July for Children with Special Needs

Tuesday 25 September: Police Officer of the Year Presentation Evening

LOCAL CLUBS FOR MAKE-UP'S INCLUDE:-

Cabramatta	Mon	6.00 pm	Cabra-Vale Diggers, Canley Vale
Liverpool	Mon	6.30 pm	Hunts Motel, Crossroads
Liverpool Greenway	Wed	12.30 pm	Gemelle's Ristorante, Liverpool
Wetherill Park	Tues	7.30 am	Club Marconi

NEWS and REPORTS

CAMBODIAN FLOOD APPEAL – OVER \$175,000.00 AND 500 TONNE OF RICE

The Salvation and Cambodian Culture Association of NSW, the Khmer community of NSW, and others including Cambodia Vision Projects combined to raise just over \$175,000.00 to help the flood victims in Cambodia.

The Cambodia flood appeal at Wat Dhammasamki Canley Vale on 4 December was attended by the Cambodian Ambassador for Australia and New Zealand and SBS Radio Khmer who uploaded a [short video](#) to Utube depicting Thida Yang introducing the Ambassador.

Mr Henry Ngai of ABC Tissues also called for rice donations with an initial commitment of 200 tonnes, while efforts are continuing so far over 500 tonnes have been donated. Monies are receipted through the Cambodian Vision RAWCS project, with our honorary member Max Bunter writing out the receipts and rice bags have been designed for each individual donor with bags to include the Rotary Logo. Rinna Ly of Poverty Aid 4 Cambodia, (also based in Cabramatta) proposes a distribution of 20 to 25 KGs per family, with 12 to 15 tonnes then sufficing a typical village of 600 families.

The table below then excludes rice donations

CAMBODIA FLOOD APPEAL 4 DECEMBER 2011	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT	
INCOME/DONATIONS	\$
Fund raised at Dharma Sameaky Temple (Canley Vale)	11,730.55
Cheques sent to Cambodia Vision PO Box	150.00
Direct deposit through Cambodia Vision Account	2,110.00
Fund raised by Rossmore Temple	5,175.00
Fund raised by Khmer Community	1,775.00
Fund raised by Cambodian Buddhist Society	1,500.00
Fund raised by Cambodian Australian Welfare Council	1,000.00
Chhay Yum on 27 November 2011	1,228.00
Fund raised by Cambodian Baptist Church	1,775.00
Subtotal	26,443.55
Corporate donations	149,500.00
TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED	175,943.55
EXPENDITURES	
Catering	800.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	800.00
NETT INCOME/DONATIONS	175,143.55

LIVERPOOL WEST ROTARY SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS 2011 APPRECIATED

Our Newest members George Germanos and John Pillay conspired together to obtain some PR for our School Service Awards in our local Newspaper. Undeterred when they were told the Newspaper's photographer wasn't available, George got wife Karma to attend the presentation as photographer and submitted the material. Congratulations to our 2 Energetic New Members.

Assemblies were also attended by members Gary Halliday, Shann O'Connell, Jim Leahy and John Gibbs, with Jim Leahy, Jim Rudling, Bob Groat, Sam Capra and John Gibbs affecting deliveries. Jim Rudling also produced the Certificates. Sam Purchased the Globes and books

23 Primary Schools eventuated in taking up the awards this year out of 31, with our efforts to be made to accommodate 10 High Schools as well next year

The Cartwright Public School not only presents their nominee with the book, Certificate and Globe we afforded, but also presents a Perpetual Trophy and a plaque. Our Honorary Member Max Bunter was first a Principal of the Cartwright Public School 25 years ago and says that tradition was already in place when he became Principal

Cheryl Langford is the current Principal of the Cartwright Public School presided over their award as follows;

The Rotary Club of Liverpool West is pleased to have the honour of supporting Cartwright Public School in recognising outstanding young citizens. They commend all faculties and parents who proudly foster fine qualities in our youth realising a better community and shaping future leaders. It is a great pleasure for the Rotary Club to be associated with youth endowed with qualities that make them outstanding individuals. We look forward to our youth growing in their convictions which earn our pride and grow their respect in the community.

This student was chosen for their many outstanding qualities demonstrated at school. He has a love for learning and is dedicated to improving in all areas of school life, both inside the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. He is considerate of others and maintains role-model behaviour at all times. Mr Gibbs will you please present the award. The 2011 Rotary Club Citizenship award is presented to Marcelo Locardi-Rauth.



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BUSBY

Rotary honours the brightest

LIVERPOOL West Rotary Club has honoured some of the community's brightest young students. Rotarians George Germanos and John Pillay visited Busby Public School last week to award student Sheila El-Ahmar (pictured) a certificate, a book and a globe. Liverpool West Rotary Club awarded educational prizes to students from 21 south-western schools this month to encourage learning and academic achievement.



Liverpool West Rotarian John Pillay presents Miss Sheila El – Ahmar of year 6 Busby Public School with her award as an Outstanding Citizen.

Photo by Karma Germanos

Congratulations Marcelo and thank you to the Rotary Club of Liverpool West.

Marcelo and his mother were both very proud of the award and came up after the Assembly to have a photo taken of the three of us with awards in hand.

Similar appreciation has then been expressed at a number of the other schools to which we were fortunate enough to be associated with this year.

WE SAVED 39 LIVES TODAY! By George Germanos – 22 Dec 2011

Hi Everyone,

People are in need of blood each and every day. I have had people close to me require blood, whether it is for cancer, for blood transfusions during their pregnancy or for an accident. Some people require blood on an ongoing basis and if it wasn't for our support, they would not be able to live. I have been approached by strangers many times and personally thanked for donating blood. Did you know 1 in 3 people will need blood? Only 1 in 30 gives blood.



George and Isabella Germanos – Photo by Karma Germanos

Today, we made a difference.

We had a fair few first time blood donors and also had a few long term donors who had not been to donate blood for a while due to their busy schedules or circumstances.

A very, very, big thank you for everyone's support! There were 19 attendees in total with 13 of them who were eligible to roll up their sleeves and give blood. We collectively saved 39 lives! That is a great effort especially during this Christmas period when supplies are low! The blood bank is one of very few businesses that aren't in business for money and for that it has all my support!

The following people attended:

Rotary Club of Liverpool West

John Pillay – South Pacific Plumbing

George Germanos – Allegiance Accounting

Liverpool Action Group

Clr Gary Lucas

John Anderson

George Germanos

South West Networking Group (SWNG)

Ken O'Keefe – The Ultimate Suspension

Phil Sampson – Mortgage Choice

Santa, AKA Tom Murphy – Starr Partners Liverpool

Mohamed Said – Avante Financial Planners

George Germanos – Allegiance Accounting

Kathy – Representing Bill from Liverpool BEC

Manolya - Representing Chris from Nuways

Politicians

Clr Gary Lucas – councillor on Liverpool City Council

Jim Daniel – Representative for Glenn Brookes MP, Member for East Hills

Joe Holt - Representative for Glenn Brookes MP, Member for East Hills

Ben Haack

Shayne Betreen – Gain Financial

Maureen Agathocieous – Paperway (Paper bag printing) Maureen also bought a guest along! Thank you!

Roula Tannous – The Paperwork People (Bookkeeper)

Karma Germanos – GKS Photography

Dianne Mokdassi – Eduplus Coaching College (K-12 Tutoring)

And of course, Isabella Germanos – Santa's Little Helper!

A big thank you to the Liverpool Leader for publicising the event in their paper on 21 December! Thank you to all those who wanted to come but were unable to, and last but not least, thank you to Correy (The blood Centre manager) and the wonderful staff at the Liverpool Blood Bank for their terrific hospitality and service!

Please feel free to pass this on to the other members of your group so that in future we can have a bigger and better turnout!

Every blood donation can save 3 lives. Today, we saved 39 lives..

All the best,

George Germanos

SPARK – A ST VINCENT DE PAUL PROGRAM FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

SPARK provides curriculum, social and cultural support to newly arrived refugee children and their families through selected primary schools in Western Sydney.

SPARK is an after school homework and activities club for refugee children in Kindergarten to Year Six, run during school term. It is run by teachers and local community volunteers. Children develop confidence in themselves as they are supported to understand and complete school work, enjoy creative and recreational activities and interact and develop relationships.

Mr Thuy Giang wrote to our club before Christmas advising that the programme runs in 11 primary schools in Regents Park, Auburn, Guildford, Parramatta, Pendle Hill, Granville, Old Guildford, Girraween and Liverpool and that they are currently looking for over 100 volunteer tutors to join the program in Term 1 2012, commencing 13 February 2012

For further information on the SPARK program, please visit www.vinnies.org.au/spark or contact Thuy on 9568 0280 or on this email: spark@vinnies.org.au

Our community Services Director: Peter Beadle reports the board has resolved to encourage support and promotion of this program.

Regards,

President Ted Mlynarz

& Members of the Rotary Club of Liverpool West