

Merry  
Christmas



## KIWANIS DISTRICT PICNIC

Janine and Simon Keulen, Governor Spencer Harding, and Graham Mould are seen here enjoying their lunch during the afternoon at Bonython Park. Conditions varied somewhat, and a strong breeze later in the day blew things around, but overall those attending did have a great time.



On behalf of Adelaide Club's Board, we wish all members and their families a safe, Blessed Christmas, and an enjoyable Happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2009 !!

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Many thanks to everyone for your patience in waiting for the new Club Directory to be printed. As can happen, in the "rush" to get into print, there are some addendums which need keeping in mind. Firstly, please add Ray Packer's mobile number (0439 611 426) which just missed the deadline.

Also, Lindsay Curtis mobile number is 0400 043 732. Please delete the second email address shown for Janine - the one with Powell is now defunct. Just confirming the home phone number for Dalidowicz family, which is silent, is 8449 8645.

Your KAN editor and family will be overseas (New Zealand) for several weeks over Christmas/New Year, returning late January, so the next edition of our magazine won't happen until February. Hopefully we can have some photos submitted from the President's gathering to be held January 11. Krysia Paczkowska is another returning to the homeland, as she is currently on holiday in Poland.

Reynella Kiwanis Club lost a stalwart on December 13 when Club Secretary David Milne passed away suddenly, aged 62. David was a grandfather who leaves behind wife Kath and three sons. We also extend our sympathies (belatedly) to Glenelg Club after another stalwart, Barry Lavanda passed away earlier this year.

Looking ahead - apart from the Australia District Convention to be held in August next year in Geelong, be aware that the 94th Annual Kiwanis International Convention will be held in June (25-29) next year in Nashville, Tennessee.

Irena has reported that nearly \$400 was taken in last month when a rummage sale was held to raise funds for Kiwanis. It was a trial to assess whether to hold this type of sale on a more regular basis.

Our Kiosk in Bonython Park continues its roller-coaster ride, with some very quiet days recently interspersed with one recent weekend, when three of our Club members had takings of well over \$600. A great effort in these quiet times. Council is also aware that much of the kiosk buildings' superstructure is under stress from termites. It's unsure at this stage whether Council may decide sometime next year to perform surgery on the building and effect repairs, or alternatively (and we hope not) consider closing the building.

Many thanks to Chris Brown of TTG for supplying the lovely front cover pic from last month's District Picnic in Bonython Park. Onya Chris.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Graham Shevlin	January 25th
Jean Monten	February 3rd
Janine Keulen	February 5th
Iain Robilliard	February 10th
Colin Brookes	February 10th
Ken Foggo	February 10th
Kerry Hugo	February 24th



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

David McNabb / Kerry Hugo      January 11th

**Kiwanis**  
**Make it happen!!**



### THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

If at first you don't succeed, destroy  
all evidence that you tried....

# DIARY DATES



## Sunday January 11 **PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR LUNCHEON**

Barbecue lunch at Margaret & Allan Williams, Woodcroft. Start time: 12.30 for 1.00pm. Bring your beverages, come along and start the new year in style! Address: 30 Odessa Drive, Woodcroft.

## Tuesday January 27 **DINNER MEETING at usual venue 6 for 6.30pm start**

Our first Dinner Meeting for the year. Naval Military & Air Force Club.

## Tuesday February 3rd **BOARD MEETING at usual venue 6pm**

Hilton RSL, Sir Donald Bradman Drive.

## Tuesday February 10th **DINNER MEETING - usual venue 6 for 6.30pm**

Naval, Military & Air Force Club. See YOU there....



Many thanks to Janine for forwarding this item which originated from Steve Page, Past Governor of the Indiana District USA who attended the recent Australia District Convention in Adelaide. This photo was taken at the home of Adelaide's John Rowell after Janine and Steve had returned from signing up Sharon Bray as a member of the new Kiwanis Club of Folland (a K club in formation).

Janine is shown holding the application form and dues for Ms Bray. The team shown recruited for three days, following Don Canaday's Growth Summit Seminar at the Australia Convention held in August. This new Club is moving closer to formation.

Pictured left to right are Steve Page, Graham Mould (Growth Chairman of Australia District), International President Don Canaday, Past Governor and current Lt Gov Div 3 Janine Keulen, Bill Van Diemen (Immediate Past Governor Australia District), John Rowell (Past Governor Australia District), and Spencer Harding (current Governor Australia District).

# DINNER MEETING November 11



## GUEST SPEAKER (1)

Yes, Remembrance Day was memorable in more than one way for us Adelaide Kiwanians. Not for the first time, we were blessed with two guest speakers on the same night! The first speaker, DEI GRIFFITH, is Coordinator of the Peer Worker Program at MIFSA, but as he had to leave fairly early, unfortunately needed to talk while people were eating which could be somewhat distracting.



Nonetheless, this young man put across a powerful message and enlightened us on an

organisation that many were not totally aware of. MIFSA stands for Mental Illness Fellowship of South Australia, and runs programs through staff and volunteers for people living with a mental illness. No referral is needed for this service.

The Centre is located on Richmond Road, Keswick, near Anzac Highway and puts out a bi-monthly newsletter outlining their activities. They promote wellbeing in a supportive environment by offering opportunities for individuals to progress their recovery and hopefully prevent relapse by improving their ability to manage their illness. This occurs by providing a place where these people can build skills, develop friendships, be accepted and connect with the community.

MIFSA is a non government organisation which changed its name a while ago from being named Schizophrenia. They apply for many grants towards running costs and always accept donations whenever offered.

The sunflower is a symbol they have adopted - and volunteers run the Sunflower Shop in town.

## GUEST SPEAKER (2)

Mr Griffith's interesting talk was followed soon after by another entertaining dissertation from serial visitor LIBBY KOSMALA, no stranger to most of us as she has been a guest speaker on a previous occasion.

This time she spoke on how she found China ("turn right at Singapore...!!")... following her return from the Paralympic Games held earlier this year. You would probably recall that this most interesting lady wields a mean rifle shooting eye and has the most amazing accuracy.

This year was the tenth Paralympics (not named after paraplegics, but the para meaning "equal" or alongside - in other words, these Games run in tandem (or straight after) the regular Olympics. Anyway Libby flew from Adelaide to Sydney to join the rest of the team on a chartered Qantas flight to Beijing. The whole team left at 5am (yes five) from Sydney, so that was a real red-eye special!

Without prior notice, Libby was chosen along with the team manager to do an interview / press conference when they arrived. Their flight had ironically been delayed awaiting a passenger who had been held up by Sydney traffic - Therese Rein, the wife of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd !!

Chris Nunn was another in attendance, and Libby found that the PM's wife's father (John, who died 2 years ago at age of 84) was also a paraplegic. Therefore Ms Rein was keen to hear comments from Libby regarding her father's efforts in a wheelchair). (continued next page)

After a smooth flight to China, there was an equally smooth passage through Customs and Immigration at the airport. In Libby's experience, the Olympic Games village is usually half shut by the time the Paralympians arrive, but this time the whole village was at their disposal. And huge efforts were undertaken by the ever polite Chinese people to make the Paralympians feel right at home. There were even special flags flown everywhere in their honour - they really did feel special.

The Chinese had gone to extraordinary lengths with gardens, etc. Everything was just manicured perfectly. The Village dining room was open 24 hours, and she found the shooting range had been built alongside the main local Army barracks. "It was just the best venue of its type we had ever been in..."

Speaking from experience, Libby considered Sydney's Olympics in 2000 were very special, and well organised, the Greek Olympics four years later - well, they tried and there were great moments but the land considered as the natural home of the Olympics, just didn't have the budget to "compete" at the Chinese level.

As Libby's sport involves guns which are naturally a hot topic during these times of security fears, all gun security in and out of the village was computer controlled, and thankfully very strict. Apparently five million Chinese locals were asked to leave Beijing during the Games, just to try making congestion and pollution a bit better.



*Libby during her talk*

There were even dedicated transport lanes just for Olympics competitors which was quite astounding and unexpected. Whereas basics such as toilets and sanitation in Greece were "bit of a disaster", in Beijing there were no such problems.

Sporting-wise, Libby ran a close 2nd in her semi-final but "made a big mess of the finals". It happens sometimes. Like her fellow athletes, she was able to see the Closing Ceremony this year because competitors were ushered into the venue early and could see the proceedings. A change from most other Olympics where at the Closing, the athletes are held back until last before entering the stadium, meaning they would miss most of the fancy goings-on.

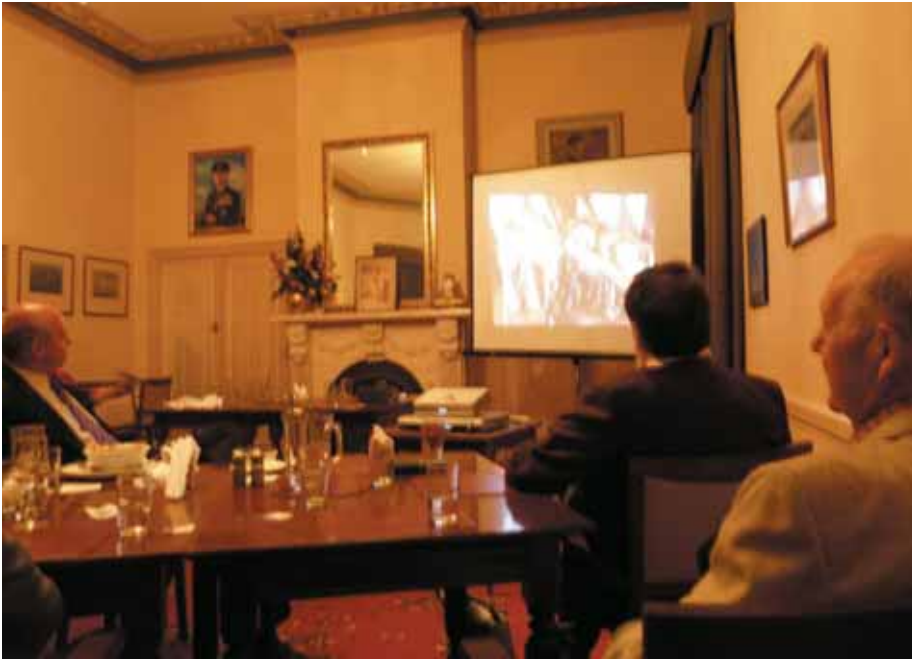
Many thanks Libby for again sharing such interesting times with us. Those lucky enough to be in attendance were Alan F, Ken, Alan W, Lindsay, Andrew & Tony D, Graham (raffle winner), Peter, David, Colin B, Don (our Sergeant), Fred, Krystyna, and Garry.



## DINNER MEETING November 25th



This was a Partners Night, where we gathered to watch a video presentation by Fred and hear him talk further on his trip to Africa earlier this year.



Those lucky souls in attendance were President Alan, Graham, Ray, Fred, Ken, Garry, Alan Forrester, Krystyna, Lindsay, Colin Brookes, Krysia, Jean, Tony, Andrew & Irena Dalidowicz, Peter (raffle winner) & Joan, David, plus we were joined by Sam & Libby Kosmala (welcome back!!!)

Our May KAN had an extensive two page coverage of Fred's excellent talk on his Ugandan odyssey, but this was delivered "off the cuff" and Fred hadn't really had a chance to prepare support material for his talk. This time he was able to show

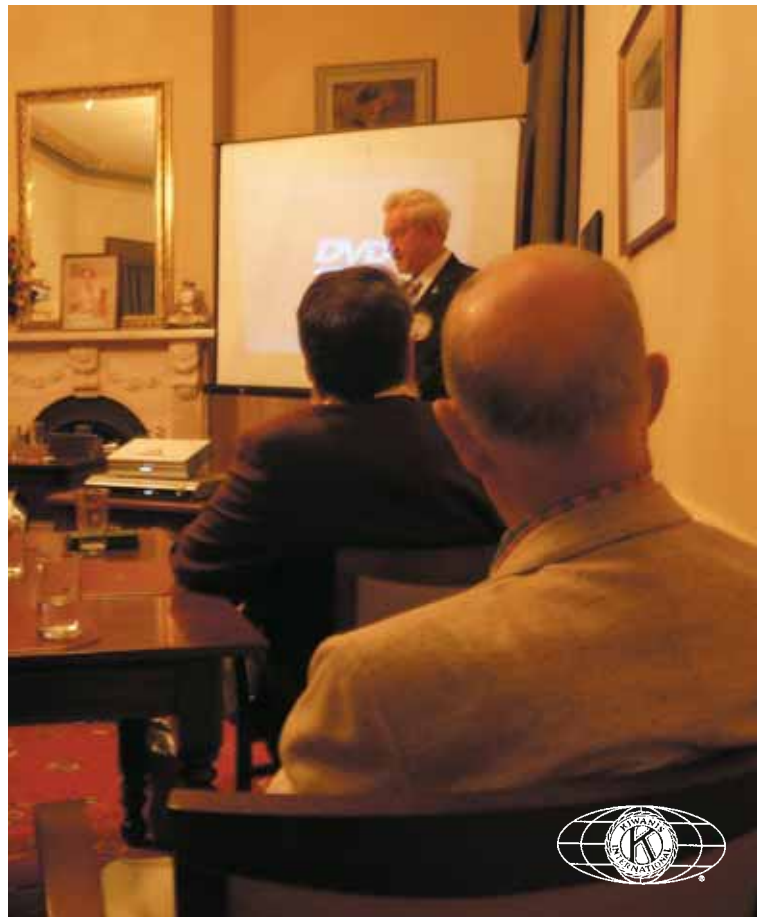
a really enlightening, well-edited DVD film on the trip undertaken by he and Judy Steel. Judy has made several trips to Africa, her first being in 1999 after retiring from work at Resthaven.

On the movie, Judy spoke of how the clinic in Uganda immunised up to 100 babies in one day. Individual case studies were shown including Caleb and Wilfrid, plus other examples of rehabilitating patients. The hospital compound is about 5-6km from Kampala city centre, so it is reasonably central. Fred reminded us how malaria, TB and Aids are the main killers, and he outlined efforts that are being made to treat victims of these diseases.

There was also footage shown of the big "Parade" which went along one of the main highways that leads to Entebbe Airport. Fred and the small Aussie contingent even got onto national TV as a result of this Parade.

Fred admitted that Dr Edward Sembatya's hospital is close to being an actual hospital, but it is not yet licensed to carry out operations, but hopefully a theatre will be added to the facilities at some stage, and then it will be a fully fledged hospital. Amongst the amenities available at the moment is a small but busy store selling all types of handy items.

If you missed seeing this movie, you missed something else. It came across very well on the big screen, and was very well put together. Well done to Fred and the production team! The movie even had background African music dubbed in.





*Bob received a citation early December from the Prospect Kiwanis Club, nominating him for Prospect Council's Citizen of the Year Award to be announced on Australia Day. We won't know the outcome until late January! Good luck Bob, you have the best wishes of us all....*

## Nomination of **ROBERT NOEL THOMPSON** for Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Corporation of the Town of Walkerville

Bob Thompson's paid working career concluded as Manager of a Life Assurance Company but his work as an unpaid volunteer has been one of a lifetime commitment and an infectious enthusiasm.

During World War II, Bob served in the Middle East and then in New Guinea along the infamous Kokoda Trail. He was Mentioned in Despatches several times and retired as a Major in the CMF. On returning to Kokoda several years ago with a contingent of returned soldiers, Bob and his wife, Joan found that one of the local schools had few books, pens and pencils for students. This was a challenge that Bob met, acting as liaison between the school, the local 'Fuzzy Wuzzy' guides and service clubs and churches in Adelaide to ask for donations, purchase the resources and make sure that they reached the very appreciative students and teachers.

Bob joined the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide in September 1973, rising through the ranks from Director and Committee Chairman, to Distinguished President, Distinguished Lieutenant Governor and Governor Elect of District of Australia in 78-79.

In 1979-80 Bob was Governor, District of Australia, earning the accolade of Distinguished amongst the Governors of this world-wide service organisation. During that period he assisted in organising the Kiwanis Clubs of Tea Tree Gully, SA, East Maitland, NSW, Sunbury, Victoria, and Karingyup, WA. Bob commenced the publication of 'The Australian Kiwanian' magazine and supported the organisation of the first Key Club in Australia for students at Melbourne High School. As Governor and ambassador for Australia Bob made extensive tours to attend conventions and club meetings in Europe, USA and Australia.

In the following decades Bob continued to encourage membership growth and new club building. His innovative approach to fundraising are exemplified by a campaign in Rundle Street with public donations of coins formed into a huge pyramid and the successful annual Kiwanis Art Show which raised funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

In the last thirteen years I have been fortunate to observe and participate in many of Bob's Kiwanis activities; whether calling into business houses to invite potential members; attending his well prepared and interesting education meetings; working with him to generate informative manuals, flyers and challenging letters; and observing his behind-the-scenes support and encouragement of excellence in leaders.

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During 2002-03 Bob worked very hard, with assistance of other Kiwanis leaders, to organise the Kiwanis Club of Prospect. This entailed door knocking, calling into business houses, persistence and an indomitable spirit to persevere when others would have called it "quits". The club was chartered in 2004 and has served the wider community. They have sponsored children and several members built a school in South Sudan, the Club co-founded a K-Kids Club at Norwood Primary School, encourage local children with Terrific Kids certificates and working bees at Hampstead Primary School, and are now in the process of building a new Kiwanis Club in the North-East suburbs. Amongst their members is David O'Loughlin, Mayor of the City of Prospect.

Like many others I have been inspired to emulate Bob's achievements. He was my sponsor to become the first lady President of the Kiwanis Club of Adelaide, then the first lady Governor of Australia District, and he has always been generous and gentle in his encouragement and tutelage, for which I will be eternally grateful.

As a Senior Member of the Adelaide Club and Honorary Member of Prospect Club Bob and Joan continue to take an interest and attend as many functions as possible. They are both held in high esteem for their friendliness, generosity of spirit, honesty and passion to serve the community and children through Kiwanis.

Bob epitomises The Objects of Kiwanis International, which are "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards. To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill."

I humbly submit that Robert N. Thompson has made a noteworthy contribution to a variety of communities over a number of years and as a resident of the Corporation of the Town of Walkerville is known for the calibre of his service.

JANINE H. KEULEN -

Kiwanis International Australia District Governor 2002-03



## Recognition of our District Trainer PETER ZANDER

*Good news for all members of Kiwanis. It was a pleasure to attend the South Australian Service Club Week official dinner mid October when The Premier's Awards were presented to clubs in recognition of their commitment to the community through volunteer service. Nominations were received from Apex, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Soroptomist and Zonta clubs.*

*Also presented was a Service Club Medal to an individual who has rendered outstanding unpaid service to the South Australian community over an extended period of time. The nominee did not have to be a Service Club member.*

*PETER ZANDER, our esteemed member, District Trainer, District Chair for Aktion Clubs, Bus Board Coordinator, etc, and the Charter President of the new Kiwanis Bus Operators Club, was nominated for the award. Eventual winner was a lady from rural Coober Pedy.*

*Best wishes are extended to Peter, wife Yvonne and family on your nomination. Well done!*

JANINE

PETER ZANDER is an individual who has rendered outstanding unpaid service to the South Australian community over a long period of time.

Peter has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brighton for 21 years, having held the position of Distinguished President and Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member. He attends every meeting and project the club organises.

Some Kiwanis International Clubs sponsor Aktion Clubs and Peter is the Australian District Chair for all Australian Aktion Clubs. An Aktion Club is a community-service group for adult citizens who live with a disability. The mission of an Aktion Club is:

- To provide these adults an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills.
- To serve their community.
- To be integrated into society.
- To demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities.

Aktion Club members strive to return to their communities the benefits, help, and caring they have received, as well as develop important skills in the process.

Individuals who live with disabilities often have many talents but little opportunity to develop or apply them. These special citizens have few chances to interact socially and sometimes little opportunity to function in society. Too often, they are isolated and dependent when they could be making valuable contributions to themselves and to the world around them.

Agencies that serve those who live with disabilities do their best to help clients reach their potential. Many of these agencies, however, do not have the funding or staff to provide the community-based social and recreational activities that their clients need. The volunteer effort of local Kiwanis sponsors can address these and many other concerns through Aktion Clubs.

Peter, with the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of Brighton founded the Brighton Busy Beavers Aktion Club 14 years ago and has since been responsible for running the club. He is their friend and mentor, produces a monthly Newsletter, and spends quite a lot of time transporting and assisting members.

In South Australia the metropolitan Kiwanis Clubs provide a regular service to frail, elderly and disabled community members living in Nursing Homes by operating a 23-seater Community Bus Service with wheelchair access. This service is manned entirely by volunteers and Peter Zander is the organiser for the service, and has been for many years. During 2007 Peter negotiated the purchase and funding of a new replacement bus, a daunting task involving a total project value of \$362,000. It is acknowledged by Kiwanis members, bus drivers, assistants, local government and nursing homes that the service could not operate effectively and efficiently without Peter.

At Kiwanis International Australia District level, Peter has held the positions of Lieutenant Governor Division 8 (representing Glenelg, Brighton, Reynella, the Adelaide Hills, Murray Bridge and Mount Gambier Clubs), and District Trainer, where he is required to travel inter and intra-state to train new Lt. Governors, Presidents and Secretaries. He has represented Australia at overseas conventions.

Apart from the hours Peter spends on Kiwanis duties, he is also involved with the Scouts Organisation and is Financial Director of the Adelaide Gang Show, as well as helping with hand props during the show.

Peter is married to Yvonne and is employed with St Georges Bank, which also requires interstate travel. They have two children and their son Shaun is an accomplished trumpet player, which entails Peter taking him to practices and orchestra performances.

To those who know Peter - we wonder how he fits in all he does for his family, friends and community – and recommend that he be awarded the Heidi Taylor Community Service Medal.



## Smile Awhile!

As we bid a fond farewell to the George W Bush administration in USA, it's a chance to reflect on some of his more "inspiring" moments. These are true quotes, and truly inspiring, taken from various speeches during his Presidency!

"The vast majority of our imports come from outside the country..."

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure..."

"One word sums up probably the responsibility of any Governor, and that one word is "to be prepared"....

"I have made good judgements in the past. I have made good judgements in the future..."

"The future will be better tomorrow..."

"For NASA, space is still a high priority..."

"We're going to have the best educated American people in the world..."

"I stand by all the misstatements that I've made...."

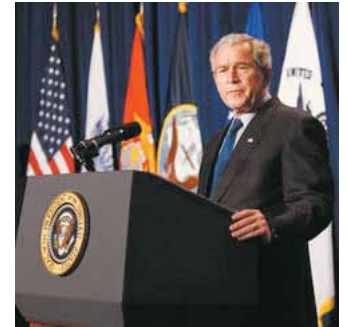
"We have a firm commitment to NATO, we are a part of NATO. We have a firm commitment to Europe. We are a part of Europe..."

"A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls...."

"I have opinions of my own - strong opinions - but I don't always agree with them..."

"Quite frankly, teachers are the only profession that teach our children..."

"It isn't pollution that's harming our environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it...."



SOME HANDY HOME HINTS via Fred...

If you're choking on an ice cube, simply pour a cup of boiling water down the throat. Presto, the blockage will instantly cease.

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by having someone else to hold the vegies while you chop. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

You only need two tools in life, WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

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AND THANK YOU TO COLIN FOR THE FOLLOWING

### **CHRISTMAS GIFTS - - DEAR SANTA CLAUS**

These gifts we pray, for others on Christmas Day, for all the World.

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That everywhere men will be free as God intended them to be.

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## Looking for Christmas Gifts?

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Provide pens, pencils and exercise books for a class of 60 students for 1 month.



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### Blackboard - \$90

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