



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

10th April 2016



Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

TODAY: Oasis (Sunday School) has finished for Term 1 and will resume on 24th April.

Junior Soldiers will be held today.

Generous Life—10– 15 minute teaching following the meeting. All welcome to stay & contribute to this special time.

The **SELF DENIAL APPEAL (OWSOMS)** please take an envelope and place in the normal collection over the next few weeks.) Thank you for your generous giving and may God richly bless you.

- 10th April Delve (Bible Study). At the Quarters. Bring your Bible & meat to cook on the BBQ.
- 24th April Koinonia Lunch (add name to list)
- 25th April Anzac Day Dawn Service
- 7th May Ladies Breakfast
- 21st May Subscription Concert, 7:30 pm. Tell your friends.

There will be NO meeting at the Corps on May 29th because of **RED SHIELD**. Pray for the special time and be prepared to assist where you can. More details to follow.

IMPACT: (New Impact Newsletter out today)

30th April—1st May—Sydney Youth Councils.



HOME LEAGUE SYLABUS.

- April 12th Betty—A Salvationist Story Video 'A Place in the Heart' - A moving story of a second-generation farmer who gives all to serve others struggling on the land.
- April 19th Linda Robinson with the Blacktown Junior Soldiers.
- April 26th Major Mavis

WEEKLY GIVING (2 weeks)

Open Plate \$ 353.20
 Generous Life \$ 1,796.00
 Self Denial (so far) \$ 21,397.20

Generous Life

Generous Life focuses on corps and how they are travelling when it comes to generosity - individually and as a congregation.

The Generous Life Team provide coaching and mentoring which includes assessing current situation in mission, ministry, giving and the overall culture of generosity. It is an opportunity to seriously look at where the corps is and where it needs to be. Corps leadership teams play a very important role in this process.

Previously The Salvation Army in this Territory had what we call Planned Giving. Generous Life could be seen as this but taken to the next level. In fact this is how we are different:

PLANNED GIVING

FROM
 Program Development
 Structured
 Inflexible
 Non negotiables
 Tight time frame
 Finance focus
 Lay leadership
 Headquarters owned
 Raising funds
 Transaction

GENEROUS LIFE

TO
 Directed Coached Framework
 Flexible
 Corps need focused
 Locally determined time frame
 Generosity focused - holistically
 Local leadership
 Corps owned
 Culture of Generosity
 Transformation

This is an exciting journey and we look forward to seeing what God has in store as we all become more generous.

What is Generous Life Coaching?

Rather than directing we are about listening to the needs of the individual corps and supporting the Corps Officer/s and Leadership as they discover where the corps is and where it needs to be, and how to get there.

Coaching is very much self directed because we believe that the answer lies within the life and experience of the corps. Coaching uses various tools to help the answers come out.

Generous Life is an exciting adventure that the Corps is going on. We will be looking into this more specifically in April. In order to help us understand and learn more we are going to be using the book by Gordon McDonald entitled, "Generosity - moving toward life that is truly life" We are going through it as a church family however **if you would like to purchase a copy for your own use they are available for \$10. Please tell Captain Susanne and give her the money ASAP**

If you prefer to purchase the book as an IBook then this can be done through APPLE Store for around \$5.



Retirement Meeting for

Commissioners James and Jan Condon



Saturday 14 May 2016
2:00 pm
Sydney Congress Hall



Retirement conducted by
General Linda Bond (Rtd)

Messages to be sent to: Joy.Johns@aus.salvationarmy.org



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne & their family as they minister to us.

Pray for Rena.

Keep Praying for Kath Paddison.

Pray for Sandra Robinson & Phil Robinson who are not well at this time.

Pray for Estelle Ring.

Pray for our Junior Soldiers and all our young people and their leaders. Pray for each of our sections & leader.

Pray for all those who once attended this Corps (or other place of worship) and who no longer worship anywhere. "Pray the prodigals home" they may not agree with us or like us but they are helpless against our prayers.



Pray for Michael, Katrina Jacob & Emmalyn Hindle as they join us for out training.

Pray for Ted Norval after his recent operation.

Pray for Peter Hardy as he is at Salvos Discipleship School. Pray that God will guide and bless him in all he does.

Continue to uphold John Hughes at this time.

Please pray for Rose Newland (Debbie's Mum) as she is not well at this time.

Pray for Bob Rogan and his work & ministry at the Corps.

Please pray for Bob & Debbie's Grandson—Emmet Brown who is 5 weeks old and has been in hospital with Bronchiolitis. Pray for Emmet and his family.

This week pray especially for:

Stuart, Timothy & Laura Batcheldor, Lynn Blakesley, Marie Carey, Dorcas, Rachael & Darren Chakanetta, Jan Clarke, Les & Betty Crowder, Sylvia Davidson.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily. Thank Him for JESUS and for the change it has made to our lives.

**A HEALTHY CHURCH IS THE BEST WITNESS
TO A HURTING WORLD.**



Red Shield Family Store Prayer Requests:

Many of the Family Store Volunteers have requested prayer from their Corps Family. Please pray for and support the Family Store Manager and Volunteers.

Pray for Lyn & Ivan Daly as they wait for results of tests. This is a stressful time, waiting is always hard. Please pray for God's guidance and strength.

Mr. Leslie Wallwood whose facing a number of operations.

Mrs. Lyn Daly who has a worrying diagnosis to face up to.

Mr. Graeme McGee who asks for prayer for a close friend who has just lost his leg in an horrific accident and is in critical condition.

Mrs. Brenda Lenkeith who asks for prayer for a young mother she knows who is in the final stages of recurring cancer and leaves 4 young children and a distraught husband.

Vicky Nichols asks for prayer for Paul in her family who is diagnosed with cancer.

WANTED TO PURCHASE: Ladies Uniform Open Neck size 18-20. See Lyn Daly if you can assist.



11th April	Lyndon Baker Warren Parkinson
12th April	Allison Douglass Gwen Scott
14th April	Lisa Tomlins

If you would like to have your copy of the Newsletter sent to your computer, please email Gail Salmon at gail_salmon@bigpond.com to be included.



The Red Shield Family Store is in need of **CLEAN PLASTIC BAGS** and/or **Newspapers**. If anyone can assist please see Mark Andrews.