



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

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19th March 2017

Corps Officers—Captain William & Susanne Geracia

Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown, please join us for Morning Tea following the meeting and enjoy a time of fellowship & sharing.

COMING EVENTS: MARCH

TODAY: Fundraising Car Wash in the Carpark today following the meeting. \$ 10 per car. Please see Caitlin for more details.

Josh is having his dreadlocks cut off for charity. If you would like to support Josh please see him as soon as possible.

25th March Men's Breakfast at 8am. Add names to list if you are planning to attend.

26th March Junior Soldiers

The International Staff Songsters will be touring Australia & New Zealand and will be presenting a Concert in Sydney on Monday 10th April at 7:30 pm at Sydney Congress Hall. Adult tickets are \$15, concession tickets are \$10. Tickets available from the following web site. www.salvos.org.au/sydneystaffsongsters/shop. See Don Jenkins for further details.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS Sunday 2nd April (Extra hours sleep!!!)



HOME LEAGUE SYLUBUS 2017

March 21st Captain Susan.

March 28th Leader—Ruth Tween. Guest Speaker Lyn Daly

April 4th Leaders Kath, Val & Ruth—Easter Card Making

April 11th Captain Bill—Easter Service

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE—get a head start on the readings that will be used over the next few weeks.

March Scriptures:

TODAY: March 19th Matt. 28: 18-20
March 26th Proverbs 4:20-27

SISTERS MESSAGING SISTERS (see notice Board). As Sisters in Christ we are called to encourage each other. Add your name & mobile number to the list on Notice Board & start encouraging and being encouraged each week.



14th March Sandra Robinson
22nd March Olwyn Gordon
25th March Claire Hardy

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: We have been asked, as a Corps Family to pray for the Roberts Family who are going through a very difficult time at the moment. We do not know this family (personally) but God knows them and what they are going through. Please bring this family before the Lord in your prayers.

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$

Generous Life \$



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. Remember to thank Kath for all the beautiful flowers she brings to the meeting.

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

Do you know of anyone who once worshiped with us and who no longer belongs to a fellowship of believers. Pray believing that God will reveal Himself and encourage them to come and worship Him.

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



Pray for Cadets Ashley & Rita Biermann as they study at the College and share in Ministry with us at Blacktown of a Sunday. Pray also for their family in Queensland.

Pray for Sandra Tillson who has not been well.

Caryl McCready is still having health issues. Pray for a speedy recovery.

Major John McGuigan (former Corps Officer of this Corps, Father of Joy Andrews) is home from hospital recuperating. He still has a long way to go but the Doctors are pleased with his progress. Thank you for your prayers.

This week pray especially for:

Michael, Rose & James McDonald, Shannon McDonald, Justin, Candice, Hallie & Lucinda Mannix, Bill Manns, Bev Masters, Pradeep, Neeta & Brysun Menon, Julia Mills, Peter Moon.

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.

How has God used people to strengthen you when your spirit was crushed?

**THE BEST KIND OF FRIEND
IS A PRAYING FRIEND**

BIBLE FUN FACTS: One Bible guy obviously had an older sister named Rachel because his parents named him AHARHEL which means 'brother of Rachel' - how humbling! (1 Chronicles 4:8)

Self-Denial

Each year, the Self Denial Appeal stories inspire and challenge us to give sacrificially.

The 2016 appeal featured four inspiring stories of people from India, Myanmar, Jamaica and Moldova, whose lives were transformed through your generosity. We remember Dr Caraman, who runs free health clinics in Moldova for people experiencing hardship, and Aruna from Mumbai, who felt trapped by her circumstance until she met a Salvation Army community worker.

Our 2017 appeal, *Love Changes Lives*, introduces four new friends who have risen from difficult beginnings:

- Colonel Rohini from Sri Lanka, who was left as a newborn baby at a Salvation Army children's home.
- Esther in Kenya, who was given the opportunity to start a small business to support her family.
- Ira Mae, who has a new school to attend after the devastation of Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines.
- Vicente and Ana from Mexico, whose lives were changed through the love of Jesus.

These heart warming stories demonstrate how your gift of love changes lives. Over the course of the last 4 years as your Officers, we have been so blessed by your giving support to the Self Denial effort. As always pray, ask God for his leading and direction in what you give. Allow this giving opportunity to impact how you worship God. Susanne and I are praying for a wonderful leading of the Spirit in this year's Self Denial Appeal. Let God lead and go before you.

Have you been using the "PRAYER POINTS" in the Self Denial Booklet to pray each day for the people we will be sponsoring. It is very humbling to read the stories and to see how much we have in comparison to what these people have. The prayers for commitment & outreach can also be applied to us as well.

If you would like a prayer request or a News Item added to the Newsletter or you have a Praise Point or Answer to Prayer, please let Gail know so it can be recorded.

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