



BLACKTOWN CITY CORPS NEWSLETTER

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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.

Please note there will be NO Newsletter next week.

COMING EVENTS: MARCH

TODAY: Prayer Meeting here at the Hall at 10am. Come and join with us as we pray for our Corps, our Leaders, our Country and ourselves.

7th March Pastoral Care Council Meeting

11th—12th March SSB in Orange

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

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.



HOME LEAGUE SYLUBUS 2017

March 7th Betty—Movie Day 'On Thin Ice'
A moving account of polar bears struggling to survive.

March 14th Guest Speaker Nerida Jackson from Australian Hearing. *Nerida will be giving free hearing tests to anyone who would like to have one.*

March 21st Captain Susan.

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

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

THE RYTHYM OF LIFE

Have you read Psalms 90—100—Singing Praise to God?

Have you increased your Prayer Time? Be constantly in God's presence. Pray, Believe, Peace.

Hungering for God—Fasting to spend time with God—watching for Him to do Something New in your life.

Worship—filled with the Spirit. Thankfulness for all He has done and is doing in our lives.

Silence & Solitude.

March Scriptures:

TODAY: March 5th 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
March 12th Exodus 17:8-16
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.



7th March Ted Norval
9th March Carly Tomlins
18th March Elaina Geracia



10th March Ivan & Noelene Kelly

WEEKLY GIVING

Open Plate \$ 261.25
Generous Life \$ 1,655.00



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:

Don & Bronwyn Jenkins, Ivan & Noelene Kelly, Tracey, Whitney & Mitchell Kuiper, Janice Lane, Masalo Laumua, Marlene Linley, Merle Loucas/Sardis, Craig, Erin & Jared McCready, Ross & Caryl McCready

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.

**THERE IS NO GREATER JOY THAN TO KNOW
THAT GOD LOVES US**

BIBLE FUN FACTS: The only people in the Bible who held conversations with animals were Eve, who chatted with a SNAKE and Balaam who argued with a DONKEY. "Genesis 3:1-5 and Numbers 22:21—30

Casserole Club

The Casserole Club is a free local food-sharing community which connects enthusiastic home cooks, who want to share their food and meet new people, with those in need. Through this partnership The Salvation Army offers the opportunity for those in need to receive a home-cooked meal, made and delivered by a friendly neighbour. We are looking for several families that would be able to cook a meal for someone in their neighbourhood that The Salvation Army designates. If you would like more information, please see Bill or Susanne.

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.