

# ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

## The Tiger Cub Rag



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*City of Yarra*

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# ROB'S Blog...

What a busy night last Monday was when we welcomed Maureen Pang as the new Co-ordinator of the FoRR and we look forward to working with her in the New Year. We thanked Jenny List for being the co-ordinator for the past five years and applauded her sterling efforts. Also Sue Roberts for keeping the books for five years.

Our guest speaker Mr Percy Cooper brought home to me that you should destroy any personal details to avoid theft of your identity. Also not to be greedy when it is too good to be true investments are proposed by well presented comen!!

I would like to thank Michael O'Sullivan for helping out on Friday night carparking at the Convent. Sadly it was a quiet night (\$150 my guess) so lets hope it gets busy as the nights go on. We had a very busy day on Sunday at Victoria Park which was opened by the City of Yarra for the use of the general public. We raised over \$800 a very good effort and I would like thank again Michael O'Sullivan who excels at cooking the perfect "sanger", Sally O'Sullivan, Melissa Carfax Foster, Sue Bolton and Phil Mylecharane for all their hard work.

I would like to thank you all for your understanding about December 11<sup>th</sup> at such short notice and we will make our last meeting a good one with the Mayor of Yarra as our guest speaker.

Here is a warning for other road-users, my daughter Clemmie has hit the road today (7<sup>th</sup>) - so look out!

Looking back over the last six months I would like to thank you all for your efforts in keeping up the good work of changing people's lives. As I have said before helping other people is the most satisfying thing we as humans can do for each other. Finally I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for you and your families the very best and have a good break and come back refreshed on January !6<sup>th</sup> at Secretary Jo's home for a barbecue.

**Cheers  
President Rob**



## **Last Week's Meeting** The Reluctant Scribe: Annie Wysham

**A busy, noisy, friendly free-for-all at Rotary last meeting!** The beautiful buffet dinner that was served was set out and ready to be enjoyed right on the knocker of 7.00pm! Sergeant Les was in lather! So it was decided that the Members and many Friends attending would help themselves before the meeting formalities began. Chair Janice finally took to the lectern and eventually gained 'control' of the room. Seems that she'd been calling for order for awhile, but minus the presence of a microphone and with her soft, caressing 'Julie London' voice, everyone just happily carried on chatting and eating regardless!

**President Rob** represented Richmond Rotary at the presentation night at Melbourne Girls' College last week. He proudly stated that it was announced that night that our Nia had been voted by the students as the Best Teacher for the year. Go Nia! But then we weren't surprised were we? She was a shoe-in for sure. Congratulations Teach!! Take the next 6 weeks off and relax on your laurels!

**Friends Change Chairs:** Rob also had the pleasure of thanking Jenny List for her 5 years of excellent leadership as Chair of the Friends of Richmond Rotary (FoRR), presenting Jenny with a beautiful white potted orchid. Jenny responded with an overview of all the many activities that Friends have organised, along with their fundraising initiatives. Jenny then congratulated incoming Chair, Maureen Pang, and presented her with a beribboned copy of the FoRR Charter. In expressing her thanks, Maureen announced that the present FoRR Committee of Sally O'Sullivan, Sue Roberts, Glenys Liddell and Wilma Mylecharane would be staying on and that Kevin Bolton (PE Sue) had agreed to join the committee as well. What a trouper – good stuff Kevin. (Apparently he won best-dressed at the Balnarring races last week, wife Sue said. Kev will give bow-tied Les a run for his money at this rate!). Sue Roberts, long-serving FoRR Treasurer, also lined up to receive a lovely gift of a pot plant from Maureen. Best wishes in your new role Maureen from all at RCR. We all need Friends like these. Aren't we a lucky Club to have them!

**Annie surprised Kristen** with a bar of chocolate to have with her coffee as a treat. It was in the way of a small 'thank you' for her weekly commitment to collecting the Tiger Cub Rag copies from the printer and delivering them to our meeting without any fuss or fanfare. Little things mean a lot, especially when they are achieved so cheerfully and so well! Lovely to have the company of young Bryn Dwyer who brought along his Dad, Mark. Bryn scored a chocolate bar – just 'cos he too is a gorgeous Club favourite!

**Our guest speaker, Percy Cooper**, a Forensic Accountant, was billed in the Tiger Cub Rag of the 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, as speaking about 'Identity Theft'. The item included this photo.



Nice looking clean-cut chap, but nothing like the Percy Cooper who turned up to address us with his wife, Beth. Mmmm. A case of 'identity theft' I wonder? Percy was a great guest speaker. Seems Janice first heard him present at her Probus Club and

## ***Last Week's Meeting.....Continued***

invited him along. Good move Janice! He began with a 'ramble thru history' giving historical examples of identity theft opportunists. From the first recorded example described in the Bible, Genesis 22 & 27, to pre-paid funeral fraud by some Egyptian priests in the days of the Pharaohs (seems the victims were literally in de Nile!). King Edward 2<sup>nd</sup> of England was conned with the Spanish letter scam almost 700 years ago and lost 100,000 English florins (30 million Aus \$) and the perpetrators were never caught! Ouch. Percy regaled us with tale after tale of fascinating examples of scams, schemes, con men and women. - right thru to the present day and to Bernie Maydoff who ran the biggest 'Ponzi' scheme in American history. (Named after Charlie Ponzi, who duped thousands of New England residents into investing in a postage stamp speculation scheme back in the 1920s.). The best clairvoyant in the Universe' was the way one local female scammer billed herself. Percy described her 'as nothing but the lowest of the low'. Newspaper headlines read: '*She Didn't See It Coming!*' when she was finally arrested at her home by Federal Police.

**In summary:** Most scams today are computer-based. Scam phone calls can be easily deterred with a terrific (disabling) trick that Percy shared with us. (Trevor said he'd try it next time his MIL calls!). The biggest conman in the last century was Adolf Hitler – he became the 2<sup>nd</sup> richest man in Germany at that time. Percy also reminded us that even way back in 1523 'a now famous English novelist' stated, 'A fool and his money are soon parted'. Scammers traditionally blame the victim and rarely if ever take responsibility for their own devious actions.

Percy kindly gave each one of us a copy of '*The Little Black Book of Scams – Your Guide to scams, swindles, rorts and rip-offs!*' It will make for 'fascinating reading' for sure as it demonstrates how to stay one step ahead of the scammers, amongst other valuable tips. You can register for free SCAMwatch email alerts at [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

**Chair Janice** presented Percy with a Rotary pen and a Rotary mousepad. Phil piped up that we just need Percy's signature now 'and by-the-way, the mousepad and pen are both bar-coded!' President Rob said he was disappointed because he thought he'd learn how to tap into a few new profitable schemes! [*ROB – remember those 3 magic words: '4-Way test'.*]

**Rob also thanked** Wilma Mylecharane *twice* for attending, when she wasn't even at the meeting! Phil said she was having an ID crisis. He then had a go at Michael Cowling for turning 60 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and being eligible for a Seniors Card! Michael claimed he'd received a phone call to say it's in the mail – coming from Malaysia!

**A mad, glad night at Rotary...**but we 'wasn't robbed' or ripped off! Oh no! We 'was rewarded' with good friendly fun, fascinating information and personal anti-fraud tips. Wish you were there - complete with your ID(s)!



## To the Editor: Re - Instituting a Change of Thought

On page 7 of the Tiger Cub Rag, Monday, 28.11.11, I was taken with the heading of the article by John Benger, 'What is the Rotary Institute?'

Thanks to his interesting and detailed explanation I now know I was under a gross misapprehension concerning this esteemed body 'that brings current and past RI officers together to learn about the latest Rotary developments, including RI policies and programs'.

You see, I'd always thought that the Rotary Institute was a home where they sent retired, non-functioning Rotarians to see out their final days before they joined that eternal Rotary Club in the sky - with all those heavenly Rotary hosts on cloud-9 to greet you on arrival!

- A place where they sat around reminiscing over the 'good ol' days of Rotary' and tried to remember the last 2 points of the 4-way test and at least 3 of the Objects of Rotary
- Where they enjoyed 'fireside chats' over a glass of good cheer and a slice of Rotary Christmas cake. Or dunked delicious Rotary shortbread in their hot 'cuppa' to save the effort of putting their dentures in!
- A place where the statements, 'in my day' and 'remember when' were common place

My new knowledge re the Rotary Institute - courtesy of Scribe John B - has now completely thrown my own Rotary-retirement plans into disarray for the future!

Why, it was only last week that I rang the Rotary Institute to ask for their Rotary Retirement Package brochure with a view to making a (very) early booking for myself. (Wanted to beat my kids and my Club to the gun and have some say in the matter!)

I enquired if the breakfast and lunch and dinner gatherings started and finished late – or was it that old Rotary chestnut of 'one hour strictly or you're out the door'!

I asked did they dish up Rotary chicken at meal times served in 57 varieties - as I'd have withdrawal symptoms and hunger-pangs if chicken wasn't on the menu. My wish-list also included basic essentials such as a modern serviced apartment, plasma TV, complete laundry services, car parking, Foxtel and a sunny balcony or courtyard to sit out on while sipping a mandatory Rotary red with a complimentary box of chocolates!

I do recall that I was disappointed that the Rotary Institute's receptionist was rather vague and seemed somewhat confused re my queries. But I forgave her. She was a junior and was probably multi-tasking at the time as the young ones do – maybe texting a friend, scrolling her iPad, plus finishing off the final chapter of a thriller on her Kindle.

Institute. Institution. Argh, what's in a name! It's back to the Yellow Pages for me to resume my search for a resting place for tired Rotarians. Or the worldwide web with the help of some little grandkiddies of course!

Annie Wysham (*With tongue firmly planted in cheek. Try it – ain't easy!*)

UPCOMING EVENTS				
Date	Day			Chairperson
12-Dec	Monday	Salvation Army Toy Collection		
12-Dec	Monday	Mayor Cr Alison Clarke	City of Yarra	Ben Hosking
19-Dec	Monday	NO MEETING		
26-Dec	Monday	NO MEETING		
2-Jan	Monday	NO MEETING		
9-Jan	Monday	NO MEETING		
16-Jan	Monday	Fellowship at Jo's Place		Jo Cowling
9-Mar	Friday	District Conference	<a href="http://www.2012melbourne.com.au">www.2012melbourne.com.au</a>	Melbourne
10-Mar	Saturday	District Conference	<a href="http://www.2012melbourne.com.au">www.2012melbourne.com.au</a>	Melbourne
11-Mar	Sunday	District Conference	<a href="http://www.2012melbourne.com.au">www.2012melbourne.com.au</a>	Melbourne
		* Club Meeting		



## WHAT A CHRISTMAS FAIR!



Hosts David and Traudi Bibby (former members of the RC Richmond family) put on a wonderful Christmas Fair once again at their beautiful home, garden, stables and courtyard at St Agnes Homestead, Kyneton. There were magnificent Christmas touches in true Traudi-style every where you turned! The invitation stated: *'Come and have a day in the country with an opportunity to purchase produce and gifts'*.

Their invited family, many friends and fellow Rotarians flocked to the fair on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, despite the unsettled windy weather. The gardens and surrounds were a treat and so lush and green. The stables and yards were packed with a variety of fabulous stalls and activities to please all purses and ages. Food stalls catered for the most fastidious customers and included home-made, home-baked Christmas fare for sale. In front of the Groom's Cottage a 2- piece music ensemble entertained with folk, country and bluegrass music while people lolled on the lawns or sat on the hay bales. The kids kicked a ball around and played games down on the grassy slopes in front of the vineyard. The waterlilies were in bloom on the duckpond. Oh, what a way to spend a day!

Santa and his helpers arrived with a bag of lollies for the children to help themselves to. On a lead was a new baby lamb, an orphan who sucked on a bottle much to the delight of the children, as well as a 4-day old grey and speckled **reindeer** foal called 'Prancer', who also enjoyed a baby bottle of milk! 'Aggie' the Bibby's red kelpie dog was kept on the chain much to her great dismay!

Donation was by gold coin or \$5.00 with a chance to win a dinner for 2 at Breeze at Crown. Monies raised on the day went to David and Traudi's grandchildren's orphanage in Cambodia ([www.kaiskids.org](http://www.kaiskids.org))

RC Richmond was represented by Jenny and Brian who invited 2 of their friends to share the day. Just before leaving, Brian was last noticed around 1.30pm clutching 2 bottles of champagne he'd just purchased to take home for the Christmas table. Mark Dwyer and daughter Stephanie were seen demolishing king-size hamburgers that would put Macca's to shame; and Annie was being supervised by 2 dear little charges who were keeping an eye on her as they did *their* Christmas shopping! And fabulous purchases they made to, rewarding themselves and her with a treat of yummy scoops of icecream at the end of it all! Janice also made the trip up to St Agnes and was an afternoon attendee! The Lists' made a detour into Gisborne enroute home, ostensibly to change drivers, but they found another market just packing up and managed to accumulate a few more goodies, as well as a devonshire tea in a very WARM little cafe, before setting off for the second time for Melbourne.

What a way to spend a day and to help the orphanage in Cambodia! *(David expressed his thanks that Richmond hasn't forgotten them – why ever would we!?)*

Thank you David and Traudi for your enterprise. Thanks also to your family and willing friends for their wonderful efforts. The Christmas fair at St Agnes is definitely in the diary for **next** year!

<http://www.saintagnes.com.au/Photo%20Gallery.htm>

*Annie W. with added comments from Jenny L.*

# Providing the Next Step

By [Fiona Mackrell](#) [ArtsHub](#) | Thursday, December 01, 2011

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The City of Yarra in Melbourne's inner city may include galleries, bars, funky restaurants and trendy shopping strips featuring local up and coming designers from Bridge Road in Richmond to Brunswick and Smith Streets in Fitzroy and Collingwood respectively; but it also has many high-density public housing estates and a large population of newly arrived and disadvantaged people from places such as Somalia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Iran.

It is this diversity and eclecticism, with over 50% of the population being born elsewhere, that makes the City of Yarra such an interesting and attractive area, yet there are also obvious divisions in opportunity. That is something that Snap Hop Rotary Youth Arts Project (RYAP) and the Next Step program attempt to address.

It's estimated that there are 6,000 disadvantaged young people living in the area, many of whom are dealing with family and socio-economic, psychological and mental health issues, and difficulties engaging with the broader community such as language barriers and feelings of distrust and insecurity.

The SnapHop Rotary Youth Arts Project (RYAP) run under the auspice of [Dance House](#) and working with the [Centre for Contemporary Photography](#) is focused on providing such disadvantaged young people with quality arts experiences. Funded through Arts Victoria, the City of Yarra and the Rotary Clubs of Richmond, Collingwood and Carlton, the Project aims to provide them with opportunities to express their creativity, develop a sense of self-confidence and connect with other people in the community.

RYAP currently offers two terms of study in either dance or photography for interested students from local schools such as Sydney Road Community School, Lynall Hall, Collingwood Alternative School, Collingwood English Language School and NMIT's Young Adult Migrant Education Course (YAMEC).

The students are provided with 'tasters' and in-school classes and are then taken out of that context to attend classes where they interact with kids from other schools either at the Centre for Contemporary Photography or at Dance House. The program culminates in a photographic exhibition and a dance performance, which also includes a video, to an invited audience where the students present and explain their work.

'So, at the end of those two terms or five to six months,' says Tim Baker the Project Coordinator from the Rotary Club of Richmond, 'they have had an experience which has bonded them together... taught them something about how to relate to other groups of people and given them some confidence. And they've received recognition and praise from a whole load of people they've never met before.'

While RYAP is well established, starting 11 years ago, it was realized that many of these young people needed ongoing support. This led to the creation four years ago of Next Step, a program to support graduates of the Rotary Youth Arts Project transition from school to the workforce.

## Next Step

Next Step is a unique program in that it provides long term support over 3 to 5 years, from around Year 10 until they get full time work or enter full time tertiary studies.

The program works with [Big Brothers](#), [Big Sisters](#) to provide mentoring, but also provides extensive life skill training and career guidance. They are assisted with driving lessons, gaining work experience, managing money and financial planning, job interview techniques, building self esteem and communication skill programs and public speaking. They also, with the support of project partner Chandler Macleod's [CMYPeople](#) software, an online competency assessment, receive individual testing that can map their strengths and interests to potential jobs.

Next Step's youth worker, Darryl Vine says this career testing gives the kids not only further confidence by showing them things about themselves that they hadn't previously appreciated; it throws up future directions they would never otherwise have thought of.

'It helps them to start to believe in themselves,' Vine says as many of them are trying to deal with fear, anxiety and low self esteem. 'So when you're working with them you're trying to develop their motivation and confidence, to believe in themselves...it's little steps but you see them growing and growing...'

The program is just starting to see it's first graduates. Tim Baker tells of a student who having struggled with English doing his VCE marks did a pre-university course at Warrambool with Next Step support and is now applying for ANU. Or of another student with a talent for poetry but who's epilepsy has limited his ability to work in some fields is now being helped to find a job as library assistant so he can continue his interests and earn some money.

Then there is Addo, who at 21 is now running his own soccer coaching business, and passionately trying to develop and is undertaking to do a Youth Work qualification so he can help young people himself.

'We helped him develop his soccer plan and we'll always help him,' says Baker. 'As they graduate we want them to join together to help the young people from whence they came, so it can spawn an ever widening support system. It's quite exciting really.'

There are heaps of rewards that come out of the program, says Darryl Vine. 'It's seeing them grow, seeing them develop.' Although the journey might start with introducing these disadvantaged kids to a camera or harnessing their interest in dance, together the Snap Hop Rotary Youth Arts Project and Next Step are helping them connect with much, much, more.

**artshub is a proud sponsor of the Next Step program through the Rotary Club of Richmond.**

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## Achievement



# DECEMBER IS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FAMILY MONTH

## SANTA CLAUS

**Long-time Friend of Richmond Rotary & a FoRR!**

**It's that time of the year again & HE'S BACK!**

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**Santa - what year and why did you join the Friends of Richmond Rotary (FoRR)?**

*I always **was** a Friend of Richmond Rotary because it comes with the job – I'm known world-wide as everyone's friend you see! Because of the giving and caring nature of everyone at Richmond Rotary, the spirit of Santa is alive and well all year round. Which is why December is the perfect month to celebrate the International Family of Rotary!*

**What keeps you committed to Richmond Rotary?**

*All the good folk at Richmond Rotary who are 'reaching within to embrace humanity!' They have big hearts and generous spirits – the true spirit of Christmas and Santa! They're so jolly cheery, so loving and giving and full of fun too! HO-HO-HO...just like ME!*

**What's been your favourite FoRR involvement and why?**



*The Christmas toy collection started by the Partners of Richmond Rotary – know known as the Friends. It helps lighten the load for me and my busy elves in Santa's toy-making workshop. I love seeing the sparkle in the eyes of the little children when they receive their gifts. I couldn't manage without my wonderful RCR Rotarians, Friends, supporters and Santa-assistants each December! You'll never really know just how much love and joy your donated toys and clothes create! Mrs Claus gets quite teary over it, bless her.*

**What keeps you awake at night?**

*It's my favourite Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer who has a very shiny nose - and if you ever saw it you would even say it glows! We've never been able to find the OFF switch and his nose just glows 24 -7. Mrs Claus and Mary Christmas can't get to sleep at night 'cos his nose is so bright! HO-HO-HO!*

**Keep the Rotary light shining and bless you all – each & everyone...**



**Merry Christmas**

**Happy New Year!**



# Free Beer Lures Male Volunteers

Posted: Pro Bono News Tuesday, 6 December 2011

Author: Brigid Delaney

How to get young men engaged in volunteering has stumped many organisations. But Wollongong woman Melissa Abu-Gazaleh has the magic bullet. Free beer.

She partnered with one of Wollongong's most popular pubs and got sponsorship from a beer company.

Once the men were assembled in one place she was able to get them to do a survey about volunteering and speak to them about the Not for Profit she founded – Top Blokes Foundation.

She told the National Conference of Volunteering on the Gold Coast last week that “70% of what we see in the media on young men is unfavourable. “Only 14% of young men in Australia volunteer – in Wollongong when I live – its 8% - really low.

The Foundation she established when she was 19 year-old aims to get more men to volunteer. When they sign up to Top Blokes they get partnered with community organisations.

As for Melissa's inspiration: “I think men are fascinating creatures,” she told the conference. “I did this (start up the Foundation) when I was 19 year old. When you are young – the attitude is just screw it – let's just do it.”

The Foundation runs a Top Bloke awards – recognising peer leaders and has developed an initiative called 50 Top Blokes which is “trying to engage men for the first time in volunteers.”

Her tips for engaging young male volunteers include:

- Speak their language – what do guys care about?
- You need to start the conversation with young guys
- Mentoring is important – particularly if someone doesn't come from a culture of volunteering
- There's lots of peer pressure – it huge – it's all about getting blokes to get their mates
- Enter their territory - for the average guy it's not cool to volunteer – so to attract young guys to our organisation – we do an outreach program. We built a partnership with a beer company and a pub – that opened up the door for us to have a conversation
- Don't be too aggressive. Once you become pushy they become hesitant.
- Give them opportunities to progress on the leadership journey
- Recognition of positive behaviour
- Create opportunities to bring their mates along for the ride – so it's not lonely

Melissa warned that organisations should not delay in signing up the “top blokes” when they show interest. “How do we make it easy for men to sign up and get involved when they are feeling inspired? For organisations – reduce delay when processing the applications,” she advised.

*(President Rob is an advocate of FREE BEER!)*

## Why Supporting The Rotary Foundation Counts...

As “Our Charity”, The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle of our Rotary Clubs to invest in lasting change in the world. The funds raised by Rotarians are invested for 3 years, and at the end of those 3 years, half of the funds raised 3 years prior are available to our District for use in our District, while the remaining half is kept in the World Fund to be used to fund Global Grants, Peace scholars and other approved projects of the Rotary Foundation undertaken by our District and our member clubs.

### **This year District Grants have been provided to clubs for projects including:**

- providing water and sanitation systems to developing countries;
- investigatory visits to finalize proposed international projects;
- ambulances in rural India to collect blood and improve public health;
- bringing teachers from PNG to learn new literacy programs to be taught in PNG schools; and
- providing literacy programs via books to local kindergartens.



With these projects carried out under the management and stewardship of Rotary volunteers, The Rotary Foundation represents one of the most effective ways to bring peace, understanding, education, good health and community betterment to our world.

**I invite you to join us for a sumptuous breakfast and an inspirational way to start the first morning of our District Conference at the Foundation Breakfast!**



**PDG John Davis**  
Chairman  
Rotary District 9800  
Rotary Foundation Committee



## **To Book Your Place:**

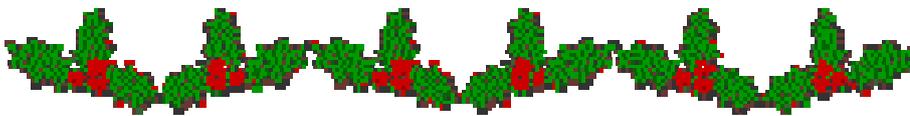
Simply indicate your attendance when completing the [Conference Booking Form](#) or contact Victor Sullivan on 0409 437 009 to reserve your place!



## *SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!*

*The elves love to make up silly Christmas jokes when they're making presents. Christmas jokes are their favourite!*

*Here are some of the jokes that always make those elves laugh!*



What did the dog breeder get when she crossed an Irish Setter with a Pointer at Christmastime?

A "pointsetter"!

What do sheep say to each other at Christmastime?

Merry Christmas to ewe!

What do sheep say to shepherds at Christmastime?

Season's Bleatings!

How do sheep say Merry Christmas in Mexico?

Fleece Navidad!

How do Chihuahua's say Merry Christmas?

Fleas Navidog!

A definition of Christmas:

The time when everyone gets "Santa"-mental.

What did one Christmas cracker say to the other Christmas cracker?

My POP is bigger than yours!

What do you call an elf who steals gift wrap from the rich and gives it to the poor?

Ribbon Hood!

What comes at the end of Christmas Day?

The letter "Y"!

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has "no EL"!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

What happens if you eat too many Christmas decorations?

You get "Tinsel"-itis!

"Do you ever buy any Christmas Seals?"

"No, I wouldn't know how to feed them."

What is the best key to get at Christmas?

A turkey!

What's the best thing for children to give their parents for Christmas?

A list of everything the kids want!

What do wild animals sing at Christmastime?

Jungle bells, jungle bells, jungle all the way!

What's the favourite Christmas Carol of new parents?

Silent Night!

Where do mistletoe go to become famous?

"Holly" wood!

What did one Christmas light say to the other Christmas light?

You light me up!

Why do Mummies like Christmas so much?

Because of all the wrapping!

A Christmas thought:

STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backwards!

Source: [http://emailsanta.com/jokes\\_Christmas.htm](http://emailsanta.com/jokes_Christmas.htm)