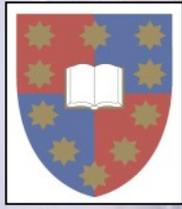




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## Christmas at the Club

Members and supporters of the Public Schools Club enjoyed a sumptuous four-course dinner on Friday 9th December, including a brief address from the Chairman David d’Lima.

“Christmas is a time not only for family, friends, fellowship or even thinking about the claims of Christ as saviour for each individual, but also his claims as Lord - and the way in which principles linked to his life and work have shaped our civic culture,” he said.

“If we had a flag flying on the flagpole, we would be able to see the crosses of Christ on display,” he said jokingly to Club President and flag warden CDC Ashton. “Next time, Chris!”

In his remarks, the Chairman spoke about a very overlooked aspect of the meaning of Christmas: that the Christian ethos has given the culture principles of servant-leadership.

He indicated the role of the Christian Scriptures to shape the several founding schools of the Club, and he made reference to the Bible featured on the Public Schools Club emblem.

Referring to the Bible, he cited the words of Christ who called for servant leadership and critiqued the Roman Emperor:

*“The kings of the peoples lord it over them and receive the title Benefactor, but that is not how it should be among you. Instead the one who rules should be like the one who serves. ... I among you as one who serves” (Luke 22).*

“The term *Benefactor* is a classical title of the Roman Emperors,” David d’Lima noted. “So in three ways Jesus is talking about civic government: firstly, by referring to the *kings of the peoples*, secondly by using the term *benefactor* and thirdly by speaking about *the one who rules*,” he said.

The principle of servant-leadership has been received in our civic culture as a result of the influence of Christianity.



To illustrate that point, he circulated two unusual coins among the dinner guests.

“This coin is one of the emperor Augustus, on whose head you will see flames of fire to indicate his alleged divinity,” he said.

“It contrasts with this commemorative \$5 coin showing the Queen on whose head is a crown on which is the cross of Christ.

“The Queen made Christian promises at the Coronation all those years ago.

“Unlike the Roman emperors, she does not wish that we worship her, but that we worship Christ,” he continued.



“You see the contrast between what is on the head of the Emperor Augustus and what is on the head of Queen Elizabeth,” he said, as the two coins made their way around the tables, for the close inspection of Club Members and guests

But as the ancient Roman coin was passed along the tables, one person accidentally dropped the 2,000 year old antique into her dessert.

“It is usually sixpences that come of Christmas puddings,” he suggested, as the coin was carefully wiped clean of custard and Christmas pudding!

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Above: Sossy Msomi with Judge Chris Kourakis



Left: Sossy with guests

## Tanzanians celebrate at the Club



THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

Judge Chris Kourakis, Chief Justice of South Australia's Supreme Court, helped the local Tanzanian community to celebrate Independence Day at a dinner held at the Club on 10th December, hosted by the Royal Commonwealth Society.

Judge Kourakis described links between the South Australian and Tanzanian legal fraternity, as he spoke about his recent visit to Africa and the help his delegation gave to Tanzania - especially in relation to electronic record-keeping.

Dinner guests enjoyed "live" music from African artists, along with a three course dinner washed down by superb wines generously donated by Club member Geoff Hardy. The Club's recently refurbished flagpole sported the Flag of Tanzania and the Commonwealth Flag for the occasion, attended by about eighty friends of Tanzania, including the Honorary Consul to South Australia, Sossy Msomi, who is no stranger to the Club.

"We really appreciate the support of the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship, that kindly sponsor projects in our nation of Tanzania, and we greatly value Chief Justice Chris Kourakis for his interest in our nation," he said.

"Thank you for helping us celebrate our day of independence."



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge Chris Kourakis

## Christmas project update



Funds are starting to accrue towards the construction of the Public Schools Club Classroom at Victory Christian School in Turbo, Western Kenya, which is our 2016 Christmas project.

Recently we received the following letter from the school's President (PSC honorary member) Bishop Michael Musale:

*I am thankful to God to be associated with the Club. Each year I visit Adelaide, I have the privilege of having dinner at the Club and connecting with friends.*

*By the grace of God we give free education to impoverished children who would not otherwise go to school. Our work has grown steadily from 20 children in 2013 to 80 children this year, aged 4 - 10 years.*



Pictured above is Bishop Michael at the Public Schools Club last year, with His Excellency the Governor of South Australia Hieu Van Le, AO, at a Royal Commonwealth Society luncheon.

*We have four classrooms, two are made of mud and sticks and two of bricks and mortar. We will admit another 20 children in 2017, and we appeal to the Club to donate money for their classroom.*

To support this school building program, please credit the Public Schools Club account 024 506 140 [BSB: 105 148] giving as your reference: "Christmas gift". Thank you kindly!