

AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION – GOLD COAST NEWSLETTER



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Seasonal Greetings

The Management Committee and the President wish all members and past members a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Our Christmas party was well attended with eighteen members enjoying the hospitality of our hosts, Howard and Elaine Campbell. A number of apologies were also extended from members who were unable to attend.

A most enjoyable time of good fellowship, fine food and pleasant interaction was had by all who attended. Unfortunately there so much fine interaction that snaps of the evening were forgotten. Those who were unable to attend missed an excellent function.

Try not to miss our next function, our Australia Day Celebration in the Cascade Gardens.



Georgia Cook, Don Solin and Warren enjoying themselves.

Thanksgiving Dinner - 2009.



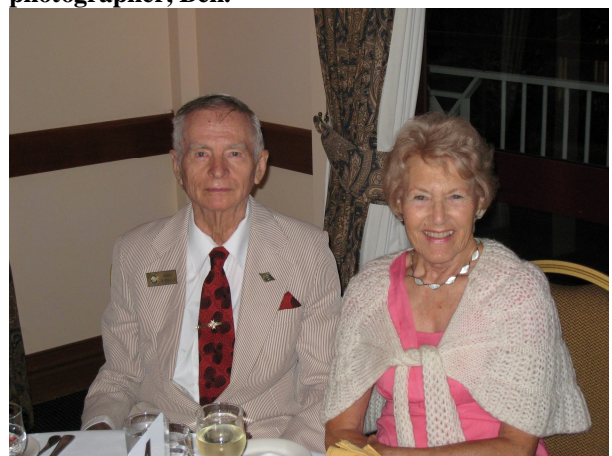
Ludvik Dikast, Kirsten Yelland, Brian Wilson, Ruth and Tom Tate, a past President of our Association, enjoying the pre dinner drinks.

Forty two members and guests attended and had a right royal feast of soup or salad, turkey, fresh vegetables and pumpkin or pecan pie. All who attended had a memorable evening of fine food and fellowship.

Our Thanks go to Howard Campbell for a top job that he did as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.



Jacqueline and Ian Clarke get together for our photographer, Ben.



Sir John & Countess Jo de Teliga at the Dinner.

The new US Ambassador to Australia, Jeffrey Bleich, appointed by President Obama in September to head the U.S. Mission in **Australia**.



As U.S. Ambassador-Designate to Australia Jeffrey L. Bleich, reaffirmed the importance of the Australian-American Alliance as one of the strongest and most productive international alliances during testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The hearing was part of the confirmation process, which requires Senate approval of presidential appointments.

Attached to the newsletter is a copy of his address to the US senate before its confirmation.

It is hoped that we may be able to invite him to one of our commemoration services in the future.

Kind regards & God bless,
Keith

Will your photograph be here in the next Newsletter?

Attend our Australia Celebration.

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Meet and Greets: were not held in November or in December. There will be one held in January and February on the 4th Thursday, at the Southport Yacht Club from 5.30 to 7.00 pm. The president will be present.

A **special Meet and Greet** for potential members from the lower Gold Coast and Tweed will be held on the 3rd Thursday in February at the Twin Towns Services Club.

Coming Events:

January 26th - Australia Day. **See flyer**

January 28th. Meet & Greet SYC
5.30p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Please invite your friends to the AAAGCD Australia Day Picnic and Sausage Sizzle in the Cascade Gardens:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	10 th	Committee Meeting Lot 5 Marana Street, Bilambil Heights
January	26 th	Australia Day Picnic.
January	28 th	Meet & Greet SYC
February	9 th	Committee Meeting
February		? LUNCH???
February	25 th	Meet & Greet SYC
February	18 th	Meet & Greet TTSC

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