



# Anza's Christmas Newsletter

## Looking back over ANZA's year...

2008 has been a fabulously busy year, with the hugely successful ball and many other social events.

In 2008 ANZA donated a total of 50 million won to five Korean charities.

Thank you for all your support.

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Melbourne Cup Luncheon photos are courtesy of Julie Jobson.



ANZA Committee members at the Melbourne Cup luncheon.

## Happy Holidays from ANZA!

Dear ANZA Members,

Another year is rapidly coming to a close, and once again, Christmas is approaching a little too quickly for many of us! As I near the end of my term as ANZA President, I feel very

proud of what we have achieved in 2008, and wish to thank you all for supporting ANZA and our events this year.

## Highlights of 2008

Our 2008 ANZA / ANZCCK 'Shake Your Groove Thing' Ball in our 70's-themed nightclub setting at the Grand Hyatt in May was a huge success, with our Sydney DJ Scott Pullen pumping out the tunes until the small hours. The Ball raised 39 million won for four Korean charities.

Our annual Seoul Summer Survivor party held in July attracted 150 partygoers. Despite being forced indoors by torrential downpours, we all enjoyed plenty of delicious food, beverages and a few crazy games as well. I think it was probably the first time a tug-of-war has actually been held inside at the Hyatt!

The 2008 Melbourne Cup on November 4th was another great event, with 175 guests enjoying a flutter on 'the race that stops the nation'. The fabulous

Fashions on the Field provided lots of challenges for our judges, with many lovely outfits on show. The actual race telecast live from Melbourne was a thriller, with a millimeter or two separating the first and second-placed horses. This year's Cup raised 7.5 million won for the Eugene Bell Foundation.

This year ANZA has also held an Easter family picnic at Yongsan Family Park, a Membership function at the Seoul Club, cricket and tennis competitions and our regular monthly Global Café meetings. We have had some excellent guest speakers including Australian Ambassador HE Peter Rowe, Dr. John Linton from Severance Hospital and Col. John Moug, the Australian Defence attaché.



*"Best Hat"*



*The two best dressed men semi-finalists.*



*"Best Dressed Lady"*

## *And More Highlights*

Two of our most popular meetings for the year were our Tupperware party in February, and our Hat Party in October, where 68 ladies bid for free hats donated by Santa Fe to wear to the Melbourne Cup!

I hope to see you all at our last event for the year, our annual Christmas Party to be held on December 7 at the COEX Intercontinental Hotel. Santa will make a special appearance. You can book at <http://anzakorea.com/>

## *Fundraising and Charitable Donations*

One of ANZA's goals is to raise funds for charity, and this year we made donations to five Korean charities totaling 50 million won. These included: Raphael House (8 million), the Jeon Jin Sang Center (14 million) and the Eugene Bell Foundation (10 million). We also raised money to

provide Speech Pathology for hearing-impaired Cochlear recipients (9 million) and visual magnifiers for the vision-impaired at three low vision clinics (9.6 million). ANZA visited all of these centres this year to present these donations, and I feel particularly proud of the overall amount raised.

## *Thank you*

This year I've had the pleasure of working with a wonderful and dedicated Committee. My thanks go to all of you for working together to organize all of our many events and activities. It's been lots of fun, and a

joy to work with you all. Thanks also to our many valued sponsors for supporting all of our events so willingly. Your generous donations have been the cornerstone for our charity fundraising this year.

## *ANZA's 2009 Committee*

Regretfully, I'll be stepping down as ANZA President at the end of December to return to my ergonomic consulting work here in Seoul. However, I'm delighted to announce ANZA's new President and Committee for 2009. Jennifer Stratton will be taking the reins as President in January, and I know she's going to do a fantastic job in the year ahead.

Jennifer will be ably supported by a strong and enthusiastic Committee comprising Vicki Stapleton (Vice-President / Membership Convener), Karen Heaney (Treasurer), Nicole Brown (Secretary), Kathy Daldorf - now living in NZ! (Website Manager);

Carol Osborne (Newsletter) and general Committee members Anne Duncan, Sally Gurr, Ingrid Hunghanfoo, Ruth Vass, Jennifer Thorncraft and Susan Edwards. Best wishes to the new Committee for 2009!

For those of you preparing to head home or elsewhere for the festive season, safe travels. If you're staying in Korea, here's hoping for a white Christmas! I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to follow.

Warm regards

*Diana Underwood*





Jennifer looking fabulous at the Santa Fe hat party!

## Introducing ANZA's 2009 President

Back in my pre-Korea days, I was having fun while getting paid to train people all over Asia in the workings of and products being traded in financial markets. Before that, I worked at Bloomberg, a financial media company and a life time ago - in funds management. My family and I - husband Bevan, Sabrina (8) and Ethan (6 1/2) have now lived in Asia for the

last 6 years, starting out in Japan (Tokyo) for a little less than 2 years, then Singapore for almost 4 years and now Korea for 7 months. We have been incredibly lucky to have had the experience of different cultures and beautiful places to live over the last 6 years and the adventure isn't over yet - we hope.

Jennifer Stratton

## Recipe – Snowmen Butter Cookies

1 cup butter, softened  
 ½ cup sugar  
 ¼ teaspoon almond extract  
 2½ cups all-purpose flour  
 1 teaspoon water  
 Red and green liquid or past food colouring  
 Black and orange sprinkles



In a large mixing bowl, cream butter, sugar and extract. Gradually beat in flour and water. Place 1/3 cup each in two small bowls. Add red colouring to one and green colouring to the other. Set aside.

Shape remaining (plain) dough into twelve 1 inch balls and twelve 1½ inch balls. Place one smaller ball above one larger ball on ungreased baking sheets; flatten slightly.

For each snowman, shape 2 teaspoons

of coloured dough into a hat; place above head. For scarf, shape ¼ teaspoons of each colour into a 3-inch rope. Twist ropes together leaving one end untwisted. Place scarf around snowman's neck. Insert sprinkles for eyes and nose.

Bake at 175 for 15-18 minutes or until set.

Cool on baking sheets.

Makes 1 dozen cookies.

## There's a New English-language Radio Station in Seoul!

Check out eFM, the newest radio station in Seoul which launched on December 1st. You can find it at 101.3MHz.

It will broadcast from 6am - 2am each day, with regular news bulletins,

Seoul info, shopping tips, music, interviews and lots more. Check it out. At least now we can listen to English radio in the car!

<http://tbsefm.seoul.kr/>



Trish Cummings won the grand prize, the Hong Kong racing package.



Mohammed Haroon, Campbell & Co CEO, shows Marie-Celine Chery the second prize - a 1.5 million won cheque donated by Campbell & Co.





*– Save These dates!!*

*ANZA Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7 December 2008*

Sky Lounge, Level 30, COEX Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul

Enjoy the warm glow of the Yuletide spirit and join us for our annual Family Christmas Lunch. Feast on a fabulous Christmas buffet including the hot carvery and all the trimmings. Enjoy one of the best views in Seoul whilst the children join Santa for their own special meal and other fun activities.

12 noon to 4 pm

More information:

<http://anzakorea.com/2008ChristmasLunch.html>

*Next Global Café – Tuesday 20 January 2009*

Paris Grill, Hyatt Hotel Seoul, from 10:00am (& optional lunch afterwards at Flying Pan Blue, Itaewon)

Join us on the third Tuesday of every month for our Global Café.

Members and guests are always welcome to join us over a friendly cup of tea or coffee to enjoy special guest speakers and events.

*Austangi Day Event – February 2009*

Look out for info about a new ANZA event to be held in February to celebrate our two national days - Australia Day and Waitangi day. This event promises to be lots of fun with a few surprises!

*ANZA's Ball – Saturday 16 May 2009*

Grand Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Seoul.

Save the date, the 2009 Ball promises to be another wonderful event.

More details soon.

