



ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

Weekly Bulletin 2008-2009

District 9810 Victoria, Australia



Meets every Monday 6:15 for 6:30pm at Clayton RSL
163 Carinish Road, Clayton (Melways 79D3)
(No meeting on public holidays)

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Rotary Four Way Test

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Presidents Report

Hello Team,

How are you all?

The last couple of weeks have sure been busy with all that Christmas and New Year celebrations. I think that I have now put on a few extra kilograms from all the good food eaten during this period.

Over the last two weeks we have had some sad news in our club with the passing of Dianne Side's mother on the 24th December and Gaye Barnes mother on the 26th December. I would like to take this opportunity to send my condolences and prayers during this sad time to all the family and friends of both Gaye & Dianne.

On the 22nd December our meeting was held back at the RSL, where we tried out a new format by having our meal in the bistro between 6:00 to 6:45pm followed by the general meeting in our normal room. I am very interested on receiving your feedback and/or improvements on this format change and how you think the night went?

Tonight we are meeting at the home of Warren & Heather Fricke for the first of our fellowship meetings during the month of January. This has been a tradition in our club for a while and gives us the chance to have our meetings in a relaxed atmosphere, with the opportunity for good fellowship.

Important dates to keep in mind are:-

12/01/09 – General & Fellowship Meeting (Venue =TBA).

19/01/09 – General & Fellowship Meeting (Venue = Bill & Dianne Sides Home).

21/01/09 – Board Meeting at Bill Sides Home. The meeting will start at 6:15pm.

26/01/09 – Australia Day celebrations and get together at the home of Heather Norling (Details = TBA).

01/02/09 – Club Forum (Venue either Mulgrave Country Club or Clayton RSL).

12/02 to 15/02/09 – Car parking at the Women's Open Golf (See Jim Cochrane for further details)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all and your families a Happy New Year for 2009.

That is all for now from President Michael for this week and team, keep up the good work.

Our Golf Day Sponsor

Our major Golf Day sponsor this year is.



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Club Meeting 5th January 2009

Where: 30 Highfield Rd, Canterbury at the home of Warren & Heather Fricke
Phone 9544 3489 (B) 9836 1202 (H) 0417 548 534 (M)

When: Fellowship from 6.45pm
Meeting commences 7.00pm
incl One minute silence

Dinner: from 7.30pm
BBQ and Salads
Plum Pudding Ice Cream & Berries
Drinks, Tea, Coffee

All included in cost

Cost: \$10 per person, \$15 per couple or \$15 per family

Fund Raising Raffle: Gold Coin

Proceeds: to Youth programs

Club History 1988 ~ 89

International President: Royce Abbey

Rotary Club of Melbourne Australia

Theme: Rotarians -- Put Life into Rotary -- Your Life

Ned Brown General Manager for W.L. Sides as drilling firm was President in this year and the changeover was held at the Spring Valley Golf Club with the Mayor of Oakleigh Heather Norling and DG Elect Ray Adams attending. Foundation Awardee Jackson Stewart, President of Oakleigh George Luxford, Rotaract President Peter Durrager and incoming President John Doig. John Goldspink was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship and Kevin Beaumont, a charter member was re-inducted into the club.

Ned's aim was to end the year with 36 members, a noble but not attained desire. Rotaract featured prominently and ran the District Rotaract conference and Youth Exchange ran again after a gap of some years. Sami Pahkala came to us from Finland and was a champion at





THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

Judo and actually represented Victoria at the championships coming second. He was a brilliant student. We also hosted 10 Japanese short term exchange students, 4 teachers and two Rotarians for two weeks!

1988 was Australia's Bicentennial so there was an undercurrent of activities related to it. A cup eve function was planned at Clayton Hall but was cancelled due to lack of support. Membership was not strong, but willing, but Clayton was not alone in having poor membership.

Despite that, in conjunction with the Clayton Police, we ran a Blue Light Disco through the year at the Oakleigh Hall and 10 members play Golf against Rotaract at Warburton on October 23rd and ran the Mitchell Sutherland golf at Kingston Heath on 18th October. We were still very big in golf then.

In November we ran the spinning wheel at the Oakleigh festival for two days, and the Fun Run on the 20th then on November the 26th the Clayton Festival followed by a children's Christmas party at Charles Taylor's home at Pearcedale.

\$ 1000 was raised at a party at Tom Portelli's home and we financed two wheelchairs for McCullough House and held a Christmas function there on November 28th.

The year will be especially remembered as one of fine fellowship with a visit also to Ned's Beach House at Peterborough.

Howard Pagdin passed away from Cancer on December 4th. Kevin Beaumont was proposed for District Governor but was beaten by Neil Harrison.

Polio Plus was a big push in the district, Clayton was in the top 5 clubs for district contributions overall with \$ 8323.50 total, not bad for a small club! The District Conference was at Morwell hosted by our host club Oakleigh. Membership got as low as 16, blamed mainly on recession but the Rotaract Club were reported as needing no help, they were doing better than us! The club however donated \$5000 to "Rainbows for God's Children", a group who assisted youths before they got into trouble.

Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a club meeting. Contact Bill Sides on 0429 055 120 by 4 pm on the day of the meeting if you are not going to be present.

Last Meeting (22/12):

Apologies = Neil Rickard, John Goldspink, Glenys Pattison, Dianne Sides & Lesley Zuccaro

Make Ups = Dianne Sides & Bob Millen

Leave of Absence = Neil Rickard.

Visitors = Margot Allchin, Gaye Barnes & Stephen Lowe

Roster for 05/01:

Chairperson = Heather Norling

Desk = Glenys Pattison

Visitors = Tom Portelli

Catering = Warren Fricke

Roster for 12/01:

Chairperson = Glenys Pattison
Desk = Tom Portelli
Visitors = Bill Sides
Catering = TBA

Roster for 19/01:

Chairperson = Tom Portelli
Desk = Bill Sides
Visitors = Richard Simmons
Catering = Dianne Sides

Please remember if you cannot perform your roistered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Angela Portelli 1st January
Ralph Zuccaro 2nd January

Neil & Glenis Rickard 7th January

New Year's Resolutions

I have worked tirelessly in setting New Year's Resolutions every January 1st.

While I'm not always the best at keeping them, I'm consistent, and I'm sure this year will be better than ever before.

I don't like to brag, but I thought maybe you'd enjoy seeing the progress I've made.

RESOLUTION #1:

- 2003: I will read at least 20 good books a year.
- 2004: I will read at least 10 books a year.
- 2005: I will read 5 books a year.
- 2006: I will finish The Pelican Brief
- 2007: I will read some articles in the newspaper this year.
- 2008: I will read at least one article this year.
- 2009: I will try and finish the comics section this year.

RESOLUTION #2:

- 2003: I will get my weight down below 90.
- 2004: I will watch my calories until I get below 100.
- 2005: I will follow my new diet religiously until I get below 120.
- 2006: I will try to develop a realistic attitude about my weight.
- 2007: I will work out 5 days a week.
- 2008: I will work out 3 days a week.
- 2009: I will try to drive past a gym at least once a week.

RESOLUTION #3:

- 2003: I will not spend my money frivolously.
- 2004: I will pay off my bank loan promptly.
- 2005: I will pay off my bank loans promptly.
- 2006: I will begin making a strong effort to be out of debt by 2007.
- 2007: I will be totally out of debt by 2008.
- 2008: I will try to pay off the debt interest by 2009.
- 2009: I will try to be out of the country by 2010.

RESOLUTION #4:

- 2006: I will try to be a better husband to Marge.
- 2007: I will not leave Marge.
- 2008: I will try for reconciliation with Marge.
- 2009: I will try to be a better husband to Wanda.

RESOLUTION #5:

- 2006: I will stop looking at other women.
- 2007: I will not get involved with Wanda.
- 2008: I will not let Wanda pressure me into another marriage.
- 2009: I will stop looking at other women.

RESOLUTION #6:

- 2006: I will not let my boss push me around.
- 2007: I will not let my sadistic boss drive me to the point of suicide.
- 2008: I will stick up for my rights when my boss bullies me.
- 2009: I will tell Dr. Hodger and the group about my boss.

RESOLUTION #7:

- 2006: I will not get upset when Charlie makes jokes about my baldness.
- 2007: I will not get annoyed when Charlie kids me about my toupee.
- 2008: I will not get angry when Charlie tells the guys I wear a girdle.
- 2009: I will not speak to Charlie.

RESOLUTION #8:

- 2006: I will not take a drink before 5:00 p.m.
- 2007: I will not touch the bottle before noon.
- 2008: I will not become a "problem drinker".
- 2009: I will not miss any AA meetings.

RESOLUTION #9:

- 2006: I will see my dentist this year.
- 2007: I will have my cavities filled this year.
- 2008: I will have my root canal work done this year.
- 2009: I will get rid of my denture breath this year.

RESOLUTION #10:

- 2006: I will go to church every Sunday.
- 2007: I will go to church as often as possible.
- 2008: I will set aside time each day for prayer and meditation.
- 2009: I will try to catch the late night sermons on TV.

Holidays

An atheist complained to a friend, "Christians have their special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. And Jews celebrate their holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. Muslims have their holidays, too."

"Every religion has holidays to celebrate. But we atheists," he said, "have no recognized national holiday. It's an unfair discrimination"

His friend replied..."Well, why don't you celebrate April 1st?"

On Holidays in Ireland

An Australian was in Ireland. On his way to Belfast, he stopped at a bar and asked one of the locals, "What's the quickest way to Belfast?" The Irishmen asked, "Are you walking or driving?" The Australian replied, "I'm driving!" The Irishman said, "Aye, that'd be the quickest way!"