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Michael Ellinger President 2007~2008

Michael joined Rotary in 1994 previously being a member of Clayton Rotaract. Michael works at Robert Bosch Aust. He is married to Monica (met at Rotaract) they have two daughters Emily and Lauren. Michael is a past president and has held a number of board positions including New Generations and Vocation. Our fantastic Web Site was developed and is maintained by Michael. Over the past few years Michael was Bulletin editor resulting in our club winning District Bulletin Award



Presidents report 2006~2007

Last Monday our changeover meeting was held at the Mulgrave Country Club.

Presidents report 2007~ 2008 Jim Cochrane

Welcome to Rotarians and Friends.

A special welcome from the Rotary Club of Clayton to GD Dick and Sue Garner, PDG Ray and Shelly Stewart of District 9820, DG's assistant Jeff and Narelle Goulson for 2007-2008 and DG's assistant Keith and Olive Maxwell 2008-2009.

Welcome to Peter Norman President of the Rotary Club of Oakleigh, our mother club.

Welcome to Stewart and Danni Wright from the Probus club of Clayton.

Welcome to DG-Elect John and Gaye Barnes. Welcome to our members, partners – Heather Fricke it's good to see you looking so well. Partners Margot Allchin, Monica Ellinger, Glenis Rickard, Dianne Sides and Deb Simmons. Welcome to all other guests as there are too many to read out.

What a great year we have had with an increase in our membership of one.

This year we raised and distributed over \$30,000.

A special thank you to Ralph for donating wine for the raffle prize at each meeting. This money went to purchasing new President's and Sergeant's collars.

Some other ways we raised money this year:

- A barbeque at the Australian Synchrotron. Special thanks to DG Dick who helped out on the day. There were other barbeques as well.
- We had a garage sale at Safety Beach
- Golf parking at the Australian Ladies Open, Kingston Heath Golf Club.
- Our Club's Annual Golf day at Spring Valley
- Our involvement with the Monash Mayoral Charity Golf Day
- Monash Community Raffle
- A special dinner at Tom Portelli's
- A Theatre night at the new Clayton theatre.

The money went toward many projects:

- The PIGS Project to help people in Nepal (RC of Healseville)
- Save Water Save Lives District Project to provide a utility in Papua New Guinea
- Interplast: from money raised at Safety Beach & sponsoring John and Gaye Barnes in 'Walk Up The Eureka Tower'
- Gippsland flood relief
- Educating 5 orphans in Indonesia
- 3 RYLA students
- Rotary Student Awards for 6 students at local Primary schools
- Money raised from Tom Portelli's night for prevention of female genital mutilation in Kenya.
- Providing support and outdoor furniture for Monash Stepping Stones (Monash Adolescent Psychiatric ward)
- FoodBank for Dixon House.
- We sent a student to the Lord Summers camp.
- Australian Rotary Health Research Fund: by sponsoring John Barnes 'Ride to Conference'
- Foundation: through PHF and donations
- Heatherton Park
- 5 shelter boxes
- Mentone Hockey Club

Paul Harris Fellows

Our club presented two Paul Harris Fellows on Changeover night.

- Mary Goldspink. Mary's husband John has been a member of our club for over 40 years, in that time Mary has always helped / worked on the numerous fundraising projects. In recent years you would have found Mary helping cater "Never too old for Christmas", selling goods at our "Op-Shop", preparing and helping to cook some of the 14,000 sausages handled in the past four years or down at Safety Beach helping out at the "Garage Sales". All club members would agree that Mary deserved a "Paul Harris" just for her Sponge Cakes alone.
- Robert Millen. Rob is a passionate Rotarian committed to the "Next Generation" Rob is a Past President of our Club; he has served on various Board positions. He is always there for club projects with a "Just ask me" attitude. Rob has been involved with the Scouts for many years as a Ventura leader and on district committees. Rob is the driving force to raise awareness of "Volunteering" at all levels in the community.



Fundraiser BBQ

To all club members please mark in your calendars **Sunday 26th October**, we are looking at another Open Day at the Australian Synchrotron. It is to be confirmed (95% likely). In the past we have raised \$4,000 and \$5000.

Special Guest Speaker Monday 28th July

Loreto Sister Ephigenia Gachiri will talk on her work to eradicate Female Genital Circumcision, especially in East Africa. Last year our PP Tom Portelli organized a special night at his home to help raise funds for *Mary Ward International*, to help fund Sister Ephigenia's work

Our New District Governor 2008 ~ 2009

John Barnes R.C. Clayton. Congratulations from all at our Club.



The History of Our Club *

Following World War II, many organizations grew up to meet the various needs of the Oakleigh community. One of the local Councilors of the day expressed the view that a service club would be an adjunct to these other organizations so the Town Clerk was asked to enquire about Rotary. None of those involved were wise in the ways of Rotary, so it was hardly surprising when the courteous answer came back that *"Rotary Clubs were not formed on application."* It was, however, the first mention of Rotary hereabouts. Not so many years later, in 1957, the Rotary Club of Melbourne surveyed Oakleigh as a prospective area for a Rotary Club as part of its extension program.

*To allow the formation of the **Rotary Club of Clayton**, in 1964, the Oakleigh Club ceded that part of the municipality bounded on the east by Clarinda Road, Centre Road, Haughton Road, Colin Road, Franklin Street and Macrina Street.*

Rotary Club of Clayton

When the District Governor made his official visit in 1960 by President Allen James and Secretary Les Hoey escorted him around the Clayton district as a prospective area for extension. During the presidency of Stan Williams in 1963-64 the decision had been taken to form a Rotary Club in Clayton and the necessary territory was ceded.

Allen James was appointed as GSR, and after following similar steps to those taken several years before in Oakleigh, the Rotary Club of Clayton was chartered on 17th April 1965.

The Charter Presentation Dinner was held in June 1965 at Monash University Union with 28 Charter Members, 3 of whom, including the President Max Hamer, had been members of the Rotary Club of Oakleigh

- * Information courtesy of RC Oakleigh

Up Date on Mary Goldspink

Unfortunately I have to report that Mary's health continues to deteriorate. John and family continue to offer her the best care and support they can.
All club members have Mary & John in our thoughts at this time

Our Golf Day Sponsor

Our major Golf Day sponsor this year is.



Just a reminder the Jefferson group sells most bands under their umbrella of companies.
For a fleet discount contact Peter Cochrane.

Program:

This Week 30th June

Fellowship & program discussion

Chairperson: Jim Cochrane

Duty Desk: Lesley Zuccaro

Visitors: All

Bulletin Notes: Jon Breisch

The 7th July

Speaker: Neil Rickard

Subject: So you have just been robbed, what should you have done beforehand?

Chairperson: Bill Sides

Duty Desk:

Visitors: All

Bulletin Notes: Jim Cochrane

SWSL VISIT TO PNG:

A great opportunity to experience a life changing event by volunteering overseas.

Safe Water Saves Lives is again sending a team of 6 volunteer workers to Oro Province in PNG to build concrete water tanks. The visit will be in early September 2008 for 2 weeks with no experience necessary, just a willingness to join a great team and undertake some physical work in the tropics.

The involvement with, and appreciation of, the local people is unforgettable. So get involved now by contacting:

Chairman Ian Phelan on 5988 5353

or 0409 563 390

Stranger than fiction

One of our club members went to put on his "Best trousers" for the DG's Changeover only to find the **crotch had been cut out of them.**

First thought was his young daughters. Not so... in the past week he had new ducted heating installed, the installers had to cut out a section of wall to install the control panel. Neatly folded on the shelf behind that wall was a pair of trousers, now very airy indeed.