

## **1975-76**

Gil Woodley was a well known pastry cook in Clayton and very active member and golfer.

Early in the year Lyn Lazenby was accepted for Youth Exchange to the Philippines and Jirapon Chamsobhom from Thailand came to our club. Clayton ran the District Student Exchange interview day at Monash Uni as it had many times prior.

A Careers Night was run at Westall High, the Melbourne Cup weekend was spent at Deniliquin (rained out golf course deep under water) BBQ at Gearon Ranch (\$7.50 and a sellout).

Fred Bendix went to Montreal Convention and Alan Fulton and Kevin Beaumont to the USA on the Golfing Fellowship and golfing support at the WD&WO Wills Masters in aid of the 280 Village for the Aged.

David Kajewski and Eileen Jordon were sponsored to RYLA held at Scotch College.

A Trots Night was a great success, 100 tickets were obtained each year and sold long prior to the night.

Ray Thomas won the golf at the Adelaide conference with 4 members attending the conference. Alan Fulton, Kevin Beaumont, Alan Rowney and Ray Thomas went to Hawaii for Rotary World Golf and Howard price and Harold Downing attended the World Rotary Conference in New Orleans.

The Changeover was held at Camelot.

## **1976-77**

Ray Thomas was a builder of mainly factoryettes in Clayton and another mad keen golfer.

Paul Murray and Mal Dudley were RYLA awardees held at Wesley.

On his first day as President Ray inducted Norm Brown and Des Tehan.

A multiple sclerosis sufferer's bathroom was refitted to enable wheelchair use. Use of members and local traders enabled this to be done cheaply.

Kids from most of the local schools attended a meeting to hear what was available for youth in the area (sport etc).

A cup weekend return visit to Deniliquin was held, a Theatre Night and a Progressive Dinner (\$500 profit). A Christmas Dinner Dance at Spring Valley was held as usual as was the Trots Night.

\$3,000 was raised at the Gearon Christmas BBQ.

The Golf Day was held at Huntingdale Golf Club and raised \$1,600.

Lyn Lazenby returned from her exchange to Illigan in the Phillipines. A very young Manu Vedapudi from Madras in India was the incoming exchange student and arrived in March. Clayton hosted the District Youth Exchange selection day as usual.

Bill Norling and Gil Woodley attended the World Convention in San Francisco but the club's outgoing exchange student was rejected on health grounds by district.

The Changeover Night was held at Camelot where it was commented that much work the club does goes unnoticed despite being extensive.

Bill Norling and Ted Gearon were presented with Paul Harris Fellowships and the club reached 1,900% Foundation level and was presented with a plaque.

## **1977-78**

Harry Draffin a meat exporter led the club this year.

A talking book cassette copier was purchased for the RVIB at a cost of \$8210, the first such machine in Australia and used to create book libraries and copying 6 tapes every 8 minutes. \$ 4,500 was donated and the rest came from BBQ money. It was formally commissioned 15<sup>th</sup> May at the RVIB. The ladies got together and rose by various means \$900 towards the machine.

Anne McLeod the club's exchange student in India was reported as doing very well and Tony Dunham was selected for Youth Exchange to the Philippines.

The club continued to support the education of 5 children in Indonesia.

The Rotaract Club remained strong with 27 members. A golf trip was run to Yarrawonga was held over the cup weekend and a fun night was held at Bunratty Castle with 41 attending. Many traditional events were carried over, Trots Night, Christmas Dinner Dance but this time at Huntingdale Golf Club as was the Golf Day (\$1500 profit) The club had Mitchell Sutherland golf involvement and the BBQ at the Gearon ranch was run again and a sell out. A wine and cheese night was held at Bob Lazars and the club sold many Pride of Workmanship plaques.

Marion Looke and Alan Rogers were RLYA awardees. The combined service clubs held a Carols by Candlelight at Clayton Hall. For years we had been having a breakfast meeting with Moorabbin just prior to Christmas and this year was no exception.

From 28<sup>th</sup> November meetings were held in Roberts Hall instead of Deakin Hall in the Halls of Residence at Monash University. Anne McLeod arrived back on Christmas Eve from Madras and Manu Vedapudi left on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>.

\$500 was forwarded to the Mayor of Oakleigh's annual charity appeal and the club's FAIM support was 100%. Les Sturzaker attended the World Convention in Tokyo. PP Gill Woodley died in May and 100% of members were present at his funeral. PP Howard Price died in June after a long illness. He was without doubt the most knowledgeable person on Rotary in the club. Seven members were 100% for the year.

## **1978-79**

John Goldspink had a painting business in Clayton and was a nervous new President. Australian Clem Renouf was World President and urged us to Reach Out which we did.

During the year almost half the meetings were Job Talks by members which helped us to know more about each other and described at year end as a year of consolidation.

A Careers Night was held on 18<sup>th</sup> October at Oakleigh High with around 1000 students going through and the annual BBQ at Gearon's held on 11<sup>th</sup> November raised \$ 2,500.

Jane Moorhouse and Geraldine Trainor were the club's RYLA awardees to the seminar at Scotch College. A Christmas Fellowship Night was held at Kevin Beaumont's home and a breakfast meeting with Moorabbin.

Several long standing members were lost by resignation, Ric Richards, Fred Bendix, Harold Downing, Des Tehan and Bert Woolstencroft and Ken Clarke but there were matching inductions.

Kevin Beaumont and Alan Fulton again played International golf this time in South Africa and the Clayton Shield Golf Day was held at Huntingdale with \$ 1,700 profit.

Outgoing Exchange Student Tony Durham left for the Phillipines and Karen Badell from Modesto in California, a Foundation Awardee at Queens College and Pianist was sponsored by Clayton.

There appeared to be some lethargy because a long planned Club Assembly was aborted with just six members present. Rotaract involvement remained strong. Bill and Heather Norling in March were made Honorary Rotaractors because of their untiring support.

A strong contingent of our members attended the Hobart Conference.

A poll was held on potentially changing to an evening meeting with 9 for and 17 against.

In May donation to Angel of Mercy Peninsular helicopter ambulance service of \$2,500 and a Paul Harris Fellowship was given to Alan Fulton.

Clayton again hosted Youth Exchange selection day at Monash.

A trip to and function at Moorabbin Airport with night flight over Melbourne for \$6 a person was organized.

A Community Achievement Award was made to Clayton Police.

The club started the year with 28 members, lost 5 but gained 5 one being John Barnes. Changeover was held at Camelot Receptions.

## **1979-80**

Bill Norling had a truck modification and building business in Clayton. He came from a Bass Strait fishing family and was a hands-on person.

Exchange Student Kristin Iannson arrived from Norway in last August and was the first from that country in the district. The outgoing student was Toni Durham who went to the Philippines. She did not enjoy the college she was sent to, but did well.

A Careers Night was held at Oakleigh High on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was Rotary's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so many functions were attended including a race day at Flemington, a Dinner dance and concert at the Music Bowl and a joint meeting with Oakleigh at Deakin Hall with Royce Abbey the Vice President of RI as guest speaker, the mayor, local politicians and District Governor Jack Nankervis, Presidents of Oakleigh and Clayton Lions, Clayton and Oakleigh Rotaract all attended,

On the cup long weekend we had a visit to Cowes Rotary Club then on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and they reciprocated soon after with a visit to Clayton. The BBQ at Gearons was pitched at giving firms employees a Christmas reward with crowds up to 500 and cost per head of \$ 12.50!

A Christmas party was held at Emerald Lake. The Annual Golf Day was held at Huntingdale. The club's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary was marked by a Ladies Night with all existing charter members presented with Senior Active plaques.

A Resusi-anne donated to the St John Ambulance was shown and demonstrated and Bob Tye was inducted into Rotary. The Red Shield appeal raised \$11,509.35.

The changeover was held at Camelot Receptions on July 1<sup>st</sup> when Kevin Beaumont was presented with a well earned Paul Harris Fellowship. Local identity Jim Ulbrick was given a Vocational Award in recognition to services to his profession and the community.

We had also attained 2900% which was the highest level of contributions in Australasia.

## **1980-81**

Jim Cochrane was the owner of a children's wear store in Clayton and born and raised on a market garden in the Clayton area and an especially hard worker.

Bill Sides moved that Sergeant fines go from 20c to 50c nominal.

The Rotaract Club was reported as being in a very satisfactory state.

Kristin Iansson returned to Norway after a very satisfactory stay here.

The club sponsored Warren and Elaine Mills, Les Dewar and Graeme Cochrane to New Guinea in September on a FAIM project to build a butterfly laboratory at Rihona near Goroka.

The BBQ at Gearon's ranch was held 15<sup>th</sup> November with tickets \$ 14 each. The annual Rotaract/Rotary cricket challenge was run and Rotary thrashed Rotaract. \$500 was raised at the Clayton Festival and a club visit to Wendouree was held. Santa appeared at a Christmas BBQ at Bruno Scarcella's home and a register of careers was prepared for Oakleigh High School. The luncheon fee was raised to \$ 6.00.

An experimental bike rack was installed by the club outside a café in the shopping centre and 10 Rotarians attended the Albury District Conference.

Jodi Cormack was selected for Youth Exchange. Club membership was around 28.

**1981-82**

Tom Portelli was a charter member and local solicitor.

It was the Vietnam War area and a flood of refugees were in there area, mainly at the Enterprise hostel. A house was purchased and tidied up and fresh arrivals, the first being the Tran family were found jobs and lived in the house in McMillan St Clayton for a short period at a nominal rental until they got established. That first family's children have excelled and one recently entered law practice in 2004.

Jodi Cormack went on an exchange to Canada in January.

The 50<sup>th</sup> District Conference was held at Gosford with good club attendance.

Mulgrave was chartered on October 29<sup>th</sup> with many from Clayton attending.

As a fund raiser, members were given \$100 and asked to make it grow by any legal means.

The changeover at Camelot and Tom reported that \$8,700 was raised during the year and a valuable property gained but membership remained low.

### **1982-83**

Bill Sides was a former Rotaractor and son of a Past District Governor and managed a drilling business in Clayton.

This was the first year of the new District 981 under DG Fred Hay, so there was a lot of trail blazing and club/district involvement.

Bill indicated a desire to retain the club's house and use it for needy people or other refugees as deemed appropriate and another refugee family had use of it for a short period.

Jim Cochrane "acquired" 10,000 Azalea pot plants gratis so a working bee was arranged at his home to pot the plants. 10,000 pot plants covered most of their yard we found out.

Richard Simmons of Clayton Rotaract planned the running of a float in Moomba and Bill Sides donated a vehicle and Bill Norling modified it and made an aircraft carrier like float to celebrate 10 years of Rotaract.

Bill Buckle from the Springvale St Johns Ambulance told us how they had been pushed out of search and rescue work by the SES but still had the magnificent vehicle provided by the club in 1970. Being in perfect condition still, it was refitted by the club for ambulance duty.

The club applied for the World Golfing Championship and was awarded it for 1985.

Plant sales proved lucrative and the spinning wheel raised \$755 at the Clayton Festival.

A festering District sore that Clayton had heavily supported was resolved when the District Village Project property was sold returning \$2,900 to the club.

Tom and Gloria McClintock at Christmas put on a treat with mood inspiring carols then a beautifully acted out monologue Christmas message but there were terrible bush fires in the Dandenongs that Christmas and a burnt out family Joy and Ian Griffith and two children were put up in the club's house under similar arrangements to the refugees. The club also collected huge amounts of essentials like blankets and household for fire victims.

Rotaract were selling what turned a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary birthday premium port for \$2.50 a bottle and Ken Smale was inducted.

**1983-84**

John Barnes a local Real Estate agent was our next President.

His major project was the donation of \$ 7,200 to the Muscular Dystrophy Research at Monash University.

We formed a Probus Club, held a careers night at Oakleigh High and helped financially in publishing a booklet for school leavers at 10 schools in the area.

The education of 5 orphans in Indonesia was continued and many small projects in the Clayton area were performed.

We were second in the district for attendance improvement and Rotaract started the year with 13 members and ended with 26.

The changeover was well attended with DGE Geoff Prior, DG John Ellery and 86 Rotarians, Rotaractors and guests.

## **1984-85**

Russell Lloyd was a local butcher and took a low key quiet approach to service.

Early in the year a Rotary/Rotaract night was run, a couple of cinema nights, another trip to Phillip Island for the Cup Eve and a Christmas party at Bruno Scarcella's home in Wheelers Hill. An International Forum was run at Deakin Hall, a Careers Night at Oakleigh High School.

Oakleigh Festival involvement with pot plants and spinning wheel returns being \$2008.

The Rotary/Rotaract cricket match was won by Rotary at Keely Park. DG John Ellery at a Ladies Night presented John Barnes with a Presidential Citation award for his year and Bill Norling a Rotary Foundation district award.

Clayton was 4,000% in Foundation and the highest in District 981.

The golf quads Kevin Beaumont, Alan Fulton, Les Sturzaker and Ray Thomas continued cleaning up all they entered.

We hosted Jukka Kilpi and family, a Rotary Foundation Awardee at Monash Uni, seeing them off after a year on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Russell shared with Oakleigh the initial steps in forming the Rotary Club of Huntingdale.

Larry Organ arrived from Michigan USA, a Foundation Awardee studying Politics with a year at Monash.

A garden area was established around extensions to the Clarinda Centre and a Regional Resource Register created to itemize available items in an emergency. A further \$1,500 was forwarded to the Muscular Dystrophy programme (a District promotion) for a social worker to assist sufferers.

A family fun frolic was held at Larner Park Warrigal where Clayton along with six other clubs and the Rotary Club of Warrigal ran the function to expose city families to country life and it went off well.

The Golf day was a success despite it being appalling weather. \$ 2,466.95 was raised.

Eight members attended the District Conference in Shepparton.

Towards the end of the year it was decided to sell the house we owned in Clayton.

Donna Innes attended RYLA and Richard Simmons was Rotaract President for 1985/6.

On 29/4/85 Ed Allchin was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

