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Presidents Report

Hello Team,

How are you all this week?

August is Membership and Extension Month

I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did last week, when our guest speaker Loreto Sister Ephigenia Gachiri gave us an update on her work to eradicate female genital circumcision in East Africa. Her presentation was fantastic and the statistics she showed us really blew me away. I know that Sister Ephigenia was very appreciative when PP Tom Portelli presented her with a cheque for \$1,000 to go towards her great work. After the meeting I was speaking with Sister Ephigenia and she promised to send us e-mails to keep us up to date with her progress. The other thing, which was good about last week, was all the guests and partners of Rotarians who turned up to show their support.

There are a couple of reminders, which I would like to advise the members. First of all the yearly subs of \$235 are now due and should be forwarded to either Dianne Day or Neil Rickard. Second of all, any members who have not yet paid their deposit for the conference accommodation should forward this to Neil Rickard as soon as possible.

Upcoming dates to keep in mind are: -

10/08 – Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar (PRLS) at Mulgrave Country Club.
25/08 – Club Assembly.

For further details of the above dates, please see your copy of "Barnes' Storming" or "District Dates" which are being e-mailed weekly to every member of the club.

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

REMINDER: OPENING OF CLASIFICATION

**A new classification of EMPLOYMENT
CONSULTANT has been opened**

2009 District Conference, Hobart

The next District 9810 Conference will be held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania from Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 March 2009.

The official conference launch will be held on Friday 19 September.

For all members who are considering attending this conference, now is the time to start planning booking holidays etc.

Our Golf Day Sponsor

Our major Golf Day sponsor this year is.



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

Last Weeks Speaker: *Female Circumcision*

Loreto Sister Ephigenia Gachiri explained that female circumcision originated with the wives of the Pharos 3000 years ago, it is not a specific religious practice rather tribal ~ cultural; being continued on today by Christians, Muslims and tribes thought northern Africa. Alarming, circumcision was carried out in the UK and USA up to the 1970's as a form of treatment for "sexual hysteria, lesbianism etc".

There are horrific consequences of the procedure being carried by amateur's.

The Sisters have set out to educate and eventually eradicate this practice by...

- Sympathetic consultation with tribal elders, rather than barging in and saying "you are wrong"
- Planned education of all in the villages, to understand the physical and physiological problems associated with the practice
- An alternative "rite of passage" ritual
- Counselling and medical help where there are extreme physical damage
- A farm where women can live and learn new skills, as many are so damaged they can't get married or remain married.

Last year our club donated \$6,000 toward the purchase of the farm. Chairman PP Tom Portelli presented Sister Ephigenia with further \$1,000 to help with the education process.



Sister Ephigenia Gachiri, PP Tom and Angela Portelli

Club History 1968~69

International President Kyoshi **Togasaki** (Tokyo, Japan)

Theme: **PARTICIPATE**



President Bob Keogh was a consultant in Civil Engineering and a member of Oakleigh for two years prior to the formation of Clayton.

A sign of the times was the club's course run for Nuclear Wardens by a Mr Alan Tombom. International Committee was looking at bringing out a German migrant family but nothing more on that was reported.

On August 26th Alan Scanlan MLA spoke on Victoria's water and considerations on supply sources. On September 9th DG Kel Carr attended the club with a Club Assembly later.

An outing with 25 people from the Melbourne Convalescent Home to the Silvan Dam was organized by Ed Allchin. An International Committee BBQ was held on October 27th at Graeme Sweeney's property at Harkaway and again the cup weekend official, visit to interclub visit to and golfing at Yarrawonga was held on November 4th.

The Christmas Dinner Dance, a black tie affair on December 7th was held at Monash Hotel. The year's events to date showed the club had settled down into a routine.

Erlinda Urbayan from Tacloban City in the Philippines was Clayton's first inwards exchange student and she went to Oakleigh High and indications are she did well.

In February attendance had sunk to 68%, low enough to trigger concern from the DG. Five members and the exchange student attended the conference in Albury but their accommodation was in Holbrook, beyond the Black Stump according to the Bulletin!

On March 31 the Clayton Shield Golf Day was held at Huntingdale Golf Club and Oakleigh cleaned up. The Elderly Citizens Club benefited from the Golf Day with the \$200 profit being used to furnish their new clubrooms.

A migrant family from Wales, a Mr and Mrs. Dell and four children were brought out with employment found at Robert Bosch. They left England in the Oriana on April 3rd and arrived on the 28th, which seems a remarkably rapid passage.

On April 13 forty epileptics were taken out to the Silvan Dam and on 22nd a theatre night was held. The club learnt that Karen Moore from Bothwell in Washington USA was to be the club's next exchange student and was reported as being a "doll".

On April 22nd another theatre visit was held and on May 4 what is described as an "Evening Church Parade" at All Saints and run by Bill Mitchell and club members



Australian Rules Jokes

Essendon Fans

A primary teacher explains to her class that she is an Essendon fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they, too, are Essendon fans. Everyone in the class raises their hand except one little girl. The teacher looks at the girl with surprise and says, "Mary, why didn't you raise your hand?" "Because I'm not an Essendon fan," she replied. The teacher, still shocked, asked, "Well, if you are not an Essendon fan, then who are you a fan of?" "I am a St Kilda

fan, and proud of it," Mary replied.

The teacher could not believe her ears. "Mary, why, pray tell, are you a St Kilda fan?" "Because my Mum is a St Kilda fan and my Dad is a St Kilda fan, so I'm a St Kilda fan too!" "Well," said the teacher in an obviously annoyed tone, "that is no reason for you to be a St Kilda fan. You don't have to be just like your parents all of the time. What if your mum was a prostitute and your dad was a drug addict, what would you be then?" "Then," Mary smiled, "I'd be an Essendon fan."

Iraq Recruit

Mick Malthouse the coach of Collingwood Magpies gets wind of potential young recruit who lives in Iraq. Malthouse and the Magpies recruiting Manager catch a plane to the troubled Iraq capital Baghdad and track the young boy down.

They risk life and limb dodging car bombs, bullets and grenades but finally find him and convince him to come to Australia.

The boy does a full pre-season, plays all the practice matches and gets picked on the bench in the seniors for the first game of the year.

Ten minutes into the first quarter, Nathan Buckley goes down with a severe knee injury. Malthouse turns to the boy and says, "This is it son, go to the centre half forward and show us what you can do."

The boy proceeds to play the greatest debut game in AFL history. He kicks 9 goals, takes mark of the year, and kicks the winning goal after the siren from outside 50.

The Magpies chair him off the ground and give him three cheers back in the rooms. Malthouse tells the team what the boy from Iraq has been through and he is a model lesson for all.

Malthouse then pulls the boy aside and says, "Go into my office son, ring you're Mother and tell her what you did today."

He proceeds to do so. "Mum", he says down the phone, "Guess what I did today?"

"I don't care what you did today." His Mother replies. "I tell you what happened here today", she goes on. "Your Dad was stabbed and robbed, our house was torched, our car blown up, your sister was attacked and your brother was abducted."

"Gee" says the boy. "I feel a bit responsible for what happened."

The Mother replies "So you should be, if it wasn't for you we would never have shifted to Collingwood."

AFL Season Cancelled!

Newsflash!

It is likely that the AFL competition will have to be cancelled. Under the new Anti Terrorism Laws the Bombers are banned, the new IR legislation rules out the Dockers and the Asian bird flu epidemic is wrecking havoc with the Crows, Eagles, Hawks, Magpies and Swans.

Any transfers to the Cats, Lions, Dogs and Tigers must now be quarantined for at least 12 months. Religious vilification laws mean that no one can legally barrack for the Demons or the Saints



Rotarians Dianne Day & Leslie Zucarro



PP Ralph Zocarro, PP Warren Frickie & Guests



PP Jean Cocharne Dianne Sides & Margot Allchin



PP Jim Cochrane & PP Bill Sides



PP Tom Portelli and Sister Ephigenia Gachiri