



# ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

District 9810 Victoria, Australia

## Weekly Bulletin 2009-2010

Meets every Monday from 6:30pm at L'unico Restaurant  
319 Clayton Road, Clayton (Melways 79C2)  
(No meeting on public holidays)



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### Presidents Christmas Message



#### It's Christmas Time

by Bob Lazzar-Atwood.

Put your problems on probation  
Run your troubles off the track,  
Throw your worries out the window  
Get the monkeys off your back.  
Silence all your inner critics  
With your conscience make amends,  
And allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!  
Call a truce with those who bother  
you  
Let all the fighting cease,  
Give your differences a breather  
And declare a time of peace,  
Don't let angry feelings taint  
The precious time you have to spend,  
And allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!  
Like some cool refreshing water  
Or a gentle summer breeze,  
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers  
Or the smell of autumn leaves,  
It's a banquet for the spirit  
Filled with family, food and friends,  
So allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!

***"Wishing you and your family Best wishes for Christmas and a Happy New Year"***

***Bob***

## 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?"

## Christmas Message from the RC of Ampang

Dear VP Michael Ellinger,

Thank you for constantly sending us the club bulletin. I'm sure all our members enjoy reading though it.

And on this holiday season, on behalf of Rotary Club of Ampang, we wish President Bob Millen, yourself and all members a

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

Best Regards  
IPP Sunny Low

## Important Club Dates

**Monday 28/12/09** – No Club Meeting.

**Monday 04/01/10** – No Club Meeting.

**Sunday 14/02/10** – Clayton Community Festival.

**Friday 26/02/10 to Sunday 28/02/10** – District 9810 Conference. Venue is Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Corner Western Beach & Gheringhap Street, Geelong.

**Wednesday 11/03/10 to Sunday 14/03/10** – Australian Women's Open Golf Car parking.

**Monday 03/05/10** – Annual Charity Golf Day at Spring Valley Golf course. Further details (TBA).

## Golf Day Sponsors

A list of all our 2009 Annual Charity Golf Day sponsors can now be found on the Rotary Club of Clayton web page. To see the sponsors you can follow the following link:-

[http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/golf\\_day\\_sponsors.htm](http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/98110/golf_day_sponsors.htm)

All proceeds raised at the 2010 Golf Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May will support the programs run by Ronald McDonald House.

## 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.

## Last Week & Upcoming Club Program

### Last Meeting (14/12):

This week our guest speaker was a Past President and current member of our club, Ralph Zuccaro.

Ralph gave us an excellent presentation on the history of wine and also a wine tasting of his award winning wines from [6 Acres Winery](#). Ralph's award winning wines are:-

- Chardonnay – Silver medal at Small Makes Wine Show (Queensland) & Bronze medal at Yarra Valley Show.
- Cabernet Sauvignon – Bronze medal at Small Makes Wine Show (Queensland).

### History of Wine

Ancient pottery jars found at Godin Tepe, Iran, revealed through chemical tests that they contained wine dating the manufacture of wine back to before the Bronze Age, c.3500 - 2900 BC. Further significance of this discovery is that this area was not a grape growing one, the main crops were grain and the preferred drink of the time was beer, which suggests that wine was probably used as a commodity. Godin was located on the Silk Road from China to the Mediterranean, the probable origin of the wine.

Vines were widely cultivated in Egypt around 3000BC and further evidence that wine was used as a commodity in trade has been revealed through other pottery finds and subsequent chemical analysis.

Grape growing and winemaking spread throughout Europe in the Greek and Roman times. Wine became such a valued trade item that the Romans, in 97BC, ordered the known world to pull out all vines in an attempt to protect their wine industry.

Wine further spread throughout the world through religious orders. One of the more famous was a monk named Dom Pèrignon, 1670 - 1715AD, who was a competent viticulturist/winemaker and is credited with the discovery of Champagne.

Since these early times the humble vine can be found growing in most countries in a wide variety of climates. The primary species is *Vitis vinifera* and of the thousands of cultivars only around 30 are regularly cultivated and of these only a dozen or so are considered to be premium.

### Wine in Australia

The First Fleet brought vines to Australia in 1788. Propagation and winemaking developed rapidly with the establishment of numerous vineyards in the now suburban areas of Sydney. With the surveying and settlement of the country new viticultural areas were established. By the 1890's the Hunter, Barossa and Yarra Valleys were producing wines.

The primary focus of the wine industry before the 1950's was fortified

## Special Announcements

24<sup>th</sup> December – Bob Millen Birthday.

28<sup>th</sup> December – Jon Breisch Birthday.

wines. The Rutherglen district of northern Victoria produced and still produces some of the country's greatest fortified wines and many of the original family wineries still operate today. Fortified wines were the main focus as the additional alcohol provides the wine with protection against microbiological attack making it suitable for storage and transport.

German and Italian immigrants were largely responsible for the development of the Barossa and Riverina wine regions respectively. Many of their descendants still operate family wineries today.

The 1960's saw a major shift in wine production to sweet and sparkling wines. In the later part of the 1960's the shift in preference was to red wines of the fuller bodied Bordeaux style. This boom in red wines was sparked by a large increase in immigration and a strong economy.

1970's saw the aromatic wines boom. The trend was to semi-sweet fruit driven styles such as Gewürztraminer, Gewürztraminer Riesling, and Rhine Riesling. The 1970's also saw the introduction the wine cask ("bag in a box"). This simple invention was an Australian one and is attributed to several companies. Angoves were the first to introduce it to the market in 1965 followed by Penfold's Wines.

By the end of the 1970's as large plantings of Traminer and Riesling were starting to come into production the wine preference changed to dry white table wines and the Chardonnay boom. Chardonnay continued to be the wine of preference throughout the 1980's and has retained prominence amongst white wine drinkers till today.

The late 1980's saw Australian ("New World") wine break into the traditional markets of Europe. Australian wines were and are perceived as being clean and fresh with fruit driven white styles and robust reds. This export boom created a greater demand for our red wines than the whites fuelling the start of the red wine boom and this is still the trend today.

In 1995 we had secured about 1.5% of the world wine trade and today this has risen to 3%. In 1993 the Wine Industry Enquiry as part of their investigations introduced a strategic plan for the growth of the Australian wine industry through export called "Strategy 2025". Strategy 2025 sets out the major goals for the industry as to the total area under vine, what countries we wish to export to and at what level.

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### Meeting Notes:

- The nomination for Secretary 2010 – 2011 is still open. If you wish to be nominated for Secretary, please contact Bill Sides.
- Big thank you goes to Reddy & Padma Kandadi for the special effort they put in organising our club Christmas lunch this year which was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Conference forms are now due and should be passed on to John Goldspink or Jim Cochrane as soon as possible.
- Warren Fricke gave an update on the presentation of Book Vouchers to Clayton South, Clayton North & Clarinda Primary schools. John Barnes visited Clayton North, Warren will visit Clayton South and Jim Cochrane will visit Clarinda.

- Bob Millen & Bill Sides will be visiting Westall Secondary College and speak with Craig Browne to discuss the progress of starting up the Interact club early in 2010.
- Warren Fricke reported that a Christmas tree was provided to the Monash Adolescent unit.
- Reminder that the Clayton Festival is on the 14<sup>th</sup> February and we will be having a stand to promote our club and also Rotary's work to eradicate Polio. It is important that you keep some time free on the day to help support this big event for the club. See Ralph Zuccaro for details.

**Apologies** = Jon Breisch, John Goldspink, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane, Dianne Sides, Richard Simmons, Gaye Barnes & Lesley Zuccaro.

**Make Ups** = Jon Breisch, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane, John Goldspink, Dianne Sides & Richard Simmons.

**Leave of Absence** = Dianne Day

**Visitors** = None

### **This weeks Roster (21/12):**

Guest Speaker = Club Assembly

Chairperson = Bob Millen

Desk = Jim Cochrane

Visitors = Warren Fricke

### **Roster for 11/01:**

Guest Speaker = Club Forum

Chairperson = Bob Millen

Desk = Warren Fricke

Visitors = John Goldspink

### **Roster for 18/01:**

Guest Speaker = Bill Sides (Holidays)

Chairperson = Warren Fricke

Desk = John Goldspink

Visitors = Reddy Kandadi

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

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## **District 9810 News**

### **WELCOME DINNER FOR GSE TEAM**

**TO INTRODUCE THE G.S.E. TEAM FROM TURKEY AND TO HEAR FROM THE OUTBOUND TEAM TO TURKEY**

**DATE:** Wednesday 3rd February, 2010

**TIME:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm start

**VENUE:** Monte Carlo Receptions  
5 Mitchell Street,  
DONCASTER EAST  
(Melway Ref: 47 J1)

**COST:** \$35.00 per person

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH CLUB THAT BOOKS AND PAYS FOR A TABLE OF 10 BY 11 DECEMBER WILL RECEIVE CREDIT WITH FOUNDATION FOR ONE PHF AWARD TO BE AWARDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THAT CLUB.....MAXIMUM OF ONE PHF PER CLUB.

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## Upcoming Events in Monash

### Australia Day 2010

**Tuesday, 26 January 2010**

Be sure to come along to the Australia Day Celebrations on Tuesday 26th January 2010 at the **Monash Civic Centre** to celebrate being Australian and being part of this diverse Monash community. The day will begin with official proceedings of the Flag Raising Ceremony which will commence at 8.45am. We invite you to part-take in this significant event and afterwards to join us in the Atrium of the Civic Centre for entertainment and the Australia Day Breakfast.

This is a free event suitable for all ages and a brochure of free activities will be made available to all for those interested in getting out and about on this great day. Some activities include the Open Day held by Clarinda Arts, Waverley Gem Club and Waverley Wood Workers. For more details please refer to the **Australia Day Brochure**.

City of Monash is proud of this **multi-cultural community** where to be Australian means a great many things but most of all to be diverse, interesting and to dive into the mix of Australian culture! Explore, celebrate and involve yourself in the community at your leisure and preference!

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## Upcoming Events in Kingston

### Globe to Globe World Music Festival

**Saturday, 23 January 2010  
to Sunday, 24 January 2010**

Saturday - 12noon to 10pm  
Sunday - 12noon to 6pm

Highlights include: World Music and Folkloric Stages featuring a range of outstanding performers, music & dance workshops, exotic cuisine, rides & amusements, and a spectacular fireworks display on the Saturday night.

**LOCATION:** Namatjira Park, Springs Road, Clayton South (Melway Ref 79 A4)

**CONTACT NAME:** Gabrielle Nime **PHONE:** 9581 4691

**EMAIL:** [gabrielle.nime@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:gabrielle.nime@kingston.vic.gov.au)

**WEB:** [www.kingston.vic.gov.au](http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au)

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## Where other Clubs Meet

A Rotarian can attend the weekly meeting of any Rotary club around the world. This is a "make-up" and counts as attendance credit when you are not able to attend a meeting of your own club.

Details for all District 9810 clubs can be obtained in the district directory or website [www.rotary9810.org](http://www.rotary9810.org). Details for clubs around the world are available in the RI Directory (held by the club secretary) and on the RI website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

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## Reminders

Please ensure that the club is aware if you will be missing a meeting. Contact **Heather Norling** on 9544 4220 by 4 pm on the day of the meeting, if you are not going to be present.

Contributions for inclusion into the Bulletin should be passed to [michaele@netspace.net.au](mailto:michaele@netspace.net.au) by Thursday evening of each week.

Reminder that there will be **no club meetings** on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010. First meeting for 2010 is the 11<sup>th</sup> January.

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## Joke of the Week

Three guys, one Irish, one English and one Scottish, are out walking along the beach together one day. They come across a lantern and a genie pops out of it. "I will grant you each one wish, that's three wishes in total," says the genie.

The Scottish guy says, "I am a fisherman, my Dad's a fisherman, his Dad was a fisherman and my son will be one too. I want all the oceans full of fish for all eternity." So with a blink of the genie's eye, *FOOM!* the oceans were teeming with fish.

The Englishman was amazed, so he said, "I want a wall around England, protecting her so that no one will get in for all eternity." Again, with the blink of the genie's eye, *WHOOSH!* there was a huge wall around England.

The Irishman says, "I'm very curious. Please tell me more about this wall." The genie explains, "Well, it's about 150ft high, 50ft thick, protecting England so that nothing can get in or out." The Irishman says, "Fill it up with water."

## Rotary International News

### Wirrimbirra hits the ground running

The brand new Rotary Club of Revesby Wirrimbirra, NSW, has got the formula right!

"I call us the Rotary rookery," Charter President Sharon Bond told the splendid charter night function on October 21.

"We are a club with elders – what I call the older chicks and roosters. You need the wisdom and experience to hold the club together – hence, elders will always be welcomed as members of our club. We are a club of a younger generation – made up of former youth exchange students, Rotaractors, Group Study Exchange members and Rylarians.



"We are a club of middle management who still have the world to conquer. Because of their age, some members will change occupations, change residences, travel, have families but they will always be Rotarians. Hence the rookery. We will continue to grow but won't be afraid to let our chicks find their wings," she told the happy crowd of 200 Rotarians, family and friends.

The new club has a perfect mix of youth, age and vocational diversity. There is an important influence from the local indigenous community by way of support from an elder of the Wiradjuri tribe, George Fisher (now deceased), who gave permission for the name Wirrimbirra ("sanctuary, safe haven") to be used. George's wife, Helen, designed the club's impressive banner, which also reflects the indigenous theme.

The club hit the ground running and conducted an outstanding "Give Poverty the Boot" program whilst carrying provisional status. Members collected 1000 pairs of shoes from schoolchildren and took them to Sydney's DIK warehouse for shipment as container fillers to the Philippines.

Revesby Wirrimbirra conducted a hugely successful Bridal Expo the week before its charter, the Club Board is now preparing a business plan to establish the first Men's Shed in the area, and next project on the agenda is the establishment of a community bank!