

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?"



Hello Team,

How are you all?

The last couple of weeks have sure been busy and I am looking forward towards the Christmas and New Year break.

In the last two weeks we have had the Garage Sale at Safety Beach which rose over \$2,300 and our Christmas Party at Wings & Fins. At our Christmas party we presented two cheques to Gaye Barnes from our Garage Sale collections where the money is going towards the project "A for A Life". Also we thanked Jim & Jean for being the main organizers of the Garage Sale and for lending us their home again. We also thanked Heather Norling (well done with the jams) & John Goldspink for supporting for the full three days over the weekend of the Garage Sale. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the members, family & friends which supported the Garage Sale at various times over the weekend.

On the 8th December our meeting was held at the Monash Medical Centre and I am very interested on receiving your feedback on the venue change and how you think the night went. Maybe we can have a quick discussion during our meeting.

Tonight we are back at the RSL and we are trying 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. This way everybody gets to order the meal they want. The cost of the normal meeting will be \$5:00 per person plus what ever you spend on your meal & drinks.

Tonight Jon Breisch will give us an update on the program during January and where our meeting venues will be.

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

Important dates to keep in mind are:-

29/12 - No Meeting (Christmas & New Year Break). 05/01/09 - First meeting back (venue =TBA)

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

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 Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.



Just a reminder the Jefferson group sells most bands under their Umbrella of Companies.

For a fleet discount contact Peter Cochrane

Club History 1987 ~ 88

International President: Charles C. Keller

Rotary Club of Pennsylvania California USA

Theme: United in Service- Dedicated to Peace

Ken Smale from the JC Smale Engineering Group in Nottinghill led the club and continued involvement in the Oakleigh Festival and Fun Run.

A high profile businessmen's luncheon aimed at boosting membership was held, we hosted a New Zealand Friendship exchange, held a Progressive Dinner and ran a wonderful Cup Eve Gala Night.

The Bulletin was fattened up by Bill Sides and made an information source and rarely went under 12 pages and raised many thought provoking issues through the year.





A visit and donation of a \$5,800 combined ventilator and aesthetic bed was made to the children's ward at the new Monash Medical Centre. Two Westall students were sponsored to camp.

A Gala Night was held at the Mechanics Institute with people in fancy dress and entertainment drawn solely from within club resources from member Russ Boon and family raised \$890.

A Progressive Dinner was held and made \$200, a street stall raised \$600 and Golf Day \$6381. The mayor's Charity Ball was split within the three local clubs and \$500 went to Polio Plus on our behalf from ticket sales. Clayton was still heading Australasia in contributions to Rotary Foundation.

The 1988 Bi-Centennial created much historical interest and opened possibilities for unusual projects but Rotaract seemed to be in trouble generally, but not our club. They comprised 10% of the attendance at the annual Rotaract district conference!

During the year Jim Cochrane, Bob Minter, Les Sturzaker, Ray Thomas and Mayor of Oakleigh and Honorary Rotaractor Heather Norling were awarded Paul Harris Fellowships. Guy Messina,





Merry Christmas

To my fellow members of the Rotary Club of Clayton. I offer, to all of you; on behalf of the thousands of people you have helped in the past 12 months, a sincere thank you.

The people who have a book, have a wheelchair, a home in the form of a tent, have had a life changing operation, a Christmas tree, some where to sit and enjoy life, the prevention of Female Genital Mutilation, have become future leaders, become inspired to further their education, received life giving drugs in the form of polio vaccine and vitamin "A".

All of these people have had their lives changed/improved/altered by the Rotary Club of Clayton.

It has been an up and down year for all of us, next year may offer more of the same. Yet as **Rotarians we continue to "serve"**.

Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.

Yours in Rotary

Neil Rickard Bulletin Editor 2008 ~ 2009

Notices & 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 (08/12):

Apologies = Neil Rickard, Jon Breisch, Jim Cochrane, Jean Cochrane, John Goldspink, Glenys Pattison & Heather Norling
Make Ups = John Barnes, Dianne Day & Heather Norling
Leave of Absence = Neil Rickard.
Visitors = Margot Allchin & Kelly Allen

Roster for 22/12:

Chairperson = Bob Millen Desk = Heather Norling Visitors = Glenys Pattison Catering = Jean Cochrane

Roster for 05/01:

Chairperson = Heather Norling Desk = Glenys Pattison Visitors = Tom Portelli Catering = Jean Cochrane

Roster for 12/01:

Chairperson = Glenys Pattison Desk = Tom Portelli Visitors = Bill Sides Catering = Jean Cochrane

Please remember if you can not perform your rostered job, it is your duty to find a replacement to take your place.

The Christmas diet song

Twas the night before Christmas and all round my hips were Fannie May candies that sneaked past my lips. Fudge brownies were stored in the freezer with care in hopes that my thighs would forget they were there.

While Mama in her girdle and I in chin straps had just settled down to sugar-borne naps. When out in the pantry there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the kitchen I flew like a flash tore open the icebox then threw up the sash. The marshmallow look of the new-fallen snow sent thoughts of a binge to my body below. When what to my wandering eyes should appear: a marzipan Santa with eight chocolate reindeer! That huge chunk of candy so luscious and slick I knew in a second that I'd wind up sick.

The sweet-coated Santa, those sugared reindeer I closed my eyes tightly but still I could hear; On Pritzker, on Stillman, on weak one, on TOPS a Weight Watcher dropout from sugar detox.

From the top of the scales to the top of the hall now dash away pounds now dash away all. Dressed up in Lane Bryant from my head to nightdress my clothes were all bulging from too much excess.

My droll little mouth and my round little belly they shook when I laughed like a bowl full of jelly. I spoke not a word but went straight to my work ate all of the candy then turned with a jerk.

And laying a finger beside my heartburn I gave a quick nod toward the bedroom I turned. I eased into bed, to the heavens I cry if temptations removed I'll get thin by and by.

And I mumbled again as I turned for the night in the morning I'll starve . . . 'til I take that first bite.

The Australian Christmas

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, Sweating his fat away Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, Water-skis on his sleigh

Never have a white Christmas When you in Melbourne live Wearing hot pants on the beach When you your presents give

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, Sweating his fat away Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, Water-skis on his sleigh

Chestnuts roasting on the sidewalk Castles in the sand Eating ice-cream, having good talks Warm Christmas, isn't that grand?

