



ROTARY CLUB of CLAYTON Inc.

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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?"

Presidents Report

Hello Team,

How are you all?

Only a short report again this week! What a great meeting we had last week at the South Oakleigh Bowling Club and I would like to congratulate both Warren & Jon for organising the venue and food. The fellowship was great and the Lawn Bowls challenge was the highlight of the evening. I know that everyone who had a go at the bowls really enjoyed themselves. If you were not there you missed out on a great night. This week we are at the home of Bill and Dianne Sides.

Now down to some business news. First of all do not forget about the car parking we will be doing at the Women's Open Golf at the Metropolitan Golf Club from the 12th to 15th February. Bob Millen has put a roster together and is currently looking for volunteers. Can you please contact Bob Millen or Jim Cochrane for more details and put your name down on the roster if you are available.

Also please do not forget to register for the conference in March if you have not already done so. Our club will be holding a craft stall and wine tasting in the "House of Friendship" at the conference and Jean Cochrane is looking for people to provide items (anything to do with craft) for the stall. Jean is also looking for people to help man the stall during the conference. All money raised will go towards Gaye Barnes project, "A for A Life".

Last of all I have started to update on a weekly basis the [Program and Diary Dates](#) page on our Web Page. This will provide you with all the events which are happening with or within our club over the next few months. This will hopefully cut down the amount of e-mails sent and you can just go straight to the web page to find out what is happening.

Important dates to keep in mind are:-

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

26/01/09 – Australia Day celebrations and get together at the home of

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

Heather Norling (Details = Starting from 12:00pm – \$10 a head & \$5 for each child. Food will be provided – BYO Chairs & Drinks – RSVP to Heather Norling before 22/01/09 if you are attending).

01/02/09 – Club Forum (8:45 for 9:00am start and finish 1:00pm - Venue is Mulgrave Country Club – Coffee/Tea provided – See Bob Millen for details).

02/02/09 – No Club Meeting.

09/02/09 – First meeting back at the RSL.

12/02 to 15/02/09 – Car parking at the Women's Open Golf (See Jim Cochrane or Bob Millen for further details)

26/03 to 29/03 – District Conference in Hobart.

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Our Golf Day Sponsor

Our major Golf Day sponsor this year is.



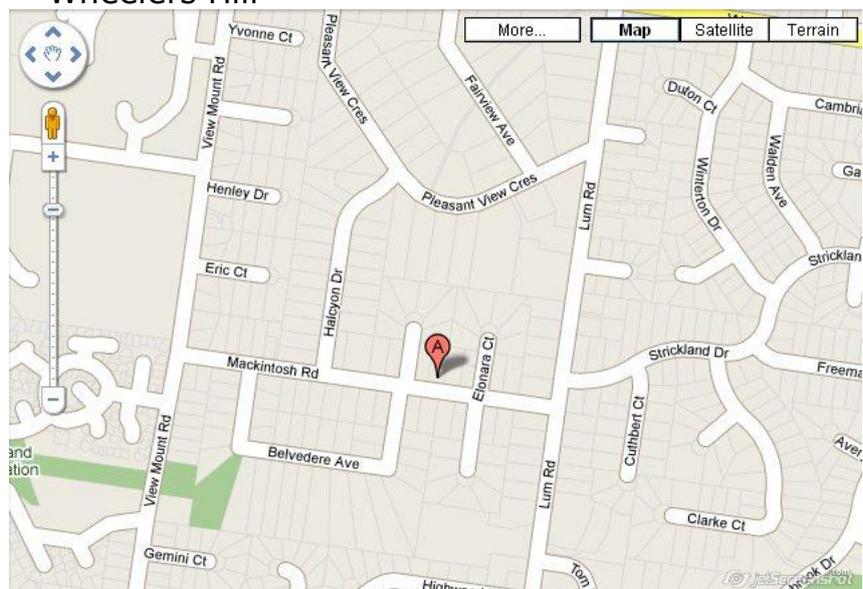
Just a reminder the Jefferson group sells most bands under their Umbrella of Companies.

For a fleet discount contact Peter Cochrane

Club Meeting 19th January 2009

Where: Dianne & Bill Sides

25 Mackintosh Road
Wheelers Hill



Meeting starts 6.15pm



Club History 1990 - 91

International President: Paulo V.C. Costa

Rotary Club of Santos São Paulo, Brazil

Theme: Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm

Ralph Zuccaro an Optician was pretty new to Rotary but full of enthusiasm. Club membership was weak so a vote was put to change to a breakfast meeting but was defeated 12 against 6 for and one soon after was lost too for a change to an evening meeting, 6 for and 8 against.

One of Ralph's early ideas was to restore an old car and raffle it off as there were many members with appropriate skills to restore old cars. After a few sports cars were looked at, one in particular a Jaguar XK 120 seemed to have no steel left in its body anywhere, the idea was quietly shelved, however, that was a tiny low in a very high year.

Building on Seamus's work the Never Too Old for Christmas name was coined by Ralph and event was extended to other nursing homes in the Clayton area. It has since continued as one of our largest community efforts. Many of the elderly attending spoke no English and had not been out of the home for a year or more. Having an old lady grab your hand and mutter words of thanks in whatever language she had moves even the toughest of hearts.

Clayton joined with Huntingdale, with Kevin Beaumont as inaugural Chairman, for setting up the first RYPEN camp in the district with Huntingdale hosting it. A lot of committee leg work and almost half the students came from Clayton. The club has continued its support every year since.

A repeat of last year's Cup Eve weekend was held at Ned Brown's beach house at Peterborough and was huge fun. Oakleigh's Centenary was celebrated by giving free sausages to the public. Bill Sides and John Barnes received unexpected Distinguished Service Awards from Neil Harrison.

Richard Simmons attended the World Rotaract Conference at the Gold Coast and Clayton Rotaract held the Rotaract District Conference at Campaspe Downs with 140 attendees. They also won the raft race on the Yarra and began the year with 28 members but feared it may be just 16 by year end. They shared in district's Dial a Santa which raised \$ 25,000!

A major first was induction of the first two ladies into our club on 15th April. Jean Cochrane with the Classification of Manufacturing Clothing and Lana Hutchinson Nursing Home Management.

Michael Ellinger was Rotaract President and 11 new Rotaractors were inducted. Long time Club Secretary Charles Taylor died on the 20th January and Bill and Dianne Sides hosted Cathie Best, a Canadian GSE team member. At year end AIDS research at Fairfield received \$ 2,000 and the Clayton Arts Council \$250 and



Bill Norling received recognition of 20 years perfect attendance.



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 (12/01):

Apologies = John Goldspink, Dianne Sides Lesley Zuccaro
Make Ups = Bill & Dianne Sides
Leave of Absence = Neil Rickard.

Visitors = Gaye Barnes

Roster for 19/01:

Chairperson = Tom Portelli
Desk = Bill Sides
Visitors = Richard Simmons
Catering = Dianne Sides

Roster for 09/02:

Chairperson = Bill Sides
Desk = Richard Simmons
Visitors = Dianne Sides
Catering = Jean Cochrane

Roster for 16/02:

Chairperson = Richard Simmons
Desk = Dianne Sides
Visitors = Lesley Zuccaro
Catering = Jean Cochrane

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

Jokes

Bowler asks his Priest: Are the bowling greens in Heaven Green?
The priest shook his head saying he wasn't sure but that he would ask the Cardinal. This he did and received a similar answer I am not sure either but I will ask the Pope, which he duly did, the Pope saying he would enquire and get back to him. The Pope a little later gave his answer to the Cardinal who duly informed the priest. The priest called the bowler and said I have your answer but I have some good news and some bad news. Which would you like first? Oh! Give me the good news, right said the priest, the good news: The bowling Greens in heaven are a beautiful Green. And the bad news enquired the Bowler? The priest: You are selected lead in tomorrow's Heavens 'A' Team!



"There's nothing wrong with saying hard luck!
Just learn to do it without the snigger." (c) GreenShot

Our green is surrounded by tennis courts with high fences. During one bowls match a tennis ball was hit over the fence and landed on the green bouncing toward me. I stopped it and put it in my trouser pocket until the front players finished bowling and crossed over. The Lady second said, as I walked toward her, "what`s that" pointing at my pocket. I said "tennis ball" she then said "that must be painful I had tennis elbow once"

The magic of bifocal glasses

An old man called Barry, practises Bowls with his pals each week, has just purchased a new pair of glasses.

On the first end, he draws four touchers. His friends are amazed. Again, on the 2nd and 3rd ends `4 touchers.

"Hey, Barry", one friend asks, "what`s your secret? You`ve never bowled so well."

"Well guys, it`s these new bifocals from Eycline Optical. I see a small jack and a big jack. I aim for the large one, and the rest is history."

A few ends later, Barry needs to relieve himself so off to the toilets he goes. When he returns, his trousers are drenched. `

`What happened Barry"

Barry, in confused voice, "I reached in and looked down; I saw a big one and a little one. I knew the big one wasn`t mine, so I put it back!"

How was your bowling game?

How was your bowling game, dear?" asked Jack`s wife Tracy.

"Well, I was bowling well, but my eyesight`s gotten so bad I couldn`t see where the bowl went."

"But you`re seventy-five years old, Jack!" admonished his wife, "Why don`t you take my brother Scott along?" "But he`s eighty-five and doesn`t even bowl anymore," protested Jack.

"But he`s got perfect eyesight. He could watch your bowl," Tracy pointed out. The next day Jack bowled with Scott looking on. Jack bowled to a long jack. "Do you see it?" asked Jack.

"Yes," Scott answered. "Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering up the green. "I forgot."