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Vale Mary Goldspink PHF 1929~2008

Mary passed away Monday after a tough battle with cancer, thank you Mary for your contribution to our club and the community.



President Michaels Changeover Address

Hello all and welcome along tonight to see me take on the job of President again for the second time in just four years.

Welcome to all those special visitors who have come along tonight. It is good to have representatives here from the District, Probus, Scouts and the local schools around Clayton. I hope this year that we can work closely with these community groups.

I would like to say thank you to past President Jim for the last twelve months and the good work he has put in to bring the club to where it currently is this makes my transition into President as easy as possible.

I would also like to say thank you to all my family and friends for coming along tonight and for the support they have given up to now and will give me during the next twelve months (I hope).

My Congratulations to both Bob Millen & Mary Goldspink for being presented tonight with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. My best wishes go out to Mary in this time of sickness and I hope that the Paul Harris award will boost her sprits.

Bob Millen it is good to see you get this award and honestly I think that you really deserve it for all the time you have put in to Rotary and the local community over the years. Also I would like to thank you for the special words and support you have provided to me over the last few months leading up to the President Role.

This year again we will be running with the Club Leadership Plan and I would like to take the time now to introduce the Board members for this year:-

President - Michael Ellinger
Immediate Past President & Foundation - Jim Cochrane
Vice President & Membership Services - Warren Fricke
Secretary - Bill Sides
Treasurer - Dianne Day
President Elect 2009-10 & Service Projects - Bob Millen
Marketing & Assistant Treasurer - Neil Rickard

I do not want to ramble on too long tonight as we have plenty of time for that over the next twelve months. This is now the point where I am meant to tell you of my plans for the next year and to be quite honest I do not have any plans (only joking).

My biggest concern for this year is not serving the next twelve months as president (that's the easy part); it is that I can help the Rotary Club of Clayton keep on keeping on.

One major goal this year is membership and I have already informed the Rotary District that our goal is to have 27 members by 30th June 2009. That is an increase of 10 members. So I put down the challenge to our Membership Team and members to achieve this target.

Over the last couple of months I have passed on to the board members and the four service directors my aims and goals which I would like the Rotary Club of Clayton to take on and tackle this year. We will continue our support with the normal projects and activities that we have been performing over the last few years on a ongoing basis and we are planning to take on and be involved in some new projects this year like:-

- A for a Life project
- The Four Way Test Competition.
- Look at starting up an Interact Club.
- Continue support to eradicate Female Genital Mutilation in Kenya.
- The Schools Anzac Day Commemoration service.
- The Great Australian Bike Ride.
- Indigenous Health Scholarships.

30,000 children under 5 die every day from preventable causes, 1250 every hour, 20 every minute which is roughly half the population of

Australia every year and I hope that the Rotary Club of Clayton can do their bit to try and help.

To get all the directors and members in the “Make Dreams Real” mode for the year ahead I would like to show you this quick presentation

Again thank you all for attending tonight and for listening. I hope that as President of the Rotary Club of Clayton I will do the best job I can and not let any of you down.

But before I go and make my dreams real on my well deserved holiday and break for the next few weeks, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Monica (or Monique) a happy birthday for tomorrow.

Goodnight.

Special Guest Speaker Monday 28th July

Loreto Sister Ephigenia Gachiri will talk on her work to eradicate Female Genital Circumcision, especially in East Africa. Last year our PP Tom Portelli organized a special night at his home to help raise funds for *Mary Ward International*, to help fund Sister Ephigenia’s work

Club History

Club Formation was by Oakleigh and is detailed in Alan James bound history of the planning, boundary discussions, interest meetings and minutes.

1965-66

Club chartered April 17th 1965 DG Len Greenwood, GSR Alan James of Oakleigh and almost exactly the date the regional magazine *Rotary Down Under* was established.

Max Hammer was Charter President and had been a Rotarian for 11 years and this was his 4th club. He was a banker and member of the local Chamber of Commerce and Past Master of the Lodge so brought a lot of experience and contacts to the club.

The first Bulletin printed immediately prior to charter on April 12th 1965 and in it Alan James reported on the Albury District Conference which Kevin Beaumont also attended. It also began a long series of member profiles and Rotary information for members.

The first meetings were held on Mondays at 1.00PM at Koolonga 317 Clayton Road. The first Social Evening was a Film Night held at the Spring Valley Golf Club on May 7th at 8.00PM during which GSR Alan James inducted Max Hammer as President and inducted all the Clayton members present presenting them with Rotary badges. Over half the charter members were active golfers.

A Club assembly was held on Wednesday April 21st when Alan James described how the club would operate, its board, the role of directors and reporting, fellowship and to have an emphasis on Rotary information initially.

The Charter Presentation Night was in the then very new Student Union Hall at Monash University on Saturday June 19 1965. 315 people were in attendance and possibly the club's first banner, one from Singapore was presented. Allen James described how the club was formed, and DG Len Greenwood introduced all the Charter Members.

The framed Charter Certificate and Object of Rotary were presented by DG Len Greenwood. The Rotary Club of Noble Park Charter Night was soon after on Tuesday July 13th 1965. Clayton was matched with the Leek Club in England exchanging bulletins and banners.

Asian students were hosted at a meeting and taken to the huge new Fibremakers factory in Bayswater and an essay competition was held at the local High School.

On July 26th Miss Victoria was guest speaker at a Ladies Night and 23 wives attended! DG Stan Sullivan visited for lunch on August 30 and a club assembly followed at 8 pm.

The first "active" project of the club was a Courtesy Month in Clayton with 5,000 circulars distributed. Citizens were urged in 150 words or less to write in and nominate explaining why they considered somebody was courteous. A budget of 35 pounds was set with two pound ten shillings given as weekly awards. The local press printed recipient's photos and large banners were hung stretching across Clayton Rd at the Princes Highway and another near the railway gates. Awards were made on November 15, the Grand Prize going Mrs. M Hourigan who had lived in Clayton 60 years. She reported how a young lady from Ouyen had helped her with heavy groceries for the first time ever. When commented on, she modestly said some people may be shy!

At the December Ladies Day, Australia's Miss Charity Queen Carolyn Hannaford spoke with a degree of infighting reported on who would be Chairman that day! We note that Rotary then was only for males.

A Christmas Dinner Dance was planned at the Village Green Hotel; cost four pounds four shillings a double but no record exists of it actually happening.

An Inter-club visit to Malvern was held on Feb 9 and on Feb 20, 25 boys from Tally-Ho (a home in Burwood for delinquent boys) were taken to Healesville Sanctuary.

On March 1st a Rotary Golf Day was held at Beacon Hills hosted by Frank Nightingdale the Beacon Hills Golf Club President.

The Four Way Test was distributed to several schools. The club became a 100% Foundation club in its first year setting a trend for the future.

The club had a bagman who seemed to take the role of the Sergeant at Arms and reported all manner of minor misdemeanours in the Bulletin. Being near the railway line. Two mile long briquette trains were found rather disruptive to speakers as they rumbled past.

An interclub golf competition in District 282 was cleaned up by Ralph Bryant, Kevin Beaumont, Les Sturzaker and Alan Fulton.

May 7 was the Charter Night of Waverley and June 6 saw a club BBQ held. June 27 was the first Changeover Night and held at Kolonga replacing the luncheon meeting. The new committees had met by year end and forwarded plans



ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON

District 280

Charter Presentation Night

To be held at

Student's Union, Monash University, Wellington Road, Clayton

On Saturday 19th June 1965

This Charter will be presented by District Governor, Len Greenwood

ASSEMBLY AND FELLOWSHIP: 6.00 p.m. DINNER: 6.45 p.m.
REGISTRATION AND DINNER FEE: £2 per person

The official programme will end at 10 p.m. and be followed by a further hour of Fellowship — those who travel afar will be able to have coffee and leave at their pleasure after 10 p.m.

Sponsor Club: Rotary Club of Oakleigh

Governor's Special Representative: Allen James

President: Max Hammer

Secretary: Ted Wright

Please detach and return registration form not later than 10th June 1965

Last Weeks Speaker Neil Rickard

SO YOU HAVE JUST BEEN ROBBED... IS YOURS AN "IF ONLY" STORY?

1. By following some basic common sense you can minimize the potential for a break-in.
 - Look seriously at the "body language" of your home; are there concealed areas where someone can get in without being seen?
 - Have a Blue Light alarm box even if it isn't attached to an alarm
 - Don't leave doors and windows open
 - Don't have spare keys in "Hidden" locations near entrances
 - Don't leave valuables openly on display
 - Locks on windows & dead locks on doors are a start, make you're your home difficult to get into, and especially hard to get out (when you are not home).
 - Police research suggests, the potential robber is taught as soon as they enter a house to "open up at least two avenues of escape" If your home is difficult to escape from, there are hundreds of other houses near by that won't be.
 - When you get new appliances don't leave the boxes lying around. Don't put the boxes or old appliances out in the next "hard rubbish" collection. Why not just put a sign on the front lawn to advertise your new purchase?

2. Don't assume a robber is dumb, for every hidey hole you can think of to store your valuables, they know of it; and will know two more.

Women will store valuables in with their underwear draw; they know no one in their household will go looking there. It is the first place a robber is taught to look, freezer second, dirty laundry third etc.

- TV's, VCR's and big appliances are old targets.
- Gold jewellery, cash, laptop computers, external hard drives, play stations, DVD's are more likely to be taken
- For the serious thief car and house keys will also be taken.

3. Ok so what can I do before the robbery?

Look seriously at what if any insurance cover you have, if over time, you have upgraded the value of contents or the quality/quantity of the contents in your home. How will your Insurance Company know **unless** you advise them?

- a) Stand in the middle of each room and photograph the four walls, this will give you a basic idea of your contents. Special items like artwork, jewellery, tools, expensive clothing, kitchen appliances etc. need to be to be carefully photographed with a "Mast Head" from a News Paper; this will give a proportion of size as well as the date. **MAKE SURE YOUR PHOTO'S ARE IN FOCUS.** If your camera has a date feature make sure it is set on the correct date. Make two copies of your photo's (print photo's burn DVD etc) and have one copy away from your home.
- b) Make the effort to list the contents of your home, hand write or use a free download like (i.) make an effort to "look" at each room, eg: how much is the value of your shoes? For some women it can be \$1,000 to \$3,000. A collection of CD's and DVD's can easily be from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (250 CD's @ \$20 = \$5,000) we acquire these slowly over years and forget the total value. There are free programmes to catalogue your CD collection.
- c) Consider having your jewellery or "special" items valued professionally. Valuers are listed in the Yellow Pages.
- d) Calculate the value of your contents, free \$ value calculators are available in the net (ii.) Consider upgrading the amount you are covered for, it doesn't cost a lot more to take the contents up another \$20,000
- e) Ask your Insurance Company are there any savings to be had by installing an alarm system or safe.

4. Things you must do

- a) Once you have decided to make an inventory of your contents, it is a daunting task, consider doing one room each weekend. That way you will get started.
- b) Think about a safe, not a cheap thing that can be easily ripped from the wall. A real one big enough to take lap top's etc. and can be bolted to a concrete slab.
- c) Backup all digital photographs, burn them to disk. I hear each week how someone has lost 1, 3 up to 5 years photos on a stolen laptop or removable hard drive.
- d) Scan or have scanned important documents, then have copies stored away from your home.
- e) Consider a removable hard drive and plan a regular backup, then remove it or lock it away.
- f) If you want that special piece to be replaced, you must have accurate drawings photographs etc.

Should you have lost, stolen or damaged property the Police and Insurance Assessor will ask you to list and describe the items.

Think about which outcome you want to end up with.

Would be able to replace what you lost? Or would you be out of pocket for thousand's of dollars like the people we see almost every week?

Useful download

i. SunCorp download

www.suncorp.com.au/suncorp/personal/home_contents_insurance/calculators_tool/download.aspx

ii. RACV Home contents Calculator

http://homecontents.com.au/profiles/23/main_general_info.php?_s=156382aec35e9eb16240bc949c564faa

RYLA is it worth it?

Last Friday I drove to YMCA Camp Lake Dewar Lodge, to attend the remaining sessions and collect young people to bring back to Melbourne. On the way up I was thinking about a conversation I had during the week, with a friend; a fellow Rotarian from another Club. He stated "we don't participate as it is a lot of money to be spent on **one person**".

Seeing the enthusiasm and energy in the room, I feel our club has invested well "in the future leaders of our society"; the final speaker was a former RYLAIAN. Now a Grandmother her life was changed by her "RYLAR" experience she is a successful speaker on "setting life goals, and how to achieve them"

She has helped thousands of people reach “their potential” and continues to come back to RYLA free of charge to pass on the experience.

If our club could find just one person like her once every 10 years we would be doing our community a great service.

As a parent of two children who have attended RYLA I couldn't emphasize enough, the benefit of sending your son, daughter or grandchildren off to this fantastic programmed.

Next year I hope we have 50 people attending.

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**

Program:

This Week 13th July

The Box and Attendance Book (how they work)

Chairperson: Pres. Michael Ellinger

Duty Desk: Lesley Zuccaro

Visitors: All

Bulletin Notes: Neil Rickard

The 21st July

Speaker: Zoe Rickard

Subject: RYLA

Chairperson: Bill Sides

Duty Desk:

Visitors: All

Bulletin Notes: Jim Cochrane