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Presidents Report

Hello Team,

How are you all this week?

It is a good feeling to get one general meeting and one board meeting out of the way and see all your smiling faces again. I tell you what, after hearing about all of the upcoming activities at our board meeting which are being planned, I hope you all have your running shoes on. But do not worry, we are the Rotary Club of Clayton and we are not scared to take on any challenges. There has been one change made at our last board meeting, where the job of program has been moved from Neil Rickard to Warren Fricke. So if you have any ideas for a good guest speaker, please pass them on to Warren.

Tonight is a partner's night and our guest speaker is Loreto Sister Ephigenia Gachiri who will update us on her work to eradicate female genital circumcision in East Africa. After the fantastic International night we had last November for this project, it will good to hear the progress report from Sister Ephigenia. Other upcoming dates to keep in mind are:-

03/08 – Rotary Foundation Seminar at the Whitehorse Centre.
10/08 – Potential Rotary Leaders Seminar (PRLS) at Mulgrave Country Club.

For further details of the above dates, please your copy of "Barnes' Storming" which has been e-mailed to every member of the club.

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

OPENING OF CLASIFICATION

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

Last Weeks Meeting:

Zoe Rickard one of the RYLA attendees out club sent talked about her experience of RYLA. She explained some of the programme; and how all of the participants felt their lives had been enriched /changed.

Zoe had out members fill out a list of priorities on our lives, she commented how quickly our members were able to complete that list compared to the RYLA group. Perhaps as older Rotarians we have thought about our priorities.

Zoe encouraged our members to continue sending young people to become future leaders and she thanked the club for having her along to speak.



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.

Apart from all the fun, fellowship and new things we learn at conference. This is the time for our Club to fly the flag and support our D.G. John

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**

Subscription Dues

At Last board meeting the subs for 2008 ~ 2009 were set at \$235.00. It would be greatly appreciated if these were paid promptly as there a number of large accounts coming up.

Rotary International President Lee explains his motto:



Rotary International President-elect Dong Kurn Lee addressed incoming district governors today at the 2008 International Assembly, urging them to use their resources to help curb child mortality. Lee said he was in disbelief when he learned that 30,000 children under the age of five die every day from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, measles, and malaria.

"Once I understood the issues behind that terrible number, I knew what I needed to do," Lee said. He told the incoming governors that Rotary will keep the service emphases of recent years -- water, health and hunger, and literacy -- but asked them to focus their efforts in each of these areas on children.

"In 2008-09, I will ask you all to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children," he said. "This will be our theme, and my challenge to all of you."

"Children are killed by illnesses that become deadly in combination with poor sanitation and malnutrition," Lee said. In addition, families stricken by extreme poverty are trapped in a cycle that only leads to more unnecessary deaths. "It's a cycle that is not interrupted because there is no access to education."

He challenged the audience to do their part to give children "hope and a chance at a future" by reducing the rate of child mortality in the world.

"We will bring clean water to their communities and create sanitation projects that keep children healthy," Lee said.

As the incoming governors begin preparing for the year ahead with the training and inspiration they receive at the International Assembly, Lee reminded them of Rotary's power and encouraged them to use their resources efficiently to maximize the good done around the world.

Governor-elect Geoffrey Mathis, of District 9930 in New Zealand, thinks the upcoming RI theme allows Rotary to dream big. "*Make Dreams Real* will be an easy theme to sell around the world. We all like challenges; Lee has allowed us to put our dreams to practice."

Rotarians can improve children's health, Lee said, even in small ways, such as delivering mosquito nets, rehydration salts, vitamins, and vaccines. "So much more can be done with just a little more: a trained birth attendant, a simple clinic, a school feeding program, a visiting nurse," he continued. "These are simple and direct ways to save children's lives."

In 2008-09, Rotarians will be asked to open their eyes to the needs of children in communities near and far, Lee said.

"Children die not because nobody can help them, but because too often, nobody does. But you and I, here in this room, are Rotarians, and helping is what we do best," he said, adding that "our job is to *Make Dreams Real* for children. If every one of us does this, at the end of our year, we will all have achieved something wonderful."

Club History 1967~68

Luther H. Hodges (Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA) Make Your Membership Effective

The President Harold Downing had a paper goods factory in Clayton. The year started quietly, the first function was a Ladies Night followed by Crazy Whist

The Elderly Citizens were taken out to Arthur's Seat and the cup weekend inter-club visit to Yarrowonga-Mulwala playing golf, a large family BBQ was held at Graeme Sweeney's property at Berwick, and a Dinner Dance at Spring Valley Golf Club.

The Bulletin this year was heavy on Rotary information but very light on what went on. A Golf day was held at the Huntingdale Golf Club on March 20th 1968 which appears to have been the first of Clayton's famous Clayton Shield Golf Days although many golf days had been attended prior. It was won by Stan Williams and Clive Forte of Oakleigh and Alan Fulton won a trophy too. Money raised was used to buy a six band radio that was forwarded to Betage School in New Guinea.

What had now become an annual event, the Clayton Rotary Church Service was held at All Saints on Sunday April 28th with member participation throughout the service.

Almost every Bulletin seemed to advertise a golf day of some kind. Golf was then a very important part of Clayton and for many other Rotary clubs' fellowship.

A Clayton Ball was held at Union House Monash University on May 31st at cost of \$ 9.00 The club encouraged all members to fit and wear seat



belts in their cars.

An exchange student was obviously away in the Philippines but name or location was not reported in the Bulletin yet a character called SCHMIDT DER SPY featured weekly with much dirt on members. The Changeover Night was not even advertised or reported on!

Program:

This Week 28th July

Speaker: Sister Ephigenia

Subject: Female genital circumcision in East Africa.

Chairperson: PP Tom Portelli

Duty Desk: Dianne Day

Visitors: All

Bulletin Notes: Neil Rickard

Humour on the tee:

Funeral

Joe and his priest are playing in a golf match.

Joe's game is perfect that day, and he is giving the priest a thorough drubbing.

The priest can only sigh as he fills in the scorecard from the last hole. Sensing his pastor's unhappiness, Joe says to him,

"Cheer up Father...just think, one of these days you will be giving the services at my funeral."

The Priest looked at him and made a poor attempt at a grin while saying, "Yes, that may be true, but it will still be your hole."

18 Holes

Here's a slice of golf history you might enjoy.

Why do full-length golf courses have 18 holes, and not 20, 10 or an even dozen?

During a discussion among the membership board at St. Andrews Golf Club in 1858, one of the members pointed out that it takes exactly 18 holes to polish off a fifth of Scotch.

By limiting himself to only one shot of Scotch per hole, the Scot figured a round of golf was finished when the Scotch ran out....

Missed Putt

An older couple are playing in the annual Husband & Wife Club Championship. They are playing in a play-off hole and it is down to a 6 inch putt that the wife has to make.

She takes her stance and her husband can see her trembling. She putts and misses, they lose the match.

On the way home in the car her husband is fuming.

"I can't believe you missed that putt! That putt was no longer than my 'willy'."

The wife just looked over at her husband and smiled and said, "Yes dear, but it was much harder!"