



Rotary Club of Glenferrie

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OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

"It's a big moment" was Ian Dobson's opening remark in his new role as President. He looked a little lonely at the head table, alone except for his new Sargeant Barrie Martin several seats away to his left and a good attendance of Rotarians packed-in at the "back of the class."

THE GUEST OF HONOUR'S WISE REMARKS.

"No one will sit near me," our President said to the Guest of Honour-Bruce Gough as he hustled in to take up his position several seats away on the Presidents right, "I must have bad breath."
"That's better than having no breath at all," was our G of H's retort and the first of many wise statements he made during the evening.



DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER WELL ATTENDED BY GLENFERRIE ROTARY.

There may have been a nexus between the President's breath and the Changeover Dinner. It seems that drinks at the Dixon's before the big District Changeover Dinner at Chaucers on the previous Friday, was followed by a party which encroached well into Saturday. You wouldn't have wanted to be a little kid trying to buy some school footy sox on Saturday morning.

Other revellers were Rob Bray, Eldin Dixon, Linsey Flint, Rod Johnston, Barrie Martin, John Skerritt, Rob Stewart and their ladies. They are named in alphabetical order incidently, and not in order of departure from the festivities

OUR PRESIDENT'S POLICY.

Some encouraging words from immediate Past President Linsey and four separate rounds of enthusiastic applause brought President Ian to his policy, which is far less complex than the policies coming out of Canberra and into the media in the past few weeks.

PRESIDENT IAN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF GLENFERRIE ROTARY WILL ENJOY THEMSELVES DURING HIS YEAR OF OFFICE. HE BELIEVES HAVING FUN SHOULD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ROTARY EXPERIENCE. The comradeship developed from that type of experience will in his view, ultimately enhance the volume and quality of useful service coming out of the club.

Two Past Presidents and present stalwarts of The Club, Bruce Gough and Llew Jones spoke in tandem on the subject of retirement.

Llew felt Bruce was capable of speaking for the whole of the allotted time. While this was no doubt true, with some knowledge of Bruce's precise timing we weren't surprised to see Llew come off the interchange bench early in the third quarter.

BRUCE GOUGH:

Bruce's principal message was that retirement days shouldn't be wasted. Vegetating is a retirement hazard which can be avoided by planning your time so it is fulfilling.

Bruce rises in the mornings with the chooks and keeps himself moving and proved the point by hurrying in a wee bit late after a busy day of retirement.

Bruce was until his retirement a particularly well known and highly respected motor vehicle vendor.

He was asked how one should calculate the amount of funds needed for retirement and he said the formula was simple. "You just come to a decision about the amount of funds you'll need to support your life style and add twenty five percent."

Later on in his talk he revised the equation by adding a bit more.

The Editor has noticed the technique of adding a bit more, is also commonly used by the retired members of his family. Particularly when he pours them a whisky. Which reminds him that Bruce's talk was punctuated with some excellent one liners. They came right off the top of his head which is remarkably well thatched for a retired person.

LLEW JONES:

Llew Jones has a better record of serving than Pat Cash (another Hawthorn person who had a better than average week.) Llew is a well known connoisseur of Print and ladies who can pronounce Aberystwyth properly.

He has found the ultimate answer to preventing retirement boredom. He hasn't really stopped working for the person who bought his business from him after enlisting his aid to find him a business to buy. Llew made a snap decision to sell after six weeks thought and he's enjoying doing only as much work as he wants and doing it without the stress of management.

Llew is obviously one of the lucky ones who enjoyed his work. He says he has always enjoyed helping people and no one who knows Llew would doubt that is true.

On the way down in the lift, it seemed there was a very deep message there.

APOLOGIES LAST WEEK: John Paramor.

GUESTS LAST WEEK: Bruce Collins, Alex Buchanan.

MAKE UPS: Eldin Dixon at North Camberwell on June 24th.

DUTY ROSTER.

GRACE: 7/7 J.Keogh, 14/7 G.Farmer, 21/7 N.Fry, 28/7 R.Scarff.

LOYAL TOAST: 7/7 G.Brown, 14/7 J.Skerritt, 21/7 K.Morgan, 28/7 R.Winspear.

DAILY THOUGHT: 7/7 J.Balloch, 14/7 J.Morrison, 21/7 L.Flint, 28/7 L.Jones.

SETTING UP & DOWN - JULY: R.Carey, B.Gough.

CASHIERS - JULY: G.Verrey, S.Cohen.



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THIS IS YOUR LIFE.

As in the "This is your life" TV program, Glenferrie Rotarians will suddenly find themselves in the spot-light without warning from now on. President Ian will ask a different Rotarian each week to speak to the club for 3 minutes (some of us take that long to clear our throat) about some interesting thing he is currently doing in business or whatever aspect of his life he cares to talk about. The chosen speaker won't know until he gets to the meeting, that "he's on".

It's interesting to hear during the dinner conversation, what our friends in Rotary are currently doing. Of course we can't all sit at the same table and there are often two or three conversations going on at each table, so we must miss a lot of fascinating stuff going on around us.

It sounds like a good awareness and fellowship tool and 3 minutes must be pretty painless for both the speaker and the listeners.

FOR INSTANCE.

Over dinner, Rob Stewart was talking about the hydraulic platforms he hires to elevate people to the right height to paint buildings. He says some of these things can accomodate twelve people comfortably. Interesting though the detail of these devices was, we had to query his use of the term "comfortably".

He was also saying, it is not easy introducing Alex Buchanan to Rotarians he hasn't already met. Everyone knew Alex at our particular table and two had been to school with him over 30 years before (He may not look that old, but it seems to be true).

An earlier communication gave a tentative date for Alex's induction as next week, July 28th. No doubt the true date will be announced tonight and we look forward to having Alex in the club. He's no stranger to Rotary and will certainly be a great asset to the Glenferrie Club.

FEMALE ROTARIANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

John Keogh was acting as host to our Rotary Foundation Scholar, Bill Thro from Kentucky, and his parents, who recently paid a visit to Australia.

Mrs Thro told John about Bill's sponsor club of Elizabethtown inducting a female member, who had been honorary piano player for the club for 27 years.

Lady Rotarians in America is fairly old news, but who knew about honorary piano players??!! What's going on Ian, why haven't we got one?

Piano players are of course more highly revered in the US than some other professions. We all know about the very successful Advertising executive in New York who tried to hide the facts about his vocation from his mother.

She thought he was a piano player in a bordello.

John Keogh was also speaking about VOCATIONAL SERVICE and saying some Rotarians are not quite tuned in to what it's all about, when it's really quite uncomplicated.

It's simply a matter of applying the four way test to every situation in business which involves our relationships with other people.

The Vocational Service Committee intends to develop a stronger focus on this, the second of the four avenues of service, as the year progresses.

THANK GOODNESS IT WAS LOUIS:

It could give you a severe shock momentarily to hear your wife's birthday announced at the Rotary meeting, when you know you've done nothing to celebrate it yourself. Even if the Club's information is wrong it could produce a cold chill and a moment of doubt amongst the best organised amongst us.

There was a mistake last week and fortunately it happened to a man as confident about his facts as Louis Cohen who didn't panic even for a second.

THIS WEEKS PROGRAM: Club Forum/Assembly - Chairman: Ian Dobson.

NEXT WEEK (July 28th) Guest Speaker - Ian Moore from the Association for the Blind. Chairman: Norm Fary.

APOLOGIES LAST WEEK: J.Balloch, E.Dixon, B.Martin, J.Paramor, R.Scarff, D.Taylor, J.Taylor, B. Young.

GUESTS LAST WEEK: John and Sally Stasyis.

MAKE UPS: Rob Bray at Mitcham, W Hohlweg at 3 clubs in Germany.

ATTENDANCE: 26

DUTY ROSTER:

GRACE. 21/7 N.FARY, 28/7 R.Scarff, 4/8 R.Bray, 11/8 G.Brown.

LOYAL TOAST. 21/7 K.MORGAN, 28/7 R.Winspear, 4/8 B.Carey, 11/8 L.Cohen.

DAILY THOUGHT. 21/7 L.FLINT, 28/7 L.Jones, 4/8 S.Cohen, 11/8 E.Dixon.

SETTING UP & DOWN - JULY: R.Carey, B.Gough. AUG: G.Farmer, C.Fillipou.

CASHIERS JULY: G.Verrey, S.Cohen. AUG: L.Flint, P.Garside.

WALTER IS BACK.

It was a lot of fun last week, listening to Walter Hohlweg talking about his trip to Germany with his family and a giant local crayfish. They're all home safely except for the crustation which we suspect accompanied Walter and 50 of his closest friends and a pram load of beer on a safari, from which it didn't return.

If you're ever accused of drinking too much beer, contact Walter who'll testify that you weren't drinking beer at all. It was probably some local rubbish.

He told us about some giant Beer Gardens including one four times bigger than the MCG, beautifully forrested and landscaped. They'll sell you beer and provide a glass, if you get in the queue, but it's mostly BYO tucker.

He says Rotary throughout West Germany is an elite movement, with little personal exertion required except for writing cheques. At the Graz club in Austria (Walter visited 3 clubs in all) all members hold a professional doctorate.

Walter with travelling companion,
and a jug of the good stuff.

