

The 2012 FAHCSIA volunteer grant has now been fully spent as follows: ** Petrol vouchers (\$20 each) to 2012 regular drivers, ** Kitchen Equipment (Digital thermometer, Steamer saucepan set, Two Staysharp knives in scabbards, Egg slide and 5 new tablecloths to fit the round tables in the fellowship area), ** Large flat screen TV and DVD player. All the equipment will be available to other church users. Thanks again to Cliff for writing the successful application. Thanks also to Fiona Leister for making the new tablecloths.



A little bird told me that our Leisure Time treasurer and outings convenor, Cliff Baker, will turn 85 on 16th April. **Congratulations Cliff and thanks for all you do for others.**



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“Reaching Out”



Leisure Time

Newsletter

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From the Coordinator - Margaret Fraser

The 2013 Leisure Time year kicked off on February 4th, and we are well into our first quarter. To continue the football analogy, we have been able to field a team of 65 players (volunteers) which is a fantastic effort and we have all our positions covered. I would like to welcome back our "senior players" and also welcome a few "rookies" onto the field. Unfortunately, we have also had a few retirements from our team. We are always grateful to everyone who has worked hard to help us achieve our Leisure Time "goals". We assure you that our high performance has nothing to do with illegal drugs! (but much to do with Christian love and service)

We welcome new helpers Dorothy Lloyd and Ian Graham to the Leisure Time volunteer team and Norma Saxton, Judy Simsion and Gael O'Brien who are returning after a break.



We acknowledge and thank retiring volunteers Merle Robinson and Margaret Annett, along with Mary Ward, Ron Craig

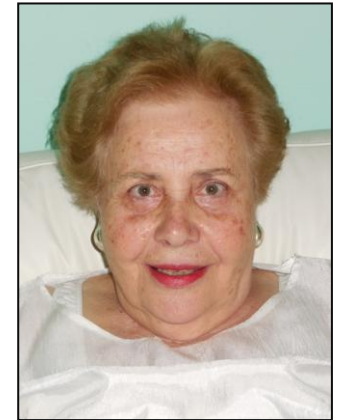
and Lyn McDonald who are reducing their level of assistance. All these volunteers have been loyal and committed to Leisure Time for many years. Mary has helped since 1978!

One of our guests, Millie, passed away in late December. Her funeral was attended by five volunteers. Millie was a gracious and kind lady and will be sadly missed by both guests and volunteers. Her family have made a generous donation to Leisure Time which will assist us with equipment purchases.

*** Featured Guest: Sophie Fragoulis ***

Sophie has been a guest at Leisure Time since 2008. She was introduced to Leisure Time by another guest, Alice. They were both out walking in a park during the time that Sophie's husband was very ill. They became friends and after Bill died, Alice suggested that Sophie come along to Leisure Time for some friendly company.

Sophie is very grateful for her Mondays with us and often spoils us with some of her home cooking, especially at Easter and Christmas. Sophie came from Corinthos in Greece and arrived in Australia by ship at age 18. She says she fell in love with Australia immediately. She loves to be Australian.



She was married soon after arriving here, and she and Bill had to work hard to set up a home. Sophie has a son and a daughter and two grandchildren who often visit her.

Sophie wants us all to be cheerful, to laugh and talk and be friendly and accepting to everyone. She is a great example of those positive ideas herself. It's good to have her with us.

*God's love for you is not dependent on how you look,
how you think, how you act or how perfect you are.*

His love is absolutely non-negotiable.

Ours is a Faithful God.

Max Lucado



visit the gift shop. The return journey was also pleasant and we arrived back at the church at 3pm. Thanks to all those who planned and assisted on the day, especially our cheery drivers, Tony Edrich and Robert Wood.

Other Outings are scheduled for 29 April, 17 June, 29 July, 30 Sept and 29 Oct, and will include a smorgasbord lunch, Morning Melodies and the movies, all yet to be confirmed.

The Stages of Motherhood

Here is a light hearted presentation of what we all think about our mums at different points of our lives -

4 Years Of Age - My Mummy can do anything;

8 Years Of Age - My Mum knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 Years Of Age - My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.

14 Years Of Age - Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either.

16 Years Of Age - Mum? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.

18 Years Of Age - That old woman? She's way out of date.

25 Years Of Age - Well, she might know a little bit about it.

35 Years Of Age - Before we decide, let's get Mum's opinion.

45 Years Of Age - Wonder what Mum would have thought about it.

65 Years Of Age - Wish I could talk it over with Mum.

We have had a number of recent changes to the guest list, and we start the year with three new guests, Margery, Ivor and Anne. We trust that they will have a happy time with us.

As the age of the guests increases, so does the incidence of falls unfortunately. Two guests, Joan and Mary, are currently unable to attend for this reason. We ask all our drivers and helpers to remind the guests to take their time and use their mobility aids as required so that we can avoid any accidents.

In this newsletter, you will see an invitation to the Annual General Meeting on April 22nd. Please come to the meeting and hear more about the Leisure Time program and guests.

35 years of Leisure Time!!

Leisure Time started in 1978. As this is our 35th year, our AGM will include a photo display (you may see a younger you!) along with some other items of interest. We also hope that many previous committee members and helpers will join us. Please come and share as we remember and honour 35 years of wonderful Christian outreach from our loyal helpers. We will also be unveiling our new large TV.

If any helpers would consider joining the Leisure Time committee, or if you would like to nominate someone else, please let me know (9803 7653). We would love to see a new face or two. Tasks are well delegated. Meetings are held six times per year to plan our programs and guest care.

God,

Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
And Wisdom to know the difference.



INVITATION

You are invited to attend the Leisure Time

Annual General Meeting

Afternoon tea will be served from 2 pm

Under our Constitution all volunteers and church members are eligible to attend and cast a vote so please participate. Meeting papers will be available from the Church Office from 15 April - 22 April 2013 and on the day.

Annual General Meeting

Glen Waverley Uniting Church LEISURE TIME

will be held at the
Glen Waverley Uniting Church

Monday 22 April 2013, at 2.30pm

The Agenda includes:

- Annual Report
- Audited Annual Accounts
- Election of Committee Members
- Appointment of Auditor
- **35 year display and celebration**
- **Unveil new large TV**

Pam McDonald, Secretary
26 February 2013

Outings Report

We are looking forward to six outings during 2013, thanks to a more generous Monash Council Community Grant.

The Outings committee will have a busy year to plan it all.

The first outing was on 4th March when 15 guests and 10



helpers travelled in two buses to the **Blue Lotus Water Garden** in Yarra Junction. The scenic drive up the Yarra valley was a lovely start to the warm sunny day. On arrival, we were offered morning tea. One of the owners then

gave us a talk about water lilies and lotus flowers, their varieties, history, geography, and growth. He also explained the increasing demand for flowers and the large seed pods in the floristry business.

We were supplied with a lunch box



containing a delicious salad sandwich and cake. We had plenty of time to look around the 14 acres of ponds and hothouses, to see the thousands of lovely blooms and to



Christmas Break-up Day, December 10th 2012

Leisure Time's final day for 2012 was celebrated in style with



music, festive food and plenty of fun and friendship. We welcomed family visitors and many volunteers on the day. The entertainment was provided by singer and keyboard player Julie McLeod. We also sang along to Aussie Christmas songs led by Heather Hon from our church

office. The entertainers were thanked by guest Julie.

We enjoyed a delicious morning tea and a hot Christmas dinner served onto beautifully decorated tables by our "Christmas angels" (see kitchen volunteers next page). The ministry team joined us too. The day finished with a Christian message led by Alison Clarkson in the Chapel. She suggested that we all pray for each other as we watched "Carols by Candlelight" in our own homes. Guests were farewelled with a Christmas gift. Thank you to the drivers and all who contributed to the lovely day for our guests. We know how much they love the day - then hang out for the start of the next Leisure Time year.



*Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.
Leave the rest to God.*

Happy 100th!

One of our past guests, Thelma McEachern, turned 100 years old on 14th February. Thelma was a popular and cheerful guest at Leisure Time until 2008 when she moved away from the area. She was a distinguished army nurse in World War II and had fascinating stories to tell. We have sent Thelma a card with our love and congratulations.

Diary Dates for 2013

Monash PALS Come & Try sessions:

April 18, July 8, Oct 7, all 10.30am - 12pm

Christmas party: Dec 9

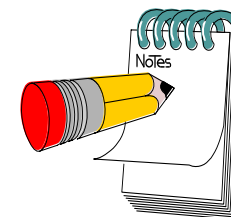
Public Holidays falling on Mondays:

11 March (Labour Day)

1 April (Easter Mon.)

10 June (Queen's birthday)

4 Nov (no L.T. on Melb Cup Eve)



***** Featured Guest: Wendy Pratt *****

Wendy was part of the original committee which set up Leisure Time at Glen Waverley Uniting Church in 1978. She continued as an active leader at Leisure Time for many years. Wendy's creative ideas and kind nature were always an inspiration. In those early days, Wendy remembers making craft items at Leisure Time which would be sold at the church fete. They also made many knee rugs for hospitals and missions, along with baby clothes and coat-hangers, lavender



bags and other crafts such as waste paper baskets.

Wendy was born in England, but came to Australia as a child. She worked as a Medical Laboratory Technician. Wendy married Graeme in 1962 and they

have two sons and four grandchildren. She became a potter and worked as both a paid and voluntary pottery tutor.

Wendy was seriously injured in a car accident in late 1992 but following a long rehabilitation process, she was able to re-join us at Leisure Time, this time as a valued guest.

Wendy is one of the few people still actively involved in Leisure Time who were there at the start in 1978.

Congratulations Wendy and Thank You.

Volunteer Roster Swaps - Important Reminder

Thank you for organising your own duty swaps if needed.

Please remember to advise Heather Hon at the Church Office so that we can alter the master roster on the Wiki.

Good Friday Appeal - Morning Tea at The Hub



Please support this worthy cause and come along to the church at 10am-12pm, Thurs 21st March.
Hot Cross Buns, Tea and Coffee

Free Training at Monash Volunteer Resource Centre:

All Leisure Time volunteers are welcome to attend these free workshops. Sessions are Wed, 9.30am - 11.30am at 5 Myrtle St, GW. Please book through Pam McDonald 9560 9798.

- Meditation for the Workplace (17 April)
- Stroke Risks - What are They? (15 May)
- Understanding Anxiety and Depression (19 June)
- Working with Older People (17 July)
- Communicating with People with a Disability (14 August)
- OH&S and the Volunteer (18 September)
- Counselling 101 (23 October)

***From the kitchen* Laurel Muir**

Despite the extreme heat of the last few weeks, casseroles and sweets have continued to arrive for the enjoyment of the guests. The first few weeks of the year have run smoothly despite the weather.



Our new high storage cupboard is working well and helpers are letting me know when supplies are running low - thank you. Just a reminder to those people who bring food in their own dishes - please collect your dishes as promptly as possible. Your dishes will be stored in the Leisure Time cupboard for safe keeping. Dishes left on the kitchen bench may be moved to Lost Property in the office.