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Dear Members

On Friday, the 8th May, we celebrated our 55th Gala Dinner in the attractive rooms of the Athenaeum Club. 110 guests were present and enjoyed the beautiful arias, sung by Carmela Gare. She was accompanied by her husband Daniel at the grand piano. She entertained us with famous songs from opera, musical and operetta.

As in other years we enjoyed a witty and interesting speech of Dr Walter Uhlenbruch, our Hon. Life President and we had the chance to meet and listen to our new patron Mr. Chang G. Tan. Many raffle tickets were sold and many valuable prizes could be won. Some very precious bottles of wine from Long Gully Estate, 2 vacuum cleaners, donated by BSH Home Appliances Pty Ltd, a TomTom Navigator, an Oregon Scientific Wireless Weather Station and a DSE Portable DVD player, donated by Kaeser Compressors as well as two special fog car lamps sponsored by Hella Australia could be bought at a silent auction. Some attractive restaurant & book vouchers as well as a language course were also offered in the silent auction. All these activities contributed to make this evening financially successful apart from being very delightful and entertaining. We would like to thank all those who supported us in money or kind. Their names and companies will be mentioned on the following pages. My thanks go also to the ladies in our office who helped with hard work and good ideas to make this evening a success. Finally we can say: in spite of all the odds like financial crisis and difficult times the evening was a great success.

Another lovely occasion to get together was our annual mothersday celebration held on 14. May. We enjoyed a diverse program with speeches, poetry, a raffle and, of course, some great music performances by Mrs. Licen on the Piano and Mr

Udovenya at the accordion. A huge thank you! To all the contributors and to our MC Mrs. Ruth Hofmann who also helped with the raffle.

In the beginning of June we plan another film afternoon as it was such a success. We reserved a room in Club Tivoli for Thursday, the 11th of June at 1PM. We are still trying to get the best film for this day. Please book with our office if you are interested to come (96960907). Coffee and cake are included in the price, for special wishes you will have to pay extra. Thank you for your understanding.

Regards from Linde Mohr

Thanks to our donators of the 55th Gala-Dinner :

Allianz	Mr. & Mrs. Hofmann
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Goethe Institut Melbourne	MihoPharm
Happy Medium Photography	Quist's Danish Coffee Shop
Hella Asia Pacific	Mr. Cheng Tan
Henkell Vineyards	Mr. & Mrs. Westwood

Social Worker's Report April 2009

Pension	5	New cases	12
Financial Aid	5	Known cases	105
TTHA & MLH	67	Visits made by social worker	7
Age Care in General	27	Visits from members/clients	61
Language Problems	0	Volunteers assistance	150
Information	170	RRM's	58
Family related problems	2		
Immigration	0		
Legal issues	5		
Health issues	1		
Isolation	0		
Other	19		
Total	301		

Donations

Thank you very much for your donations! Donations for the Tabulam and Templer Homes are marked with *. Please note that donations which have not been processed yet will appear in the next newsletter.

Adomeit, Mr. & Mrs	*100.00	Luft, Mr. H.	*100.00
Anlanger, Mrs	50.00	Mair, Mr & Mrs	5.00
anonym	*75.00	Martinow, Mr & Mrs	25.00
Berger, Mrs	25.00	Martinow, Mr & Mrs	*25.00
Dahmen, Mr & Mrs	10.00	Meyerheinrich, Mr. K	*25.00
Duvall, Mr. & Mrs	25.00	Moeller, Mr	50.00
Esslinger, R. Mrs	*20.00	Mohr, Mr & Mrs	60.00
Gotzky, Mrs	75.00	Morzinek, Mr.	*100.00
Grammelsberger, Mr & Mrs	40.00	Nagel, Mr & Mrs	20.00
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Haecker, Mr & Mrs	*20.00	Oechsle, Mr	50.00
Haselroither, Mr.	25.00	Oechsle, Mr	*50.00
Heller, Mrs.	*75.00	Ott, Mr & Mrs	*100.00
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Hense, Mr & Mrs	*85.00	Sawatzky, Mr & Mrs	*50.00
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Holdinghausen, E Mrs	*25.00	Staszak, E. Mrs	*400.00
Jeserer, Mr & Mrs	50.00	Steiner, Mrs	*25.00
Jeserer, Mr & Mrs	*50.00	Thalmeier, Mr. & Mrs	*10.00
Jeske, Mr & Mrs	35.00	Tippner, Mrs	*25.00
Keyaerts, Mrs.	10.00	Ude, Mr & Mrs	*50.00
Kiefer, J. Mr	*100.00	Udovenya, Mr	40.00
Kolo, Mr & Mrs	110.00	Uhlenbruch, Dr. Mr. W J	160.00
Korrubel, Mrs	*15.00	v. Nickisch-Roseneegg	5.00
Korrubel, Mrs	10.00	Wall, Mrs	10.00
Kosik, Mrs. I.	*15.00	Wardeiner, Mrs	5.00
Kosik, Mrs. I.	10.00	Weeske, Mr. E.	75.00
Luft, Mr. H.	100.00	Weeske, Mr. E.	*50.00

Bereavement



Mr. Hans Schaarschmidt
Mr. Blake
Mr. Emil Mis

We express our sympathy to relatives
 and friends.

New Members

Welcome to the Society!

**Mrs. Rita Esslinger
Mrs. Marlene Klasen
Mrs. Margot Boltuc
Mr. & Mrs. Adomeit
Mr. Max Ammann
Mrs. Gisela Herzog
Mrs. Edith Wall**

Calendar of Events

Wandernder Stammtisch: not known yet, please contact the office 96960907.

Movie-Afternoon of the AGWS - bookings 96960907

Cost \$10.00 – Afternoon-Tea included

Thursday, 11. June 2009

Where: Club Tivoli, 291 Dandenong Road, Windsor 3181
When: 1.00 PM

QU-QU-Meeting group

Tuesday, 9. June 2009

Where: AGWS – Office, 24 Albert Road, S. Melbourne
When: between 10.00 AM and 1.00 PM

Sonnwendfeier

Saturday, 20. June 2009

Where: Templer Hall, 51 Elisabeth Street, Bayswater
When: 2.00 PM

Tabulam and Templer Homes for the Aged

Dear Friends,

Another busy month has passed. The Art Exhibition was a great success and I congratulate all our wonderful artists on the outstanding quality of their works, and thank them together with all their helpers who made this event possible.

An article was recently published in the local Knox Leader newspaper in which our CEO was misquoted. The article in question says that "Tabulam and Templer Home for the Aged runs at an annual loss of \$75,000." This figure can be misunderstood. Through the new funding system called ACFI (Aged Care Funding Instrument) introduced on the 20th March 2008 which replaced the previous RCS (Resident Classification Scale) we have in fact an annual loss of \$7,500 in government subsidies for an average "low care resident" which adds up to \$75,000 loss in government subsidies per year if you have taken in ten new residents in this category. This funding reduction has certainly made things more difficult for our homes finances however the COM and CEO have acted swiftly and had to make some difficult decisions by putting in place cost cutting measures to compensate for the funding shortfalls. I can assure all readers that the future of the Home is safe and financially sound.

We are very conscious that the changing times should not affect the care and attention our resident receive and thank our dedicated staff for all their efforts. We also thank our volunteers who support the paid staff in many areas of the operation. Generous bequests to TTHA have also been extremely helpful.. If you can spare an hour or two we are always on the lookout for more volunteers.

Our Government funding system is very rigid which not only determines exactly how much subsidy is given to the respective resident but also how much the home is allowed to charge in residents fees. Over the last ten years Government funding in Aged Care reduced by 25% per resident in real terms.

We are continuously benchmarking our cost structure against other Homes and in most cases compare favourably and in some areas are better than average.

An upcoming highlight for our residents will be the Red Apple Singers who will perform on June 18 in the Tabulam Dining Room.

Our Parent Societies/Residents ratio currently stands at 78 AGWS and 39 Templers. (67% & 33%).

Kind Regards,

Hartmut Weller

Temple Society Sonnwendfeier

This years Winter Solstice celebration - Sonnwendfeier – will be held on Saturday 20th June in the Temple Society Hall 51 Elizabeth Street Bayswater.

A delicious selection of barbequed meat and salads, hot dogs, Glühwein, fruit juice and soft drinks – please BYO any other drinks - will be available for a reasonable price. Tea and coffee will be available free of charge, and we are asking families to bring a cake or slice to share for later in the evening, while we listen to our wonderful Brass Ensemble play some lively music!

There will be a bonfire, the traditional lantern parade, glow stick products for sale and damper making. We only have a limited number of lanterns for hire, so everyone is encouraged to BYO, but you can hire a lantern for a \$2 donation, the proceeds of which will go towards replenishing the supply of lanterns.

Important Times:

- 5:00 pm – meals available for purchase
- 5:30 pm – lighting of bonfire, assemble for parade
- 5:45 pm – lantern parade
- 7:00 pm – coffee and cake available

Everyone is welcome. So rug up, bring your lantern and good humor, and join us for a fun family evening – no matter what the weather is like! For further information please ring Susi on 9764 2575(ah) or 0400 764 257.

Marianne Herrmann, TSA Office

German School Fairy Tale Festival – Ein Märchenfest

Primary school aged children and their parents are invited to attend this festival at the Temple Society Hall 152 Tucker Road in Bentleigh on Saturday 13th June from 2.30-5pm.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of activities. See the enclosed flyer for more details including costs and booking details that are essential and limited.

For more information ring me on 0407 271 764 or email nanne@templesociety.org.au

Announcements / Advertisements

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MARTIN LUTHER HOMES BORONIA INC, 67 Mount View Road The Basin 3154

We are looking for **volunteers to help serving in our Café**. Café Jensen is situated next to the MLHB hostel dining room. The opening times are: Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday , 2.30 – 4.00pm. If you have some café experience, this would be beneficial but it is not necessary as training will be provided. We serve traditional European style cakes and coffee to the residents & families of our aged care facility and now have a limited liquor licence. Our Café was nominated in 2005 for a national Award for Excellence in Aged Care by the Minister for Ageing. We also encourage young students who would be interested in doing some community service or personal development for the VCAL or VET qualification as we are a not for profit organisation. German language skills would be a bonus.

For all enquiries please ring: Carol Schumann, Domestic Services Manager, Tel 03 9760 2185, Fax 9739 8822, carol.schumann@martinlutherhomes.com.au

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Newsletter

Would you like to publish something in the next newsletter? If so, we would be delighted. The copy deadline for our July Newsletter is **Thursday 19 June 2009**.