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Sommerfest

Give thanks and celebrate life

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REFLECTIONS

WHY ARE WE HERE?

Below are answers from a variety of people, some wiser than others.

To achieve a miraculous experience of life, we must embrace a more spiritual perspective. Otherwise, we will die one day without ever having known the real joy of being.

Marianne Wilkinson

Just to be is a blessing, just to live is holy.

A.J. Heschel

‘Why are we here?’ is surely the most important question human beings must face. Our obligation is to confer meaning to life and, in doing so, overcome temptations of passivity and indifference.

Elie Wiesel

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experiences.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Can you imagine what would happen if the mystery of life and our existence was solved? If all the answers, plots, characters, goals, destinies, procedures and processes were revealed? All of a sudden, God and creation would become boring.

Myles R. Berg

Man’s main task in life is to give birth to himself, to become what he potentially is.

Erich Fromm

Life gives us not only our genetic packages, but also a certain style of character, a style of being, and our gifts uniquely equip us for certain callings, through which we both grow into our fullest humanity, and nourish the world around us.

Davidson Laeler

The purpose of life, then, is to lovingly accept ourselves and each other, without bias or prejudice, as we learn to unveil the divine spark within.

Barbara Brennan

Why am I here? Why is this happening to me? What’s it all about? Ask yourself, ‘what is the lesson?’

Cherie Carter-Scott

The meaning of our life is to experience the divinity of ourselves and of all creatures.

Willigis Jäger

I believe we are all here to be bright torches that light one another's way.

Bernie Siegel

Whatever the reasons for our being here, surely one of them must be to give us the opportunity to do something, at least in some small way, to make the world a better place.

Ross Perot

The purpose of life... is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The influence of each human being on others in this life is a kind of immortality.

J.A. Adams

We are here to add what we can to, not get what we can from, life.

William Osler

From 'Reflections on Life' by Allen Klein

When did you last have a wonderfully fulfilling experience? Share a deep, soulful conversation with a friend? Do something to make the world a little better – how? (Get rid of rubbish, feed someone, pull out weeds, make someone smile?)

How can we be a bright torch that sparks the light in others? Accept ourselves and others more fully? Be more open to experiencing the divinity in ourselves and in all creatures?

Herta Uhlherr

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

What is it? Some thoughts on how we can imagine it.

The kingdom of God cannot be seen by outside observers; only those participating can experience it. Anyone living in the midst of it does perceive it.

The kingdom of God is a medium that pervades us like the air that provides our blood with oxygen. It allows everyone to breathe and allows everyone to live.

The kingdom of God is a medium that embraces us like the warmth that makes it possible for us to move; and it transforms cold, frozen relationships into living, tender ones.

The kingdom of God is like the earth which supports us and lets us become supportive elements ourselves, which do not allow conditions unsupportive of a full life to continue.

The kingdom of God is like an electromagnetic field that allows our potential to blossom, a force field, often invisible and unnoticed, but strong against resistance.

The kingdom of God is like the light that illuminates dark corners and manipulations, so that the beauty and radiance of all life can become visible.

Hans Bischlager, in 'Weltverbunden Leben, Reich Gottes Impulse für jeden Tag, 2012'. Tr. H.U.

IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD GROWING?

Or is it already completely present?

On the one hand, words like Luke 17:21 (You cannot say, 'Look, here it is,' or 'There it is!' for the kingdom of God is among you) or Luke 14:16 (the big banquet) describe the kingdom of God as completely present. On the other hand, the so-called growth parables speak clearly about it growing and spreading. This apparent contradiction points to the fact that Jesus seems to have had in mind two aspects which belong together.

One aspect deals with the *nature* of the world. We do not have to hope for salvation, everything is already prepared. Jesus opened our eyes to the constant presence of God's kingdom. No one still has to wait for God's intervention. Regarding the character of the world, the kingdom of God is completely present everywhere.

The other aspect concerns the *state* of the world. Regardless of all that is deplorable, there are people, then as now, who live in accordance with the kingdom of God and experience great joy in doing so. However, the world is by no means in a kingdom-of-God-state everywhere; not all people are striving for peace and solidarity yet. Regarding the state of the world, God's reign has to *grow*, by more people than so far changing their thinking and their behaviour. From today's viewpoint, quick or constant growth cannot be expected. Such development will probably come about only with setbacks. At the same time, it is absolutely clear that, the more people *perceive the world as God's kingdom and think accordingly*, the more the state of the world will approximate God's kingdom.

Conclusion: By nature, the world is already God's kingdom. But in order for its condition to be able to correspond to this nature more than so far, we humans have to change our behaviour.

Jesus' parables describe God's kingdom as fully present. It has come and is now here; precisely because this is already the case, it will and can succeed.

From a discussion paper of the 'Ecumenical Initiative God's Kingdom – now!' (German version in 'Die Warte', February 2012, pp. 26, 27; some Church theology omitted.) transl. by Herta Uhlherr

'WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?'

Sommerfest is one of the Templer events where we meet people we haven't seen in a long time – and their offspring, who have grown. The young ones, just beginning to develop into their own individuality, tend to hate the 'My, you've grown!' and 'Wo g'hörsch na?' comments. Their elders come from a different perspective; they have learnt that, although people are certainly individuals, they are also part of something bigger, which is precious.

In Connemara, children are similarly asked, 'to whom do you belong?' These words recognise that your identity is not just personal, 'but an expression and extension of an already acknowledged family line'. A boy named Sean O'Malley may be known as Sean Tom Patrick, because his father Tom and his grandfather Patrick are known in the community. 'A long chain of belonging comes alive' in the name. Think also of Russian and Arabic names with 'son/daughter of' components.

I have a friend who has no blood relatives, something I find hard to feel my way into. She envies me my large Beilharz clan and my Templer Community and the sense of belonging and continuity that these provide.

Regarding our young ones – can we give them the valuable, warm feeling of belonging without putting them off by thoughtless questions? We individual Templers can all be proud of being part of something bigger – and we can all do our bit to nurture our community. See you at Sommerfest. H.U.

Quotes from John O'Donohue, who explores our hunger to belong.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

With reference to the *Weihnachtsmann* poem on page 6 in the February TR, I would like to thank Peter Hornung for his input.

Hanskarl Baldenhofer

REGIONAL MATTERS

NOTES from the Regional Council

The last RC meeting was on 3.2.2012 in Bentleigh.

The Templer Think Tank has suggested that, in addition to our already established goals, an emphasis for this year should be on **participating** and **volunteering**; in support of this, it is considering ways of developing **leadership** amongst the younger members of our community. We hope some definitive plans along these lines will be seen shortly.

The TSA is supporting the Welcoming Bayswater Street Party (this year renamed the Bayswater Community Festival) by making ‘office facilities’ available to the group’s volunteer coordinator – **Leonie Deacon**. Leonie will be working from the Bayswater Hall heritage area on a casual basis.

Horst Blaich has put together a selection of previously published TR Heritage Pages as a special Heritage Supplement. This is available on request through the TSA Office. Give us a call or send us an email if you would like one sent out to you.

It is timely to mention the current vacancies in our **Focus Groups**, and to ask everyone to consider if they can help, or at least encourage others to consider filling one of these vacancies:

- Youth
- Welfare & Distant
- Heritage & Culture
- Social & Recreation

It was mentioned in the last TR that our Sydney Community has had reproductions of the **Fabric of Society** wall-hanging panels made for their Meadowbank facility. These were created from high definition photos we have on file in the Bentleigh Office. Copies of these can be provided to any member who wants to have them – either on their computer, or to print out.

If you would be interested in us arranging a bulk printout of say ‘A3’ sized panels, please let me know and I will see what I can organise.

John Maddock, Administration Manager

KNOX LOCAL AWARDS BREAKFAST

On **Australia Day** a small group of Templers joined for breakfast to celebrate Hartmut Weller’s nomination (by the TSA) as Volunteer of the Year in Knox Council’s annual awards ceremony. To our pleasant surprise, we noted that David Murrihy had also been short-listed, following nomination through the Knox Little Athletics organisation.

Both were very deserving for their contributions to the local community, Hartmut for service to the TTHA Committee of Management (as President since 2005) and David for service to local sporting groups, including the Knox Little Athletics and Boronia Football Clubs.

The Knox Mayor, Cr Adam Gill, commended Council's Australia Day Awards Advisory Committee for its difficult job in choosing winners from a field of ten worthy nominees.

The following are extracts from my nomination of Hartmut on behalf of the TSA:

Hardy has the ability to openly and warmly communicate with all, be that residents, staff or fellow Committee members. The latter, in their voluntary role, carry an enormous responsibility and Hardy, as President, approaches this with professionalism, dedication and great commitment. He has steered the Committee through regular accreditation audits, numerous significant building programs and changes in CEO. An important consideration for the President is to keep the Committee on track with its general workings and to maintain harmony within its membership. A Strategic Plan was formulated through close cooperation between the Committee and the Homes' management team.

Aged Care functions around a background of frailty, dependence on others, a sense of loss and need for security, compassion and caring. Hardy, in his thoughtful and considerate way, shows the necessary attributes to deal effectively with all people connected to TTHA. The nature of the industry requires accountability to a range of stakeholders: residents and their families, staff, Federal, State and Local Governments, parent societies and landowner. To manage these responsibilities, all while serving as a volunteer, demonstrates a strong sense of community and service. Hardy has carried out his duties conscientiously and with distinction, earning him respect from all associated with the TSA. It is for this reason that Regional Council agreed to nominate Hardy, and it is a privilege and pleasure to have worked cooperatively with him and to observe at close quarters his commitment to the position and organisation.

I congratulate both Hartmut and David on their respective nominations.

Mark Herrmann, Regional Head

MEMORIAL WALL/GARDEN INTEREST GROUP

At last year's TSA AGM, the concept of a memorial wall or garden was raised and generally considered worthwhile. I would now like to form an Interest Group to discuss and progress the idea. Anyone interested and able to commit some time is very welcome to contact me.

2013 ISRAEL TRIP POSSIBILITIES

Also at the AGM it was noted that there is the possibility of a future youth trip to Israel. This was further discussed at my table informally over lunch and there was certainly an echo.

TSA members have been extremely fortunate to be able to join the tours regularly planned and conducted by the TGD, and to benefit from the expertise and wonderful planning efforts of Karin Klingbeil and Dr Jakob Eisler. Making arrangements from here to better satisfy a (potentially) English-speaking and younger audience would therefore be a significant challenge.

In order to gauge the level of interest, and progress the possibility of such a venture, I invite those interested to the Bentleigh Hall on **Sunday 25th March at 1:00pm**. The discussion meeting will follow the Family Service and Community Lunch planned for this day.

Mark Herrmann, Regional Head

'HOMEWORK'

A reminder that you may ask the Office for the mauve Templer 'bereavement booklet' about what to do when someone dies; there are some booklets at the halls. Also available are the sheets *Designing your own Funeral*, which can help you with choices that suit you, and can be a great help for your family and a celebrant. There is, as well, a sheet for *Personal Information* – funeral directors and Births, Deaths and Marriages need precise information.

We encourage you to write down a timeline of your life events, if you have not yet done your life story or *Lebenslauf*. What do you want to be remembered for?

It is good, and quite therapeutic, to read, write and do these things before there is a crisis. Make sure your family or executor knows where these and other important documents are kept. Meanwhile, live your life to the fullest!

Herta Uhlherr, for the Elders

BLOOD4HARMONY

Last year, David Cohan teamed with the Knox Inter-faith Network to launch his project. Only a small number of donors attended the first session, but David is not disheartened and wants to build on these small beginnings.

He has booked the following evening dates at the **mobile blood service** operating at the Seventh Day Adventist Community Centre in **Wantirna** (119 Mountain Highway): Wednesday 4th April (appointment times from 6:50pm, RSVP by 9th March), Monday 2nd July (appointment times from 6:30pm) and Monday 24th September (appointment times from 6:30pm).

- Feel good about yourself and those you're with. We'll be helping save lives!
- Foster harmony and goodwill between people of different faith positions.
- A powerful symbol of our common humanity.

After donating blood, we relax with drinks and snacks, a time to develop goodwill and friendship with fellow inter-faith donors. The whole process takes only about an hour.

If interested, please contact David Cohan on or **before 9th March**.
E-mail: Blood4Harmony@Live.com

SOCIAL CARE

Dear Friends,

The year is well and truly in full swing and I have been busy catching up with as many of you as possible. I had a wonderful holiday in New Zealand with my family and look forward to working hard again this year to provide you with support, information, advocacy and referrals as needed, and running some great events for you as well.

This is going to be a fantastic year with many exciting and interactive programs to suit people of all ages. I urge you all to read through this article carefully and record in your diaries/calendars/computers/phones the various events you may wish to participate in and contact me to **sign up!** Many of the activities have limited places due to funding restrictions, space or just because the activity does not allow for large numbers. This means, first in, first served and I would hate you to miss out on an activity because you thought you could put your name down at the last minute! I look forward to seeing you at these activities and making the most of all the fabulous opportunities on offer in our community.

'Oma and Opa's kitchen' is beginning in April and will be held at the

Bayswater Hall (*see page 22 on how to book in and what the program involves*). 'Oma and Opa's kitchen' is proudly supported by Knox City Council. We have an excellent coordinator and instructor employed for the program and we hope you all get a chance to join in the program.

Please see the notice on page 24 for the **Men's Advance** being held from 18-20th May at Mt Buller.

Look out for more information on the '**Money Minded**' Workshops in the coming TR.

Telelink will be held on the 2nd, 16th and 30th of March. I look forward to chatting with you. If you would like to sign up to be a part of this group, please contact me.

Freebies/Useful Websites:

Knox Festival: Saturday 3rd March

Activities and Fairground from: 10am to 5pm

Twilight Cinema: approximately 7pm Movie: 'Rio'

Fireworks at 9:15pm

Sunday 4th March

Activities and Fairground from: 10am to 5pm

Location: Wally Tew Recreation Reserve (formerly Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve), Brenock Park Drive, Ferntree Gully (Melway 74 B5).

See the website: www.knox.vic.gov.au for more information.

Keep smiling,

Martina Eaton, Community Care Worker
email: careworker@templesociety.org.au

THANK YOU

Martha and Monika Strasser would like to thank everyone who sent their good wishes to us via mail, phone and email during Martha's convalescence in Wollongong. We were both very touched to realise that so many people were thinking of her and it helped to keep her spirits up during her long stay in rehab. She has made an excellent recovery and is now back at home.

Monika Strasser

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

GEBURTSTAGE – BIRTHDAYS

Wir gratulieren herzlich zum Geburtstag unserer Mitglieder:

Hellmut Neef
Irene Blaich
Gisela Bulach
Vyrna Beilharz
Luise Wagner
Elly Staib (102!)
Serga Gigliotti
Anna Eppinger
Magda Persztik

Benjamin Hirst
Alfred Meyer
Matthias Franz
Werner Blaich
Siegfried Hahn
Werner Ehmann
Herman Löbert
Otto Löbert
Helmut Ruff

und wünschen auch allen hier nicht angeführten Geburtstagskindern alles Gute und Schöne zum neuen Lebensjahr – Happy Birthday!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Klaus and Gisela Hoffmann are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12th March – warm congratulations!

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SYDNEY

This year Sydney has had a wet season rather than a summer. Fortunately two of the rare, beautiful, sunny days coincided with our February events. Let us hope that we have a few more days similar to these as this year proceeds!

Whilst only about 10 of us gathered to hear Rolf Beilharz speak at our February service, it was a lovely uplifting event. We valued Rolf's enlightening words, which prompted requests for copies of his speech. It was great to catch up with Vyrna, too; it was so kind of both of them to come up. Sitting as one group and catching up over shared food was a delight. We had a few belly laughs and planned the up-and-coming year.

Whilst I only spent a short time at the Seniors' lunch, I really enjoyed the new venue: the Blacktown Sports Club, happily only a few minutes from St Hedwig's. The buffet food was divine and the dining hall was light, airy and pleasant.

Coming Events

Book now for the Men's Retreat on the weekend of **18th-20th May**. A mountain experience – organised for men by men! Contact Ingrid Turner for details. *(See page 24)*

Please put the May Picnic in your diaries: Sunday 27th May.

March

- **Service** at Meadowbank Hall Sunday **4th March** from 10:30am, to be held by me. Nella Kruck is on duty.
- **Seniors' Social Group** will reconvene at Wenty Leagues on Friday **9th March** at 11:30am.

April

- **Good Friday Service 6th April** at 10:30am. Start rounding up the kids and grandkids for our great Easter Service.
- **Seniors' Social Group: Friday 20th April**, 11:30am (TBA).

May

- 18-20th May – the Men's Retreat.
- **May Picnic and Saal on Sunday 27th May** at 10:30am, followed by a BBQ lunch, games for the kids and social gathering at the Meadowbank Hall.

Ingrid Turner, Elder and Community Development Worker for Sydney

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Due to special circumstances, we held our last Service on 5th February. The text for the day came from Mark chapter 1, verses 40-45, about the healing of the leper. Through our faith we can trust in God to look after us. It is good to be grateful for all the good around us and try to help others rather than envy or hate them. Love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself.

Our **next Service is on 1st April** at St John's Church hall at 2pm.

Rose Asenstorfer

YOUTH

YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday 18 th March	Sommerfest – 10am to 4pm Bayswater	Bayswater
April school holidays	Melbourne Comedy Festival show	TBC
Friday 27 th April	Friday Night Fun – night games	Bayswater
Sunday 20 th May	Trees Adventure high ropes climbing!	Belgrave 1pm
Friday 8 th June	Friday Night Fun – Blue Baboon at Chadstone	Chadstone
Saturday 23 rd June	<i>Sonnwendfeier</i> /Winter Solstice bonfire	Bayswater 5pm

2012 TEENAGE GROUP PROGRAM

For full details or queries about the 2012 Teenage Group program please contact Susi Richter, Community Youth Coordinator
email: susi@templesociety.org.au

SOMMERFEST – Sunday 18th March

For all details about Sommerfest please see page 21. TG helpers required!
Can you help out for a couple of hours in the drinks & ice-cream tent?

Contact Susi **now**

SUMMER CAMP 2012

See also article in February TR, page 20.



Camp owner explaining things to the kids
Photos Paul Blauch





Summer campers on the shipwreck walk



Photos Paul Blach

KIDS' CLUB

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 18 th March	Sommerfest	Bayswater 10:15am
Sunday 25 th March	Family Service & Community Lunch	Bentleigh 11:00am
30 th March to 2 nd April	Kids' Club camp at The Briars Outdoor Ed Camp	Mt Martha
Friday 6 th April	Good Friday Service & Sunday School	Bentleigh 10:15am
Sunday 8 th April	Easter Sunday Service & Sunday School	Bayswater 10:15am
Sunday 6 th May	Bike Ride & Picnic at Cranbourne Botanical Gardens	Cranbourne
Sunday 13 th May	Mothers' Day Service & Sunday School	Bayswater 10:15am
Sunday 27 th May	Service & Sunday School	Bentleigh 10:15am

KIDS' CLUB CAMP 2012 – Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April

Bookings for the Kids' Club camp at *The Briars* in Mt Martha are now open.

The camp runs from Friday 30th March (evening) to Monday 2nd April after lunch and families of all ages, shapes and sizes are most welcome! You can book in for a day or the whole weekend but you **must book in by Monday 19th March!**

Booking forms are now available by contacting Susi or the TSA Office.

For any further information and to obtain booking forms, contact Susi at susi@templesociety.org.au

A Happy Birthday to

Martin Kuerschner
Alex Herrmann
Sarah Glover
Mia Hoefler
Annika Green
Tate Schwarzbauer

Erik Horn
Timothy Ruff
Cooper Wilkinson
Luca Haar
Brittney Wilkinson



TTHA



Dear Friends,

TTHA is moving forward to ensure we remain a wonderful place for our community to share their later years. We remain at full occupancy with a solid waiting list for our residential care and retirement living. Our government funding is improving and our financials are very stable. We have recently had an audit with the accreditation agency and we successfully complied. It was focused on pain management of our residents, hydration and nutrition and emergency procedures. The audit enabled us to focus on these areas and also make improvements, which is great. Once again the assessors were very impressed with the foundations of our home, the wellbeing of our residents and the staff's knowledge and helpfulness, with a few hints and tips we can use to again improve our care.

I know many people talk about experiences and memories and being touched during their life. At TTHA we find ourselves very fortunate to be in a position where each day we are involved with a new experience, can make a difference and be touched regularly by people who surround us. The wealth of knowledge the residents share, the wonderful relatives whom we get to know and develop relationships with, and the employees of TTHA who all care and strive to maintain a special place for our residents to live in and call home. All this really makes for a home away from home and a lovely place to live and work.

A day at TTHA is full of so much fulfilment, whether you are sitting with a resident reminiscing, seeing them go on outings with their loved ones, celebrating special occasions, caring for them when their health declines, enjoying a tasty meal or sharing the many activities on offer each day, it all contributes to the wellbeing of all of us. So many residents enjoy the time taken to make them feel special and a valued part of our community. I think sometimes we forget the contributions and achievements they have made to enrich our community; it is not until we sit down and take the time to talk and listen that we laugh and learn so much more about life.

Whilst I write this report, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with an afternoon tea ball; the residents are all very excited and are looking forward to enjoying an afternoon of music and dance. One of our residents came with a poem he had written for the dance which I would like to share with you. I thought it was fitting to share at our Valentine's Day Dance, it also reminds us that we don't have to be lonely – if we reach out to people they will reach back.

Dancing with your shadow? Not while I am around.

Though I might be loony,
There's no need to be dancing with your shadow.
You can always count on me morning, noon and night time,
Let me make it clear, you just raise a finger and I shall be near.

Let me be your shadow, one that you can hold,
Dancing on a rainbow with a touch of gold,
So when you feel like dancing, do not hang about,
Let's twinkle toe together and throw your shadow out.

As I finish, it gives me much pleasure to be able to say that the laughter and tears throughout our Home are captivating and we welcome anyone who would like to share our special experiences with us; feel free to join our volunteers team, come to our events or enjoy coffee and cake in our café and you, too, can feel the enrichment of life TTHA can bestow upon you.

Till next month may you all stay safe and enjoy your experiences of life.

Kind regards,

Natasha Wilkinson, CEO
email: natasha.wilkinson@ttha.org.au

Liebe Freunde,

TTHA ist weiterhin um Verbesserungen bemüht, damit unser Heim ein wunderbarer Ort bleibt, wo man die 'späten Jahre' in der Gesellschaft von Freunden erleben kann. Wir sind weiterhin voll besetzt und haben eine solide Warteliste für Pflegeplätze sowie unabhängiges Wohnen. Unser staatliches *Funding* hat sich verbessert und unsere Finanzlage ist stabil. Wir hatten vor Kurzem ein Audit mit der Zulassungsbehörde, das wir erfolgreich bestanden haben. Schwerpunkte des Audits waren Schmerzbehandlung, Hydratation, Ernährung und Notfallverfahrensweisen. Die Begutachter waren sehr beeindruckt mit der Grundausstattung unseres Heims, dem Wohlergehen unserer Bewohner sowie der Hilfsbereitschaft und dem Wissen der Angestellten. Mit Hilfe einiger Anmerkungen der Gutachter kann die Pflege unseres Heimes in oben genannten Bereichen weiterhin verbessert werden.

Viele Leute reden über Erfahrungen und Erinnerungen, die sie in ihrem Leben berührt haben. Hier bei uns im Heim sind wir täglich mit neuen Erlebnissen beschäftigt. Das Wissen, das unsere Bewohner teilen, die Verwandten, die zu Besuch kommen und nicht zuletzt unsere Angestellten, die alle danach streben, unser Heim zu einem besonderen Ort zu machen, den man 'Zu Hause' nennen kann.

Ein Tag im TTHA bringt soviel Erfüllung mit sich – ob man mit einem Bewohner über alte Zeiten plaudert, sich beim Essen trifft, oder besondere Ereignisse gefeiert werden, auch wenn Ausflüge oder andere Aktivitäten stattfinden, all dies trägt zu unser aller Wohlbefinden bei. Manchmal vergessen wir die Beiträge und Errungenschaften, die unsere Gesellschaft so bereichert haben, bis wir uns mit unseren wundervollen Bewohnern zusammensetzen und so viel mehr über das Leben lernen.

Am Valentinstag werden wir einen *afternoon tea ball* veranstalten. Unsere Bewohner freuen sich schon sehr auf einen Nachmittag mit Musik und Tanz. Einer unserer Bewohner hat mir ein Gedicht gegeben, das er für den Ball geschrieben hat. Dieses möchte ich gern mit Ihnen teilen. Dieses Gedicht ist sehr passend für unseren *Valentine's Day dance* und es erinnert uns daran, dass wir nicht allein sind; wenn wir auf andere Menschen zugehen, werden sie die Geste erwidern (Seite 18).

Am Schluss meines Berichts freue ich mich sehr, dass uns die Erlebnisse in unserem Heim einfangen und beflügeln können und daher möchte ich alle einladen, diese Erfahrungen mit uns zu teilen und unserem Freiwilligenteam beizutreten. Kommen Sie zu unseren Veranstaltungen oder besuchen Sie unser Café und Sie können die Bereicherung spüren, die TTHA beschere kann.

Bis zum nächsten Monat, passen Sie auf sich auf und erfreuen Sie sich an den Geschehnissen in Ihrem Leben.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Natasha Wilkinson, CEO

EXHIBITION
HAIFA HARBOUR
OPENING 1933
TTHA TEMPLER GALLERY
February to April 2012
All welcome

NOTICES – BEKANNTMACHUNGEN
COMING SERVICES

Fri	2.3.			World Day of Prayer	
Sun	4.3.	Sy	10:30	Thanksgiving Service	Ingrid Turner
Sun	11.3.	TTHA	10:30	Service	Hulda Wagner
Sun	18.3.	Ba	10:15	Sommerfest Service	Mark Herrmann
Sun	25.3.	Be	11:00	Family Service & lunch	Renate Beilharz & Nikki Imberger
Sun	1.4.	S.A.	14:00	Service Tanunda	
Thu	5.4.	Ba	18:00	Agape	

FLOWER ROSTER

Ba	18.3.	Sommerfest – Inge (Uli) Hoefler, Imy Loebert
Be	25.3.	Family Service & lunch – Diana Rainbird
Be	6.4.	Good Friday – Tania Richter

FAMILY SERVICE – 25th March 11:00am Bentleigh

Our Family Service will be a Giving and Taking Celebration. We invite all children and those young at heart to join us. We ask everyone to bring a 'Magical Stone', which will be used as part of our celebration. You decide what a 'Magical Stone' may be. You are invited for lunch after the service. Please bring a cake to share for afterwards. *[See also page 8 for Israel Tour discussion at 1:00pm]*

Nikki Imberger

AGAPE – Maundy Thursday 5th April 6:00pm

Reflection, music, remembrance, candlelight and a simple meal to commemorate Jesus's last night on earth with his friends.

All welcome. Please let us know if you are coming (for space and catering purposes). Contact the Office or us. Donations welcome.

Herta Uhlherr
Renate Weber

SOMMERFEST – 18th March – soon!

Entry – will be \$10 per car and \$2 per pedestrian, and will include a show bag and a raffle ticket.

Activity Band – will be available to purchase from the PA tent for those who wish to participate in the majority of activities on offer. Activity bands will be \$15 per child for the first two children and \$10 per child after that.

Lunch and Afternoon Tea – Lunch will again be available to purchase; afternoon tea will be bring your own. We will also have the coffee stand available for those of you who can't get through the day without a decent coffee.

Volunteers – Thank you to all who have volunteered their services. We are **still looking for volunteers** to assist on the Saturday, setting up and preparing the salads, and on the Sunday and also to pack up on Sunday. A variety of tasks need volunteers, including PA duties, manning a stand or activity, selling raffle tickets, being on the gate, helping in the kitchen or with lunch.

To volunteer for a certain activity and/or a certain time slot, please contact Emma Sonno at sales@ladyzthatlunch.com.au

Prizes – If you have any prizes for our raffle or items for the silent auction to donate, please contact Melissa English at melissa.english5@gmail.com

Prizes this year already include a hanging chair with a stand, a remote-control car, a portable DVD player and a surround sound system.

Stalls – If you would like to have a stand at Sommerfest and still haven't contacted us, please contact Christine Wagner at christinewagner1005@me.com.au to register your interest.

Rosa – Would you like to catch *Rosa* from Bentleigh to Sommerfest? The bus will leave at 9:15am sharp from Bentleigh and leave Bayswater at 2:00pm to return to Bentleigh. The cost is \$5 which includes entry. To register your interest, please contact Emma Sonno at sales@ladyzthatlunch.com.au

Activities – include a photo booth with dress ups, with a photo to take home, face painters and a 'balloonologist', animal farm, Zumba classes, make your own box city, tractor rides, kids' games, jumping castle and much more.

See you all in a couple of weeks and look forward to hearing from you for volunteering.

Emma Sonno, on behalf of the Sommerfest Interest Group

OMA & OPA'S KITCHEN in Bayswater

Calling all grandparents! How would you like the opportunity to pass on your cooking knowledge to your grandchildren?

This is exactly what the 'Oma & Opa's Kitchen' program will offer you. With the help of an instructor, you will be teaching your grandchildren how to cook traditional German (Swabian) foods. All cooking equipment and ingredients are supplied.

I am looking for 2 x 20 people (made up of grandparents and their grandchildren aged 8-15) to participate in this exciting venture. Any combination, provided total numbers do not exceed 20 (i.e. two grandchildren and one grandparent, or two grandparents and one grandchild, or one grandparent and one child).

The first group will take place on **Sundays from 1:30pm to 4:30pm** on the following dates: **22nd April**, 29th April, 27th May and 3rd June. You must participate in ALL sessions, please.

The second group (also on Sundays from 1:30-4:30pm) will be required for 9th & 16th September, 7th & 14th October.

All the sessions will be held in Bayswater.

If you are interested in participating, or would like further information, please contact me at 1annewied@gmail.com I will also be available at Sommerfest with enrolment forms. Please note **enrolments** for the first group **close 31st March**.

Anne Wied

THE PLATTERS AND DRIFTERS

Randal Scheerle from Queensland (son of the late Günther Scheerle) is the drummer for the coming tour of the Platters and Drifters, playing:

Friday 16th March at Bankstown Sports Club in Sydney

Sunday 18th March at Hornsby RSL Club in Sydney

Friday 23rd March at 'The Palms' Crown Casino in Melbourne

Sunday 25th March at 'York on Lilydale Hotel' in Mt Evelyn

Mary Scheerle



BENTLEIGH WORKING BEE

A friendly reminder for the Bentleigh Working Bee on **Saturday 24th March**, commencing 9:00am. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please contact Peter Ware for further information.

AUTUMN WALK – Saturday 31st March, Andrew Hill Circuit

I had thought to do a walk in the Kinglake area this month, and the only walk open is the Andrew Hill Circuit. The others won't be open until later this year. As the first Saturday in April is over the Easter weekend, I chose the last Saturday in March for our walk. The next one will also be the last Saturday of the month, April 28th.

Where: Andrew Hill Circuit

Time: 10:30am

Distance: 11.4km circuit, medium, about 4 hours walk

How to get there: From Melbourne follow the Maroondah Highway east to Lilydale. Continue on for 5km, then turn left onto the Melba Highway and follow this north for 9km to Yarra Glen. Continue on for another 16km to meet the Kinglake Healesville Road on top of the Great Dividing Range. Continue straight for another 7.6km before turning left onto West Bridge Road. Head north-west then south-west for another 4.3km to enter the Kinglake National Park. Just past the park sign turn right and descend steeply into The Gums Camping Area and park there.

Walk: We will be walking along the bank of Island Creek where, if we're lucky, lyrebirds can be heard and sometimes seen. We'll be walking through a messmate forest and then through an open forest. Later we'll descend into a wet sclerophyll forest in a gully. Mountain Ash and Grey Gum may still tower above us with an understorey of Hazel Pomaderris, fern and Blackwood, depending how much things have regenerated since the fires. We'll then be climbing steadily to Andrew Hill, before continuing down back to the camping ground.

Please let me know if you intend to join us for this walk, or send an e-mail to trudim3@gmail.com I will be available on my mobile on the Saturday.

Trudi Murray

MEN'S ADVANCE

A women-free event! Planned by the guys for the guys!

Date: Friday 18 May - Sunday 20 May 2012.

Where: Iltis Ski Club, 25 Stirling Rd, Mt Buller.

The *Rosa* bus will travel from Bayswater, via Melbourne airport.

What: Men's weekend away for all ages (18+ years). Activities suitable for all. (If you are not the kind of guy who enjoys adrenaline-rushing stuff, you are **not forced** to participate). The main activity on Saturday will be a downhill mountain bike tour, with shuttle ride back up to Iltis.

Cost: Includes food, accommodation and activities; does **not** include Saturday night's dinner and all alcohol.

\$150 per person for the weekend. (Minimum of 20 people needed for this price!).

Self-catered: Food will be purchased beforehand and the group will self-cater.

Register: by **2 April** with Martina Eaton (Community Care Worker) and booking form will be sent out.

Email careworker@templesociety.org.au



'Golden Girls' Pamper Day

hosted by Martina Eaton (Community Care Worker)
and Ingrid Turner (Community Development Worker Sydney).



When: Thursday 16th August; **Time:** 8:30am - 5:00pm (TBC)

Where: Endota Spa - Red Hill, followed by Max's Restaurant, Red Hill and then the Bayswater Hall

What: A fantastic day of body and mind pampering, especially designed to recharge the batteries of the precious golden-aged ladies in our community (you can decide if you fit into this category).

We shall begin with a well-earned luscious massage, footbath and facial at Endota Spa, followed by a delicious 2-course lunch and a glass of wine at Max's Restaurant.

In the afternoon we will meander back to the Bayswater community room for a short talk on 'Women's health in the senior years', accompanied by *Kaffee und Kuchen* and lots of chatting and catching up with old and new friends!

Cost: \$150, which includes all spa treatments, lunch and afternoon tea and the bus trip. If you are coming from Sydney, you may wish to stay for the weekend and catch up with others while you are down, or attend the Women's Retreat as an extra indulgence!

Does this sound like something you would enjoy? If so, please **book** with us ASAP as places are limited and **before Monday 30th April** to secure your place with

Martina Eaton or Ingrid Turner

TRAVELS, TALES, TRAVAILS – update

Astute readers might detect a slight change in our social/history documentary DVD project title from my article in last October's *Templer Record*. Filmed interviews are continuing, to be followed by the production of summary transcripts (including English translations, where necessary) and the sourcing of photos and other supplementary material. We have set ourselves until the end of June to complete these tasks, before handing everything over for professional editing and post-production.

The DVD will also need a narrator and voice-over people. Anyone interested in auditioning for these roles is invited to contact me. Donations towards the project are still welcome and will assist in producing the best possible heritage DVD – a companion piece to the *Templer Journey – Fabric of Society* wall-hanging.

Mark Herrmann, for the Heritage & Culture FG

TR EDITOR NEEDED for May and June

See also page 8 of February TR.

Help is available. Your input is required mainly between the 18th of the month (by when contributions should be in) and several days later, until editing, proofreading and formatting are completed. Irma does the layout and formatting.

Please consider this seriously and contact Herta at hru@optusnet.com.au

Herta Uhlherr, TR Editor

TSA BABYSITTING/CHILD MINDING SERVICE

A reminder that we have a Templer Child minding service – the TIM TAMs, available for babysitting/child minding in both the Bentleigh/Moorabbin and Knox areas.

Most of the young people on the list are students, so would be available in the evening and on weekends until their school year finishes, and then some may also be available during the day on weekdays as well.

Please contact me on the phone numbers below to discuss your needs. I will then contact the Tim Tams to see who is available and put them in touch with you; details are then worked out between you.

For more information about the Tim Tams, please feel free to contact me.

Looking for Tim Tams

Are you aged 16 years or over? Do you like kids?

Would you be interested in joining our TSA Babysitting Group – the Tim Tams? Then contact me.

Susi Richter, Community Youth Coordinator
email: susi@templesociety.org.au

PRAKTIKUMSPLATZ AM GOETHE-INSTITUT AUSTRALIEN

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- Inhaltliche Betreuung der Website, des Newsletters und der Infobriefe in deutscher und englischer Sprache
- Erstellen von Einladungsschreiben, Programmkündigungen und Gästemappen nach dem Corporate Design des Goethe-Instituts
- Pflege einer Adressdatenbank

Termin: ab sofort

Arbeitszeiten: Montag bis Donnerstag 9:00-17:00 Uhr, Freitag 9:00-14:00 Uhr. Das Praktikum wird nicht vergütet.

Sollten Sie Interesse an einem Praktikum im Goethe-Institut Australien in Melbourne haben, bewerben Sie sich bitte bei Gabriele Urban gabriele.urban@melbourne.goethe.org

Gabriele Urban



THE HERITAGE PAGES

THE NEW SARONA GARDEN

If all goes to plan by the end of this year, the former Sarona settlement will once again blossom as a new era begins – the third in the history of this remarkable settlement.

In 1871, just an hour's walk from Jaffa and long before Tel Aviv was even dreamt of, the Templers founded an agricultural settlement which they named Sarona. Despite many early hardships, Sarona developed into a thriving community over the next 70 years. When WW II started in 1939, it became an internment camp. The last German internees were moved from Sarona in 1945.

When the State of Israel was proclaimed in 1948, Sarona became the site for the new Israel Government's administration and military headquarters. It was a secured area, renamed Hakiryia and isolated from the development of Tel Aviv. It stayed this way for the next 50 years. At the end of the 20th century and with the relocation of government to Jerusalem, the southern sector of Sarona became available for development. After a dispute lasting more than ten years, a compromise was finally reached among the City of Tel Aviv, development companies and proponents of restoration and preservation of buildings and other historic sites.

And now in 2012, in the very heart of Tel Aviv, Sarona will reawaken: a wide, beautifully constructed public open space with acres of green in the middle of bustling and noisy Tel Aviv, closed to vehicular traffic and with 37 of the original settlement buildings preserved in its centre, together with its original streets and original flora. Sarona's development embodies every detail of its history and combines the elements of its origin as an agricultural settlement with a modern plan.

The Sarona site will be something new and unique in Israel, combining places of entertainment, recreational opportunities, shopping and offices, residential buildings and hotels. Sarona will attract municipal festivals, cultural and musical events, an open cinema, special markets and art shows. Special equipment and attractions were built in the children's play area. The

visitors' centre for Sarona Garden is currently being finalised in the former Carl Baldenhofer house.

Sarona, now Sarona Garden, is expected to become a prominent attraction for Tel Avivians and tourists alike. It will combine history and culture as well as having a commercial aspect, calm and elegant, but suitable for everyone: a special combination of then and now, between what once was and what will be in the future.

Helmut Glenk

Bentleigh-Moorabbin Templer Community Ladies' Evening Group in the Bentleigh Hall, November 1965



Heritage Pages edited by Peter Hornung

COMMUNITY LAWNMOWING ROSTERS MARCH

BAYSWATER		BENTLEIGH	
11 th March	Hans Wennagel Erich Waechter	12 th March	Heinz Edelmaier Ralph Edelmaier
15 th April	Marcus English Wolfgang Frank	24 th March	Working Bee
<p>Keys to lawn mowers etc. can be collected from Tony.</p> <p>If working on Sunday, try to avoid starting machinery before 10:00am to comply with Noise Restrictions in the City of Knox.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tony Beilharz</p> <p>To arrange an alternate date or a swap, please contact your partner and/or the appropriate member and arrange the swap directly.</p>		<p>Normal start time is 9:00am. Both lawn mowers can be operated without a catcher (the preferred method). If the grass is too long, then one of the mowers can have a catcher installed.</p> <p>Lawnmowing should include the Secret Garden area (at back of Office). Please don't put lawn clippings in Secret Garden area (green waste bin is now available for lawn clippings).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Peter Ware</p>	



Bernie's Greener Homes

Free supply & installation of energy efficient devices.

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MARCH 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1	Thur		
2	Fri	World Day of Prayer; Telelink 14:00	ERC Ba 19:30
3	Sat	Knox Festival from 10:00 to 17:00; Fireworks 21:15	
4	SUN	Thanksgiving Service Sy 10:30; Knox Festival from 10:00	
5	Mon		
6	Tue		
7	Wed		
8	Thur		○
9	Fri	Seniors Sy 11:30	
10	Sat		
11	SUN	Service TTHA 10:30	
12	Mon		
13	Tue	Ladies' afternoon Be 12:00	
14	Wed		
15	Thur		
16	Fri	Telelink 14:00	
17	Sat		
18	SUN	Sommerfest; Service + SS Ba 10:15	
19	Mon	Bookings for Mt Martha Camp close	
20	Tue		
21	Wed		
22	Thur		
23	Fri		●
24	Sat	Working Bee Be 9:00	
25	SUN	Family Service + Community Lunch Be 11:00; Possible Israel tour planning	
26	Mon		
27	Tue		
28	Wed		
29	Thur		
30	Fri	Telelink 14:00; Kids' Club Camp Mt Martha starts	RC Be 19:30
31	Sat	Autumn Walk Kinglake 10:30	
April 2012			New Moon ● Full Moon ○
1	SUN	Service Tanunda 14:00; KC Camp ends	

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Religious Services, Sunday School
Presentation, Confirmation
Youth Instruction and Youth Services
Weddings, Funerals
Religious Discussions and Seminars

SOCIAL CARE

Care of sick, elderly and lonely
Tabulam & Templer Homes for the Aged (TTHA)
Community Care Worker
Telelink

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Ladies' Groups, Community Youth Coordinator,
Kids' Club, Children's Playgroup, Babies' and Toddlers' Group,
Choir, Bowling and Tennis Clubs,
German Language Schools

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