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President's Report - March 2015

If you think MARCH and you are a Line Dancer, then hopefully you think Portarlington. This event runs entirely over the Labour Day Weekend, making this the longest of our traditional undertakings on the calendar year. Scratching among our archives I have discerned that Len and Dawn Olsen in the Year 2000 commenced and successfully built this weekend to what it is today, with Darren Mitchell as President, the VLDA coming in onboard in 2007. I surely hope that we will continue to fortify and for the future committees to continue to emulate "The Glory Days" of yesteryear.

I have mentioned several times the themes for the weekend. Our Welcome Back social on Friday night with Gordon is "Club T shirt" - this can be a little perplexing as most of our dancers now, go to more than 1 Instructor. Subsequently this is where the dilemma lies, choosing can be hard....play it safe. If you like, just come as you are! Although it can get rather hot, in spite of our air conditioning and fans. Hoping to see the "Luck of The Irish" Theme on Saturday, with all sorts of "Greenery from Paddy's Market". Sunday's theme "Beach Party" means you can stroll up from the beach, providing that's where you spent your afternoon. Ticket sales for the weekend are available from 330pm Friday. A reminder that a survey will be distributed asking for feedback from you. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion (I encourage it) Privacy policy will apply. I am looking forward to be able to welcome everyone back over this weekend and definitely an opportunity to make some new friends.

Thank you for all of our members who attended our last meeting at Leopold; in actual fact it will possibly be our last country meeting, taking into consideration the time spent in travel for the great majority that were present. One of the topics on our Agenda was the Good Friday Marathon to be held 3rd April commencing at 11am till 8pm A charge of \$15 per person for the day. If you have any goods worthy of selling (non electrical) on the Trading Table, your donations gratefully received. I would request all Instructors to kindly ask their class members for any contribution they might make. Contact Marion Adams on 03 9801 2969 or text to 0411 518 158. Take good advantage of our numerous raffles, held throughout the day. Limited kitchen facilities available. I suggest if not wanting to leave the venue (could miss your request) bring something with you more substantial. Once again, this year has all the makings of another great Marathon, with no repeat dances and short breaks only for announcements. Let's hope we can dig deep for such a worth while cause The Royal Children's Hospital. With our assistance we have raised to date in excess of over \$100,000 over a ten year period. A great achievement, due to the generosity of our line dancers.

Our 3rd event of the year, our 19th Gala Ball Saturday, 27th June. Returning special guests Simon Ward, Maddison Glover and Elise Spinks will delight you in their dance comp. demo. Keith Davies (VLDA Ball Co-ordinator) will be informing you of criteria for Belle and Beau, our after 5 dress code and any queries regarding transport, tickets. A list of Dances in preparation for the Ball, as I speak, which will soon be readily available. For any enquiries please contact Keith 03 9870 9854

The eyes of our Association is through our website. It is imperative that it is kept up to date. John Bishop, our web master is continuing to streamline the many changes required each month with implementing new strategies. A suggestion of Instructors changing their own class times directly on the site has been an idea put forward. More will ensue in the coming months...

Congratulations to Heather Barszuskyj from D J's celebrating your 20th Birthday on 1st March, Lu Olsen's Borderline Black and Gold 15th Birthday Ironically on Sunday 15th March and Kay Blakeley River Country Bootscooters, your 20th on the 29th March. Unfortunately you don't get Long Service Leave or a gold watch, but instead for your efforts many well wishes from your club members, which I believe to be priceless.

Have a good month and if travelling to Portarlington. Drive safe. Go Port!

Pauline Greenwood
VLDA President

