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President's Report - May 2015

I would like to take a bet that everyone of us at some time in our lives has experienced the purpose of giving, never being so apparent as at The Good Friday Appeal. If I could, I would make a loud roar to applaud the generosity, demonstrated on that truly astounding day. The cash donations and the hundreds of raffle prizes, but the special point I need to make is the time and devotion, including many hours of labour, especially the knitted items on display. The Committee, once again came up 'trumps' I say 'Thank You' I wish also, to take this opportunity to extend that thank you to a long list of helpers; from the Trading Table, the kitchen and the raffle and ticket selling at the door. Our strong manpower hauling those large tables and chairs, Cynthia, organising our Silent Auction and John Ikin, our music man. Many Instructors lead dances on the day, which certainly gave Keith and myself a breather. This large list with one more addition Marion Adams, working behind the scenes in preparation for the day. I know she is a truly humble person, who does not expect anything back in return. I believe this to be the ultimate in giving. The VLDA is so grateful to her for "pulling it off once again" Oh! One more : cheers to all the dancers, for your attendance. The total for the day, donated to The Royal Children's Hospital \$1144.00.

Our attention now diverts to The Gala Ball, not too far away. They seem to have a way of sneaking up on us! Keith Davies, our Ball co-ordinator is planning the many dances submitted for the Ball program (probably as I speak) What a huge, tremendous job. Thank you for returning your dance selections. I urge the Instructors to contact Keith, regarding the purchase of tickets for their club. Our guests include Simon Ward, Maddison Glover and Elise Spinks.

The workshop (prior to the ball) with our special guest Simon, is surely a golden opportunity to experience this true professional. The theme "The colours of fire" (red, orange yellow and black) Preferably all dancers in After 5 attire, befitting a Ball. The Belle and Beau will be judged accordingly in theme colours, A hint from the judges for the ladies to accessorise with hats and boots, if dress wear worn. A date not to be missed - Great Ball Of Fire Saturday, 27th June. Check flyer. Contact Keith for any further information 03 9870 9854. Email ball@victorianlinedance.asn.au

If you have personality, enthusiasm, a general knowledge of Melbourne and suburbs, a phone with access to email and up for a challenge, an enterprising position is available to you! We require a Publicity and Promotions Officer, the general duties to include contacting Instructors for events, demos, classes, etc. Our group of Instructors is quite small, with your charm and some persistence this list could be lengthened to a wider area. What say you? It's awful having to say 'No' to any enquiries. Nominations for this positions should be sent before our next General Meeting.

Glen Britain, who has ardently been working towards comprising a series of dance styles on a TV filming on Channel 31, has earnestly asked the VLDA for its support. He requires to film a group of us dancers to perform a few dances on the day to promote Line Dancing and the Association. This day happens to coincide with our next meeting Saturday May 16th at Ormond. It would be great to see support for Glen on this Day, if you are in town. The venue is RMIT in Melbourne CBD The event is outside (pray for no rain) and free. The address is Bowen St. Behind Swanston St.. closest entry is off Franklin St. It will be visual and entertaining to include several forms of dancing styles and the finalisation of his last show. A good response would make him really happy. I have to say "Ten out of Ten" for persevering with this project. I will leave after our meeting and plan to be there later in the afternoon approx.3pm. It starts at 2pm. I hope you can put aside an hour or so to join me.

There are many Birthday celebrations, fund raiser's and workshop/socials these include Happy 18th Good Time 'N' Bootscooters, Happy 10th L V Country and Rebel Bootscooters, Happy 19th Whittlesea Cruisers and Happy 8th Aimee Country Congratulations to Allan and Karen, Linda and Sue, Pauline and Alan and Rhonda. Workshops with Darren Mitchell at Valley Jade, Kay Blakely at Nuline Dance with Kerry and the LDAA workshop and social with a huge line up... Reeling them off Darren Mitchell, Stephen Paterson, Lu Olsen Marcia Langton, Kevin Formosa, Cathryn Proudfoot & special guest Jennifer Hughes. Check this edition for further details. The VLDA is proud to sponsor Mayworth (Tamworth in May) Many of our Victorian competition dancers and choreographers are competing. All too numerous hours of 'practice to make perfect' has gone into the prestigious Ashby Cup weekend. To win is like bringing home the ASHES..

I would say to all the ladies Happy Mother's Day. Perhaps some of you might get breakfast in bed, a card (special, if hand made by your grand-children) or even a leisurely day with your family. Not to mention your football team on line dance social. Whatever, enjoy your day.

Our next Ormond meeting North/ Booran Rds. Ormond. Saturday 16th May. Look forward to seeing you there.

Brace yourself for cooler weather.

Pauline Greenwood VLDA President

