



President's Report - September 2015

Winter continues to raise its head, with the Spring Season up until now, only reaching its shoulders. September will witness the return of our fellow Interstate travellers. We have surely missed them, but they have certainly missed a full calendar of workshops and socials, including our prestigious Ball and our inaugural Commemorative Social.

I would take this opportunity to congratulate Keith, as our coordinator and a very hard working committee in achieving this bonsa bonanza of a ball. This year was truly wonderful, setting a high bench mark for 2016. Thank you for all your comments and well wishes. You must appreciate with planning underway for our 20th, not all will be revealed, allowing a few surprise elements to hopefully wow you all on the night!

Our Association is strong and I believe this to be due to communication and debate between our members, thus showing an open view point and also the networking demonstrated within our committee. It is important to be honest and show integrity. Our aim is to be accountable, to have transparency in our activities and to adopt policies to further cement a firm base for the VLDA. The roles of our committee members can be defined. Financial matters contact Sumi, our treasurer, for membership queries contact Kay, our membership coordinator. To ask questions concerning minutes from our meetings or clerical info, contact Jocelyn. Although new to her position I'm certain she can readily give you the answer. If you do require confidentiality with any matter, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a serving committee member.

In anticipation of the Commemorative Social, the committee, along with Stephen at the helm (and Cathryn assisting with the Honour Roll) - we will endeavour to achieve the respectful memory to our past dancers : a tribute to their passion and contribution to Line Dancing.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate (VLDA Member) Jeanne Soine for placing second in a full final of 8 dancers (in her section and age group) at the World Dance Masters competition held at Blackpool in England last month. Fellow Victorian, Lisa Hershaft, also competed at Blackpool, using a lot of courage to be the only dancer in her age group & section and bringing home a world title for her efforts. A special mention must go Cowboys & Angels - Kate, Stacey & Jamie (from Victoria) and Will (from NSW) They have surpassed their achievements in this year's World Dance Masters with first and second places awarded to them in their solos, medleys, duos and quad routines is outstanding. Melbourne is definitely on the World map, with Australia, not only noted for its Kangaroos and Koalas, but also for its fine dancers.

The generosity of our line dancers is phenomenal Kerry and Andrew from Nuline raising \$1350.00 for The Epilepsy Foundation, Cynthia from Cactus Moon supporting her personal charity Relay for Life and raising \$787.00 and way down country with Robert and Gavin at Valley Jade and Caroline's at Tyers a total of \$2225.00 was raised for LRH Cancer Centre.

All credit to you, as Instructors.

Check dates for upcoming workshop with Madison Glover hosted by Chris Herbing from All In Line.

To verify the next meeting to be held at Senior Citizen's Hall - East Ringwood (note change of date) Saturday 10th October (notice page 3)

In closing I would like to wish all you Dads & Grand-dads a very Happy Father's Day....Embrace your dad and spoil him!

Pauline Greenwood
VLDA President

