JOAN KRUTLI RECEIVES “THE SHIRLEY WHITE AWARD”

Joan Krutli our Monday drive presenter (5pm - 8pm) has been treading the boards since she was 18 and she hasn’t tired of it yet! Her theatre journey has covered musical comedy and Gilbert & Sullivan, before discovering her love of straight theatre.

Joan is a foundation member of Encore Theatre and has worked with Elwood, Malvern, Brighton and Mordialloc Theatre Companies, as well as The Adelphi Players where she has appeared in several one-act-play festivals and Christmas pantomimes. Her most recent appearance was in the 2011 Panto “Jack & Jill” where she played The Dame.

Joan’s performance as The Dame earned her The Shirley White Award. This award is given in recognition of the best overall performance for the year. It was named after Shirley White, who was a founder of The Adelphi Players.

The Adelphi Players Theatre Company is now in its 51st year of production. The group was established in 1963, and their first play was the famous Terrence Rattigan piece, The Winslow Boy. That heralded the beginning of what has been an incredible and highly successful 50 years of productions, one-act-play festivals, and pantomimes – all under the tutelage of one man – Mr Michael Mace.

Adelphi has also achieved great success in its participation in Drama Festivals, winning over 350 awards to date. After a few years’ absence, this year marks the Group’s return to the Festival, and no doubt they will be looking to add to that number!

The annual Christmas Panto has become an Adelphi tradition! They’re performed at the National Trust’s historic mansion “Labassa” in Caulfield, and are hugely popular with adults and kiddies alike! “Old King Cole”, “Puss in Boots”, “Jack and the Beanstalk” are just some of their Pantos.

Most of Adelphi’s productions are held at “Labassa”, with the money raised going towards its upkeep and restoration – a very worthy cause.

A Busy Day at the Studio

LEFT: In studio 3 left to right Fay Thorne interviewing our friends from COTA (Council on the Ageing) Kris Spark Seniors Information Victoria, Brendan O’Dwyer Media Manager with Acting CEO David Craig (standing). In studio 2 Barry Day is getting ready for his program while Robert Anderson is on air in studio 1.

BELOW LEFT: Radio and TV Veteran Dan Webb (l.) came into the station recently to record an interview with Alex Hehr (r.) to talk about his career.

BELOW CENTRE: Pamela Young with George Rolfe learning the ropes of presenting a program.

BELOW RIGHT: Alex Hehr (l.), Scott Harrison (c.), and Ian McLeod (r.); Scott has recently become the resident theatre organist at the Kingston Town Hall in Moorabbin.

Thursday has a real line up of fresh voices for day time listeners.

It started in January of this year when David Pollock stepped into the Breakfast program (7.30am-11am). He brought with him his Man and a Song segment which slips in at 10.30am but of greater interest was a new program Music From Home at 9am – a half hour of music from the home of a Golden Days volunteer. It has now been extended to music from the home of a Golden Days Member, a Member nominating the special half dozen tracks that either they just like or have some special attachment.

Of course Breakfast includes John Doremus and The Passing Parade at 9.30am, Gardening Tips at 10.07am and in season Community News at 10.15am. Then at 11am it’s one of our newer presenters Kim Johns to take us over lunch. Yes, News and Weather at noon but the highlight of Kim’s program is no doubt our weekly Comedy special at 1 o’clock from the Goons to the Navy Lark there is always a good laugh.

Two o’clock brings yet another new voice to Golden Days in Greg Day. An electrician when he’s not at Golden Days, Greg brings us a great selection of Golden Days music along with the 3 o’clock feature, the new program With Vocal Refrain with Alan Dean and News and Weather at 4pm.

Our newest presenter, Pamela Young comes along at 5 o’clock for Drive. Again there is the News and Weather at 6pm followed by The Australia Story and at 6.30pm Latin Rendezvous.

At 8 o’clock it’s the “rock” of Thursdays, George Rolfe with his line-up of well established features including Tiptoe Through the Twenties, Fats Waller, Take Your Partners, and Voices from Vienna and after the 10pm News and Weather Starlight Serenade.
Our Radio Station — compiled by Violet Mitchell

During August 1990, a small advertisement appeared in our local paper “The Leader”, circulating in the Mordialloc/Mentone area stating that it was proposed to start up a radio station for Senior Citizens and would those interested in supporting such a scheme, phone the contact telephone number at the time.

After reading this advertisement, and being interested, I telephoned and spoke to Domenico Iacono, residing at that time at Moor Street East Bentleigh, leaving my details. Later, a public meeting was organized for those interested, and this as held at the Bentleigh RSL Hall, where thirteen people including Dom and myself, turned up. The main spokesperson, Dom said how tired he had become of the dreadful loud music mainly lacking in pleasant lyrics, being played on so many commercial radio stations. He went on to say that he would like to do something for our age group, and try to revive our memories of the music we formerly enjoyed. Lots of humour and fun ensued as we thought up various names for our new organisation, until one Member prepared a very good sketch of an old radio and headed it “Golden Days Radio”. This was approved at this first meeting and that name is still in use today. The initial meeting decided to meet again later.

Our second meeting, again held at the Bentleigh RSL, we attendees being given a membership number. Of course Dom was allotted membership number 1, Colwyn Williams No. 2 Edith McLean 3, Violet Mitchell 4, and so on. It was then decided that we would continue to meet on a monthly basis, and over a friendly “cuppa”, we would bring forward our individual ideas on the project.

After several more months, another advertisement was inserted in the local “Leader” and the response was terrific with at least eight more enthusiastic members coming forward.

Dom spent a lot of time, together with Colwyn, researching the scenes, along with Dom wife Loretta at their home in East Bentleigh. Our monthly meetings became very interesting as the research bore fruit, and Dom and Colwyn started to think up a good name for our pending radio station together with a striking logo for our stationery, particularly our letterhead, as we began to communicate more and more.

In 1993 the late Jim Cummins who was one of ten who would-be future presenters would pick me up at Patterson Railway Station and we would travel together to Clark’s home to learn about operating radio equipment. We thoroughly enjoyed our time spent at Clark’s studio.

Another member of those early days was our engineer Fred House who lived in Moorabbin. He also had a type of studio in his large house and a tall aerial was built especially for GDR by Fred and another engineer Harley Kerr which was very successful. Clark invited us to his home in St. Kilda where he operated a small radio studio. It was all most interesting to us members, as we learned to operate the equipment, Switching on and off the various microphones, together with the other radio equipment, plus operating the various turntables, cassette players, and handling old records and cassettes.

In 1998 our first public on air “Get Together” was held at Southland, which was most exciting. We distributed lots of literature, and a large number of passers-by joined up, and gradually we became more and more recognised. Of course this was just the beginning of our now 21 years of radio.

We also acknowledged member No 4 from this original group Violet Mitchell who was unable to attend on the day and Avril Smith accepted a small gift from us all. I have since visited Violet who is still a member and she was delighted with her gift. Well done Vi. This issue of our newsletter features a number of photos from that day.

From the Station Manager’s Desk...

Once again we find ourselves half way through another year......where does the time go I ask myself. To date this has been a very busy year for all of us at Golden Days Radio. Our three studios are providing listeners with quality broadcasts 24/7. All studios have now undergone upgrades to a new licence allowing us seven days at a time, to broadcast. We finally obtained our full licence in September 2001 to broadcast 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Now with these happy years behind us, and nearly 2,000 members, lots of happy listeners and excellent supportive sponsors, we are now truly a Golden Days Radio at 95.7 on your FM dial.

Alex Hehr

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And simply click anywhere on the radio on the first page!

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Since the last newsletter we have seen some presenters leave and we have welcomed some new people to the line up. It is sometimes hard to keep up with things, but with the high commitment level of many people we are able to cope.

There has been a huge increase in the number of people listening to GDR “on line” (the internet). In March 2011 there were an average of 1060 people listening weekly, in June that figure was 4336. In the twelve months since July 2011 streaming volumes in terms of listeners grew by 205%. This continues to be a significant growth area for us.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their ongoing efforts. GDR is a wonderful example of how volunteerism works at it’s very best.

Alex Hehr

Vi Mitchell

Christmas Luncheon

Our ever popular Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club Yawla Street Bentleigh on Wednesday 19th December from 12 noon. Mark this date in your diary now. Bookings will open from 1st November.