

The following comments are made on actual events and engagements in the sequence in which they occur in the President's year.

February

Advisory Tradition and History :- Before taking office the President Elect asks Chairman of Committee whether he may have the opportunity to meet the Committee. In previous years President Elect has invited them to luncheon at his Club or to an evening discussion at his home. Having regard to their advancing years, I made it the usual Committee luncheon at Legacy House. Before you go, familiarise yourself with the Charter of this Committee.

March

Anzac Observance Committee :- Attend several meetings of this Committee before Anzac Day for your own information and briefing.

R.S.L. Anzac Commemoration Council :- Meeting held at R.S.L. House to plan Anzac Day March. President-Elect attends as a courtesy member of Council, and more particularly to meet R.S.L. Executive.

Annual Meeting :- Now held before Dinner. President-Elect required to introduce new Board and J.L.C. and to address Club.

First Luncheon :- This is now virtually a Past Presidents' Day, except that the new President occupies the chair. He should liaise with oldest President (Eric Serman) to ensure that all Past Presidents are invited and Program Committee to arrange speaker's subject.

Suggest that a representative number of Past Presidents be invited to Board Room for sherry.

Lord Mayor's Tivoli Command Performance :- Afternoon tea at Town Hall to receive cheque. Your first opportunity to officially meet Lord Mayor, so suggest you go.

Legacy Wives Association :- Custom now for President to attend first meeting for about five minutes - address ladies, then retire. Suggest mention several recent cases of Legacy help to families - they are interested in the practical side.

First J.L.C. Meeting:- You attend and open Meeting.

First Board Meeting :- Follows soon after Annual Dinner, so not much time for preparation - start early.

Hamilton Annual Dinner :- Only a week after your installation, and you give a Legacy Address, so once again - start early.

Swimming Sports :- Attend and present trophies.

Power House Fete :- If this becomes an annual event, you are invited with wife for afternoon tea.

Seymour Group Dinner ; - They appreciate attendance from Melbourne. Legatee Lothian deputised.

Operation Firewood :- Show the flag at one or two pick-up points, visit Legacy House, and arrive at Thirty Niners Club at pre-arranged time to address and thank owners, drivers and helpers.

Davey's Bay Yacht Club :- You will enjoy this informal outing.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Dinner :- Send deputy.

April

Housing Minister :- Official call on Housing Minister arranged through Hugh Caffrey who also attended. Do not get dragged into discussion of cases as I did - the Minister is far too busy.

State Conference :- Short series of sub-committee meetings to properly work-up and prepare for State Conference.

Anzac Day Luncheon :- Liaise with Program Committee to ensure that a luncheon near Anzac Day is set aside for a speaker on that subject. Usual to invite as guests of the Club the Presidents of R.S.L., Carry On, Gallipolli Legion etc.

Branch Chairmen :- By now you will have installed several. Invite them to Tuesday luncheon to introduce to members, and to next Board Meeting. Hon. Secretary will remind you and arrange.

Childrens Anzac Day Ceremony :-

You will have a rehearsal the previous day. Take your wife to rehearsal so that she too is familiar with program and geography.

Insist on actually walking over the route and check particularly where and when you stop and start. I studied it carefully but because of rain did not walk the course, and was sorry.

To clarify written instructions

Very necessary.

Note particularly for the actual ceremony :

- (a) Your host is the Chairman of the Shrine Trustees so in commencing your address he takes precedence over the Governor.
- (b) The Chairman of Trustees, as host, is first to greet the Governor and last to farewell him.
- (c) The Governor is addressed at first meeting as "Your Excellency" and then "Sir". His wife is not an Excellency at all - address her as "Lady Delacombe".

- (d) Your wife curtsies to the Governor, but not to his wife.
- (e) Check with the A.D.C. at rehearsal where you move in relation to the Governor, particularly on inspection of the Guard, as you change position for front and rear ranks.
- (f) The Band is not normally inspected. Confirm this beforehand, and tell the Governor, in case the A.D.C. has failed to brief him.
- (g) Find out the Guard Commander's name so you can present him to Governor.
- (h) You don't welcome or even recognise the A.D.C. at the Ceremony - he stays in the background.

Classes, Committees and Residences :- Suggest starting about end of April a series of visits to these as time permits so that you become familiar particularly to Legacy children early in the year.

Press Luncheon :- Usually about end of April, and in 1966 for first time Public Relations Committee are responsible for arranging. Get a good briefing before you go because you not only speak - you get lots of questions.

May

Somers Weekend Camp :- Usually one in May - the Chairman or Secretary of Boys Classes will brief you.

Official Visits :- Start Executive Officer arranging official calls on Governor, Premier and Lord Mayor. He accompanies you and will brief you.

Apprenticeship Presentation Night :- Not essential that you attend officially, but suggest you go as it is a very impressive evening.

Official Call on R.S.L. :- Usually arranged by Sid Birrell - purely an informal call with Sid and Harold Leech to meet them. Opportunity to talk casually on mutual problems, so some forethought or briefing helpful.

Stan Savige Pilgrimage :- Suggested that we let this lapse, but finally decided to continue for time being. President usually invited to Savige home for afternoon tea afterwards. He lays wreath at ceremony.

Luna Park Outing :- I did not attend - went to Somers Camp instead.

Apprenticeship Week Church Services)
Technical Schools Exhibition) Represented by deputies.
War Widows and Widowed Mothers Dinner)

June

Blinded Soldiers Bowling Club Dinner :- Held at Legacy House. You attend and speak. There is a close association between Legacy and Blinded Soldiers and President always attends their functions.

Rotary Youth Week Luncheon :- Not essential for President to attend - Legacy gets little recognition from Rotary.

Ladies Market Fair:- At Malvern Town Hall - I attended for half an hour, drew several raffles and left.

Mildura Legacy Annual Dinner :- This is one that President should attend if at all possible.

Carry On Luncheon :- Attended by invitation as a guest, but no duties.

State Conference :- Just get as well prepared as you can.

Girls Classes :- Series of nights for presentation of Certificates. Vice-President could do it.

Harelands Childrens' Birthday Party :- They only have two a year for all the children - one in June and one in November. Quite a moving occasion and good for the President personally to see and feel it.

Club Night :- If previous pattern followed this one would be instructional, when various Committee Chairman address members and questions are invited. Finish it by 9.30.

July

Boys Classes :- Series of President's Nights start this month - if you pass them over to Vice-President probably necessary to re-name them Presentation Nights.

Lord Mayor's Ball :- Could not attend this as it was Joan Sutherland Opera Night, and did not deputise.

R.S.L. State Conference :- Attend by invitation the official opening by Governor at about 11 a.m. You arrive about 10.45 and leave about 11.15. No duties.

Berger Ball :- Attended with wife a buffet dinner at Australia, and later the Ball. Not essential for President to attend but they are good hosts and have been strong supporters of Legacy for years. Later in the year - usually October, you invite General Manager of Bergers to Tuesday luncheon for hand-over of cheque.

Pensions Appeal Tribunal :- Through Bert Harlem and with consent of widow concerned, I was invited to attend the hearing of a Repatriation Pension Appeal. Understand that this is a rare courtesy, but most informative.

I.L.C. Fete :- At Melbourne Town Hall. Usually opened by President but as I was at Sydney for their Annual Dinner, a Vice-President deputised.

Sydney Legacy Annual Dinner :- Traditional for Melbourne President to attend and respond to toast of visitors. Wives also attend this Dinner. Good opportunity to meet them, and see their residences etc.

August

Federal Conference :- Should complete agenda items, research and discussions this month.

Blinded Soldiers Annual Dinner :- President attends if possible.

Opening Technical School Gymnasium at Oakleigh)
Police Youth Club Meeting at St. Kilda) Deputies attend.

Gown of the Year :- Probably will not be repeated. If it is President speaks to thank guests, helpers etc.

Legacy Week Publicity :- Starts this month. President this year drew a radio broadcast.

Nurses Graduation at Repatriation Hospital :- Deputy attended.

Junior Legacy Mothers Club Fete :- Small show at Legacy House but they are a wonderful group and strongly urge show of support by attending if possible.

World War I Legatees Gathering :- At Naval and Military and President is only Second World War man present. The President speaks in an informal atmosphere, but it is an opportunity to acknowledge their continued interest. Suggest you brush up on the names of all the older Legatees you have not met, as they will all be there.

Legacy Week Opening :- You have Governor to lunch.

In 1965 he moved around informally meeting members after officially opening. Public Relations brief President.

Fathers Day Council Dinner - Attended this and received cheque. This is purely a retailer's promotion organisation, and not very enthusiastic about Legacy, but many of the individual members are. President received cheque and responds. Some of our Legatees who are retailers sold £80 of badges at this dinner.

September

BADGE DAY - Attended at Legacy House at lunch time, but no duties. Returned again at 5.00 p.m. to formally thank members of E.S. and A. Bank Staff who count cash.

Thirty Niners Association Smoke Night :- Deputised.

Royal Doulton Exhibition :- A non-recurring function officially opened by Governor, then buffet luncheon. Open table-setting competition at Ball and Welch which may become an annual event. They are first rate people to be associated with - most helpful at all times.

R.S.L. Ball :- At Palais at St. Kilda. For official guests it is virtually a reception then supper - very few of the official party dancing. Good opportunity to liaise with kindred organisations and the services as they are all there. Would be O.K. to send deputy.

Boy Scouts Annual Meeting :- Deputised.

Lord Mayor's Fund Annual Meeting :- Afternoon function at Town Hall which is chaired by Governor. You are just one of the audience so could deputise if you wished.

Boys' Basketball Finals :- Attended these at Power House and presented trophies.

Club President's Meeting :- Initiated by Melbourne President to give opportunity for discussion before Federal Conference on the agenda items. It is a very good innovation and should be continued. Held at Ballarat this time - they provided lunch and their President chaired meeting.

P.O.W. Dinner Dance :- Deputised.

Junior Leaders Course :- Held for first time in 1965. I attended final night and presented certificates.

Demonstration Rehearsals :- Attended several of these as we were in Perth when the demonstration was held.

October

Federal Conference :- Important thing is to be prepared well in advance as you know.

Was conscious of the fact that Ted Evans and I were delegates, but had never attended a Federal Conference before. Would suggest that one delegate at least should always be a seasoned campaigner.

We did this time use a speaker other than delegates as Sydney has done for years. I believe this is right as you can then use an expert on the subject under discussion, but found Perth Legacy did not favour the idea at all. Possible that their view is shared by other Clubs, and that we may lose support if we persist.

Did not throw the traditional party by Melbourne Legacy as no time available in the program.

Legacy Wives Card Party :- At Kew Town Hall - I appeared at lunch time, drew about 30 raffles and thanked workers, supporters etc.

Club Night :- On this occasion focal point was Guest Speaker Ron Mack.

Ansett/A.N.A. Ball)	
Red Cross Handicrafts Centre)	
Corps of Commissionaires Dinner)	Deputised.
Navy Week Ceremony at Shrine)	

Demonstration :- As I was in Perth at Federal Conference one of Vice-Presidents deputised.

Some comment on this occasion that Demonstration was becoming too ambitious in its scope. This comment particularly from Legacy Wives sewing group who virtually had to run a factory production line for long hours to produce all the costumes in time. Another week or so and I think they would have had an open brawl.

Huntingdale Associates Day :- This is the day that the Huntingdale Lady Members run their own event for Legacy. President and his wife invited for afternoon tea, and President presents the trophies donated by Legacy for this event.

Some rumblings from the Huntingdale ladies, who wish to split the proceeds of this day between a number of charities. Discussed at some length with Miss Burta Cheney, their President, who felt that we could hold the day if the money was used for a specific purpose e.g. Residences, rather than just go into the pool.

The Captain of Huntingdale does not support his ladies, and states that the money should go into pool. He strongly supports Legacy.

We should be right in 1966 as Legatee Ken Green's wife Phyl will be Huntingdale Ladies President.

Remember that in a Golf Club, ladies have little standing - they are completely controlled by the men. If the same argument arises in 1966, Legacy should talk to the Club Captain, Bert Kelloch first and only discuss it with the lady members with his knowledge and blessing: Legatee Dick Fogarty knows all the background on this one.

Best drill would be to invite a group of the lady members of Huntingdale to inspect a Residence before their next golf day.

Senior Widows Fete :- Wife and self attended this, and President officially opens it. Out of courtesy to them I would not deputise this one.

Licensed Victuallers Golf Day :- We received all the proceeds of about £4,500, but with this body also there is a move to split proceeds, or rotate it amongst three or four charities. As they only support children's charities I don't think we should ask for it every year, but should split or rotate.

Legatee Craig Middleton can keep you in the picture.

Legacy President attends, spends freely, presents prizes donated by Legacy, draws raffle and formally thanks the Liquor Trades people.

If we get it again, important to get a dozen Legatees to play, and more to go down at 5 p.m.

Combined Section Meeting :- Was invited to address a combined meeting of Brighton and Sandringham sections. This is a good drill and would suggest it be supported.

R.S.L. Village at Geelong :- Attended official opening by Governor. Very impressive accommodation for older people and houses some of Geelong Legacy widows.

Would keep an open mind on this subject as it is getting plenty of support from other organisations and Legacy Clubs in other States. We may finish up one of the few not supporting this type of housing.

November

Presidents' Meeting :- Usually held early November to discuss nomination for President next year. Meeting called and chaired by the Senior member of the panel which consists of the current President and six previous Presidents.

Huntingdale Golf Day :- Attended during day, and from 5 p.m. on fraternised with Club Captain and members. Presented prizes and formally thanked gathering for support.

Victorian Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen :- Memorial service at 2 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. for Remembrance Day. Would like to have been there as they support us so strongly but had to deputise.

Lord Mayor's Dinner :- Formal occasion, but you are lost in the crowd. No reception and no duties.

Dunlop International Golf :- Only official appearance was for Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. Called down on Saturday and circulated informally, but no duties. Finance Committee do all organising and personal contact work.

Annual Handover of Toys :- Receive toys from Education Department which are shared with Carry On. President required to respond and thank. Both Minister and Director of Department present. Usual to write afterwards, and to word letter in such a manner that it can be re-produced in school childrens' magazine.

I.L.C. Ladies Jewellery Display :- Could not attend but arranged for wife and half a dozen Legatee's wives to go along.

Carry On Annual Dinner :- At Stardust St. Kilda - attended by Sir Edmund Herring, Lord Mayor, Brig. Hall from R.S.L. etc. Legacy and R.S.L. take it in turn to respond to toast of visitors. As I did it this time R.S.L. respond in 1967. Because of our close associations, this is a must for the President.

Comradeship Christmas Party :- For members and wives. First time it has been tried, and very successful, particularly in bringing country people into the circle

December

Mothers Club Christmas Party :- At Legacy House. Simple program of entertainment then supper. Go if you can.

Speech Demonstration:- Just about fully established now as a going concern, but keep pressure on for another year or so. There are too many presentations at this - I tried to curtail them beforehand but not successful, and on advice of Chairman, Girls Classes allowed them to continue. There is friction between instructresses of Physical and Speech Classes, and suspect that somewhere along the line this had something to do with it. Suggest you move cautiously in this area, and then only after consultation with Chairman, Girls Classes.

Boys Class Instructors :- Always invited to a Thursday night Comradeship Gathering before Christmas when President speaks and thanks them for their year's work. Power House representatives also included this year, and thanked. Adrian Beattie will brief you.

Peninsula Group Annual Dinner :- Traditional for President^{Nominated} & Elect to attend and be introduced.

Blamey House Dinner Dance)
Limbless Soldiers Annual Dinner) Engaged so had to deputise

Girls Picnic :- At Keast Park, Seaford. Not a good venue as there are too many prowling youths and straying girls. No duties other than to help judge beauty parade!

Boys Sports :- At Scotch College. President and wife circulate, have afternoon tea with Mothers Club. President presents trophies and usually receives a cheque from the Mothers' Club. Barbecue for Instructors that evening.

Harelands Christmas Party :- Don't miss this - no duties, just enjoy yourself.

Senior Girls Christmas Party :- Held at private reception place in Kew for first time, instead of at Legacy House. Some feeling from Senior Instructress about this as it cleaned out Girls accumulated funds. Am personally inclined to favour the idea of these older girls getting out into the world and planning something themselves, which they did, and getting used to social responsibilities, which they handled very well.

President speaks and presents trophies.

Greyhound Racing :- Legislation covering use of Olympic Park provides that this association will run three meetings a year for charity. Legacy gets one third of proceeds of these meetings, and was called on this year to do a fair bit of work - print tickets, find race sponsors and provide prizes worth £50 per race. It is my impression that this association is not fulfilling its obligations in the right spirit - it is virtually using them to promote greyhound racing, and would edge out Legacy if it could get a stronger sponsor.

There are three trustees of Olympic Park who are members or friends of Legacy, and some quiet lobbying with them might pay off.

President thanks the association and public, presents some prizes, and has supper with officials.

Stanhope Christmas Party :- Attended this Party but not particularly impressed. Girls do not appear to be encouraged to organise own party, or to receive and entertain guests, so miss opportunity for this sort of training. No duties.

Legacy House Staff Christmas Party :- First time this year. Attended and stayed about one hour. No duties.

Government House Childrens Christmas Party :- Appeared in morning briefly but only to show interest - not to work.

Successful party, but as someone mentioned afterwards, the program is stereotyped.

Very difficult to steer the Governor as he wants to see everything. Suggest you try a clear cut program of the activities he will see, and the time schedule, and brief him on it before you start circulating.

Important also to impose strong control over autographing of books as we still haven't got this right.

Suggest that several Legatees be detailed to follow a short distance behind official party ready to step in quietly as crowd control if the need arises.

Don't forget that Education Department representatives are guests for afternoon tea.

Preston Motors :- Attended picnic by invitation at Heidelberg for about an hour to receive cheque and meet company officers Respond over public address system but most too busy to listen. You could deputise this.

Southern Command Officers Wives :- Had morning tea with them to receive one of three cheques they were presenting. Could be deputised, but their President is always wife of G.O.C. and you may consider it not only courtesy, but politic to attend. President speaks several minutes in acknowledgment.

Last Tuesday Luncheon :- Usually buffet style and informal with no speaker.

Southern Command Cocktail Party :- About half those attending seem to be Legatees. I think President should attend but we only stayed about one hour.

Senior Widows Christmas Party :- My predecessors tried to whip up support for this, and so did I, but still not many Legatees attend. Crowd is so large that this is not too apparent, but keep trying.

President must attend as he received cheque and introduces ~~President-Elect~~ *Nominated President*

For your own information the compere is a very touchy individual and almost had a brawl with Deputy-Chairman Senior Widows, following some indiscreet comments which touched his professional pride.

Dunlop Golf :- Attended at Dunlop Board Room to receive cheque from Sir Robert Blackwood. They will probably stage a tournament in Melbourne every second year, and would be happy to work with Legacy again. An excellent group of people to work with.

Comradeship :- Last Thursday gathering before Christmas is a special show, well attended, and which President is asked to attend.

January, 1966.

Membership :- Proposal to re-admit Sir Frank Selleck to Melbourne Legacy to acknowledge fact that he gave it a name was referred to Advisory Tradition and History Committee and rejected unanimously.

At suggestion of Personnel Committee issued invitations to two more older Legatees to join Reserve List. This makes six such invitations issued during the year.

Annual Meeting, Dinner and Report :- Get as much work on these done as you can in early January. From mid-January the tempo quickens and you run out of time.

Camps and Holidays :- Attended these activities as much as possible - the working bees, despatching at station, arrival of girls at Stanhope and Blamey, and the barbecue arranged by Peninsula Group for country boys at Flinders. Later attended boys camp at Somers one evening, break-up parties at both Stanhope and Blamey and despatching again at station. Enjoyed it all.

Lord Somers Camp :- Could not attend official opening of Legacy Hut at Somers by Governor, so Ian Anderson deputised. Chalked up a bad miss here when invitation to the donor, John Coltman, did not go out, but am taking him down to first weekend camp.

Following week I attended Big Camp for evening meal, and by invitation addressed boys.

Gallipolli Legion of Anzacs Dinner :- At Town Hall. Was lost in a big crowd - feel you could deputise this one.

Alexander/Yea Group :- Discussion with Chairman of this Group as the Group appeared to be lacking in approach to work. They are very much out of touch, and badly need closer contact with other Legatees and Legacy bodies.

Legacy Bowls Pairs :- Still in prospect, but required to attend on night of finals and present trophies.

Emerald Picnic :- Informal day, but ⁺President passes formal vote of thanks to Emerald Country Club officials, and presents prizes.

Adelaide Legacy Dinner :- Propose to attend Group Conference on the Saturday and Dinner at night. No official duties so far.

Operation Float :- Usual pattern this year, but in addition some interest from country clubs which we are keen to foster if we can handle the numbers. Some difficulty in getting life jackets this year as none of the Services can supply. We have a clearance from Government appointed Chief Boating Officer to proceed without if necessary, and an offer by him to supply two patrol boats for safety purposes.

March

Annual Meeting and Dinner :- Held on separate nights. Both are planned by sub-committees appointed by the Board, and arrangements for both are approved by Board.