

President Michael Guidice 1926-27

It is interesting with history, most of our members would be able to name our very first President. Likewise, most members would know who our very first Prime Minister was and the name of the very first horse to win the Melbourne Cup. Ask any member of the Club who our second President was, and I truly doubt any member would know.

In 1926, the Club started with 31 members. At the end of the Rotary year, March 31, there were 36 active members. President Michael G Guidice was our second President. During the year, the Club met 49 times. On November 25, the Club did not meet due to the visit of the Governor

General. Luncheons were held at Favaleto's Cafe (32) and the Shamrock Hotel (17). To remain a member, attendance had to be at least 60% without good reason.



During the year, President Guidice, H.M. Leggo and Past President Vains all attended the Rotary Pacific Conference in Honolulu. President Guidice also attended a Rotary International Conference in Denver, USA.



It is important to note, the formation of an Australian Rotary District was being considered. Hence, the attendance of our President and Past President at the time on the international stage was important for it be approved by Rotary International.

Locally, the Club's objective was to do everything possible to advance the interests of the Bendigo Region (The Bendigo Movement}.

Meeting with local organisations, the Club resolved to secure the appropriate data and publicity necessary to assist growth in the Northern and Southern Riverina Districts.

With respect to Community Service, a list of all children in the Bendigo District, with a physical disability, was collated by the Club. Each member of the Club was then allocated 2 children to ensure they received a gift for their birthday and at Xmas.



Members of the Rotary Club of Bendigo EM Vains , M.G.Guidice and H.M.Leggio left on SS Niagra to attend the Pacific Rotary Conference 25-28 May 1926 in Honolulu. They joined other Rotarians from Australia including N.Taylor RC Adelaide, H.Cohen RC Melbourne, T.Fox RC Sydney, B.B.Collins RC Geelong as pictured in the accompanying photograph. Michael Gabriel Guidice is the one holding the paper.



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