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**CAR PARKING IS  
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GRADUATE HOUSE**

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reception - yearly,  
monthly and daily rates  
available

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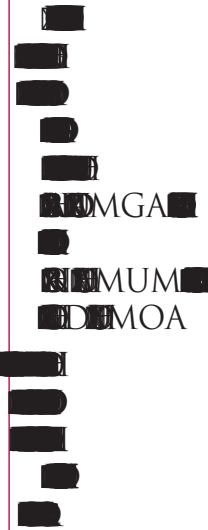
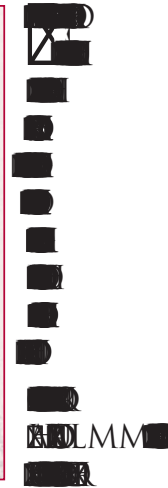
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Vice Chairman:  
Mr David N Sparks

Head of College and CEO  
Mr Eugene Spanti

## MISS STELLA LANGFORD

(1899-1974)



*Hello Francesca. I will attempt to answer your questions but as you are aware all this happened a very long time ago. I would estimate I first met Stella in 1960 and she gave me weekly private lessons in English Expression for approximately two years in her home (the single storey home). Stella had a successful career as an English teacher and was subsequently involved in either setting the syllabus or public examinations or both. You have to remember that at that time there were public examinations in Victoria meaning all students in Melbourne sat for the same exams at the same time in the Exhibition Buildings (except for a small number who sat the same exams in their schools). My mother maintained a friendship with Stella up to Stella's death. Stella was one of the early female students at Melbourne University either in her discipline or the university as a whole and she was immensely proud of being at MU. I remember her talking about swans on a lake where the Bailleau library is now sited (assuming it is still there).*

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

1 Dec Twilight Lecture

Speaker: Professor David de Kretser; Governor of Victoria

2 Dec Monthly Luncheon

Speaker: Mr Kenneth Park, Historical insights into Prague, Dresden & Berlin

4 Dec Chairmans Cocktails

11 Dec Members Christmas Party

Early Voices Choir; Santa, and Prizes

DONATIONS

Residents Assistance Fund:

\$100 Mrs E Seviore
\$50 Mr G Ogilvy

The Graduate Union appreciates a donation of \$8000 from the William Berry Post-Graduate College Trust. This donation will be used to refurbish several accommodation rooms in the terraces which will be painted, new carpeting installed and beds replaced.

The Melbourne Graduate is normally published four times a year by The Graduate Union of The University of Melbourne Incorporated. It is edited by Eugene Spanti and Lyn Weston, under the direction of the Graduate Council and its Executive Committee.

The Melbourne Graduate welcomes letters from readers and reserves the right to edit them for publication. Please keep word count to a maximum of 250 and address to The Editors, The Melbourne Graduate.

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LETTERS

From Patricia Boaden, Life Member

I should like to thank you for organising such a splendid day's entertainment when we went to DeBortoli's Winery. Everything about the excursion was excellent. The bus, the winery, the food, the elegance of the dining room with its white linen napery and the wine! DeBortoli must be congratulated on their generosity with the wine and cheese in the tastings. How fortunate we were, also, to have Karen to guide us around the working areas she was a most knowledgeable young lady. Please book us in for a return visit next year (early - then we might manage two!).

From Ruth Bright, Life Member

It was so nice to receive on Monday a birthday card from the Graduate Union, I am not sure which of you was actually responsible - but thank you anyway, whoever it was! We had a happy day, and the weekend had been enjoyable too, with several preliminary celebrations with different people to mark the occasion of my becoming an Octagenarian! (Not that I feel like an 80-year old, but that is just luck!) See you all in November.

From Bill Muntz, Life Member

It was very good of you and of the Union to send greetings to me on the occasion of my birthday. This has occurred for a number of years now and I should have offered my thanks before this. Regrettably these days I am reluctant to make the trip from here to Melbourne. In consequence, I have to rest content with reading The Melbourne Graduate to learning from it of progress in Leicester Street, activities and the words of guest speakers - and in all of this I find of much interest. As a Dimboola boy born and bred, Ken Parks' words were of much interest. In times past, everyone in 'Dim' would have known Jean, Ken & Reg, his forbears. Thank you and with sincere regards.

VALETE

Since publication of the last edition of The Melbourne Graduate we have been notified of the deaths of the following members:

- Mr M Anderson (Life Member joined 1955)
Miss I Birnitis (Life Member joined 1957)
Mr C Francis AM (Life Member joined 1909)
Hon H Hamilton (Life Member joined 1950)
Dr R Hill (Life Member joined 1901)

- Rev Fr W Jack (Joined 1909)
Dr H Moroney (Life Member joined 1950)

The Graduate Union appreciates the support of these members and extends condolences to their families. We regret that space constraints do not allow individual acknowledgement of each deceased member.

NEW MEMBERS

The following members joined the Graduate Union. We welcome them and look forward to their participation in our members' programs.

Life Member

Mr E Ford TSTC BA MEd(Monash)

Ordinary Members

Dr P Dawson MFA PhD(UNSW)

A/Prof B Jordan BSW PhD

Prof V Knight SocWk PhD(LaTrobe)

Mr A Levashov BEcon(Vladivostok) MBA

Mr K Park BAHons BLitt GradDi

Studies(Deakin)

Mr E Tudor BSc BScHons(Monash) MSc Di Ed

Mr R Howell BAHons(Monash)

GradDi BusAdmin(Swinburne)

New Graduates

Ms V Chan BA/LLB

Ms K Colman BA

Ms G Darcy BAHons

Ms B Lach MPsycho

Mr S Leow LLB(Hons) BA

Mr Liu BEng MCom

Miss Nguyen BSc BTeach.

Mr F Ritman MBus

Miss Ye MCom

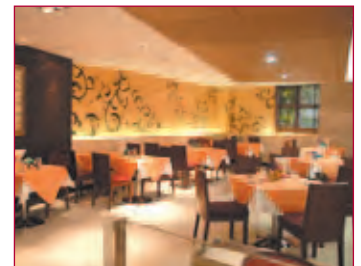
All degrees are from University of Melbourne unless otherwise noted. Degrees are stated as presented on members' application forms.

## RECIPROCAL CLUB

# SALAYA PAVILION – THAILAND

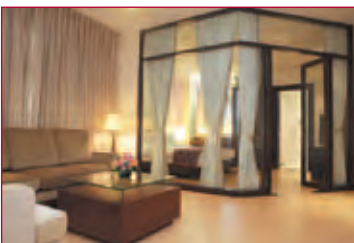


*Lobby and Foyer area*



*Restaurant*

*Grand Junior Suite*



*Superior Room*



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# RESIDENTS

## Sheldon Johnston



A Sydneysider Sheldon comes to Melbourne to study a Master of Research Centre (ARC) University of Melbourne as PhD International Politics. He is a graduate of the Australian National University with studies on female education carried out in Balochistan Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor s sponsored by UNESCO Asian Development Bank and of Arts (Honours) degrees majoring in other Government and private organizations in Euro ean studies. Over many years Sheldon has gained broad expertise as a financial analyst in Sydney and London working for ABN-AMRO A Bank Commonwealth Bank and GE s specializing in leasing structured finance and profitability analysis. In between work study he has utterly destroyed three sports while back packing five continents when he developed his passion for international affairs. A guitar qualified audio engineer and all-round music tragic he possesses a huge CD collection has published hundreds of music reviews and looks forward to enjoying Melbourne's live music scene. A devoted follower of rugby league and a one-eyed Cronulla Sharks fan he has also been known to steal the AFL boots from time to time.

## Kevin K M Hong



Kevin also known as Kyung Moo is originally from Seoul Korea. He moved to Kuala Lumpur Malaysia when he was 16. He graduated from International School of Kuala Lumpur before moving to the US to complete his bachelor's degree at Boston University. He has worked at various international companies such as Oracle and Andersen Consulting and also has done broadcasting advertising and venture capital business. Currently his main residence is in Jakarta Indonesia where he is running his own business in the coal and natural resources industry. Kevin decided that it was time to upgrade his education so decided to join MBS in Melbourne in 2009. He is an avid golfer and always looking forward to meeting new friends on and off the golf course.

## Prof. Syed Kamal-ud-Din



Professor Syed Kamal-ud-Din is from Quetta Pakistan. Since August 25 2003 he has been working as the National Project Coordinator in National Education Assessment System (NEAS) as a technical support engineer. He is now continuing his studies in RMIT pursuing Masters degree in Engineering (Network Systems). He is passionate about fitness. He has been practicing and teaching Goju-Ryu style Karate for many years. He has been to Melbourne many times and he loves living here. Project Administrator of NEAS in April 2009. Kamal's

range of interest is travelling visiting of historical places attending social events. Now he is enrolled in Assessment Centre (ARC) University of Melbourne as PhD International Politics. He is a graduate of the Australian National University with studies on female education carried out in Balochistan Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor s sponsored by UNESCO Asian Development Bank and of Arts (Honours) degrees majoring in other Government and private organizations in Euro ean studies. Over many years Sheldon has gained broad expertise as a financial analyst in Sydney and London working for ABN-AMRO A Bank Commonwealth Bank and GE s specializing in leasing structured finance and profitability analysis. In between work study he has utterly destroyed three sports while back packing five continents when he developed his passion for international affairs. A guitar qualified audio engineer and all-round music tragic he possesses a huge CD collection has published hundreds of music reviews and looks forward to enjoying Melbourne's live music scene. A devoted follower of rugby league and a one-eyed Cronulla Sharks fan he has also been known to steal the AFL boots from time to time.

## Jens Feuerlein



Jens is an MBA candidate at the Sauder School of Business in Vancouver Canada and currently on exchange at Melbourne Business School. He grew up in Switzerland where he obtained a masters degree in mechanical engineering with a focus on lightweight constructions. During his employment with Oerlikon Jens worked for 5 years as a project manager for space applications serving customers like ESA NASA and BMW establishing and improving the manufacturing process for high-end high-tech products made from carbon glass fibers for space applications. After his promotion to process manager he was responsible for achieving higher process demands in the space industry. He came up with an idea on how to manufacture carbon / glass fiber products more efficiently flexible and less costly and has turned this idea into success during the MBA program with two successful articulations in business plan contest and pitches to venture capitalists and business angels. In his spare time Jens has crossed the Himalayas by mountain bike. As a snow-and kite boarding instructor he has travelled all over the world for the best spots. Speaking five different languages has helped him to overcome language and culture barriers during his travels.

## Foong Hoh Yun



Foong was brought up in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia and graduated from Monash University (Malaysian Campus) in 2005 with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree (Electrical Computer Systems). During his undergraduate days he spent a year in the Clayton campus. After graduation he worked briefly for Diamond Key International (an oil and gas company) before joining a financial advisory firm and continuing his studies in RMIT pursuing Masters degree in Engineering (Network Systems). Foong likes to watch movies and is passionate about fitness. He has been practicing and teaching Goju-Ryu style Karate for many years. He has been to Melbourne many times and he loves living here.



**- TWILIGHT LECTURE SERIES -**

**Mr Michael Thurston**



Ira has made much progress since the years of unremitting violence and turmoil after the US invasion to Saddam Hussein. The success of a recent US military surge a growing public disgust with the extremists election earlier this year whose outcome indicates a reference for political moderation evidence of reconstruction and other indicators of greater stability are all part of the new picture of Iraq now visible. Mr Thurston explained the changes under way and explored the outlook towards Iraq in the new US administration under President Obama.

Mr Thurston shared his personal insights into Iraq today including his experience in leading the Diyala South Embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team in Diyala province. He was in Diyala during a time of great upheaval and change for the people of the province and he spoke in detail about the role of the PRT how the teams are managed and the work the teams do on the ground with the people and community of Diyala.

Mr Thurston currently serves as the Consul-General in Melbourne. He is a 20 year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service and a graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle as well as the University of Washington School of Law.

**- LUNCHEONS SPEAKERS -**

**AUGUST**



Kenneth Park is Consultant Curator of Collections at Wesley College Melbourne and a freelance art curator presenter fund-raiser tour leader and writer. His strong professional interest in the arts and especially museums and places where history has happened along with a general interest in cultural and architectural history has resulted in a longstanding association with Australians Studying Abroad a tour company specialising in presenting cultural and educational tours all over the world. He lives by the motto that life is a grand tour so make the most of it and his passions are many and include travel food wine arts architecture history and the good life. Kenneth retains a great affection for the University of Melbourne graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Bachelor of Letters.

**SEPTEMBER**



Roscoe Howell spoke about the global initiative of slavery saying it is defined as one person owning and totally controlling another. That there are an estimated twenty million slaves in the world today is a staggering statistic. Research shows this number is made up of an estimated 2.4 million sex workers 15 million debt slaves where a debt can continue through four generations child soldiers and forced labour where people are made to work on the land or factories. Roscoe is passionately committed to the abolition of this injustice and to restoring the dignity of all people. He noted the many agencies focussed on this goal and invited members who were moved by the light of the people shown in his slides to participate in what is a global coalition to end sex trafficking and lead governments to action.

**OCTOBER**



Professor Gardner has had a prominent career as an academic and has served in executive positions with several Universities. Margaret Gardner is challenged but excited by the new initiatives introduced by both the Federal and State Governments. Issues such as accreditation and quality of programs have her attention as well as access for indigenous students and those in rural and regional areas. Questions include whether there is a need for additional universities and if there is a danger the expansion could in fact dilute the quality of courses. How to attract those for whom education has always been out of reach and whether reaching out to secondary students is desirable is another issue. Victoria with its dual sector universities providing a plethora of courses from certificates to PhDs will be most affected by the current Government expansion initiatives. There are so many challenges and questions. It will take clear heads and the cooperation between the various educational institutions to sort out the solutions.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE AGM**

At the Annual Meeting in May our President the Honourable John Cain undertook to have all questions raised at the meeting resolved. The six questions were considered at the August meeting our Council and a submission prepared with the following recommendations.

Council agreed unanimously to accept these recommendations as follows:

1. Affirmed that canvassing support for those nominated in Council elections is a private matter for individuals concerned and Council has no capacity to intervene in such matters.
2. Affirmed that strategies are being investigated to improve communication with members in all areas of operation.
3. Affirmed initiatives in place to encourage new graduates to become members including one year's free membership for all new graduates of the University of Melbourne.
4. Affirmed inclusion of evening functions in the calendar for the coming year.
5. Affirmed that a Letters to the Editor page in The Melbourne Graduate is available for members ideas and feedback.
6. Affirmed the investigation of strategies to improve the newsletter and new marketing initiatives including the purchase of a colour printer.



# Miss Stella Mary Langford

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'A short history of The Graduate Union of The University of Melbourne' and is as follows: "the first year chosen was, in fact, an entire decade – that of the 1920s. On this occasion, a graduate named Stella Langford was so impressed with the aims and ideals of the Graduate Union that she took Bill Berry (the first Secretary-Warden) aside and confided that she intended to make provision for the Graduate Union in her Will" the second story is that "Stella was passing Graduate House one very rainy day and was drenched. The Warden took her in, dried her off, gave her a cup of tea and an umbrella before sending her on her way again. She was so impressed by the kindness shown to her that she made provision for the Graduate Union in her Will which was used in the purchase of the three terraces named for her". It probably doesn't matter which is the real reason why she made such a wonderful and generous gift, to make learning and study easier for all who undertake to follow the path of knowledge.

Stella Mary Langford we all owe you a huge debt of gratitude – you were truly a woman of beneficence!

Francesca Folk-Scolaro, August 2009

# SALAYA PAVILION – THAILAND

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training covers various menus and unique recipes which clients may request. Along with the appropriate lectures, the various meals are served and attendees are given information with each course, until at the conclusion of the meal the napkin left unfolded on the side of the dinner plate. As well as learning table manners, students in the cooking class share the food they have prepared and cooked with their classmates and the executive chef in a magnificent banquet room which only the Salaya Pavilion Hotel and Training Centre can offer.

Salaya Pavilion and Mahidol University have extended the following invitation to Graduate Union Members.

'For your next visitation at Salaya Pavilion Hotel and Training Center, please glance through our website at [www.salayapavilion.com](http://www.salayapavilion.com) or if Thailand is your next trip, we wish to invite you to our property at Mahidol University International College's building. Once the elevator takes you to the 6th floor, our young professional interns will be present to welcome you with their warm greeting of the Thai graceful "Wai" – Sawasdee'.



**CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR PERIOD  
 SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION RATE  
 FROM \$53.00 PER NIGHT (NO MEALS)  
 BETWEEN 19 DECEMBER 2009 AND  
 17 JANUARY 2010**



**Chef's PEAR & GINGER CHUTNEY**  
**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA**  
 Ideal gift at \$6.00 from reception

— Testimonial from James Mulholland —  
 An unsolicited culinary accolade and hearty appreciation to Chef Robert for his Pear & Ginger Chutney - YUM!  
 I purchased a jar last Friday & it is almost gone - a delicious accompaniment for roast pork (hot & cold) and I'm sure for almost anything with which one cares to team it. I'll try cheese next. Apart from personal enjoyment a few jars will solve a few Christmas gift problems. Congratulations Chef Robert on an all-round winner!

# Graduate House Research Scholarship



*The Chairman of The Graduate Union is pleased to announce  
a new initiative which will commence in 2010.*

A Graduate House Research Scholarship will be made available to long-term residents of Graduate House which will provide financial assistance to a resident who is engaged in a research project in their chosen field.

The Graduate House Research Scholarship will be presented at the dinner following the Annual General Meeting. The successful applicant will give a short presentation at the dinner about their research project.

It is anticipated that recipients of the Graduate House Research Scholarship will form a prestigious alumni into the future.

## *London Celebrity Chefs Reunion Dinner*

Bring together three talented chefs and a selection of fine wines in an elegant setting, and you have the London Celebrity Chefs Reunion Dinner.

Graduate Union members and their guests had a feast to remember when Chris Smith, James Rew and our own Robert Goodman prepared a selection of signature dishes from the London restaurants in which they had previously worked. We were introduced to their talents with drinks and tasty canapes, which gave us a hint of what was to come. The four courses, Terrine of Pork, King Fish Confit, Medallions of Eye Fillet Steak and Strawberry Mille Feuille were beautifully presented and tasted superb. The meal was complimented by the wines, which were selected to accompany each course. John Viard of Winefusion chatted to us about the nature and qualities of the wines and also entertained us with a mystery wine which turned out to be a Merlot. Martin Rule, our Catering and Conference Manager introduced each course and the mystery food, which was snails served on a spoon with the chef's own delicious Pear & Ginger Chutney

The dinner was a great success and those who had been involved in its presentation were warmly thanked. *Pru Sparks*



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## FROM THE HEAD OF COLLEGE

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All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible (gift under S20-25 of the ITAA 1997)



### THE GRADUATE UNION ANNUAL APPEAL

(Please select)

- Stella Langford Building Project
  - Dining Rights of Apartments (\$10,000 each) (8 left)
  - Dining Rights of Car Park Spaces (\$5,000 each)
- Building Fund - for the upkeep of the Graduate House Terraces
- Residents' Assistance Fund - to assist residents experiencing financial difficulties
- Residential Bursaries Scholarship Program

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