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NEWSLETTER

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Calendar for Early 2004 – update your Diary NOW! Friends and guests welcome.

Event	Date & Time	Venue
Committee Meeting	3 Feb. at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall, 188 Gatehouse Street, Parkville
Annual General Meeting & Election of 2004 Committee	2 March at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall

Season's Greetings to all in Parkville

I wish all of you and your families a happy, safe and healthy Christmas and New Year. We have lost a number of treasured friends during the year and to their families and to all who have lost loved ones a special message of love and understanding. And welcome to all newcomers to our community in 2003.

Thank you to the many who have again put in an enormous amount of thought, energy, skill and time into maintaining our unique and special community. The Association has made an important contribution to many Council and government decisions. Threats to our nationally recognised heritage precinct are still very real. We have had a good number of fun events – the winter warmer, spectacular music afternoons, the wine bottling etc. Many care about Parkville and for its community. Without each of us putting time into our local community it would not function. Please join, or renew your subscription to the Association for 2004 – a form for this is included in this Newsletter – and come along to some of our 2004 events.

A number of special events are planned for next year including an early meeting to hear about development plans for the Royal Women's and Children's Hospitals. I look forward to seeing you and hearing from you all in 2004. Have a great holiday break.

Tim Todhunter, *President.*

Parkville Treasures no. 6, by *Norah Killip*

Among the Parkville treasures are the people who established, settled, and lived in the three areas, and contributed to the history of Royal Park. (How pleasant it would be to go back to the old name for the district!)

George Hawkins Ievers (1845-1910) was the second son of William Ievers, the man who built the curious family home, half Gothic and half Victorian, at 510 Royal Parade. G.H. worked in the family firm of real estate agents and filled his father's seat on the council when William died. He was involved in everything, even becoming the first President of the Royal Park Golf Club in 1903.

He raised three statues, one to his father, a second for his brother William and the one best known to Parkvillians at the intersection of Gatehouse Street and The Avenue; this last was originally a drinking fountain. It is the butt of many a joke with the Ormond College students who hold a commemorative party each year called 'C'est moi' as this is a statue that he erected in memory of himself. Many streets and lanes are named after this family, and when the Gully Creek was covered over in the 1920's the area was called Ievers Reserve after Cr. G.H. Ievers. It is believed that they pronounced the name Evers without sounding the I.

[This material was taken from the article by Sylvia Morrissey in A.D.B. vol. 4, Melbourne, 1973.]

Vale David Ferber

When David arrived as American Vice-Consul in 1947 he could not have foreseen that he would spend almost 50 years of his life in Melbourne, the last 25 of them in Parkville, where he was both loved and respected, as evidenced by the numerous Parkvillians gathered at his funeral in late October.

David was a diplomat, a businessman, an exceptionally gifted teacher of languages and a skilled interpreter. He had a warm intelligence that enabled him to bring out the best in people. To be in David's company was to be in the best of company for he was gentle, kind, articulate, erudite and with a lively wit. He was a loyal and staunch supporter of the Parkville Association and he will be greatly missed in our community.

Our profound sympathy goes to Helen, and to Jenny and Sarah and family.

Tribute to Frank Strahan

Frank was Melbourne University's first archivist, a position he filled with distinction from 1960 – 1995. A Parkvillian for a time – he lived in Story Street – Frank contributed significantly to the Parkville Association. He fostered respect and commitment to preservation of archival material. His professional advice to the Association and his encouragement and assistance with conservation and, indeed, with storage has been of great value over many years. Frank died on 18/11/03; we acknowledge his legacy to our community with gratitude.

A Message from Margaret Dean

My family and I would like to thank everyone in Parkville for the wonderful support we received during the period of Stan's illness and death. The many messages of sympathy and practical help

surely confirm Stan's vision of Parkville as a caring community.

Happy Birthday, Marj

Congratulations and best wishes to Marj Horne on her approaching 95th birthday on 12/12/03. Marj has been a great contributor to the Association over the years, including sterling service over an extended period of time as Treasurer.

Website Up!

Due to the expertise and energy of local resident Ed Carter (of *Reality Design*), the Parkville Association website is now up. Final touches are being made, but the website is available to access and feedback is welcome through the email link on the website at <http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au>. Many thanks to Ed and to *Reality Design*, who have offered free hosting.

Christmas Church Services for Parkville

Anglican (The Canterbury Fellowship, Trinity College Chapel, Royal Parade)
Wed 24 Dec at 11.00 p.m. Carols sung by the Choir, followed by Procession & Choral Eucharist at 11.45 p.m.

Catholic (St. Carthage's, 123 Royal Parade)
Wed 24 Dec at 6.30 p.m. Family Mass (children are invited to come as a person from the Christmas Story); 8.00 p.m. & 9.30 p.m. – Candlelight Mass with Carols & Music; 11.15 p.m. Carols followed by Midnight Mass.
Thurs 25 Dec Christmas Day Mass at 10.00 a.m.

Uniting Church (Union Memorial Church, 55 Curzon St, North Melbourne)
Sun 21 Dec at 10.00 a.m. Service of Carols & Lessons.
Thurs 25 Dec at 9.30 a.m. Christmas Service with Eucharist.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All who live or work in Parkville are welcome to join the Association. Memberships are for the calendar year January – December 2004. If you would like to join the Association, or renew your membership, please use the form below. Please be sure to include your email address, as this facilitates contact.

MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

Name:	Phone:
Address:	Email:
Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> or New Member <input type="checkbox"/> (please tick)	
Annual membership – Individual \$15 Concession \$7.50	Family \$35
Life membership – Individual \$150	
And/or donation for Heritage Fund \$..... and/or General Fund \$.....	
Total amount enclosed \$.....	
<i>Cheques should be made payable to The Parkville Association Inc.</i>	

Send form and payment to The Treasurer, Parkville Association, PO Box 54, Parkville 3052.