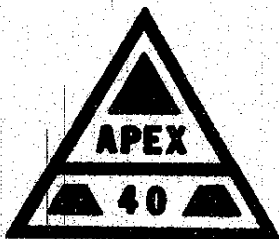


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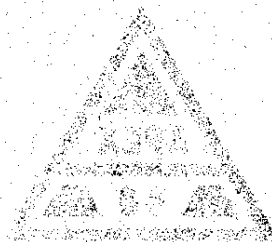
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BY JAMES EARL RAY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

~~I expect that most of our branches have seen a new face or two at their recent meetings from those recently cast out of Apex in their dotage. May I extend a big Apex 40 welcome to all new members and hope that you continue to enjoy the opportunity to meet with your old Apex friends - and to make many new friendships.~~

Some weeks ago we had the pleasure to welcome to Melbourne, Ray Northcott, National Vice-President of 41 Clubs of New Zealand - our fellow organisation for ex-Round Tablers in that Country. Ray, an Agricultural Engineer from Nelson, was in Australia to attend a professional conference in Queensland, and to visit his daughter, who is a nurse at the Royal Women's Hospital, in Melbourne. Ray's daughter, Raylene, allowed him to slip out and meet a few Apex 40 fellows on a couple of occasions, the highlight of which was a very enjoyable dinner at the Air Force Club - thanks to host Alan Flaherty. Some notes about 41 Clubs of New Zealand appear elsewhere in this newsletter, and include an invitation to Apex 40 members to participate in a town of U.K. and Europe in 1980. Ray, would be pleased to see any Apex 40 members visiting New Zealand - I can let you have his address if you are going over that way.

Planning for the 1979 Rort is well underway, and it looks like the Launcestonians are preparing to put on a tremendous show. A report from Launceston Secretary, Barry Baldwin, is featured in this issue, and you will no doubt agree that it makes very inviting reading. The Launceston Members are doing their part - all it needs now is for us to support them with a good attendance. You will be guaranteed a great weekend -- ask anyone who has attended an earlier Rort! And remember - "Rorting will be divine in '79". See you there!

In the meantime, I would like branches to give consideration to offering to host the 1980 Rort. As usual, selection of a venue for the following year's gathering will be the most significant item of business to be conducted at Launceston. So how about it? Who will provide the opportunity to get matey - in 1980?

We haven't had any new branches formed since the last issue, but as Extension Chairman Lionel's report shows, we have a number of potential branches interested.

Maryborough (Q'land) branch has asked if anything is being done about lapel badges and dinner badges. Well, the question of dinner badges was, I believe, ceremoniously buried at the Devonport Rort in 1977. It was generally agreed that this could be left to individual branches to organise their own if they so desired. The matter of lapel badges was investigated sometime ago, but not pursued as there did not seem to be a great interest in the idea. My interest was rekindled recently by seeing Ray Northcott wearing his 41 Clubs lapel badge. We would like to have the views of the various branches on this matter, so if you are interested please let us know.

Secretary/Treasurer - Geoff Angus has been doing a bit of travelling since taking office, a trip to England and a caravan holiday to Queensland. Glad to see there is still some money in the bank!

My best regards to all members, and I look forward to meeting many of you at Launceston in March.

ALAN KINDER.

MAKE RORTING DIVINE IN '79

LAUNCESTON,

MARCH 9th - 12th.

SEE YOU THERE
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APEX 40 EXTENSION REPORT

Since the last edition of "Roaring Forties" we have distributed an article about Apex 40 to all Apex Club dinner notice editors with Secretary Geoff's address for inquiries.

The response has been 66 2/3% favourable so far.

To bring that back into perspective, what we had was three letters back - two from people interested in forming Apex 40 Branches, and one from an Apex Club who wished to be numbered among those who object to our name. No prizes for guessing the Zone.

One reply came from Life-Member, Doug O'Connor of Ipswich, Queensland, and we wish Doug well in his intention to form a branch in that area.

The other interested reply came from Altona, and President Alan and myself will be speaking at a dinner there in November.

BENDIGO -

President Alan was the speaker at a special dinner called by the Bendigo Apex Club recently, and is hopeful that an "Oldies" club will result from that evening. Among the interested people there is Graeme (Graham?) Elvie who many of us remember as a heavyweight in Zone 7 affairs a few years back.

Also in Bendigo, I had the pleasure recently of renewing contact with Ken Medlin who was a staunch member of Kurrumburra Club some years ago. Ken is Manager of the Bendigo Telecom District nowadays, and has just become a member of Rotary which he says is nothing like Apex.

Talking Telecom for a moment, and we find a few more Apex contacts - Personnel and Industrial Relations expert is Brian Skelley, and Peter Egan is part of the Public Relations set-up.

FACs of Life -

On a visit to Warracknabeal - way out West, recently, I discovered a thriving FACs. This stands for Former Apexians Club - a simple name we didn't think of during the "troubles".

I have written inviting them to join us - particularly in our Rorting Activities. It seems they meet for fellowship monthly, and are highly regarded by the local Apexians. They could topple Ernie from his perch in exploits! It appears they were returning from service work at bushfires some time ago on a several-can bus trip, when a need for relief was felt. One member decided to drop his strides for the event only to be lifted bodily by his "friends" and deposited, bum-first, into a wayside litter bin where he became completely wedged and helpless - whether relieved or not - I didn't find out.

FUTURE -

The dinner notice article could continue stirring up interest for some time to come, and we hope a number of new branches will be formed as a result. Rort news appears elsewhere in this edition, but I do hope some of our non-participating branches will decide to join us this coming year in a beautiful weekend of fun and fellowship.

If you know of any prospective branches let us know so we can offer our assistance - it's a while since President Alan and I had an excuse for a trip away together.

Lionel Mussell - Extension
Chairman.

APEX 40 RORT - LAUNCESTON.FRIDAY 9TH - MONDAY 12TH MARCH, 1979.

Planning is proceeding on arrangements for the next Rort to be held in Launceston. The following is a "sneak" preview of arrangements for the information and enticement of all intending Rorters.

CROYDON WAS GREAT IN '78, but LAUNCESTON WILL BE DIVINE IN '79.

- * A package deal is being arranged with Ansett for air fares Melbourne-Launceston, departing Friday 9th March, returning Monday 12th March (Labour Day, Vic.) and accommodation at the beautiful Colonial Motor Inn and North Lodge. Total Cost - \$112. (Breakfasts will be additional cost at - \$3.00 in the dining room or \$3.80 served in the Unit).
- * Buffet supper for Rorters on Friday evening at the Colonial - Cost \$2.50.
- * Saturday, visit to historical Entally House followed by luncheon in the famous Gorge cliff grounds where we will linger during the afternoon for the traditional Rorty 'Business' Session. (We promise no ducks or dogs to distract conventioners, - peacocks yes, but ducks or dogs, no!)
- * Saturday evening - Big Wing-Ding for letting down of hair. Will probably be held at the new and very authentic Tudor Inn. Cost - around \$14, which will include a guest artist or maybe two.
- * Sunday - (Arthur says "Tire 'em out"), so a bus trip is proposed to the rich farming district of Scottsdale and the fishing resort of Bridport via the beautiful Forestry Commission picnic spot of Holly Bank where a morning tea will be taken of crumpets and champagne, after which we will proceed to Scottsdale where the other half of the Launceston Club will provide a BBQ. Thence onto Bridport and return to Launceston via Batman Bridge (cost - unavailable at present).
- * For those left standing - a Smorgasbord tea will be available at the Colonial on Sunday evening - Cost \$5 - \$8.
- * Monday will be a free day, but some suggestions are that Rorters take advantage of the opportunity to wander through the unique Malls of Launceston or take a cruise on the Tamar in the Goondooloo. These matters can be arranged after your arrival.

That is briefly the outline of arrangements as they are at present. Very shortly these plans will be confirmed and a registration form, including full costs, will be prepared and distributed to branches. Intending Rorters might note that Registrations will need to be in by the end of January so that we can make this the Rort you will never forget. So don't be disappointed, plan and save now and register early for the "Launceston Experience".

In continuing fellowship,

- BARRY BALDWIN -
Secretary - Launceston Branch.

SEE YOU THERE, DON'T MISS OUT, REGISTER EARLY

LAUNCESTON, MARCH 9TH - 12TH.

MAKE RORTING DIVINE IN '79

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF 41 CLUBS
OF NEW ZEALAND.
(ex Roundtablers)

The following are a selection of extracts from recent publications of 41 Clubs of New Zealand. It is quite obvious that there is a lot of similarity about our organisations, such as the present number of branches, members at large, annual reunion (Rort) with minimum time spent on business. (President Alan says that no-one has presented him with a jewel yet, but it is rumoured he has been furiously writing letters to South Africa!)

"Forty One Clubs are small in number at present, however this is common throughout the World. Only in the last two years has the 41 International Association been set up, after interest flourished outside the United Kingdom.

We have now reached the required numbers to be officially recognised as an Association, an application to this effect has been lodged with the President of International 41 and it is now only a matter of time before this becomes effective.

We were also accepted as the official 41 Association of N.Z at the last R.T.N.Z. Conference.

We have come a long way from the three Clubs who met in Ashburton a year ago, to date we have eight Clubs and one associate Club. I believe it will not be too long before we have a network of Clubs up and down the country.

I believe our biggest problem at the moment is the areas that have only one or more prospective members, this not being enough to form a Club. I believe we should make these people members of our Central Association until they have sufficient numbers to form a Club in their own area."

"The first 41'ers Reunion was held in Motueka on Queens Birthday weekend. It was a great success and a forerunner of many more. (Remember it will be Lower Hutt next year). Fellowship was well to the fore with the business session taking up only two hours.

We now have eight Clubs operating throughout New Zealand, also we now have "Members at Large", to cover the areas where only one or two ex Tablers are at present until such times as they can form a Club.

National Levy was set at \$1.00 per head to be used for extension postage, bulletins, etc. - not travel.

41 Badges will shortly be available.

South Africa 41 Association presented our Association with a President's Jewel for which we are very grateful. Hence the change in the title for National Officers.

Remember to belong to 41 is unique - it is probably one of the few Club's in the world that require you to be a member of another Club as its membership requirement"

Your National Officers for the year 1978-79:

National President
National Vice-President
National Secretary
National Treasurer

Allen Young (Ashburton)
Ray Northcott (Nelson)
John Goldingham (Lower Hutt)
George Spencer (Ashburton)

INTER-NATION FELLOWSHIP

"There is no doubt in my mind that 41'ers are very inter-nationally minded.

Six months ago we advised members of a proposed tour covering the Glasgow Convention in 1980, plus a tour of the United Kingdom and Europe lasting approximately 35 days. Estimated cost \$1500-\$1600. This trip includes two days in Los Angeles and Hong Kong, 15 days in United Kingdom and 16 days in Europe. You may of course stay as little as 21 days or as long as 180 days if you so wish. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for billeting.

To date nearly 90 have shown interest. We may now need to plan for two tours. If you are interested please let us know.

All replies from the United Kingdom have expressed a warm welcome to us.

Deposits will be called for in April 1979, and we are going to offer a members savings plan or deposit plan through our travel agents. There will be two methods - \$200 per person lump sum or \$10 per fortnight bank order. It may be possible to have the interest exempt from tax.

This tour is open to all 41 Club Members and Round Tablers who will be 40 in 1980."

On his visit to Melbourne, Ray Northcott spoke of the tour proposed in 1980 and suggested that members of Apex 40 would be welcome to participate if numbers allowed. At this time it is not known if the town is designed to fit in with a WOCO Conference or a 41 International gathering or what. We will follow this up and, if any Apex 40 members are interested, they could contact Secretary Geoff.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Affiliation Fees - have been received from the following branches:

- Shepparton
- Launceston
- Melbourne-Gippsland
- Devonport
- Maryborough.

It would be greatly appreciated if other branches would forward their \$20. soon.

The current bank balance (18/10/78) stands at - \$257.78.

Following Extension Chairman Lionel Mussell's circular to Apex Clubs, a number of responses from Apexians and past Apexians have been received. Each is being followed up, and it is hoped that before long we will see an increase in the number of affiliated branches.

Geoff Angus.

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RORTY T-SHIRTS -

It has been the practice at past Rorts for the Host Branch to design a logo and to arrange for it to be stencilled onto Rorters T-Shirts for a modest cost.

Following problems in the past with timing, disintegration of stencil, etc., the Launceston people wish to arrange to have the T.Shirts stencilled prior to the Rort - an excellent idea. This will require intending Rorters to send their shirts over to Launceston a few weeks beforehand, say by mid-February, then they can be ready for us when we arrive. (Don't forget to attach some identification.)

As Jenny Littler found to her dismay at Croydon, red doesn't show up too well on red, so to avoid further disappointments we will indicate the colour for the logo on the Registration forms, and we can get T-Shirts of a suitable colour.

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1978 - 1979.

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MEMBERSHIP OF APEX 40 IS OPEN TO-

Ex-Apexians, Ex-World Councillors, who retired at the normal retiring age.

Apexians elected to Life Office

Other Ex-Apexians, Ex-World Councillors, as approved by the Apex 40 Committee.

Wives (Widows) of eligible members.

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** AROUND THE BRANCHES **BRISBANE - GROUPEX

Not much happening todate re the formation of an Apex 40 Branch in Brisbane.

Dave Ross, Chairman of Groupex, (a group of ex Apexians in the Brisbane Area) has in mind to call a meeting in the near future; Ex-apexians interested in forming an Apex 40 Branch should contact Peter Dawson at 29 Kilsby Street, The Gap, Brisbane (Phone: 30.2770)

DEVONPORT APEX 40

18 Members met at the Nibble & Stir Restaurant Four Ways and enjoyed a 3 course dinner. The idea of a different venue each month has really caught on and we are fast becoming an authority on where to eat out! Nice to see Sam and Judy Brown (ex Latrobe and Devonport) renewing old acquaintances.

Deloraine Trip - The President reported that 19 members from Devonport and 12 from Launceston met for dinner at the Mountain View Motel, Deloraine on Thursday 31st August and enjoyed themselves so much that it was unanimously agreed to meet again at the same venue early next year - (Friday 23rd February has been suggested).

West Coast Trip - 17th - 18th November, Strahan. This will involve a two night stay in a motel or caravan. 30 seats have been booked for the boat trip on the Gordon River on Saturday.

Christmas Function - The Venue for this function has not been settled, but we expect to have this meeting in mid-December.

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LAUNCESTON APEX 40

Please refer to the outline of the 1979 Apex 40 Rort given earlier.

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MARYBOROUGH BRANCH (Qld.)

Since last writing re the Maryborough Branch of Apex 40, we have had a few very successful dinners.

In May we travelled to Hervey Bay to enjoy a Chinese Meal and ended up having an impromptu meeting afterwards at the Sportsman's Club where hasty arrangements for a Progressive Dinner to take place in July had been made, all within a matter of seconds.

MARYBOROUGH BRANCH (Qld.) cont.

This dinner was extremely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The three hosts for the evening, Noeleen Oldershaw, Daphne Neil (assisted by Pat Madders) and Joy Graham are certainly to be congratulated. Everyone is looking forward to a repeat performance next year.

On the 25th August we had a Handover Dinner at William House which was attended by visitors from Maryborough Apex Club, Wide Bay Apex Club, and Hervey Bay Apex Club as well as extending a welcome to Terry and Marion Zillman (Ex-Maryborough Club); Les and Jan Woods (Ex-Maryborough Club) now both Committee members of Apex 40 and David and Ann Praed (ex-Maryborough Apex 40 Club - now residing in Bundaberg - country members) and John and Glenda Shaw (ex-Bundaberg Club Members - now residing Hervey Bay - also became country members). Merv Kidd travelled from Rockhampton to attend the function and has promised we shall still see quite a lot of him at our socials and dinners.

Membership now stands at 25 with 4 country members.

George Oldershaw was elected President and his long speech after taking office (fully 2 seconds flat) assured our continued energy for dancing until midnight. Bev Hodges is still Secretary, Eric Sherwin Treasurer, Brian Hodges, Past President and Vice President, Committee Members - Clive Kehl, Herb Neil, Terry Zillman, Lew Woods and Des Graham.

Our next Social will be a trip to Bundaberg to David and Ann Praed's residence on 8th October - dinner B.B.Q. This should be a very "Relaxing" day as David has a cricket pitch right next door and the women can relax watching the men wear themselves out.

The Club was invited to attend the Hervey Bay Apex Club's Handover Dinner, and approximately 10 members were present. It is enjoyable to the members to be invited en masse to an Apex function as not all Apex 40 members are Life Members, and have very little opportunity of attending Apex Dinners again.

It was indeed lovely to welcome to Maryborough on an unexpected visit, Lionel Mussell and Vi. We thoroughly enjoyed having this unexpected pleasure but unfortunately, the majority of our members were otherwise engaged, when rung, to attend a hasty social evening to renew fellowship. Even the Hodges' dog bid him a welcome return.

We still have a further dinner and social coming up before the end of the year. Our dinner will be the 18th November at the Picadilly Restaurant, and our Social (depending on tides, etc.) shall be a picnic/fishing trip to Round Island early November.

CONTACT: Bev Hodges,
59 Creek Road,
Maryborough (Qld) 4650

MELBOURNE & GIPPSLAND APEX 40Notes on Activities

Annual Birthday Bar-B-Q. at Lionel & Vi Mussell's home was a great day. Much liquid refreshment and the singing of the Rort Song had to be heard to be believed. For further entertainment Vi Mussell on spoons, Lionel on Trumpet and Alan Kinder on Drums - Stereo noise.

We have planned a Bingo Night to raise funds for the Seeing Eye Dog Appeal. Our Christmas Family Day at the Baron of Beef is booked out with 80 members to attend.

Club elections held at our October meeting - resulted in Owen Ballinger being elected President, and Lorraine Burgess Secretary.

Dinner meetings continue to be held every two months at varying venues. The fine sessions have proved to be good revenue earners.

MELBOURNE & GIPPSLAND APEX 40 (cont.)

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NUNAWADING APEX 40 CLUB

Membership remains at 41 Members, and by monthly meetings are very well attended.

Meetings have been a Mexican Night, a visit to a well known Vaudeville Floor Show (Tiki & Johns), Chinese Night etc.

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ORBOST

Joe Tanner took Maree and son Jeffrey off to England and Europe for a couple of months to escape the southern winter and hasn't found time to organise a meeting since his return.

Next Meeting will probably be a pre-Christmas Dinner.

NO NEWS - received from Shepparton or Woollongong. Would like to hear from you for the next issue of "Roaring 40's".

Would be great to see contingents from ALL Branches at the Launceston Roaring Rort - Friday 9th to Monday 12th March, 1979.

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