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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial data and for providing a clear audit trail.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. These methods include direct observation, interviews, and the use of specialized software tools.

3. The third part of the document describes the results of the data collection and analysis. It shows that there are significant differences in the way that different groups of people interact with the system.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the implications of these findings for the design and implementation of the system. It suggests that the system should be designed to be more user-friendly and to provide more support for the different types of users.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and a list of recommendations for future research. It suggests that further research should be done to explore the reasons for the differences in user behavior and to develop more effective ways of supporting users.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time of year when some fellows are retired from that youthful organisation - what's its name? Oh yes, Apex. The opportunity is here for us to look up those recently 'aged' people in our locality and welcome them to join us in continuing fellowship. We know that they will appreciate it, don't we!

I had the pleasure, recently, to meet and have a chat with the current National President of Apex Australia, Ian Main. I am pleased to report that Ian is in favour of Apex 40, even to the extent of agreeing that if a large number of ex Apexians wish to continue to enjoy each other's company and retain valuable friendships, which are attributable to their past connection in Apex, then there should be no real objection to their using the name Apex 40. Ian was keen to point out, however, that this is a personal view which he is aware is shared by some but not by others, and should not be regarded as an official view of his Association.

It seems the old perennial, about extending the retiring age in Apex to 45, is getting an airing again. I suggested to Ian that if it ever did come about (regrettably, in my opinion) we wouldn't really mind changing our name to Apex 45 - doesn't roll off the tongue too well does it - but we would send Apex a bill for the cost of new stationary.

A few years ago we tried, without success, to have an article about the existence and activities of Apex 40 published in The Apexian. Ian Main has indicated that he would support a request to have an article published now so we have prepared one and sent it on with hopes for success this time. Hopefully the message will get to ex-Apexians in areas where Apex 40 is not yet established, perhaps on the initiative of the local Apex club as was the case at Bendigo and Altona (where we are still awaiting further progress). We are also hopeful that more existing past-Apexians groups will be encouraged to affiliate with us, like Shepparton Oasis and Warracknabeal FAC.

A copy of the article sent for publication in The Apexian is printed in this issue.

As a result of requests in earlier issues, some branches are regularly sending copies of newsletters/meeting notices to Secretary Geoff. Thanks to those who have - they are certainly a help in preparing this publication - and please keep up the good work. To those who haven't sent copies in, how about the next, and the next, etc.

The Bendigo Rort is a long way off, but not so far that we shouldn't be thinking about making arrangements to attend. Some notes on planning underway at Bendigo are included in this issue.

ALAN KINDER.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of Apex 40 is open to:

- . Ex-Apexians, ex-World Councillors who retired at age 40.
- . Apexians elected to Life Office.
- . Other ex-Apexians, ex-World Councillors approved by Apex 40 Committee.
- . Wives of eligible members.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

We are in the process of up-dating our list of Branch Presidents and Secretaries. Ideally we would like the following information - names, addresses and phone numbers. If the information given in the section "Around the Branches" is incorrect or incomplete, I would appreciate Branch Secretaries letting me have appropriate details.

Affiliation fees for 1979/80 have been received from the following Branches:

Bendigo Apex 40	Orbost Apex 40
Devonport Apex 40	Warracknabeal F.A.C.
Launceston Apex 40	

Some well known Branches are missing from this list and I would dearly love to add them to it - which I will gladly do if they forward their \$20 per Branch affiliation fee.

Geoff Angus

EXTENSION - LIONEL MUSSELL

As President Alan has mentioned, we expect to have an article about Apex 40 published in The Apexian with the blessing of the Apex National President, Ian Main.

We are certain there are many former Apexians on the mailing list for the magazine who will be interested in our organisation and some who will want to start a branch in their own area.

This is a break-through for us and we are indebted to Ian Main for his co-operation and encouragement. Ian hails from Launceston and is aware of our activities through the Launceston Apex 40 branch.

The article submitted to the Apexian is reproduced here for your interest.

OLD APEXIAN'S NEVER DIE - THEY SIMPLY RORT AWAY

On reaching 40, and retirement, it is all too easy to lose track of those great friendships that developed in Apex.

Apex 40 seeks to ensure that this won't happen - it is an organisation of former Apexians dedicated to keeping alive the Apex Ideal of enduring friendships.

Formed at Mornington, Victoria, by a group of former Zone 12 Apexians and their wives in 1973, Apex 40 - or to give it the formal title "The Council of Affiliated Past Apexians Groups" - has grown so that there are now Branches in many areas of Australia. Some are called Apex 40 - others use a variety of names like OASIS, FAC, (Former Apexians Club), etc.

Branches subscribe to a simple constitution and are completely autonomous in operation. Most have dinner meetings at monthly or two-monthly intervals, and other social activities, but don't demand total commitment from members. Members of Branches are usually drawn from retired Apexians and wives from a number of clubs in the area, although for geographical or other reasons some Branches are oriented to one Apex Club. The key-note is fellowship with a minimum of organisation or direction. This is not another service club.

### Annual "Rort"

Each year a "RORT" is held at which "Rorters" from far and wide get together for fun and fellowship over a long weekend. The term "Rort" seems to describe the weekend's activities better than 'convention' or 'conference' and it is the highlight of the year.

The First Annual "Rort" was held in 1976 and since then Rorts have been held each year, the last at Launceston (Tas) in March this year. Next year's gathering will be at Bendigo (Vic) on Anzac weekend - 25th to 27th April.

### Equality for Wives at Last

Right from inception, Apex 40 has welcomed wives as members and this has been a strong point in the operation of Branches. No creeping home late from meetings and hoping no-one wakes up - now she comes too and you both creep home together. Seriously though, families sacrificed quite a bit to enable husbands and fathers to participate fully in Apex, and Apex 40 sees itself as a family-oriented organisation where everyone can have enjoyment together.

### National Body

Although Apex 40 has a National Co-Ordinating Committee to distribute the newsletter "Roaring Forties" and to organise Rorts and the so-called Annual General Meeting (one hour is a long AGM), its role is low-key. Encouragement of new Branches is one of its functions and this is something they would like to see increase.

### Warm Welcome

A number of clubs for former members exist which are not affiliated with Apex 40 - many have probably not yet heard of the organisation. A modest affiliation fee of \$20 a year, which covers postage and printing costs, is all that is needed for a club to become a Branch of Apex 40. (For a Branch with forty members that works out at a per capita contribution of fifty cents a year - Apexians eat your hearts out). A warm welcome awaits new members and Branches.

For information about affiliation, or starting a new Branch, write to Geoff Angus, Secretary, Apex 40, 1 Denman Street, MITCHAM VIC 3132

### Rorty Riddles

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- Q. Who was Alexander Graham Polowski?  
 A. The first telephone pole.
- Q. What is an inuendo?            A. An Italian suppository.

The oldest man in the community was addressing a youth gathering. "I have never taken a strong drink in my life," he told them. "I have never smoked a cigarette. I have never stayed out of bed after ten o'clock, never eaten more than I should have, never looked at any woman but my wife. And do you know what? Tomorrow I'll celebrate my ninety - fifth birthday." There was a pause, then a voice from the back asked: "How?".

41 CLUB VISIT

During a quick working visit to the U.K. last month, National Secretary/Treasurer Geoff Angus attended a dinner meeting of Sittingbourne 41 Club. Geoff, a past member of Sale, Warracknabeal, Croydon and Nunawading Apex Clubs, went to the U.K. on an extended working tour and joined Sittingbourne Round Table from which he retired in 1976 and joined the old boys in the 41 Club until he returned home.

Greetings from Apex 40 were passed on to Sittingbourne, who in turn were pleased to hear of Apex 40 activities. Not that they hadn't heard of us - in fact they had received copies of our "Roaring 40's" and a bib from the 1978 Croydon Rort. Geoff was even told that at an earlier meeting they had one of their members sing the 'Rort' song printed on the bib.

How did they obtain these marvellous items of Apex 40? A member of Sittingbourne Round Table visited Geoff earlier this year and was given these items to take back to Sittingbourne 41 Club. Just goes to show how the word on Apex 40 can spread.

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GOLDEN RORT - BENDIGO 1980

Planning is under way for the 1980 Rort at Bendigo, the Golden City. Two motels have been booked in a convenient location on the edge of the city centre.

An organising Committee has been formed within the Bendigo Apex 40 branch and will be getting down to serious business at its first meeting on Sunday 12 August. (The Committee has been requested to give special attention to a 'crumpets and champagne' session).

We will be giving a detailed report on arrangements in the next issue of Roaring 40's. In the meantime, all Apex 40 members are invited to start planning to attend the Golden Rort - let's get matey in 1980. Remember the date, Anzac weekend - Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 April, 1980.

\*\*\*\*\* AROUND THE BRANCHES \*\*\*\*\*

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Our June Meeting was a social evening and was held at the Bendigo Club. Members present enjoyed a Theatre Restaurant Star Night featuring "Plinges Famous Music Hall". It was a great night.

The July meeting was a business meeting and was held at the home of Graeme and Bonnie Elvey at Marong. At this meeting a Committee was formed to handle the 1980 Rort, to be held in Bendigo on Thursday 24 - Sunday 27 April 1980 (Anzac Weekend).



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It's been good at the last couple of dinners to welcome new members. One July dinner at the Dandenong Club was as usual a rip-roaring success. National President Alan Kinder made a representation to Ern Butler of the "Wizzy" Trophy, now suitably inscribed. Should look great on the mantlepiece of your new home, Ern! Alan Robertson (a new member) made quite a sale of "peter" heaters at the dinner. Just the thing to keep the old fellow warm this cold weather - and in your favourite footy-team colours too.

In June we had a very enjoyable Barbeque at the home of Lorna and Owen Ballinger, thank you both for a beaut day.

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LAUNCESTON APEX 40

President: John Beckett      Secretary: Peter Swifte

Members feel pretty satisfied with the enthusiastic involvement of all Rorters demonstrated in Launceston last March, and certainly enjoyed having you all there.

A weekend is planned at the Cradle Mountain Chalet in June (Barry Baldwin thinks!) - the idea is to see what it is really like to live in the snow. Looks like a great outing for the kids (especially the big ones).

After several years we have decided to give Arthur Boyce and Barry Baldwin a rest and have elected a new President and Secretary.

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NUNAWADING APEX 40

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The last meeting was combined with Nunawading Apex Club when they conducted their Casino Night. Lots of money - but who actually won by the end of the night? Members are keeping quiet about their prowess as gamblers

New members to join our ranks are Janet and Brian Irvine, Glenys and Barry Woolfe and Glenys and Tony Court. Helen and John Rennie (ex D.G. from North Balwyn Apex) are very welcome as the first members from another Apex Club to join us.

Elections for President and Secretary are still planned but Jeff Mayne does such a good job for us that it's difficult to find a replacement.



\*\* ROARING 40's REVELATIONS \*\*

Don and Joyce Dick (Melb./Gipps.) have taken off again, headed this time for sunny Queensland. Apex 40 members in Brisbane and Maryborough are warned to look out for a retired vet. driving a Range Rover, accompanied by an anti-raffle campaigner. Don't start any demos. Joyce; Uncle Joh may be watching.

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Glenys Goodman (Launceston) had some questions to ask of Bill when she found a lady's bracelet under the seat of the car. Turned out to belong to Lynette Angus and was lost during the Rort.

If you are wondering what Lynette was doing in the back seat of Bill's car, you can ask Geoff. He claims he was there too!

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Ern Butler (Melb./Gipps.) is a world traveller of some repute. Recently Ern went on a cruise and was astounded to find all the toilets on board required a coin in the slot to open. After a couple of days and a few close shaves, Ern fronted the purser to complain. "A man can't always guarantee to have the right currency on him when he gets the call for an urgent whizzy", said Ern. "Why don't you leave the doors unlocked and ask the passengers to keep a tally of the number of calls they make; then they can settle up at the end of the voyage." The purser gave Ern a look of utter disdain, "Listen mate", he said. "This isn't the Pee and Owe line."

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Arthur (Bluey) Boyce was off on a trip around the countryside buying stock and stayed overnight at a back country pub. The next day Blue approached the licensee and complained that the out-door dunny was full of flies.

"When were you in it?" asked the publican.

"Oh, about eleven-thirty", said Blue. The licensee gave a knowing nod. "You should wait till about noon", he said.

"They're all in the dining room then."

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Alan Flaherty (Past President, Melb./Gipps.) was a good performer at Aussie Rules in his hey-day. During one of the wettest winters on record, Big Al found himself leading his team onto a ground which was an absolute quagmire. However, the result was vital to both sides finals' chances and it was agreed the match would go ahead. Al paddled over to the boundary for the toss, which he won, turned to his team and shouted, "We'll kick towards the shallow-end."

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Here's your chance, Branch Secretaries. How about letting us have some 'revelations' from your Branch. Nothing libellous of course.

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Heard about the new Irish watch? Guaranteed to last a life-time - when the mainspring breaks it slashes your wrist!

\*\*\*\*\* RORTY RECIPES - No. 2 \*\*\*\*\*

"NOLA'S NAUGHTY CHOCOLATE DROPS"

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup sugar
- 8 oz. melted, unsweetened chocolate
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup Kahlua coffee liqueur
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 1 1/2 cups chopped nuts (walnuts, pecans or almonds)
- 1 1/2 cups flour

DIRECTIONS:

Pre-heat oven to 350°  
 Cream together butter and sugar.  
 Add 2 eggs to mixture and blend until smooth.  
 Add 1 teaspoon vanilla.  
 Add 8 oz. melted unsweetened chocolate.  
 Sift flour, baking soda and salt and add to mixture.  
 Add Kahlua and brandy; then fold in the chopped nuts.  
 In teaspoon-sized amounts, drop onto greased paper and place in oven for 10 minutes at 350°.

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We have it on good authority that one of Count Dracula's victims, Miss Mina - who herself became a vampire - used these chocolate drops to entice young children. Successfully too - the children used to HOWLLL for more! (Alan says they're 'bloody' lovely)

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Have you a Rorty Recipe?  
 We will publish it, but accept no responsibility.

By the way, did you enjoy your Irish Cream?

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NEXT ISSUE - DEADLINE

Next issue of Roaring 40's will be published in November.

Please sent in Branch news, articles, gossip, anything of interest - by FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER.