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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our 1990 Rort draws closer and promises to be unique in that being overseas, it will give us a golden opportunity to both enjoy and experience international friendship and fellowship whilst learning more of the beauty and the culture of the Malaysian peoples and their country.

There should be at least 180 registrations from four countries participating and members from Kuala Lumpur have gone to great ends to ensure that we have a fantastic time. Lets take the opportunity to meet all of our hosts and strengthen the ties of friendship.

We have been formally requested to consider changing our badge and logo to that of Apex, the badge that we all served under. The reasons for this are printed in a letter from the National President in this issue. Please give this consideration at club level so it may be discussed at the Rort and a decision made.

A proposal will also be discussed to have our Roaring Forties printed and forwarded to all members thus keeping everyone involved in what is happening rather than relying on the club dinner notice (if they exist).

This last proposal will of course cost more and per capitas may need to be increased. Costings will be available at the Rort.

At the request of Apex, an article on the history of Apex 40 for publication in the Apexian has been prepared by Alan Kinder. A copy of this is also attached as it contains information that a lot of members may not be aware of.

Responses to letters sent overseas to Round Table 41 Associations continue to roll in and an account of these will be featured in our next issue.

It would appear that we are to be requested to join in with this international fellowship association and a possible discussion may also be voiced at the Rort. The proposed business session could well be a record at about 46 minutes and 27 seconds!

See you all at the Rort!

Kevin Huxham

P.S.

ROUND TABLE 41 NEW ZEALAND

We have received an invitation to participate in their National Convention in June, and if you are not attending our rort, or would like to attend both (their dates are 1st-4th.June) we have registration forms available.

Round Table of New Zealand have a couple attending our Rort in K.L.



APEX CLUBS OF AUSTRALIA

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20th April 1990

National President
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Dear Kevin

RE: APEX LOGO USE

Further to our previous discussions, I write now as a formal approach to Apex 40 with an offer to use the Apex Logo.

This is one step in a move to broaden the Membership of the groups we market under the Apex Logo. In short, what we are attempting to do, is to market all the following groups under the Apex Logo.

1. The Association of Summitt Clubs - we have approached them to change their name and logo
2. The Association of Apex Clubs - no change
3. The Association of Crest Clubs - who have agreed to adopt a name as approved by Apex's Administration and use of the Apex Logo on stationery and the like
4. Apex 40 - we are approaching now

Clearly the advantages are that when we market the Apex Logo to the community and sponsors etc, we can argue that we truly represent the broader community (ie) the young - male and female, and the Apex 40 age range, rather than just the 18-40 males as at present.

By the use of the Apex Logo at all levels, people have the opportunity to be involved with "Apex" and this can only help them as individuals,

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Apex as a group and the community.

If you need further information or wish to discuss this with me, please contact me on the above numbers.

Regards

IAIN EVANS

Admin

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE RORT:

FIRSTLY - Gentleman (?) , we have been requested by the K.L. Apex 40 Club to advise you that, although a jacket IS NOT MANDATORY FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT FUNCTION - MINIMUM STANDARD OF DRESS IS EXPECTED TO BE LONG SLEEVES AND A TIE.

LADIES: PLEASE DRESS TO MATCH THE OCCASION.

Also, remember to take care if you are taking out any new valuables - cameras, jewellery etc., that might attract duty when you return, then arrange to take the receipt (or get a written valuation). However, if you can't get either, you can get a form from customs at the departure point that will do , however customs advise that this can take some time, so allow for this if you have to.

NOW - DO NOT FORGET THAT EACH CLUB HAS TO PUT ON SOME TYPE OF ACT ON SATURDAY NIGHT. (This should'nt be too hard, some blokes have been putting on an act for years). I did try to ring somebody from each Club LAST MONTH when I found out. *N.B. ASTONVILLE IS DOING "HOME AMONG THE GUM TREES" SO LEAVE.*

I trust that by this time, everybody on the West Malaysia tour is aware that the trip from K.L. to Singapore (and back to K.L. if you are on M.A.S. to Melbourne) this portion has to be booked and paid for with your overseas ticket - NOTE - NATIONAL BANK TRAVEL HAS ALLOWED FOR THIS IN THEIR ARRANGEMENTS I also tried to contact all other clubs to ensure that whoever was making their arrangements knew this. I trust all will go well, I'd hate to see somebody standing on K.L. airport while we all take off for Singapore.

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Back to more mundane things , as your National Treasurer I have to advise you that, although we look like getting a record number attending the Rort, ONLY 18 CLUBS HAVE PAID THEIR SUBS AT THIS TIME - and by the time you get this, I will be about to do up the annual financial reports.

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This is probably all for this year, if anybody has any problems or is worried about anything to do with the Rort, please contact me as soon as you can, so i can help if possible.

See you all in K.L.

Noel

APEX 40 -- A BRIEF HISTORY

In July this year, Apex 40 will celebrate its 17th birthday. From a humble beginning in 1973 at a family barbecue in Mornington (Vic.), at the home of Past Zone President Lionel Mussell, it has steadily, if slowly, grown into an organisation of about 40 affiliated branches throughout Australia.

The Melbourne-Gippsland branch of Apex 40 existed on its own for a couple of years, due in some measure to the reluctance of the then executive of Apex to recognise its existence. In 1975 a second branch was formed at Devonport (Tas.) and this led to a get-together between members of the two Branches. It could not be called a conference or a convention, fellowship was the main concern. Thus the first annual Apex 40 'Rort' was held at Ballarat in March 1976. The third Apex 40 branch was formed shortly afterwards, in May 1976, at Maryborough (Qld.) -- a decent spread for the first three branches.

Since then Apex 40 branches have established in all states but not (so far as we are aware) in the Northern Territory. A branch of Apex 40 was formed at Darwin in 1976, sponsored by Arafura Apex Club, but contact has been lost. (Perhaps this article may lead to its resurrection!).

Likewise, venues for the annual Rort, held between March and June, have included every state.

Apex 40 members seem happy to travel. In 1981 a coach load from Melbourne, Bendigo and Devonport travelled to the Maryborough (Qld.) Rort. In 1988 another coach load from Alstonville in Northern N.S.W. travelled to the Rort at Renmark (S.A.) hosted by the Riverland branch. And then there is the hardy band of 'Rorters' from Morella branch (Perth, W.A.) who will go just about anywhere.

This year, however, will see all past records broken when about 150 Apex 40 members from 11 branches fly out of Australia on June 7th to attend their first "off-shore" Rort, to be hosted by the Oasis Club of Kuala Lumpur.

There are three members of Apex 40 who have attended every one of the 14 Rorts since 1976. They are Jock and Jenny Littler from Devonport and Bill Cunliffe from Melbourne-Gippsland. And yes, they are all booked in for Kuala Lumpur.

The number of Apex 40 branches has increased dramatically since 1988 when Apex 40 achieved recognition as the only official body of ex-Apexians in Australia. Just recently the National President of Apex 40, Kevin Huxham of Alstonville, has sent greetings and a request for news of activities to some 16 groups of ex-World Council members.

Apex 40 is not a service organisation. It exists "For Continuing Fellowship" in pursuance of the Ideals of Apex. Membership of Apex 40 is open to past Apexians and wives, widows, lady-friends of past Apexians.

FOR FUN!!!

HOW YOU CAN TELL WHEN IT'S GOING TO BE A ROTTEN DAY !

- # You wake up face down on the pavement.
- # You arrive at the office to find the "60 minutes" news team waiting
- # You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes from the city
- # Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the highway
- # Your Boss tells you not to bother taking your coat off.
- # The bird singing outside your window is a vulture.
- # Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
- # Your blind date turns out to be your ex-spouse.
- # Your income tax cheque bounces.
- # You put both contact lenses in the same eye.
- # Your pet rock snaps at you.
- # Your wife says "Good morning Bill" , and your name is George!.

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This time, just for a change, I thought I'd give you my favourite recipe for fruit cake. You'll need a cup of butter, a cup of sugar, four large eggs, a cup of dried fruit, a teaspoon of baking soda, a teaspoon of salt, a cup of brown sugar, lemon juice, nuts and a bottle of whisky. - Sample the whisky to check for quality!
Take a large bowl , check the whisky again to be sure it's of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.
Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one spoonful of sugar and beat again.
Make sure the whisky is still O.K. - Cry another time . Turn off the mixer. Break two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner.
If the fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a screwdriver.
Sample the whisky again to check for consistency.
Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares? - check the whisky.
Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one tablespoon of brown sugar, or whatever colour you can find. Mix well. Grease the oven. Turn the cake pan to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out the window, check the whisky again and be to ged.

THE TOURISTS PRAYER.

Heavenly Father, look down on us your humble obedient servants who are doomed to travel this earth taking photographs, mailing postcards, buying souvenirs, and walking around in drip-dry underwear.
We beseech you O Lord to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight luggage goes unnoticed.
Give us this day divine guidance in our selection of hotels, we pray that the phones work and that the Operators speak our tongue, that there is no mail waiting from the children that would force us to cancel the rest of our trip.
Lead us to good inexpensive restaurants where the wine is included in the price of the meal.
Give us the wisdom to tip correctly in currencies we do not understand.
Make the natives love us for what we are and not for what we can contribute to their collection of worldly goods.
Grant us the strength to visit the museums, the cathedrals, the palaces, and if perchance skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us for our flesh is weak.
Dear God, protect our wives from bargains they don't need or can't afford.
Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do.
Almighty Father , keep our husbands from looking at foreign women, and comparing them with Save them from making fools of themselves in nightclubs.
Above all, do not forgive them their trespasses, for they know exactly what they do.
And when our voyage is over, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our home movies and listen to our stories, so our lives as tourists will not have been in vain.
This we ask you in the name of Conrad Hilton.
Amen.

(from an anonymous female contributor)

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RORT 1990
IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA.
June 8-10

15th March 1990

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Dear Noel,

Please have thés included in your ROARING 40s.

BANQUET RORT 1990.

All Clubs represented at the RORT Convention shall be required to give an item on the form of a song, sketch or any other performance on stage for approx 5 minutes. This will be on Saturday June 9th. Please come prepared.

P.K.SINGAM - SECRETARY - KELAB APEX 40 K.L.



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THIS IS TO NOTIFY THAT
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