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Roaring 40's

Apex 40 is the recognised body of Affiliated Past Apexian Groups

National Presidents Report

G'day,
1995 is here, only 5 years until the turn of the century and Apex 40 is growing and I believe will continue growing well into the 21st century.

Since the Melbourne-Gippsland (Lads) at the time came up with an idea to form an Apex 40 organisation, thousands of friendships have been formed all over the country and state to state communications have become larger as a result, even though friendly jostling takes place among; Banana Benders, Sandgropers, Croweaters, Tassie Devils and Mexicans, we all enjoy being members of Apex 40 so much, we run the Annual Rort so as to jostle at least once a year. This brings me to this years' Rort in Malaysia, so far only a small number only have registered for this magnificent experience, but there is still time, please get your registrations to Garth A.S.A.P.

On tour members, Lois and Noel McCauliffe, have been the length of the country twice so far, so watch out for them and say g'day.

On a sad note Melbourne-Gippsland member and President, Keith Haymes, passed away on Friday, February 24, all our heartfelt sympathy goes to you Lois and family.

Until next time we meet in Malaysia,
Yours in Apex 40
Glenn

National Secretary/Treasurers Report

Welcome to all clubs to 1995, the year of tolerance. I hope that this year will be another successful year for your clubs and your meetings will be full of variety and above all, FUN, and that we will continue with the fellowship that we learnt so well when we were in Apex.

A big welcome to the Apex 40 Club of Ingham in Queensland. This is our newest club and we wish them a long and fruitful association with us.

Thank you to all of the clubs who have sent me their registration forms and cheques so quickly following my request last November. To those clubs who haven't - PLEASE- forward your club details and subs to me A.S.A.P. I have enclosed receipts with the newsletters of clubs that have paid, so if you don't have a receipt, you haven't paid.

As Glenn has mentioned, the registrations for the Malaysian Rort in June is very disappointing and is putting a lot of financial pressure on the Rort committee.

The committee now propose the following in the hope that it will encourage more registrations:

1. The closing date for early registration will now be extended to 31st March 1995 and late registration will close on 30th April 1995.
2. Only 25% (ie. RM 350.00 for early registration or RM 375.00 for late registration) is required as deposit for Convention registration. The balance need only be settled at your arrival on June 2nd 1995.

The committee have assured us that they stand ready to do their best to ensure that all Rorters will have a great convention and holiday in Malaysia. Please support them and register A.S.A.P.

Thanks to all clubs who send me their newsletters, I read them all.

In Continuing Fellowship Andrew James

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APEX 40 MEMBERS AT LARGE !!

BEWARE - THEY MAY BE IN YOUR AREA !!

Noel and Lois McAuliffe advise that they have at long last hitched up the caravan behind the 4x4 and are heading "up to Townsville and then hangin' a left"

The saga commenced some 14 months ago when Noel retired from the Bank, this left them homeless, so as we were storing furniture at Alstonville, we used "Huxham's Hacienda" as a base to get started, then spent the next 10 months travelling around, abusing the hospitality of friends and relatives. This also included an appearance at the Melbourne Rort last March.

At last, the 4x4 they ordered arrived, a Land Rover Discovery, 3.9 V8 petrol (no correspondence please, we have heard all the arguments for and against) so off to Melbourne to order the caravan.

This is where things became a little unravelled, however with a lot of patience, and even more money, things eventually seem to be sorted out, and a 24ft. Regal caravan is now home.

While in Melbourne, we were invited to Melbourne-Gippsland's Christmas dinner. A great night with a lot of old friends. Thanks for the invite Garth.

Alan (The Godfather) Kinder did point out that our badges, which show us as members of Alstonville Club, were not really correct, so we now have a new badge each which read "On Tour" - thanks Alan.

We recently arrived on the Sunshine Coast (all wind and rain, where is the Bloody sunshine Chook?) and Glenn and Betty Rossiter were kind enough to invite us to one of their Club's BBQ dinners - another great night with new friends.

So, now off to Ayres Rock, via Townsville and any other place that looks interesting.

To all those going to Malaysia, we hope you enjoy the experience as much as we did in 1990.

We hope to get to the 1996 Rort in Wyong, that is if Lois has patted a dolphin at Monkey Mia before then, and thanks to information from Sam McInnes we now know how to accomplish that with a minimum of fuss.

Yours in friendship,

Noel and Lois McAuliffe

Around the Branches

Bendigo -- Peter and Elaine Dumont have taken over the reigns from Meryl and Kevin Clarke . They have organised a successful Christmas function and even dragged in their next door neighbour to play Santa. Next meeting is a "B &P" night ? (Bowls and Pizza)

Morella -- Wound up a good year with a Christmas dinner at an Italian Restaurant and started the year with a BYO - BBQ in February.

Forbes -- Held a combined Apex 40 /Apex Club Christmas BBQ smorgasboard and the Apex Club provided the keg !!!! (now thats what I like to hear). Five couples are still recovering from their unforgettable weekend touring the Mudgee wineries. The February meeting is a game night, no, not a games night but a night to try some food you've probably never eaten before. There will be Crocodile sausages, Emu rissoles and Kangaroo steak accompanied by various salads !!! This will also be their AGM.. "It is hoped things will only take a short time and not go on like they did for four and a half minutes during last years AGM."

Wyong -- First meeting for the year was a casual BBQ dinner at a members house and their February meeting was a Chinese banquet to celebrate their 100th dinner. Congratulations Wyong. Wyong will be hosting the 1996 Rort.

Malacca -- Have been busy organising the Rort. Mention was made of a new Apex 40 Club in Ipoh which Glenn informs me is just south of Malacca. T.T.Singams newsletters are full of news , jokes and general comments have a wonderful wit. The following is an excerpt from one:
"Apex 40 Malacca member Lourdes Nathan, incidently, was hospitalised recently for an emergency operation. Apparently, his body's waste disposal unit was becoming problematic and there was a leak. He was rushed to the Straits Hospital where the "plumber" had to work all night to unclog the shute before the residents nearby were forced to evacuate. Thank God ! Lourdes is okay now and had even taken a holiday in Langkawi to recuperate. That of course left the members nowhere to go on Christmas Day in keeping with Malaysian tradition. It was made even worse with Albert Dawson deciding to leave town, giving no meaning to the saying , "A time for giving!" well, we got a 'turkey' alright. But some members were seen having a great time , ushering in Christmas at the Indian Association. Yours truly only reached home at half-past three in the morning."

Alstonville -- 1995 is the "Year of the Woman" at Alstonville with an all female executive and they certainly have been busy with a wide range of activities. A family Christmas BBQ, chicken & damper breakfast on Australia Day, a 3 hour smorgasbord cruise on the Richmond river and this month's get together is a spit roast in connection with a wine tasting and appreciation night.

Bundaberg -- Held a Halloween night late last year followed up with a weekend fishing trip in November.

Nambour -- Their Christmas function was a BBQ and cruise along the Maroochy River. I haven't heard how their trip to Norfolk Island went, but the club celebrated its first anniversary in February.

Werribee -- Club visited the Casino late last year and had 20 members attend a Christmas brunch. It must have been a hot day , as buckets of cold water were needed to cool their feet !!!!. Planning a weekend away at Moama (NSW) in May.

Ballina -- Held a combined Christmas party with Ballina Apex 60 (????) and each person was asked to bring a \$5.00 scratch lottery ticket with any large winnings going towards a major trip. Club had a weekend away at Tyalgum Tops Resort in November and a great time was had by all . Quoting the newsletter " leader on this trip was home town legend, Bruce, who was able to present for our viewing two of his long standing erections." (I believe this was in reference to some BBQ's built by Apex many years ago).

Caloundra -- Lesley Gniei gives a summary of last years activities, " Caloundra-Sunshine Coast Club started quietly with a movie night , dinner at a 60's Restaurant for February, long weekend camping , car trial, Xmas in June (great fun). Steam driven tug-boat cruise on the S S Forceful, full day cruising Moreton Bay , next was a historical Village tour and BBQ finished off July's meeting. Saturday evening at Southbank Brisbane checking out the markets and settling for a seafood dinner before heading home, November saw a BBQ on Bribie Island outing, and our Christmas dinner/changeover was held at the Shearwater Restaurant in December finishing off a very full year. We took a different format from previous years, whereby couples nominated a month they would organise and run the meeting, this made for a variety of activities each month and worked extremely well so will be continuing for 1995."

IRISH MEDICAL DICTIONARY

ARTERY	The study of paintings	PAP SMEAR	A fatherhood test
BACTERIA	Back door of a cafeteria	PELVIS	A cousin of Elvis
BOWEL	A letter like A,E,I,O,U.	RECOVERY ROOM	Place to do upholstery
CAT SCAN	Searching for kitty	RECTUM	Bloody near killed 'em
CAUTERISE	Made eye contact with her	SECRETION	Hiding something
COMA	A punctuation mark	SEIZURE	Roman Emperor
DILATE	To live longer	TABLET	A small table
ENEMA	Not a friend	TUMOR	More than one
FESTER	Quicker	URINE	Opposite to "You're Out"
FIBULA	A small lie	VARICOSE	Nearly
GENITAL	Not a Jew	VEIN	Conceited
LABOUR PAIN	Getting hurt at work	MEDICAL STAFF	Doctor's walking stick
OUTPATIENT	A person who has fainted	NITRATES	Cheaper than day nights

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