



ROARING 40's

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An Association for Past Apexians for Continuing Fellowship

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

As June approaches, I hope you are all preparing yourselves for a fantastic weekend in Mildura for our annual RORT.

For those of you who have attended a RORT before, I can promise that this will be a match for any previous one, so you know what to expect. For those who have not yet experienced such an event, I can guarantee you a weekend that will be long remembered. As you can see from the enclosed itinerary the Sunrayasia members have planned the weekend to perfection, and I hope to see a large number of members attend and enjoy themselves.

Thanks again to the branches for sending me their Dinner Notices etc. I find them very interesting and entertaining to read and it is pleasing to read that many branches have contacts under way with prospective branches for the future. While on this note, I would urge all members to not miss the chance of contacting any retiring member from your old club as the end of the Apex Year draws near.

Wishing you all continuing fellowship and look forward to seeing you in sunny Mildura.

Sincerely,

Ern Butler.

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SECRETARIAL

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be close to the deadline for registrations for the Mildura Rort to be hosted by the Sunraysia Branch. More about the Rort later!

Name Badges are now available and most members agree that they have turned out quite well. Orders have been received so far from five branches for a total of more than 160 badges, so delivery of these initial orders will be a bit slow but should all be completed by the end of April. If you would like a sample badge, please let me know whose name should be used and we will have one made. If you wish to order badges, please let me have a list of names and payment of \$5.00 per badge.

See you at the Rort! --

Alan Kinder.

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EX - APEXIAN MEETING OVERSEAS

The following letter arrived too late to be included in the December issue of Roaring 40's.

"Secretary, Apex 40.

Early this year (1981), a few retired Apexians met in a Sports club in Petaling Jaya (about 12 km from Kuala Lumpur) over a glass of beer to talk about the things we have done in our younger days in Apex Clubs. As beer glasses were stacking higher, the conversation got more interesting and we decided to try to form ourselves a club. Several meetings followed with more ex-Apexians in attendance. We formally launched the Oasis Club of Kuala Lumpur. The inaugural dinner was held on August 30th this year.

Since then we have been keeping close contact with the Apex Clubs in Malaysia as well as two Oasis Clubs in Western Australia - Darling Range Oasis Club and Oasis Club of Scarborough.

I was appointed the I-R Director recently. A file of dinner notices of Apex Clubs in Malaysia was handed to me. Among the dinner notices there is a copy of your Newsletter "Roaring 40's". So I thought I should drop a line to inform you the formation of our new club and take this opportunity to convey our best wishes to all your member clubs.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Sim See Kee."

David Mansfield, National Vic-President and members of Devonport Apex 40, was recently on a visit to South-East Asia, when he attended a Rotary Club meeting in Singapore. He was made welcome and offered some refreshment by a fellow who turned out to be (wouldn't your know it) a life member of Apex in Singapore, Jwee Ming Leow.

David told him of the activities of Apex 40 in Australia and Jwee Ming mentioned that some ex-Apexians were meeting on occasions for fellowship in Singapore.

All members of Apex 40 send their best wishes to Sim See Kee and members of the Oasis Club if Kuala Lumpur and to Jwee Ming Leow and his ex-Apex friends in Singapore.

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SUNRAYSIA OVER - RORTJUNE 11th - 14th, 1982.

All members should have received registration forms for the Rort. If anyone has messed out that should drop a line to Jim Banks, 102 Thirteenth Street, Mildura. Vic. 3500 or phone Jim on (050) 23 2211 (home) or (050) 27 4506 (school hours)

Don't forget - registration is required by 19th April.

Just to refresh your memory, the itinerary is as follows -

Friday 11th. Welcome and check-in at Mildura Working Man's Club - Games room - 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday 12th Free morning. Welcome as above for those arriving Saturday morning 10 a.m. to noon. (the games room has a direct entrance from the bowling greens.)

Afternoon - bus tour of district (approx. 3 hrs.)
Depart front of Workers at 1.30 p.m.
Evening from 6.30 p.m. Workers Social Lounge - Dinner Dance. (Beer, Table wines, Soft Drinks included).

Sunday 13th Avoca River-boat Cruise. Departs wharf 10.30 a.m. Morning tea - champagne, burgundy and shiraz muffins. (other drinks at Rorter's own expense.) 11.30 Rort business session. Through lock to Mildara winery. Lunch on board - return to historic Old Mildura Homestead - Barbecue tea. (Drinks provided.)

Monday 14th Golf courses available in district - not certain which are tied up by June tournament at this stage.

Farewell luncheon. (Drinks provided).

When sending in your registration form (if you haven't already done so) please indicate under your name and address the branch of Apex 40 to which you belong.

It appears likely that a group of Rorters from Melbourne/Gippsland, Bendigo and probably Devonport branches will be travelling to Mildura in a chartered bus. If anyone is not already booked on the bus through either of those branches and would like to join the bus trip, they would be most welcome.

The bus will depart Melbourne (eastern suburb) about 7.30 a.m. calling at Tullamarine airport around 9.00 a.m. and Bendigo around 11 a.m. and should arrive in Mildura in time for dinner prior to the welcome social. The bus will depart Mildura early on Monday morning for the return journey which will unfortunately mean missing the Monday luncheon. Cost per person (return) will be between \$30.00 and \$40.00 depending on the numbers aboard.

If you are interested in joining the bus trip, which should be fun - a sort of rolling rort, or if you wish further information please ring Alan Kinder at home on (03) 88 5124.

NEXT YEAR'S RORT

As usual, the most important item of business at the Annual General Meeting (on board the Avoca Paddle Steamer) will be selecting a venue for next year's Rort, so branches could give some thought to this between now and June with a view to hosting the 1983 RORT (you won't regret it!). Nominations to host the Rort can be made from the floor of the meeting or can be lodged with the Secretary beforehand if no members from that branch will be at the meeting. (No detailed submission required - just advice that your branch is willing to do the job.)

Nominations should also suggest a suitable date for the Rort which is required to be held between March and June. In the past it has been held over long weekends in March, April and June or at Easter. Next year Anzac Day falls on a Monday so this could once more be a possibility since it is a holiday weekend common to all States.

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AROUND THE BRANCHES

BENDIGO

President - Ron Clarke,
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Our branch wound up its 1981 activities with a picnic/Barbecue outing at Vaughan Springs, near Castlemaine. Rae and Ian Nordick were welcomed to the club, along with 25 members and their families. Mid-afternoon, a rather informal annual meeting was held resulting in office-bearers remaining for a further year in office.

Only one meeting has so far been held this year. Thanks to Don Kennedy's efforts, a beaut night out in Daylesford was organized. We wine and dined and danced to Austrian music with highlights of the evening being Graeme Elvey co-judging "Best Austrian outfit, for Maid of the Ball"; two of our gentlemen donning Austrian hats worn by waiters to enable fast service to the feast; and our 2 a.m. trek from the Town Hall to the "Austrian Inn" to inspect units Kevin Harvey has been flat out building for ages. Tremendous social outing to start the year off!

Thirteen of our members have indicated intention of heading to Sunraysia for their "Over-Rort" in June - a further meeting will be held in a few weeks to finalize travelling arrangements.

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February meeting was held at David and Bette Mansfield's home after a counter tea at the Ellimatta Motel. New members welcomed to the dinner were Gordon and Di Griffin.

Annual Meeting is planned for 26th June, 1982.

Looking at travel costs and timetables to Mildura and expect to have a number of members attend the Sunraysia Rort.

We had anticipated visiting Hobart in March to talk to Bill Darling and others about the formation of an Apex 40 branch there, but correspondence went astray. Now hoping to arrange a meeting in April.

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ILLAWARRA

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+ Annual meeting and Election of Officers held 9th February - we have not heard details of new officers (Ed.)

Extract from February meeting notice -

"This past twelve months have shown fairly clearly the sort of club the members of Apex 40 Illawarra want. We are very fortunate in that we have lots of good eating houses and lots of potential members spread over a fairly small area. Our members are normally heavily involved in business, community or service activities. Most of us have utilised the training provided by Apex to become actively involved in our community. We therefore see Apex 40 as a chance to relax - nothing more! We want to be able to meet old friends in a convivial atmosphere, try new restaurants, talk and try old wines. We want no formality, no attendance obligations and no non-apexians. If other ex-apexians want a different type of organisation - then good luck to them. If they want to evangelise - good luck again. We are happy doing our own thing and hopefully, occasionally, meeting other groups of ex-apexians for good fellowship."

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Snippets from "Vintage Vine" (Sunraysia's Newsletter)

"Please send me a form for cheap milk, I have a baby 2 months old and did not know anything about it till a neighbour told me."

Please note that the quotations throughout the Roaring 40's are snippets from welfare claims to the Department of Social Security and are not intended to portray members of Sunraysia Apex 40.

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Our Christmas barbeque at Lesley Baird's on 19th December was a very well attended meeting and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

There was no meeting in January but there was a barbeque in February at Gwen and Ernie Wakeling's. Attended by only a few, but enjoyable.

March was a much more lively meeting with plenty of ideas for future meetings.

In April we will be having counter tea, then a 'Games Evening' at Jean and Arthur Boyce's.

Future outings suggested were 'A night at the Dogs' with a hot meal beforehand and a weekend at Barry and Dot Rowe's house at Bridport.

Altogether we hope to have a successful and enjoyable year.

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MARYBOROUGH

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At this stage the Branch has been very quiet - probably had too much champagne at the Christmas Breakfast. The day was an extremely enjoyable one (so I am told) and quite a few headaches followed the next day. I believe there is still quite a stock of Great Western and Ben Ean to be devoured.

Our first function of the year will be a dinner-come-week-end at Burrum Heads at the Sea-Food Restaurant opened recently. A number of us will be staying at the Caravan Park to enjoy the Saturday on the sand, the dinner, then a heavenly day Sunday resting, boating, or swimming. This will be on 20/21 March.

Our Hand-over dinner has been set down for 21 August and should any Apex 40 members be in the area on this date, we hope they will contact us and join us for this occasion. We guarantee they will enjoy themselves.

Our Rort registrations have been received and we are hopefully working on representation from this branch at Mildura. We wish them all the best with their venture and congratulate them on the formation of their branch.

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MELBOURNE - GIPPSLAND

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I think everyone that attended our Christmas function at Muddy Creek Restaurant will agree with me that it was a terrific night.

Our first dinner for 1982 was held at Central Hotel, Beaconsfield; it was nice to welcome some new members.

On the weekend of February 27th/28th eleven of us travelled up to Stawell to join them at their annual dinner. We had a wonderful time. Thankyou Stawell members for your hospitality.

Moomba weekend - thanks to Ley and Shirley Garrett for putting up with us - twenty six went to stay the weekend. Once again it was a marvellous time. Sunday morning we had morning tea at Don and Joyce Dick's new home. Bob, Lois and Lisa Stanford come from Bendigo to join us and it was great to see them again.

We are having a bad taste party at Ken and Barbara Neate's home on March 27th, which should be quite a laugh.

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SHEPPARTON

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At our last dinner, just before Christmas, every couple received a small Christmas present - a native plant.

Next meeting is to be at the Shepparton International Village which is THE place for tourists to visit at Shepparton. One of the features is an old river boat, the "Alexander Arbuthnot", which has been restored and runs on a man-made waterway. Our meeting there should be a great fun night - which they all are at any rate.

(If a contingent from Shepparton comes up to Mildura for the Rort, they will have the opportunity to compare the Alexander A. with the Avoca! - Ed.)

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Snippets from "Vintage Vine" (Sunraysia's Newsletter)

"In accordance with your instructions I gave birth to twins in the enclosed envelope."

"Should like to get more pension since my husband is in charge of a spittoon. I got separate money when he listened. You want to know what part he was wounded. If it is all the same to you he was wounded in the Dandy Nel."

STAWELL

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Stawell has been fairly active throughout the past months arranging social activities. These ranged from poolside barbecues to hotel and restaurant dinners, and a family picnic day at Halls Gap which was an outstanding day for all families, social and sports-wise.

We were pleased to host Alan and Nola Kinder, and nine of their merry band from Melbourne, to visit us for our 2nd Annual meeting (weekend). We all travelled out to the Kookaburra restaurant at Halls Gap Saturday evening, then took our guests across country to Helen and Mike's for coffee and continuing fellowship. Sunday was a day of rest, at a pool-side barbeque, due to many guests and members suffering from lack of sleep and over-indulgence. We all at Stawell thoroughly enjoyed having our Melbourne guests and hope to re-cap on another weekend in the future. (Count me in!)
Ed.

Although a small club at the moment, Stawell has a good attendance, at every meeting by the twenty members.

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Members of Sunraysia Apex 40 recently had a combined dinner with Mildura Apex. Some of us were a little hesitant about the deal - but Pres. Norm Deering was full of confidence. It was a GREAT night. A couple of the apexians confided (I break the confidence) that it was one of the liveliest dinners they'd had for years. Looks like the ice is well and truly broken and the young blokes now have a much better idea of what a good time we have in Apex 40.

A final word from all members of Sunraysia -- Looking forward to meeting you at the RORT in June.

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Snippets from "Vintage Vine" (Sunraysia's Newsletter)

"I am enclosing my marriage certificate with 3 children. One of them is a mistake as you will see when you look into it. I am writing to say my youngest is born 2 years old. Why am I not getting allowance for it?"

"Re your dental enquiry. The teeth at the top are all right, but the ones in my bottom are hurting terrible."

"My son has been unable to attend School. He has had diarrhoea through a hole in his shoe."