



ROARING 40's

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you read this you will no doubt be in the midst of end of year wind-ups.

We here in the 'Golden Centre' are busy finalising details for next April (25th to 28th). The Rort is being planned over 4 days, which includes Anzac Day holiday, to enable interstate visitors a longer sojourn. If unable to make the full 4 days, do try and join with us, if only for a couple of days. You can be assured of a grand time - all we need is 'YOU'.

Have just received news of a newly formed club at Ballina, N.S.W., who held their inaugural meeting this month. This information was passed onto us by Apexian Kevin Huxham, Zone 5 Vice President. An extract from his letter as follows:-

"I firmly believe that Apexians should have the opportunity to be in an Australian born club at age 40, and not be forced to join either Lions or Rotary to continue the friendship and fellowship of previous years in Apex.

If Rotary can charter 650 Probus Clubs in 18 months throughout the country, there certainly seems to be room for an Association of Apex 40 Clubs to the benefit of existing Apex Clubs and the Community at large."

It's great to hear of such interest and keenness to promote Apex 40 - look forward to hearing from Kevin in the near future along with further news from Ballina.

On behalf of Garth, Shirley, Kevin, and Meryl may I take this opportunity to wish you all happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in Bendigo next April -

"TO COME ALIVE IN '85".

Ron Clarke.

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NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

MORELLA APEX 40 CLUB, W.A.

Our membership now stands at twenty seven.

We ran the Bar again this year at the Avon Descent. Raised about \$340.00 for our club funds. Held a casserole night, theme football cheer leaders (men), and lady footballers, all set with a couple of goal umpires and spectators as well.

On 13th and 14th October, nine adults and nine children walked 14 km's on the Saturday, camped overnight in tents, then walked another 8 km to our lunch venue. A great time had by all who attended.

Our local Morley Fair coming up soon 15th November, where we run a Stall for Ice Cups and Fairy Floss. We raised around \$100.00 last year from this. Funds went to a Retarded and Disabled Children's Group, towards Christmas presents for their Tree.

Our Christmas Dinner evening is on the 1st December.

We wish you an early Christmas and New Year greeting from the West.
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Since the Devonport Rort we have enjoyed dinners at the R.S.L. Club in Dandenong with 42 members in attendance, then to Waverley Golf Club with 38 attending and finally at Karinya Lodge in October when we were entertained by Metro Golden Ian Goff with films with another 38 members attending.

Somehow at this meeting our hard working President Lorraine Burgess and her very able Secretary Lean Goff got out from under and gleefully handed over the reins to the male species of the Club. John Ritchie is now President and Sam McInnes Secretary.

21 Members journeyed to Bendigo in September and were, as usual, well entertained by the Bendigo Club. This has developed into a regular visit for the big golf challenge match and we again came home with the Silver Boot.

Geoff and Lyn Angus entertained 20 members to a Casserole Dinner and Card evening in November and we have a Bush Dance come Christmas Dinner in hand for December.

All in the Club is really active with an average attendance of 35 at each function.

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All year, Bendigo has been trying to live up to its motto for the year (chosen by President Don) which is 'Make the most of it'. We started the year with a Bar-B-Que at Lois and Bob Stanfords'. Our next meeting was a Yabbie Day where we fished some local dams, boiled the little critters till they were rosy pink, and partook of their delicious white flesh doused in seafood sauce.

Our third meeting for 1984, was a progressive dinner, where we travelled from the heights of McIvor Hill, to the backblocks of Epsom. The next meeting was a Quiz night Titled 'The Right Answer's Wrong'. 'Glib Glen' assisted by 'Daffy Dotty' and 'Irrepressible Ian' really made the most of it and proved once and for all to Bendigo Apex 40's contestants that the right answer was definitely wrong.

Meeting number 5 for the year was a night on the town. 14 Bendigo Apex Fortyites invaded Melbourne where they headed for Tiki and John's Theatre Restaurant. What a great night was had by all who attended. In early September 21 Melbourne/Gippslanders joined us for a weekend of merriment, mirth and music, with a little bit of golf thrown in as well.

We've got big plans for that Anzac weekend and suggest that Rorters get plenty of sleep beforehand .
Our final chance to "make the most of it" this year, will be on November 24 when Bendigo Apex 40's wine to "Dons Party" Island style dress will be strictly the order of the day, and a roast pig will be ceremoniously presented.
After that Don will hang up his chain of office and remember it as the year that we made the most of it!

Dot.

SUNRAYSIA BRANCH. (AREA COVERING MILDURA, RED CLIFFS, MERBEIN, VIC AND WENTWORTH, N.S.W.)

"My thanks to all for a most enjoyable year of Fun and Fellowship. The year has passed very quickly and I am sure that all who participated in the functions that were arranged had an enjoyable time. Our outings included Wine tasting and Barbeque at Lindemans Winery; combined dinner at Coomealla Golf Club with Wentworth Apexians; Fun and Games Night at Mildura Club; Barbeque at Apex Park and Annual Dinner at Dominics.

During the year June and Graham Guggler and Helen and I were fortunate to be able to go to Tasmania and whilst there to enjoy two very pleasant and unforgettable nights with the Devonportions. Jim and Melva Banks made the trip at a later date and enjoyed the hospitality at the Annual Rort.

One of the major highlights of this past year was the attendance of the Sunraysia Apex 40 at the Combined Sunraysia Apex Clubs hosting of the 1984 Zone 8 Convention Dinner. Sincere thanks were expressed to our members for their part as drinkpersons during this function.

Donations of \$250.00 each have been made to Red Cliffs, Merbein and Wentworth to be distributed to a worthwhile charity or cause.

In closing may I say that Helen and I have thoroughly enjoyed your company and your fellowship, and we wish all members success for future years in their participation of Apex 40."

Sgd : (Outgoing President - Michael Israel).

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Congratulations to new Executive for 1984/85 as follows:-

President : Ian Kneebone.
Secretary : Norm Deering.
Treasurer : Jack McKendrick.
Red Cliffs Rep: Terry Sedgwick.
Merbein Rep : Richard Cavanagh.
Wentworth Rep : Barry Fechner.

Sunraysia's Christmas "Do" this year will be held aboard the "Loyalty" for a River Cruise - sounds like a great night of dining, carol singing, and even Santa.

Norm Deering advises that it is hoped that a 'bus load' will travel to Bendigo next April for the Rort - a great idea as we here in Bendigo look forward to meeting up with our friends from up 'north'.

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RETIRED APEXIANS OF WAVERLEY (RAW CLUB)

With President Geoffrey Peters, and Social Secretary Lorraine Baker at the helm, the members are set for another year of enjoyable functions.

The members send their best wishes to Marie, John Mandile and family, who moved to Coff's Harbour mid November.

Unfortunately not all the news during the year has been good news. The Club was deeply saddened and shocked at the sudden death by accident of Neville Davidson, late September.