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Roaring 40's

Apex 40 is the recognised body of Affiliated Past Apexian Groups

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS REPORT

G'day,

In the distant past when life's tempo wasn't fast, Grandma used to rock and knit, crochet, tat and baby sit. When kids were in a jam they could always call on Gran; in that day of gracious living, Grandma was the one for giving.

But today she's in the gym exercising to keep slim; she's off touring with the Apex 40 bunch, or taking clients to lunch, or going North to catch some sun along with having fun.

"Hey, why not?" This is 1993 not 1893 when we all lived 15 years less than today's average life expectancy.

I trust you are all hale and hearty with the onset of the festive season looming rapidly, the downside of this is another year drawing to a close (They go fast these days don't they).

It is great to hear from people wanting to form Apex 40 Branches around the country,

keep the communications coming in as to how you are going with photos, newsletters etc. To some Clubs that have formed, "Are you still there?" We haven't heard from you for some time.

National Secretary / Treasurer Andrew after being thrown in at the deep end of Apex 40 has had communications with all of you by now so please respond promptly to his letters.

National Extension & Membership Chairman, Kevin, has included a pictorial on the post Rort Tour to South Africa which you should find interesting.

The 21st Birthday, 1994 Rort registrations have been sent to you, fill them out as soon as possible and return them before November 30, 1993.

Betty and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and prosperity in the New Year.

Yours in Apex 40,

Glenn Rossiter

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Another Apex 40 year has passed and as we move towards the 21st Anniversary of the birth of our group, we realise Melbourne's Rort next April, will be the biggest ever.

Still we receive enquiries from ex-Apexians wanting to form clubs. No doubt when the publicity from our last Rort is published in the Apexian, the normal flow of correspondence will commence. This is an excellent avenue for the formation of new clubs.

I am currently doing a letter to go to all countries that Apex exists in to try and establish Apex 40. These countries are Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia (we're already there!), Philippines, Thailand and Japan.

My contacts are the current Apex National Presidents and if they have no interest, we are hopeful that they will be handed on to someone who has a desire to establish something for the outgoing Apex members. Keep your fingers crossed.

Again, if you know of someone who would like to form a club, anywhere where none exists, please have them call me so I can forward a new club starter kit to get them off the ground.

Until next issue, keep continuing the fellowship and practising the skits for Melbourne!

Kevin Huxham

NATIONAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Welcome to our two newest branches which have recently formed; Deloraine (Tasmania) and Seremban (Malaysia). It's great to see Apex40 going from strength to strength.

Guildford Club have balanced their books following the Perth Rort and have forwarded a cheque for \$400. Thankyou Guildford and congratulations again for a great effort.

By now, most clubs will have had their elections for a new executive and are currently organising their changeover meetings which seem to vary from formal meeting to a Barbeque in the bush. Congratulations to the new executive and we hope you have an exciting year full of a variety of activities.

Branch Secretaries are reminded that Club Per Capitas, equal to \$1 per couple or single, to a maximum of of \$50 per club, are due by the end of December. Please ensure that the branch registration forms are completed and returned with your cheque by this date.

I know some clubs have only just paid their Per Capitas, but a lot of these are late payments from last year!!!!

Another reminder to all clubs to please put me on your mailing list for your newsletters. It's great to see what each club is doing and it gives other clubs ideas when planning their year.

Talking of the Roaring 40's, the photocopying and postage costs are increasing steadily, so we ask that branch Secretaries photocopy their copy of the Roaring 40's and send it out to members with their Club newsletter, rather than tabling a couple of copies for their members to browse through at meetings. That way all members get a chance to read it in their own time.

By all reports, preparation for the Melbourne Rort is going well. Please ensure registrations are in by the end of November, plus the answer to the Rort Competition, to give yourself a chance at a free night's accomodation at the Radisson Hotel, the venue for the '94 Melbourne Rort. Pam and I wish all members a very happy Christmas and a great '94 to all.

Regards,
Andrew J



NATIONAL RORT - 1994

FRIDAY 1st APRIL to MONDAY 4th APRIL

Hosted by

Melbourne - Gippsland Apex 40

Registrations for the '94 Rort are due by November 30, 1993. Have you registered yet? If not, do it now!!!

A great programme is planned for the Rort as outlined in the information sheet that accompanied Registration Forms - which you will have received earlier through your Secretary.

Highlight of the weekend will undoubtedly be the 21st Birthday Masked Ball on the Sunday night. Prizes will be awarded for the best masks, most glamorous, most imaginative, most comical!!!!

The Post - Rort Tour offers excellent value with all accomodation, all meals and all admission charges to a variety of interesting venues included in the price.

Don't forget to enter the "Rort Competition" to win a free night's accomodation at the Rort. The competition is repeated in this issue of Rearing 40's.

MEET YOU IN MELBOURNE - EASTER '94

Alan Kinder

RORT COMPETITION

WIN A FREE NIGHTS ACCOMODATION AT THE MELBOURNE RORT 1994

There follows a medieval riddle, originally written in verse in the Anglo-Saxon language.

*"I saw four strange creatures travelling together.
It left a darkened black trail.
It flew threw the air like a feather.
It dove* under the wave.
The weary warrior guides it on its way."*

Every word has its worth though "warrior" may be thought to be a little misleading.

* dove, rhymes with cove, archaic past tense of dive.

The answer is something that will be seen at the Rort!

Can you work it out? WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON RORT REGISTRATION FORM.

Competition closes November 30. First four correct entries opened will win one night's accomodation (twin or double room) free at the Melbourne '94 Rort - Radisson Hotel.

There will be a draw for further free nights during the Rort.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

Hervey Bay -- One of their most recent and important events for this year was when two of their well known members ;Colotto and Ivan Voss both turned the ripe old age of 50 years , both in the same month! To celebrate , a combined meeting/birthday party was held at Colotto's residence at Kingaroy , some 100kms away. Members were well looked after by the Carolee Hotel staff and they had a great day of shopping prior to attending the Kumbia race meeting .



L-R Colotto, Ivan Voss (party recipients)

A cold night did not deter a large crowd of Col and Ivan's friends to celebrate the occasion. A roli call next morning, a formal meeting and then return home finished a great social Apex 40 weekend.



L-R Meg Mulhare , Heather Voss and Dave Mulhare still partying on in great spirits

Grafton --Held meeting at Oriental Restaurant and enjoyed a banquet at only \$13.00 per head. Report from club members who attended the Perth Rot- "heavy Friday night , all well and truly RORTED."

Morella -- Enjoyed a Mystery Day - ending up at the Fremantle Prison (must have been a wild trip - ed). Future functions to include a casserole night , train trip , wild flower trip to the beautiful Hotham Valley , restaurant night and organising their Christmas party.

Moree -- Held Christmas party in June , with Santa being in Drag !! July meeting was an Italian night with members in Italian fancy dress and their recent meeting

was held at "Crusher Cleals' Pub at Coolati where some of the members managed to eat a one kilo steak !!!!

Lake Macquarie -- Held a Ten Pin bowling night , planning a playhouse theatre night and a progressive dinner. Hold regular Port nights which are something akin to a board meeting when we were in Apex , except everyone turns up with a bottle of port and very little club business is discussed (the mind boggles - ed). Held an indoor Olympic Games night.

Bendigo --Held wine tasting and dinner night with wines courtesy of Wolf Blass and Mildara Wines (Wouldn't mind contacts like that - ed).

Seremban -- Hosted a joint meeting between Kuala Lumpur and Malacca in August . For the Aussies, Seremban is the capital of Negeri Sembilan State about 65km south from Kuala Lumpur.

Kuala Lumpur -- Have celebrated their 100th meeting in the form of a treasure hunt with more than 100 guests in attendance. At the 103rd meeting the club elected K.Narayanan as the President for 1993/94 and P.K.Singam as the Secretary. The club will hold its installation dinner and dance on Saturday 27th November at the Selangor Club. Dr T.Thinakaran will lead the Rot 1995 organising committee and P.K.Singam will be the co-ordinator.

Malacca --Has conducted a six-a-side hockey competition . Club is to undertake a Youth Training Programme.

Tamworth --Are probably still in the grip of the grape after having a "Masked Bottle " wine tasting night.

Devonport -- Jock and Jenny Littler hosted barbie lunch on their country manor up the back of Sheffield.

The Great 8 -- Had banquet at Vietnamese restaurant . Club provided adjudicators for Apex district debating and public speaking competition. "Christmas in July" meeting was a great success with a traditional Christmas dinner of soup, roast beef and pork followed by plum pudding & sauce. Then Santa arrived to hand out small novelty presents to all (Did I read that someone received a knitted "Peter Heater ???"- Ed) .

Alstonville -- Organised a mystery bus tour and attended Alstonville Apex Club changeover .Held a camping weekend in August with on site tent accomodation which had timber floors, patios, proper bedding AND heaters .(now that's really roughing it -Ed)

Werribee -- Seem to love the great aussie tradition ..the humble barbecue (so do I ..Ed).

Colac -- Card nights , ten pin bowling , progressive dinners . Boy! You are a busy lot of Apex Fortiers

Dubbo --Membership steadily increasing and can now boast 55 members - well done Dubbo! Are contemplating nominating for a super, heavyweight division in a local Fun Day Tug-of-War and listed 10 of their members who would qualify !!! (Knowing a couple of these guys - I'm sure they would win - Ed) Regularly ran a quick quiz in their newsletter on the subject of beer .

Launceston --Lynne Rowlings has had some trouble working out what to do next meeting , don't worry Lynne , it goes with Apex 40 .

Maroochydore -- Had a walk in a rainforest whilst the rain poured down , then had to wait two hours for lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Melbourne/Gippsland -- Have celebrated their 20th Birthday , members attended the Melbourne Film & Video Festival , are busy planning the 1994 Rort . Have organised a golf weekend with Bendigo Apex 40 . Running a trivia night and like most clubs are organising their Christmas functions except a few clubs who celebrate Christmas in the middle of the year.

Caloundra -- Had a trip to Pomona silent movie theatre to witness the likes of Charlie Chaplin & Buster Keating (It is Queensland you know -- Television to be introduced shortly - Ed)

Devonport --Club members went along to "Guys & Dolls ". Held a Crazy Whist night with 21 members attending.

Gold Coast -- Held a champagne breakfast. Had a weekend visit to Stanthorpe with a tour of the wineries . Itinerary includesSunday "after breakfast, we will depart our our motel and visit three more wineries" (now that's what I call stamina .Ed) Weekend was such a success they are planning another trip next year.

Colac -- Held a card night recently and are planning a progressive dinner and a ten pin bowling night.

Redlands --Have raffles at meetings to subsidise members at the forthcoming Christmas function.

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Does anyone out there know if the following branches still exist? We have not heard from them for a long time and our mailing to them is not being returned. If you're club is on the list, please contact us A.S.A.P. with your club details and registration form. The clubs concerned are:-

Bribie Island

Ipswich

Warracknabeal

Bundaberg

Mt Isa

Members -at-Large:-

Casino "Oasis"

Riverland

Peter Dawson

Foster

Roma

Ted Tindall



Where Apex 40 was born

WANTED - SPONSORS FOR "THE APEXIAN"

Members may or may not be aware that at the 1993 Darwin Apex National Convention, the delegates withdrew funding for "The Apexian", so its future is somewhat under a cloud. If any Apex 40 member is interested, or has any contacts who might be interested in sponsoring this great publication, I'm sure the Apex Executive Director - Andrew Phillips would like to hear from you on (02) 317 3211

Get your News into the Next Issue of Roaring 40's

Branches are requested to forward news of branch activities and other items of interest for publication in the next issue of Roaring 40's.

Let's have a photograph of a branch function so we can see what you look like, and what you get up to....

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