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SERVICE Above Self

FIRST UP

This week was a wonderful celebration of our club, disguised as the 101st birthday of our oldest member, Will Moulding. It was fantastic to have such a great turnout and our sincere thanks to John Moulding for coming along with Dad.

NO GUEST SPEAKER

With such a wonderful guest of honor and some old friends returning to the club, we dispensed with the guest speaker so we could have more time to talk to old and new friends.

THE SERGEANT

Sergeant Hardwick provided some light entertainment and helped fill the coffers. The "take" will be a welcome surprise for the Treasurer on her return from Darwin. The only disappointment was to see Sir Frank digging in to his pocket, only for the Sarge to fine Johnno instead. The Cardinal thanks you John.

OLD AND NEW FRIENDS

It was great to see Stavros looking after his mum whilst his dad is away on a trip. On behalf of the club I would also like to thank Kevin Dale for picking up Pat Sharpe in between all her overseas jaunts. Pat informed me that on her last trip she was proposed to not once, but twice! Clearly the travel is not harming her too much. And speaking of old friends, it was nice to see Joe De Simone again. I have only been around the club for about 15 months so it was only the second or third time I had met him! Geoff and Joan Brunt and Graham Theakstone were some other old friends that it was great to see. I have a feeling Graham might have an itch to get more involved if anyone wants to have a word in his ear. Good to see Bob got himself a trim before bringing June to lunch. Lovely to see you again June. It was also good to see that Bruce still knows where we meet. Your always welcome Bruce. On the point of new friends we had a potential new member in George with us again. George quietly told me if we could get Ron to stop coming he would join in a flash. Well George Ron has been a member for nearly 24 years and no-one has come up with a plan to stop him yet... Let us know if you have any good ideas! We also had Susan accompanying Ron as his guest, and he even paid for her!

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

It is my pleasure to propose Stavros Rekaris as a new member of the Rotary Club of Brunswick in the vocation of Consulting Engineer. We look forward to welcoming you into the club Stavros.

THE MEGA RAFFLE

Greg announced that we will be running the MEGA RAFFLE this year. Only 200 tickets to sell and we must sell them all if we want to maximise the benefits we can offer the local community. Lets all put up our hands and get selling!

COMING EVENTS

Thursday August 4th – Greg has left this as a surprise meeting at this stage as he is trying to lock in the program for the next few weeks. I will send a special email when I know the speaker.

Thursday August 11th – Special General Meeting to pass the new By-Laws and Constitution to be followed by the induction of some new members. Let's support them as they join our great club.

ANYTHING FOR THE BULLETIN? Email adam@mbrgroup.com.au or miss out

2005 Rotary Health Safari

Don't forget the Rotary Health Safari will visit D9800

You can keep track of the Safari on the Web site www.rotaryhealthsafari.org.au

RI President Carl-Wilhem Stenhammar writes

Literacy is a huge area with many needs. In order to expand our reach on the same penny, I strongly recommend cooperation with other organizations working in the same field. A small example of how this can be done is through the International Save the Children Alliance, a network involving approximately 30 countries around the world. My goal is to work with them to build 300 schools in developing countries. Although we cannot use Rotary Foundation grants to erect buildings, we can use them to equip schools. We have met with Save the Children in Evanston, and we will work together on projects of joint interest, focusing on education. I am sure that this effort will result in not just 300 new schools but 600 or maybe even 750 new schools. If 100 children attend each school, then 75,000 more children could learn how to read, write, and count – three skills that are essential for an acceptable life. The years 2003-2012 have been declared the "Decade of Literacy" by the United Nations. Let us participate together in making this decade a success through *Service Above Self*, thus continuing to show the world the great leadership of Rotary International.

Rotary Foundation Annual Program Giving and Centurion Club

Congratulations to all Clubs who contributed to the Rotary Foundation for 2004/2005, and to Rotarians who personally contributed to the Foundation through our District Centurion Program. The Centurion Program raised \$44,000, and had an increase of 41% of new Centurions for the past Rotary year. My grateful thanks to P.P. Vicki Teschke for administering the program. Our total District contributions were \$353,000 – a record for our District and the highest contributing District in Australia. My sincere thanks to the Rotary Foundation Annual Program Giving and Centurion Club Committee for this fantastic result. Most importantly, many more people will benefit from the Educational and Humanitarian Programs of The Rotary Foundation.

PDG Ian Knight