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**SERVICE Above Self**

The bulletin editor(s) apologises for the lateness, with many thanks to contributions by Mal and Barry in Terry and Adams absence.

From the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Oaks Day) 2005

Vice president Barry Cross chaired the meeting due to Doug's absence. There is a rumour that family connections to one of Doug's fraternity (Marist Brothers) had a share in the second placed horse in the Melbourne Cup "On a Jeune".

Further to the unanimous decision of the club at last week's meeting that Will Moulding's Paul Harris Fellowship be upgraded from a two sapphire to a five sapphire award, Barry reported that the badge has been received by the club and he will arrange for it to given to Will in the interim. (Barry hasn't even been given a Paul Harris Fellowship himself yet!) We are hopeful that an opportunity will arise when we can officially present it to Will. We thought five sapphires was appropriate for five reasons

1. Will is our only Charter member still with the club (almost 53 years membership)
2. He is a past president,
3. He had 100% attendance for over 46 years of membership,
4. He is 101 years old, and some of us like this most of all,
5. The late Jim Allan who played cricket under Will's captaincy recalled that there were occasions when Will might shirt-front the umpire if he made a bad decision or more particularly, one with which Will disagreed.

Attendance for the day was 11 with the quality if not the quantity. Lunch then turned into the Ron Paoli show, with Ron doubling as Sergeant and Guest speaker.

Our Guest speaker, Ron Paoli, spoke of his and Rinas' experiences when they visited our former Rotary Exchange Student, Carol Patterson in South Africa. Carol was a very good ambassador for her country and for Rotary at a very difficult time. Ron's interesting subject included the changes that have occurred in South Africa since the abolition of apartheid and implementation of democracy. He highlighted some of the differences between Johannesburg and Cape Town. Johannesburg was disquieting (shanty towns with one toilet, shower and water tap between about 30 houses) but Capetown comparatively relaxed.

His general observations included living standards, security and employment opportunities.

Of the eleven tribes in South Africa Carol belongs to what is called the English Tribe (which believe it or not includes the Scots and Irish) and her husband Conrad belongs to the Afrikaner Tribe, whether it is because of this or for some other reason, Carol has some difficulty with the mother-in-law. We know what a fine person Carol is so we hope the matter gets resolved.

It was felt that we might return to a breakfast meeting on Oaks Day in the future as in the past and that we retain breakfast meetings at Christmas and Easter.

Terry rang with some lame excuse citing VCAT, but we were not sure which race that was running in.

Two of the racing fraternity attended the meeting in Cheryle and Lauri, who claim they were raced out, but we got the impression they were just resting before re-entering the affray. What is it about punters that even when they win they have to keep going back until they lose?

#### BARRYS WORDS OF WISDOM

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic.