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SERVICE Above Self

LADIES DAY

We were visited today by many of the ladies of the Outer Circle (when did it change its name from Inner Wheel?) and had a very lively and informative meeting.

Guest Speaker Leo Forster of Coburg Rotary showed slides and spoke to us about the involvement of his Club in Vietnam over the last 12 or 13 years. Leo showed photos of Ho Chi Minh City in 1992 in which the streets were full of bicycles but there were no motor cars. He said that the situation is very different today that one takes one's life into one's hands when venturing onto the streets. There must be some sort of racial connection between the Vietnamese and the Italians.

During the years of work in Vietnam, Coburg Rotary have expended about \$40,000 US of their own funds and those of Rotary International on establishing a Coffee plantation, building a school etc, I am sure that it has been a very unifying project for the members of Coburg, especially those who were able to travel to Vietnam and participate more personally in it.

Leo said that it is a very friendly country of about 80 million people, half of whom are under 21 and consequently the vast majority have no recollection of the Vietnam War.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Thank you to those members including even Joe De Simone who have volunteered to be hosts. We are looking at around mid- February and I would like to know whether the hosts would prefer a Sunday lunch or a Saturday dinner and if there are any restrictions on suitable dates. It is assumed that all non- hosting members will want to be guests and the invitation remains open for double dipping. Please let Terry O'Meara know any restrictions on your involvement.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

It was pretty well unanimously resolved that we would like to hold a gathering at the Sewell household on the tentative date of Sunday December 11th. Greg has a large indoor pool but he demands that guests assume full responsibility for safeguarding any young children.

Further details will be made available but the general gist is that we would be having a lunch time BBQ and be responsible for bringing our own tucker and grog.

Friends, children and grandchildren are welcome but please notify Michael Leahy of numbers via the accompanying questionnaire.

REG GEARY

Reg has recently had a heart attack so he is not feeling his absolute best at the moment. We look forward to seeing you again very soon Reg.

CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS

Place your order with Barry Cross now. These are great value at \$13 each.

PENCILS FOR EAST TIMOR

When you are at the supermarket, please remember to throw a couple of pencils and a sharpener or two into the trolley and give them to President Doug on Thursday.

RAFFLE DRAW

It is absolutely essential that all tickets and money be returned to Greg – including the immediate return of any unsold tickets. Ticket buyers are invited to the drawing next Thursday but it is necessary that members notify Michael Leahy of the names of any who will be attending.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 24 th	Annual General Meeting and Raffle
December 8 th	Presentation Night
December 11 th	Proposed Christmas Party
December 13 th	Board Meeting
December 22 nd	Christmas Breakfast Meeting
January 5 th	We start meeting at the Lomond Hotel
February 2 nd	Back the Abruzzo Club
March 5 th	Sydney Rd Festival
March 22 nd	Conference Trip
April 21 st	Dance into Autumn

BRUNSWICK ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

BBQ LUNCH

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH 2005

ROTARIAN'S NAME:-----

I WILL/WILL NOT BE ATTENDING

MY GUESTS WILL BE:

AGE-IF UNDER 16
