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SERVICE Above Self

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

To use a crap American expression.

Of course I mean:

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Brother Doug wishes all Rotarians and their families a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and particularly advises:

“Y’all be real careful out there”.

There will be a special prize for the first Rotarian who identifies whose quotation that is.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARRY

Our last minute guest speaker this week was Barry Cross who is celebrating his 66th birthday by retiring from his position as administrator of Brunswick Industries Association Inc after 21 years associated with it and Mount Royal.

I am pleased to be able to announce that Barry is managing to retire with a seven figure payout. \$10,002.50 to be precise. As sergeant I saw it as my duty to try to relieve him of as much of that as possible...

In speaking to us, Barry very clearly enunciated his love for Brunswick Industries and its workers but his tone of voice indicated something quite contrary to love for the bureaucrats and politicians with whom he has had to deal in trying to run an enterprise that has been more concerned with the welfare of its workers than its bottom line. Brunswick Industries is an institution of the type that was once known as a Sheltered Workshop employing people with various disabilities and handicaps but that is now a politically incorrect term and concept in the eyes of many politicians. Politically correct or not, it is a place that not only loves and values its employees but is equally loved by them, many of whom have worked there for 10, 20 and 30 years and some of whom will travel considerable distances to get to work.

We won't be seeing Barry for a couple of months as he is heading off to England to spend sometime with his daughter and enjoy their winter. It is rather fascinating to know that his parting gift from Brunswick Industries was a computer. Barry and computers are even less closely connected than politicians and the truth.

GREAT TO SEE BRUCE

Bruce Le Page was able to get to see us today but he made the mistake of turning up early and was dragooned into the job of attendance and he is too nice

a fellow to have simply refused to do the job. It was good to see you again Bruce and we hope to see you and Shirley a little more often in 2006.

The re-animation of Brunswick Rotary continued right to the end of the year with about 19 members present at our meeting plus several guests. Our visitors Thursday included Darrell Robinson who is the new CEO of Brunswick Industries who is a member of the Rotary Club of Werribee and whom we wish great success in his new venture.

MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 22nd

DON'T FORGET! This is a morning meeting at 7.15am for a 7.30am start.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 29TH

There is no meeting but any interested parties are invited to meet for lunch at the Lomond Hotel at 12Noon. Lauri Penttila will chair the proceedings.

JANUARY MEETINGS

Informal, but recorded for attendance, gatherings at the Lomond Hotel each Thursday at 1pm except that the meeting for Australia Day January 28th will be held on Wednesday January 27th.

LAST BULLETIN FOR 2005

As Christmas is just around the corner the two of us would like to thank all of you for your support this year (you did support us didn't you???) and advise there will be no formal Bulletins for the year.

Terry (or is that Ebenezer?) and Adam

PS as Terry clearly has an issue with Christmas, I would like to wish a very Merry Christmas (and Happy Festive season to those who don't recognise Christmas) to all Rotarians and to THE FAMILY OF ROTARY, which we will be looking to for further involvement in the new year. It's a great time of year to catch up with old friends and new friends, enjoy fascinating relationships that exist with our families and smile as the kids tear open the wrapping. Mum doesn't put a penny in the pudding any more, but she still makes sure there is plenty of custard. How couldn't I love Christmas?

Adam