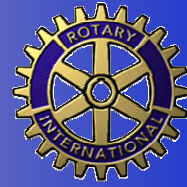




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Albany East
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SERVICE Above Self

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DUTY

Host
Tables
Invocation
Introduction
V.O.T.

WEEKLY ROSTER

January 24th
PP Allan Bell
Shane Martin / PP Roy
Wayne Savill
Geoff Shilcock
Gary Ironmonger

*To do:
Conference
Bookings !!!*

Please arrange a replacement if you cannot attend a meeting.

APOLOGIES and ATTENDANCE
PP Ted Martin 0407427704

**President
Len**



President Len welcomed back a few faces who had been absent on holidays, namely PP Mandy and Peter Welch.

In an update on Pam Claessen , President Len reported that Pam had undergone surgery which had gone well.

Past President Mike seemed to enjoy invocation tonight!!

Guest



PP Daphne, was our guest again this week. Daphne is also helping as a member of the Conference committee



Ian Howard, in his capacity as International Director, asked for members to host the Philippines G.S.E. team during the Conference. (Later in the evening, offers were made to host all the team members, however, some backup hosts may be required.)

M.O.G.T.

Director Wayne Lenegan filled us in on final details for the Valentine's day cruise. It will take place on Sunday 12th of February, starting at 11am, for about four hours. Cost will be \$25 per head adults and \$10 for Children. Lunch will be provided. The prices of drinks are reasonable, with mid beer costing \$2.50 and glasses of wine at \$4.00
The intent is to find a sheltered bay, moor, swim and have fun. The next wine bottling is almost here—start saving bottles and money!!





Gary Ironmonger, one of our new members, who was to introduce our guest speaker, became the programme tonight!

In the absence of our guest, Gary gave a thumbnail sketch of his life. Gary grew up on a beef farm in the Southwest of W.A. It was a great place to work and be involved with sport. He left at 15, and travelled to Perth to gain an apprenticeship as a carpenter.

Gary's grandfather was a builder. When they renovated his house recently, they found a builder's sign with a registration number of 645.

Gary's brother left University and moved into the computing arena. He currently lives in the United States and enjoys a good income.

Gary and his wife Lee travelled around Australia for four years before settling down and having children. They found great hospitality and job opportunities in the North. Gary said that they would work for 6 months, save money and then travel. Gary and Lee spent a good deal of their time working and building houses in Aboriginal communities.

They had their first child in Brisbane, and became tired of travelling. Gary arrived back in W.A. to Busselton and a slow economy. This was the period when brick veneer homes were being replaced with double brick. In order to find work, Gary worked in Albany for two years. Eventually, they moved to Albany. After studying at T.A.F.E. Gary got his builder's ticket and started to build up the company over the last four years. Gary and Lee have a daughter and two sons.



Vic gave the vote of thanks tonight

Who was Jesus?

There are three good arguments that Jesus was Black:

1. He called everyone "brother."
2. He liked Gospel.
3. He couldn't get a fair trial.

But there were three equally good arguments that Jesus was Jewish:

1. He went into His Father's business.
2. He lived at home until he was 33.
3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin and his Mother was sure he was God.

But then there were another three equally good arguments that he was Italian:

1. He talked with his hands.
2. He had wine with every meal.
3. He used olive oil a lot.

But then there were three equally good arguments that Jesus was a Californian:

1. He never cut his hair.
2. He walked around barefoot all the time.
3. He started a new religion.

But then there were three equally good arguments that Jesus was Irish:

1. He never got married.
2. He was always telling stories.
3. He loved green pastures.

But the most compelling evidence of all - conclusive proof that Jesus was a woman:

1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was no food.
2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it.
3. And even when He was dead, He had to get up because there was work to do!



FINES

The “silver fox” started off the session with a group fine. PP Allan, Gary, Wayne L. PP Jim, Geoff S. and Ashley were early for the meeting and were fined accordingly.

Past President Ted was late and had everyone worried.

Geoff posed the question “how many people in this Club were born in Albany?” to Wayne L., DG Peter and Warren (only 2!)

The standard must be slipping—tonight was the first time PP Ross arrived without a tie! Warren was again fined for using “child labour” in his advertising productions.

PP Ashley left his clients waiting while he ran the Wittenoom Cup.

This must have been the evening for multiple fines—Geoff asked the question “why is this Australia Day?” of PP Jacko, PP Roy and Vic.

The photogenic Peter Welch landed a fine for his newspaper appearance.

Peter and David Watson were fined for arriving late.

President Len needed a prompt to recognize the presence of PP Daphne.

PP Daphne was fined for using an out of date book.

With tearful eyes PP Roy paid yet another fine on top of the (calculated) fines amount of \$1820 paid since he has been a member!

The following members were not identified with their “dinner plates” and were fined appropriately: PP Ross, PP Ted and PP Mandy.

ALASKAN PARTY

Tom had been in business for 25 years and was finally sick of the stress. He quit his job and bought 50 acres of land in Alaska, as far from humanity as possible. He saw the postman once a week and got groceries once a month; otherwise it was total peace and quiet. After six months or so of almost total isolation, someone knocked on his door. He opened it and there stood a huge, bearded man.

"Name's Lars, your neighbour from forty miles up the road... Having a Christmas party Friday night... Thought you might like to come... About five o'clock..."

"Great," said Tom, "after six months out here I'm ready to meet some local folks. Thank you."

As Lars was leaving, he stopped and said, "Gotta warn ya...There's gonna be some serious drinkin'."

"Not a problem," said Tom, "after 25 years in business, I can drink with the best of 'em."

Again, as he started to leave, Lars stopped and said, "More'n likely gonna be some bad fightin' too!"

Tom said, "Well, I get along with people, I'll be alright. I'll be there. Thanks again."

Once again Lars turned from the door, saying "More'n likely be some really wild sex, too."

"Now that's really not a problem," said Tom, warming to the idea. "I've been all alone for six months! I'll definitely be there. By the way, what should I wear?"

Lars stopped in the door again and said: "Whatever you want. Just gonna be the two of us."

FINES

PP Jacko was fined for not getting it right and “dobbing” incorrectly.

PP Ted bought the box and fined PP Bob Reynolds.

Apparently it has taken Bob 33 years to call the attendance officer before 10 am!

(Does this mean Bob is more organised now or has more time?)

RAFFLE



The winning ticket number was drawn by Peter Welch and claimed by PP Bob.



A very poor performance by Bob in drawing the king of spades!

Our congratulations to the chef and catering staff on an excellent meal and well presented dessert!

David Watson thanked the Club on behalf of the Princess Royal Sailing Club for a donation of life preserver vests purchased from O'Keefes at a keen price. The vests will be used with their new sailing boats for the disabled.



COMING EVENTS

1. Inner Wheel's 10th birthday. Motel Legrande on the 18th February at 6.30.
2. **PLEASE REGISTER and be involved in OUR CONFERENCE!! (only 5 weeks to go!)**

BIRTHDAYS

President Len 1st February, Barbara Hall 4th February

ANNIVERSARIES

PP Ross Tassicker - 31st January, PP Geoff McNeill -2nd February

ATTENDANCE

We have 36 members. There were 25 present, 1 visitor, 2 makeups **90%**

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