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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR— BOB IVERSEN

The theme for today's editorial is 'endurance', the essential ingredient in runners' marathons, cyclists' marathons, swimmers marathons and the extremely difficult tri-athalons (running, swimming, cycling). This theme came to me on Sunday morning, October 8, when my wife and I treated ourselves to breakfast at a lovely restaurant on the Marine Parade near the St Kilda Marina. As we crossed the Marine Parade we had to dodge hundreds, maybe thousands, of runners in the annual Melbourne marathon. Some runners had identification tags with numbers approaching 2000, so this marathon was a big deal. It takes a great deal of endurance to participate in such a marathon. You have to train for it, for completing the distance is extremely difficult. We saw mostly runners, but there were also a lot of walkers and joggers including one man extremely bent over and advancing in a gait half way between walking and jogging. He obviously had the endurance to see him through his marathon.



I am not a big running or jogging enthusiast or a cycling enthusiast, but I am keen on swimmer's distance races. Twice in Hawaii I participated in the Annual Waikiki Rough Water Swim and I have certificates to prove I finished them. I was in the over 60-65 year old category and in the first race I swam the 4.8 kilometre distance in an hour and 23 minutes. Since I had conscientiously trained and built up my endurance I thought it was a piece of cake. Boy, was I wrong! The second time I swam it, it was anything but a piece of cake as it took me two hours and 15 minutes to cover the same distance. This was because I was swimming against the current and at the end of the race I could hardly lift the bottle of beer what was offered to me, I was so pooped. But I had also trained diligently for this race and my endurance allowed me to finish.

So what has this got to do with Rotary? As your local estate agent will tell you, a prime factor in buying your new house or apartment is 'location, location, location.' Being Rotarian is not easy as a lot is asked of you, so I suggest one of the best ways to approach your Rotary duties is to have a lot of 'endurance, endurance, endurance.' Rotary endurance comes in all forms. Take the annual sausage sizzle our club puts on at the Victoria Governor's residents on Australia Day. If that does not require endurance I will eat my hat. This is a formidable challenge that Tony Harrison and his squad of sausage sizzlers carries off in great style. Our club has four standing committees, numerous subcommittees and a hard working Board of Directors. The tasks undertaken by these committees call for a great deal of endurance, so the next time a committee or subcommittee chair asks you for a little extra time, please say yes as your 'endurance, endurance, endurance' can help carry the day and make the task achievable.

GUEST SPEAKERS

LAST WEEK. Guest Speaker: Senior Constable Dale Johnstone, 'Policing and Wayward Youth'

THIS WEEK. Guest Speaker: Barbara Comino/Alex Tseberg. 'The Persons Behind the Badges'. Chair:

Bill Baker

NEXT WEEK: Guest Speaker: Simon O'Donoghue, 'Kokoda Trail'. Chair: Ching Wong.

Luncheon Host for this week: Peter Nathan

Luncheon Host for next week: David Finney

Luncheon Host for October 27: Bill Lowcock

Luncheon Host for November 03: Graham Lockwood

If unable to carry out the duties of Host, please arrange a replacement

GUEST SPEAKER - SNR CONSTABLE DALE JOHNSTONE VICTORIA POLICE YOUTH RESOURCE OFFICER



Senior Constable Johnstone's talk covered the aims and practises of Victorian Police in addressing the many issues involved with handling the policing and handling of wayward youth. He said the aims of the Victoria Police Youth Affairs Office are to provide 'intelligent and confident policing to develop partnerships and a community capacity for a safer Victoria'. The objectives are (1) to increase the capacity for Victoria Police to deal with police/youth issues; (2) at the same time meet the needs of local community and government agencies. He said the assistance of Rotary clubs in attaining these aims and objectives is very much appreciated.

As a Police Youth Resource Officer his job is to (1) create and maintain a District Youth Profile; (2) Represent Victoria at a local level; (3) undertake a leadership role in the community relating to policing youth; (4) identify and target needs and strategies to support young people; (5) identify youth stakeholders to plan responses to youth issues; (6) establish early intervention and crime prevention programs for young people; (7) education of Victoria Police in general on youth issues.

The Youth Resource Officer is supported and managed by the District Inspector and there is at least one Youth Resource Officer in each Local Government Area to support and respond to youth issues.

Dale commented on the difficulties of dealing with Young People's issues, as not being new, Quoting from Socrates:

"Our youth now love luxury, exhibiting bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for their elders, love to talk in place of exercise. They no longer rise when elderly people enter the room; contradict their parents, talk when others are already talking. They exhibit bad manners when eating and tyrannize their teachers."

He suggested that these observations apply to the present generation, and considering Socrates comments were made in the Fifth Century BC, the tensions between the younger generation and their peers haven't changed over the ages.

Having said this, it is important to develop an understanding of youth issues and engage with them to seek ways of communicating.

Employment prospects for young people will probably involve several jobs in their working life, in contrast to previous generations, where it was often customary to have one job for life.

Police Youth Programme

Prior to the appointment of Youth Resource Officers, there existed a Police in Schools programme, involving 60/70 members of the Police Force visiting schools on a regular basis. This was considered ineffective, as the presence extended to only 5% of Primary Schools and Secondary Schools, and often schools with the most problems were not visited. It was felt that after school activities by young people constituted the greatest potential source of community friction. The Police in Schools programme was then disbanded, with new positions created for Police Youth Resource Officers.

The programmes are targeted to all youth up to the age of 25 and there are 89 Youth Resource Officers distributed throughout Victoria to liaise with local police to deal with all aspects of juvenile crime and to find acceptable solutions that will reduce the incidence of court appearance by young offenders. Cautioning young offenders has been effective in reducing court appearances, with a large reduction in re-offending.

Advance Programme

This is a schools based programme that provides opportunities for students to participate in their local community, doing it in partnership with a community organization and involving young people's choice. The Office for Youth supports participating schools by providing funding, guidelines curriculum, materials, and support to plan, implement and evaluate the program.

High Challenge

A series of activities based on a 'Challenge by Choice', with opportunities to relax and become better

GUEST SPEAKER—CONTINUED

acquainted, develop personal team skills such as orienteering and Rope climbing.

Community Justice

This is a Group Conferencing Program based on restorative justice principles. The aim is to bring together the young person who has offended, the family, community members, and the victim of the crime, to discuss ways for the young person to make amends for the harm done by the current offending behaviour. This provided the children's Court with an alternative pre-sentencing option that aims to divert young people from further or more serious offending.

Party Safe

This programme provides guidelines for families conducting parties for young people, and for those attending. Notification of a particular function ensures that the local police will be accessible to provide a presence if required. Dale concluded his address by emphasising the need for all members of the Community not to give up in providing positive support to ensure better outcomes for our youth.

KNOW YOUR MEMBERS - RAY QUARRY



I was born in Sandringham and attended the local primary school. My secondary education was at Wesley College. After graduating from Melbourne University I joined the Nicholas (Aspro) Group where I spent 16 years mainly in finance management roles before becoming Manager - Overseas Operations for the last few years with that Group.

From Nicholas I moved to Oce-Crosby Ltd where I was Group Managing Director for 6 years. I left the company after the majority Dutch shareholders acquired 100% ownership, delisted the company and sold off the non-reprographic activities (including Crosby Tiles). I rejected an offer of an overseas appointment with Oce and then experienced a very eventful year with Kwikform in the building industry before joining Kinnears as Finance Manager and Company Secretary. Take-overs continued to follow me as shortly thereafter Kinnears was acquired by Johns Perry who were in turn then acquired by Boral. I then became General Manager-Finance of the Boral Manufacturing Group of companies which included Kinnears, Cyclone, General Strapping, Gerrard Springs, Melwire and other operations. In 1992 these companies were spun off as a separate public company group under the Azon banner.

I remained with Azon until 1996 when I accepted an early retirement package. This coincided with a marriage breakdown and as a result I decided to move my residence to my holiday home in Point Lonsdale.

I enjoy a very relaxing life-style at Point Lonsdale where I am actively involved with swimming, golf, bowls, volleyball, walking and the local Probus club (President-elect). I normally spend a day or two in Melbourne each week with Anne and to keep in touch with friends and family. I have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren who are located in Perth, the Shipwreck Coast and Melbourne. My trips to Melbourne also allow me to retain my involvement with this Rotary Club which has been an important and very enjoyable part of my life for 32 years.

NOTICES



TRADITIONAL MELBOURNE CUP EVE DINNER MONDAY, 06 NOVEMBER



Bookings are now open for the above event which this year will be held at Beachcombers' Café at the St Kilda Sea Baths complex on Jacka Boulevard, St Kilda.

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Cost for a 3 course meal is \$40.00

Drinks available at discounted prices

Friends and families are invited to join us on what is always a great fun evening
Bookings (with payment) to Warren Parker or Ray Quarry

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The Four way Test

Of the things we think say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all involved?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

BIRTHDAYS

None this week

ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Paraskevas, 10th - 6 years

STATISTICS

Club meeting 06 October 2006

Guest of Members:

Betty Robbins (Wilbur Robbins), Bill Forbes and Anthony Van Der Veld (Tony Harrison), Pat Brown PHF (Ray Quarry)

Make-up

Ching Wong (Cluster Internet Meeting)

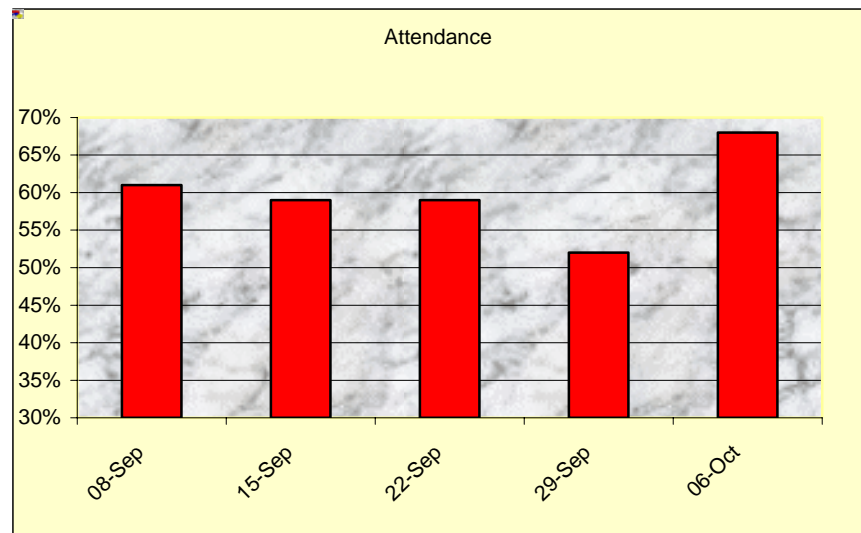
Red Hats

Trevor Harris and Sandy Bennet

Door Prize

Dennis Berlowitz

Attendance: 30 members out of 44 = 68%



Please advise make-ups at the meeting or to Dennis Berlowitz on
Ph: 9676 9912 or fax: 9646 1324 or dennis@berlowitz.org

AND FINALLY

Reasons Computer must be Male

1. They have a lot of data but are still clueless
2. A better model is always just around the corner
3. They look nice and shiny until you bring them home
4. It is always necessary to have a backup
5. They'll do whatever you say if you push the right buttons
6. The best part of having either one is the games you can play
7. The lights are on but nobody is home.