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Another successful Rotary Adventure in Citizenship Program for 2006 concluded this week

Roster:

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
Program	Ian Excell Business Process Modelling	District Governor Mick Newling
Sergeant	Rex Hunt	Rex Hunt
Introduction	David Fox	Robin Cromer
Appreciation	Carlo Binutti	Tom Davies
Fellowship	Val Bland	Peter Evans
	Ajit Banerjee	Des Pain
Raven Recorder	Piers Booth	Keith Avent
Birthdays	Ros Osbourne 28th Aug	nil
Anniversaries	Bob and Helen Harvie Aug 25th, John and Julia Widdup 27th Aug	nil
Trash & Treasure	27th Aug Des Henderson Kelly-Val Bland 10th Sept Shukry Sahhar-Ian Excell	3rd Sept John Widdup-Ros Osbourne 17th Sept Gary Scott-John Gray

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Today:

Ian Excell on Business Process Modelling in Government

Ian attended Teachers College and University getting a Degree in science & maths. Taught science in Lethbridge High School, and undertook a couple of extra degrees in Canada with study at night in psychology among other subjects. Switched over to the Commonwealth Teaching Service (in which service his Canadian degrees were recognised) in the field of student counselling. Counselling in many of the Canberra high schools, then a couple of years in Christmas Island and back to Canberra. Then came a smooth transition into computer sales. The Commodore computer came into the world followed by IBM and Toyota clones. Microsoft took him on and a novel marketing ploy was adopted. Visits to Microsoft in America have given Ian a considerable insight into the integrity of the organization.

Last Week:

At the Joint meeting with Canberra Club at the National Museum of Australia, the **Guest Speaker was Ms Annabelle Pegrum**, CEO of the National Capital Authority. She was introduced by RAIC Delegate Mr Mathew Romans van Schaik of Greenvale, Victoria.

Ms Pegrum observed that getting older allows one to reflect on the past with the benefit of hindsight. Although



she was born here, her parents had migrated from Austria after WW2 and the family spent time in migrant hostels. She was a teenager in the 1960s, which brought increasing opportunities and freedoms, particularly for women. She was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship and commenced a degree in Architecture in 1971. During the 1970s, she developed a sense of self-awareness but was able to balance confidence with self-criticism.

She described the 1980s as the “Superwoman Period”, when the Sex Discrimination Act (1984) and Affirmative Action (1986) were introduced. Ms Pegrum went into an Architecture practice, had two children, at a time when ‘wealth’ became an end in itself. Although her first marriage had ended, she moved to Canberra for work and did not look back. She subsequently became an academic and was able to examine the way that Architecture develops a sense of ‘place’.

With the advent of self-government in the ACT, she went into the ACT Public Service, learning how to service the community and how to make things happen. She sees Canberra as an expression of the hopes and dreams of all Australians. She feels that education is the soul of society as it passes from one generation to the next. Delegates need to believe that they can shape the future of our society and the National Anthem depicts what it is to be Australian.

With thanks to Recorder Robin Cromer

New Directions Seminar

I have found in the past that many Rotary functions, such as assemblies and training sessions regurgitate the same worn out information. So I was both surprised and pleased to find that many of the ideas discussed at this “New Directions Seminar”, which I attended on Saturday 12 August, were both fresh and stimulating. I came away happy that I had attended, but saddened at being the only member of the Rotary Club of Canberra-Woden, who was present. Whilst there were difficulties due to the clash with RAIC, and it seems to have been poorly advertised! Yet the seminar would have been helpful to the club’s board and the rest of the members when we make decisions about the much needed growth of club.

PDG Jennifer Coburn from district 9810 in Victoria was by far the most dynamic of the speakers. Her present role is chairperson of the Eastern Zone Membership Committee. Two other contributors from outside of the district were PDG Don Jago, and PDG Bob Aitkin.

The first half of the meeting involved a discussion about leadership, with special reference to the choosing and role of the District Governor, and a presentation about the Foundation. District 9710 makes the second lowest contribution per Rotarian members of all the Australian districts. The aim is \$100 from each Rotarian, each year, equals \$2 per week. All the money contributed by a district returns after 3 years, to be spent on the various Foundation activities.

The second half of the meeting was split between two closely linked items, membership and public relations. Internal public relations through Rotary magazines and the club bulletin and club website help to retain members. The bulletin should give a summary of board decisions. External public relations allow the general public to learn about the activities of the club, and encourage people to seek membership.

Clubs are being encouraged to change the structure of their boards, with the four directors having new responsibilities; Membership; Service with sub-directors for club service, community service, international service, vocational service and youth service; Foundation; Public Relations. In addition all the remaining members should have responsibility for a club project, however small.

Many other ideas and suggestions were floated, and I hope to make a fuller report for consideration by the board.

Piers Booth

Reminder

Annual subs for 2006/07 of \$230 now due, can be paid 2x\$115 by *cash, cheque or direct credit to Rotary Bank A/c.* Noel Hart, Treasurer.

Rotary Adventure in Citizenship.

Forty seven year-11 delegates arrived on Saturday 12th August, and quickly became immersed in their week of Adventure in Citizenship. Delegates came from all over Australia. The program as usual focussed on the process of governance but this year included a reception with the Governor-General and an expanded contribution from NCA on the history and significance of the National Capital. The Parliamentary Education Office conducted their usual excellent program including an election and other role plays, senate committee inquiry, question time, and meetings with delegates’ Local Members and Senators. Members wishing to assist in the preparation of next year’s Program should contact Bruce Wyatt.