PRESIDENT'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

Thank you all for the warm welcome and words of support as I take over from Allan Rodger as President of our Club due to the illness of Allan’s wife & fellow member Margaret. Margaret is now convalescing at home and being looked after by her favourite nurse Alan. Our best wishes go to Margaret & Allan at this time.

Fifty-four members (80%) were in attendance at our first meeting for 2020 which is a very positive start to the new year.

GUEST SPEAKER BEVERLEY MOSS

Beverley Moss was our guest speaker this month and yet again she held our attention & had us laughing as she recalled the night that “A funny thing happened on the way to the Rainbow Room at the Rockefeller Centre in New York". The art deco Rainbow Room was opened in 1934 & many royals, entertainers & society leaders have dined in this elegant room for nearly ninety years.

Shortly after checking in to her hotel on arrival in New York Beverley was given a short notice dinner invitation addressed to a Ms Sharon Sternheim. For the greater part of the evening her dinner companions had little to say to her until they discovered that Beverley had just arrived from London immediately after Princess Diana’s tragic death. Eager to find out more about the accident became a conversation ice breaker & Beverley had a wonderful night, quaffing several glasses of champagne and wine. As the night progressed Beverley realised that her fellow guests were attending a Pharmaceutical Conference.

Footnote

I was curious to know who Sharon Sternheim is so Dr Google advised me that Ms Sternheim has been the President/CEO of Zitomer/Thriftway Drug Corporation in New York since 1979. The company achieved earnings of 66 million dollars US in 2001.

Beverley was in New York in part to meet up with a relative who prior to her arrival told her that she was going to take her to a very very special restaurant – you guessed it the restaurant was:

The Rainbow Room at the Rockefeller Centre

Maureen Scully

Copying

We wish to thank Local Member Danny Pearson and staff for printing our Newsletter, Minutes and other documents.

Sheila laizans
Visit to the Immigration Museum
There were ten of us at the museum. I had not been to the Immigration Museum for years and was in for a surprise at how different it was. It was always an interesting place and now, with the re-jigging of the exhibitions and rearrangement so that it flows easily, it is even more engaging. Our group thoroughly enjoyed the visit and even the secondary students there were quietly reading and chatting about the exhibits. Nine of us had lunch afterwards at Tian 38 in Flinders Lane

Pam Leith

Movies
Our 1st Movie outing of the year was held on Tuesday 4th Feb. at the Nova. Seven Members attended: A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood: two Members; Bombshell: both very enjoyable films both very different. Eight members enjoyed lunch at Brunetti’s afterwards.
Next Movie Day 7 April.

Annette Simpson

COMING EVENTS
Tuesday, 25 February. Committee Meeting (9.15 am), General Meeting (10.30 am
Guest speaker.
The Speaker for the February meeting on Tuesday, 25 February is Mark Hariman. Mark is the Client Relationship Manager for Absolute Care and Health, an independent organisation that helps senior Australians to stay living in their own home and provides rehabilitation and support services for people recovering from accidents and/or illnesses who require home support under the NDIS [National Disability Insurance Scheme].
He helps such people to understand what options are available to them.

Bob Simpson

Walk of Interest Along St Kilda Pier.
As some members will be at the Lakes Entrance Trip Away on the 3rd Tuesday in March, our next walk has been moved forward to the first Tuesday. Please note that it will be on Tuesday, 3 March.
Please catch the 96 Tram which runs via Nicholson St Carlton & Bourke St to St Kilda. Alight at Stop 136, which is part way along the Esplanade. Then turn right & walk past the Catani Clock. June Charlesworth, who is leading the walk, will meet us at 10:15am at the Esplanade overpass.
This is an easy walk. Don't be discouraged by the length of the pier as there are seats to rest along the way. We will have a tea/coffee at the kiosk right at the end of it. And if we are lucky & there are a few penguin stragglers still moulting, we may see them. As always, we will have lunch – either your own picnic or in a cafe – at your own expense.

June Keats

Lunches
The next lunch is Tuesday, 10 March, at Moonee Ponds Club 622 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds at 12.00. Parking is available on the site. No 59 tram stops at Ormond Road stop 30 then walk towards Moonee Ponds 3-minute walk. There is a book to sign in to Club at front.
Gluten free and vegetarian is available and payment on day
Entrance on Mt Alexander Road.

Jenny Outen

Trip Away. Lakes Entrance, March 2000
Judy Jessop as previously, has offered her drive for people to leave their cars whilst away. Please contact either of us if you wish to do this. There are limited spaces available.
Pick up times as follows:
30 Gilbertson Street, Essendon: 8.15
Waterloo Cup: 8.45,
We will be asking for $10 from each person to cover the cost of happy hour, on the way to Lakes Entrance.
Any questions please contact Margaret or Sheila.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February
Frank Evans
Ray McMahon
Albert Hilton
Zofia Joshi

March
John Sullivan
Knut Tveitnes
Margaret Launikonis
Carol Criddle
Jenny Hopkins

Pat Porigneaux
Emma Villamor
Maggie Veneziano
Stella Watson
Anna Lin

Deadline for the March Newsletter: Friday, 14 March, 2020

Thought for the month:

Patriotism is often an arbitrary veneration of real estate above principles. -George Jean Nathan, author and editor (14 Feb 1882-1958)

The difference in mind between man and the higher animals, great as it is, certainly is one of degree and not of kind. -Charles Darwin, naturalist and author (12 Feb 1809-1882)

I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this. -Emo Phillips, comedian, actor (b. 7 Feb 1956)