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A Special General Meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10.00 am. at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Road, Bendigo.

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There will be no Guest Speaker for today as this is the 13th Annual General Meeting with the election of Office Bearers for 1999/2000.

The guest speaker for last month's meeting was to have been Mr. Ian Green but, as he was not available, the talk on "The Big Stupa" was very ably given by his wife, Judy, and supported by the Venerable Tony Beaumont, a Buddhist monk, who is head of the monastery at the Atisha Centre, and Robert Cook, chairman of the local Promotions Committee.


Judy, her husband, Ian, and their three sons shifted to Bendigo in 1981 to set up the Atisha Buddhist Centre which is located on 50 acres of bushland, donated to the Buddhist group by the Green family, near the old Sandhurst Town site. Judy has held several positions with the National Buddhist Organisation and is currently Co-director of the Atisha Centre.

Judy first gave a run-down of the foundation of Buddhism and its spread throughout Asia. Tibetan Buddhism is still considered to be the purest form of the religion due to that country's isolation for more than 1000 years. The Atisha Centre in Bendigo is one of over 100 centres around the world belonging to an organisation called the Foundation for the Preservation of the Matyhana Tradition. Throughout each year the Atisha Centre holds regular courses, retreats and meditations catering to about a couple of thousand people a year.

Within the last two years the monastery has been opened, which is an Australian first, and is an important symbol of the establishment of Buddhism in this country. The next stage is the development of a very large Stupa which is the holiest structure in the religion as it symbolises the mind of enlightenment and the attainment of this perfect state. This Stupa will be the largest to be built in the Western world. It will take ten years to build and will cost around ten million dollars gathered from around the world - quite a monumental project. The next stage is to complete the structural engineering and prepare the foundations. It is hoped to complete this by the end of next year.


The objectives of the Stupa - to inspire people to seek a peaceful and spiritual path
to help explain Buddhism to anyone interested
to be a pilgrimage place for Buddhists from around the world
to provide a place of peace and serenity for all, especially those in need
to provide a temple for use by monks and members of the Atisha community and
to be of service to as many beings as possible.

Judy was introduced by President Kevin and thanked by John Stephens who made the usual presentation.




INDUCTIONS

Two new members were inducted by President Kevin. These were Fred Marchingo, introduced by Alan Dingle and Barry O'Brien, introduced by Ted Driscoll. We wish them well in their association with Bendigo Probus.



MEDICAL CARD


A card, showing a member's medical details, will be adopted for use on excursions. These cards will be sealed in individual envelopes and will only be opened in a medical emergency and then only by medical or para-medical staff. It is hoped that this information will give medical staff a head start in providing treatment in any emergency.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCES

Members should note the rule in the Constitution regarding attendances. This rule is laid down by the Probus Centre at Parramatta and has been part of our Constitution for some time. With the Club meeting eleven times in a year it means that members are required to attend at least six meetings in a year. The Executive Committee is consciously looking at the matter of attendances as there are several nominees always waiting on full membership of the Club. The potential officer or committee member status of some of the nominees cannot be overlooked, and it is not fair to them to be prevented from becoming full members because of other members who do not fulfil their obligations to the Club. Your consideration of this matter would be appreciated.



TRIP OF THE YEAR: SUNDAY JULY 25TH TO SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH, 1999

** TO SOUTHPORT (GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND) - HARBOUR SIDE RESORT

15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS. Depart: Sun July 25th. Return: Sun Aug 8th '99

** SUNGOLD HOLIDAYS ** 4 Star Resort ** All Modern facilities.

** SUNGOLD PACKAGE: Which includes: Accommodation (Twin Share),

Private Facilities, Dinner, Bed, Breakfasts, M/Tea most days, Lunches: first week (2),
2nd Week (2), Tours on 5 days each week.

** COST: Of 15 Day/14 Night Package:

SunGold Package (2 Weeks @ \$489/week) /person	= \$998.00
(Seniors Return Air Fare: Melb - Coolangatta Ret.	= \$382.00
(Sungold arranges)	-----

** TOTAL COST: per person ----- = \$1,410.00

Transport Bendigo - Tullamarine & return (40 travel) \$25.00 / person

(For every 20 people SunGold give \$489 rebate) 40 = \$978.00

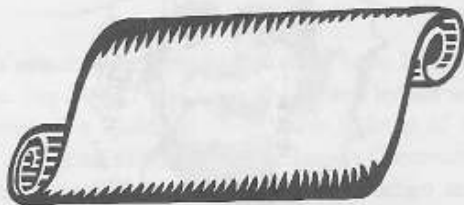
** This amount would be used to defray cost of transport from Bendigo-Tullamarine & return.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: Meeting 16th June. Highly recommend this trip

MAXIMUM: (48) Current: (39) *** Additional bookings available.***

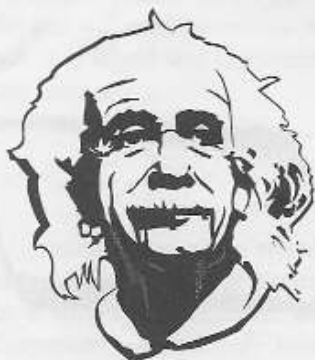
***To assist collectors, please tender correct money. If payment by cheque, please ensure details written on back of cheque.

Arthur Eaton



This being the year of the Older Person the following, which was gleaned from a Sydney Newspaper, may be appropriate:

I remember the cheese of my childhood
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When children helped out with the housework
And the men went to work, not the wife.
The cheese never needed an ice-chest,
The bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy
And the wife was content with her lot.
I remember the milk from the billy
With yummy rich cream on the top.
Our dinners came hot from the oven
And not from a fridge in some shop.
The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for "kicks"
But a game with their mates in the paddock
And sometimes the Saturday "flicks".
I remember the shop on the corner
Where a penn'orth of lollies was sold:
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic
Or is it I'm just getting old?



EXPO

Do not forget the Expo for Aged Persons to be held at the White Hills Tech. auditorium on the 13th and 14th of March. There will be displays of hobbies, entertainment, information booths, food and drink.



WEDNESDAY MARCH 24TH, 1999. TRIP TO MELBOURNE. Max.(53) Current(53)
LIVE MUSICAL STAGE SHOW - "SHOWBOAT" MATINEE PERFORMANCE - 1.00pm
COST: \$70/person (A Reserve) Includes: Coach & Admission to Show.
A highly acclaimed "Stage Show" at the Regent Theatre Melbourne.
Depart: 9.00am. Arrive Home 6.00pm. ** Near plenty of food outlets.
(If unable to go, onus is on ticket holder to obtain replacement)

THURSDAY APRIL 22nd, 1999. TRIP TO KYNETON. *** Maximum: (48). Current: (44).
Depart: 8.30am. Arrive home: 5.00pm.
Experienced Local Guide for full day. Town tour-items of interest. Also, during the day visits and conducted tours of John Brown, Kyneton Fine China, Kyneton Woollen Mill and the Kyneton Museum which is considered to be excellent. This trip will have great variety, be of interest to all, leisurely, enjoyable & low cost.
COST: \$20/Person Includes: Coach, Entry Fees A/Tea. LUNCH: B.Y.O.
PAYMENTS: At Meeting 17th March. VACANCIES: *** (4)

THURSDAY 24th JUNE, 1999. "XMAS IN JUNE" DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT
Location: Bendigo Regional Institute of T.A.F.E. Restaurant.
** An excellent meal served by T.A.F.E. Hospitality Centre.
** This, by popular demand, is arranged by Cliff Binks.
COST: Approx: \$17 - \$20. Includes: Meal & Entertainment
LIST: At April Meeting. PAYMENTS: May meeting. Maximum (80)

ACTIVITIES
BOWLS NOTES



THE TIDE HAS TURNED, our second win in a row was recorded against North Bendigo in February - victory by 19 shots.

The best rink for Bendigo Probus was skippered by Mal Boyd with Ted Driscoll, Os Watson and Jack Rose, 29 shots to 6.

Our next encounter is the combined Probus day at Castlemaine on Monday, 22nd March at 9.30 am for a 10.15 am start.

The first game will be of twelve ends followed by lunch then two games of ten ends followed by afternoon tea and presentations. The cost per player is \$10.00.

Teams will compete for the Probus Championship Shield to be held for one year and the honour of organising the day next year. All section winners to receive Probus Trophies.

As this is our most important day of the Probus bowls year, I have selected and entered five rinks to represent our club to allow more members a game.

Teams are as follows; any member not able to play please notify me A.S.A.P. on 54470562.

J. Rose	E. Waterworth	W. Winzar	M. Boyd	(s)
W. Spicer	E. Hogan	L. Roy	R. Marslen	(s)
J. Kelly	O. Watson	W. Clemens	H. Hesse	(s)
A. Court	R. Fitzgerald	V. Canobie	F. O'Connell	(s)
A. Wilson	E. Driscoll	A. Eaton	K. Gloster	(s)

The scheduled match against Woodbury on 24th March has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled in April.

Bill Clemens

COMBINED ANNUAL PICNIC

You may have noted that the Probe is a little earlier this month. This has been done to give a timely reminder to all members to give their support to the combined annual picnic to be held at the White Hills gardens on the 12th of March. Registration will be at 11.00 am, welcome and lunch at noon and banner parade at 1.00 pm. B.Y.O. everything and barbeques are near at hand.