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A Special General meeting is held every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am at the Masonic Centre, McIvor Rd, Bendigo.

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The subject for the May Meeting will be Discovery, Science and Technology.

At our April Meeting, President Alex introduced Terry Carroll and Patrick Falconer from the Money Depot in Williamson Street, who introduced Frank Pichler, the Regional Representative - Victoria for the Australian Senior Finance Ltd. Frank explained the advantages of taking out a lifetime or reverse mortgage. A lifetime mortgage is usually structured as a loan secured with a first mortgage on your property, but unlike a traditional mortgage, no repayments are due until all borrowers permanently vacate the property. These loans are for ages 60 plus, although there is a 50's plus option. Frank mentioned that these loans can be used for a number of options, including a car, holidays, travel, home maintenance, or improvements.

Rupert Reynolds thanked the speakers on behalf of the members and made the usual presentation.

Presidents Report

At the last meeting, I made the request that members should send in any ideas they might have about recruitment of new members. The committee and I look forward to receiving plenty of material to deal with. I have had one list of proposals so far. I am anticipating many more on the meeting day.

**WE NEED NEW MEMBERS AND WE NEED
YOUR HELP TO FIND THEM.**

Treasurers Report

Captain Scrooge, our Money Manager, has a shortfall of \$275 on the payment of his new car. He suggests that the last eleven members who still haven't paid him subs, please do so on the 16th May. It will save him an embarrassment.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS LUNCHEON

We had our April luncheon at the Malayan Orchid and as always the meal was a great success. The food was excellent and supplied plentifully. The atmosphere was good, the service was first class. This month we are going to the Foundry Arms at 366 High Street, Bendigo.

You do not have to be a Foundation Member, all are welcome, friends, Past Presidents, any one who would enjoy a good meal in good company.

Birthday Wishes

Best wishes are extended to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in the coming months...

JUNE 2007

02 Jack Laidler
05 John White
07 Barry Hargrave
07 Ron Twitt
11 Alec Crothers
23 Ralph Michell

80
83
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80
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87

JULY 2007

08 John Petrusma 74
09 Jack Wallace 86
13 Bob McCaskill 85
13 Ern Waterworth 86
20 Arthur Cowling 88
21 Peter Thornton 76

Congratulations to all of above, especially Jack and Ron.

Also it is understood congrats are in order to Jack and Aileen Kelly who will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on 28th June.

Note: If you do not wish your birthday published in the "Probe" please advise the Secretary.

SMILE TIME

- Did you hear about the Cement salesman who got the sack because he didn't have his sales plan set in concrete?
- Nowadays, when you get right down to brass tacks, they're plastic.
- A rare book is one that comes back after you've lent it.

NEW MEMBER

President Alex, inducted Ern Holland to our club. Ern was a meat inspector for 25 years, also active in CFA and Neighbourhood Watch. Many thanks to Arthur Eaton for introducing Ern. Incidentally Arthur has scored a hat trick in regard to new members during the last 12 months.

EDITOR

FILM AFTERNOON

On the last Sunday in April, we had an entertaining, instructive, marvellous show at the Campbell Theatre. Rob and Cynthia Watkins had spent five months photographing wildlife and natural beauty in Kakadu, the Kimberleys and Pilbara regions of Western Australia and they showed us their work.

We have seen what they can do on several occasions before and each time we have had a treat. This time they excelled. Their new digital camera brought out the colour and majesty of the region. We saw shots of birds, wild flowers, rivers, trees, gorges, sandstone cliffs, freshwater crocs and salt water crocs. All through Rob's commentaries revealed what an extensive and intensive knowledge of it all.

The audience, in excess of 150 people, sat spell bound by it all.

I should add the Bob Aulobrook and Diana his wife looked after the technical part of the show, supplying the projector and the sound system which matched the excellence of the camera work.

Useless Information

The Bible is the no one shoplifted in America.
Flamingo's can only eat with their heads upside down.
Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
Everyday more money is printed for monopoly than the treasury.
Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
Sherlock Holmes never said "Elementary my dear Watson".
The world record for most children to one mother is 69 children.
Alligators can't move backwards.
Adolf Hilter's Great-Great Grandmother was a Jewish maid.
Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.

Advance Notice

The June meeting will feature a talk by the Lions Eye & Health Programs. The subject will be, diabetic, retinopathy, glaucoma. As this will be a special event, we invite you to bring your wife, partner. All guests will be welcome.