FOURTH QUARTER VIII

Arriba – Arriba – Arriba – Ondelay – Ondelay !!!!

(The combination of "arriba" and "ándale", makes no sense in Mexico. But it may resonate with aficionados of "Speedy Gonzales". Editor.)

And so Cynthia "swept" us along the pavements of Mexico City and wider surrounds with a very impressive slide show incorporating short videos that some participants got a real "bang" out of. (see "The Carr Report" later).

Cynthia also won the raffled wine, but alas no Joker selected, just as well as her ticket was funded by an anonymous member.

Sergeant Tice was extra nice – to members present, except maybe to your President, however a well prepared and enjoyable session, supported by Sir Wayne - seeking initially to fill a large plastic bin with notes! Good Luck with that!

Speaking of Sir Wayne – our club gained a little PR when volunteer workers at "Harry's Houses" enjoyed BBQ lunch last Tuesday, cooked and served by the incomparable duo Sir Wayne and Lord Luke. Thank you, young knights for stepping up.

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Thought for the week...

For every complicated problem there is a solution that is simple, direct, understandable, and wrong.

H.L. Mencken
Our Changeover Dinner is scheduled for Monday Evening 24th June, 2019.
This year’s event is just a little different in that it will be more of a Merry-go-round than the usual changeover and therefore we propose a “Carousel” evening, so watch this space…. (oh, not this again. Editor.)

Next meeting is at The Old England Hotel, partners, friends and family most welcome.

Looking forward to your company,

Noel

MEXICO

Guest Speaker Cynthia Balogh

The lovely Cynthia gave us a riveting talk on her observations of Mexico.

She noticed that:
- The Mexicans are obsessed with sweeping the streets
- They have a love of architecture and colour, parades and even “evil” effigies, e.g. “The Trump”, exploded with fireworks!
- They have a positive view of life leading to continual fiestas and family events
- They speak little English
- Their buildings are of typically Spanish heritage
- They have an appalling sewerage system! The city is built on an island and is sinking into the mire!
- 80% of our common foodstuffs originated from Mexico

No guns, drugs or kidnappers were apparent in her time there.

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Tequila anyone?
**SCHOOLS - 1950s v 2019**

**Scenario:**
Johnny and Mark get into a fight after school.

**1950s** - Crowd gathers everyone shouts, fight, fight. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best friends.

**2019** - Police called, and they arrest Johnny and Mark & charge them with assault. Both expelled even though Johnny started it. Both children go to anger management programmes for 3 months. School governors hold meeting to implement bullying prevention programmes.

**Scenario:**
Robbie won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

**1950s** - Robbie sent to headmaster and given six of the best. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

**2019** - Robbie given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADHD – result deemed to be positive. Robbie's parents get fortnightly disability payments and school gets extra funding from government because Robbie has a disability.

**Scenario:**
Billy breaks a window in a neighbour's car and his Dad gives him a good hiding

**1950s** - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

**2019** - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy removed to foster care; joins a gang; ends up in jail.

**Scenario:**
Mark gets a headache and takes some Aspirin to school.

**1950s** - Mark gets glass of water from Principal to take aspirin with, Passes exams & becomes a solicitor.

**2019** - Police called, car searched for drugs and weapons. Mark expelled from school for drug taking. Ends up dropping out.

**Scenario:**
Johnny takes apart leftover fireworks from Guy Fawkes night, puts them in a paint tin & blows up a wasp's nest.

**1950s** - Wasps die.

**2019** - Police & Anti-Terrorism Squad called. Johnny charged with domestic terrorism, investigate parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated. Johnny's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly in an aeroplane again.

**Scenario:**
Johnny falls over while playing football during morning break and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. She hugs him to comfort him.

**1950s** - In a couple of minutes, Johnny feels better and goes on playing football. No damage done.

**2019** - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in prison. Johnny undergoes 5 years of therapy and ends up being gender confused.
ATTENDANCE 20 MAY 2019

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DATE TO REMEMBER

27 May - Evening Meeting 6.00 for 6.30pm
04 June - Board Meeting 6.00pm
10 June - No Meeting (Queen’s Birthday)
24 June - Changeover Meeting (Evening)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

John & Frances  Cruising
Geoff Cook      Home again
Richard         Back from Mackay

Working With Children Check

This is a Club requirement for membership, to ensure that the Club meets its legal and moral obligations when programs involve its members working with young people.

You can apply at the following website:

or alternatively check the status and expiry date of your existing WWC check.

Please Note: Ken Norman always seeks to finalize numbers by Monday 10.00am by collating responses about attendance at that day’s meeting. So please try to telephone or email Ken by that time; and, at the same time, forewarn of any guests. (Predicting our numbers as closely as possible helps to minimise our catering costs)

ken.norm5@bigpond.com  or 0437 770 831 –

Ken also collates the attendance information. He needs to know of “make up” events.