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# The Beacon



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## *Marilyn's Message*

Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends and Family,

Last week we were saddened to learn that Laurelle's mother had passed away. Our condolences, love and best wishes are with Laurelle and her family at this very sad time. Laurelle is unable to be with us this week for our scheduled AGM, so we will be having a much abbreviated AGM, with only the most necessary of agenda items to be addressed.

Tonight we have as our very special guest speaker Mr. Ivan Deveson, Chairman and President of CEDA but more commonly known to us as Matt's dad! It should be an excellent night.

Love and best wishes,

President – Maz

## *The Foundation Snippet*

This one is about how Rotary helps communities impacted by disasters long after many relief agencies have moved on.

Shortly after the deadly tsunami struck south Asia on 26 December 2004, The Rotary Foundation established the Solidarity in South Asia fund to assist Rotarians in supporting long-term recovery efforts in affected communities. In addition to US\$4.8 million in contributions from Rotarians around the world, more than 75 Rotary districts allocated over US\$700,000 in District Designated Funds (DDF) for rebuilding efforts. These DDF were a result of Annual Programs Fund contributions made three years earlier, which the districts had not yet allocated to specific TRF programs.

As a result, Rotarians were able to respond quickly to the disaster, and provide much needed financial support, through The Rotary Foundation. Rotary Sri Lanka set the pace for the massive rebuilding of schools destroyed by the tsunami, with 25 schools spread across the country allocated to Rotary for rebuilding.

Rotarians were involved in equally worthy projects in Indonesia, India and Thailand and in areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina. We can all be proud to be part of an organization that is so responsive to needs around the world.

**DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight:** Mr Ivan Deveson AO – Chairman & President of CEDA (Matt's Dad)  
Short AGM

| <b>TASK</b>                 | <b>14 December</b> | <b>21 December</b> | <b>11 January</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b> | Jack Wightman      | Laurelle Pacey     | No Duties         |
| <b>Cashier</b>              | Ted Bladwell       | John Messner       | Summer Meetings   |
| <b>Toast / thanks</b>       | Kris Elphick       | Bob Aston          | At                |
| <b>4-way test</b>           | Kevin Young        | Kevin Young        | The Whale         |
| <b>3-minute talk</b>        | Jack Wightman      | Marshall Binstock  |                   |
| <b>FINES</b>                | Chris O'Brien      | Bill Hardie        |                   |
| <b>Introduction</b>         | George Barker      | Not Needed         |                   |

*If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.*

### **Next Week:**

#### **COMING EVENTS:**

- 24 December      **Rotary Markets at NATA Oval**
- 28 December      No Meeting – Sit back and relax and enjoy some Thursday night TV
- 3 January          A Special evening Rotary Market at NATA Oval – 3.00pm start
- 4 January          No Meeting – President Maz has granted all a make up from the market on 3 January.

## *Tonight's Guest Speaker*

**Mr Ivan Deveson AO**  
**Chairman and President of CEDA**

Formerly the National President of the Australian Institute of Management, and an international automobile and television executive, Ivan Deveson has a keen interest in local government, microeconomics, management education and training.

Born in 1934, Ivan Deveson studied at Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and commenced as a Manufacturing Cadet at General Motors in 1955. Two years later he was awarded a scholarship to the General Motors Institute in the United States, where he gained a degree in Industrial Engineering. In 1976 he was awarded the Sloan Fellowship to obtain his Masters Degree in Management at Stanford University.

IN a career spanning over 30 years, Ivan Deveson worked with General Motors in Australia, USA, Europe and Africa. In 1987, he joined Nissan Australia as Managing Director/CEO, a position he held until his retirement from the automotive industry in 1991. He was Chairman of the Seven Network from 1991 to 1995.

Mr Ivan Deveson AO was the Lord Mayor of Melbourne from 1996 to 1999.

Ivan Deveson was named Victorian of the Year in 1991 and received an Order of Australia in the same year for service to the automotive industry and to business.

Mr Deveson was Foundation Chancellor, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (1992- 95), a director of the Commonwealth Bank and MIM Holdings, and was Chairman of the Seven Network from 1991 1995, a Director of Crane Holdings Limited, Chairman of Avanteos, a Director of a health food company, and the St James Ethics Centre. He is currently Chairman of Aussie Bodies (a health food company) and was appointed interim Chairman of the Automotive Centre of Excellence.

In addition to membership on the Boards of several community-based associations, Ivan Deveson is patron of Melbourne City Mission. Mr Deveson is an Adjunct Professor and Director in Residence at RMIT Graduate School of Business.

He was elected Chairman and President of CEDA (Committee for Economic Development of Australia) in November 2002.

In June 2002 Mr Deveson was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Management from Kettering University (USA) and in May 2003 received an Honorary Doctorate from Australian Catholic University for his contribution to ethics in business. In March 2004, Mr Deveson was invited by the Pontifical Council to participate in a conference in Rome on Business Ethic

## *The Funny Side*

### **Army fitness report**

British Military Officer Fitness Reports

The British Military writes OFR's (officer fitness reports). The form used for Royal Navy and Marines fitness reports is the S206. The following are actual excerpts taken from people's "206's"....

- His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity.
- I would not breed from this Officer.
- This Officer is really not so much of a has-been, but more of a definitely won't-be.
- When she opens her mouth, it seems that this is only to change whichever foot was previously in there.
- He has carried out each and every one of his duties to his entire satisfaction. - He would be out of his depth in a car park puddle.
- Technically sound, but socially impossible.
- This Officer reminds me very much of a gyroscope - always spinning around at a frantic pace, but not really going anywhere.
- This young lady has delusions of adequacy.
- When he joined my ship, this Officer was something of a granny; since then he has aged considerably.
- This Medical Officer has used my ship to carry his genitals from port to port, and my officers to carry him from bar to bar.
- Since my last report he has reached rock bottom, and has started to dig.
- She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
- He has the wisdom of youth, and the energy of old age.
- This Officer should go far - and the sooner he starts, the better.
- In my opinion this pilot should not be authorized to fly below 250 feet.
- The only ship I would recommend this man for is citizenship.
- Works well when under constant supervision and cornered like a rat in a trap

#### **Tonight's international toast**

Hannover (Hanover), the capital of Lower Saxony in Germany, is known for hosting annual expositions such as the world fair Expo 2000. It was the 15th century home of the Duke of Calenberg whose descendants would later become kings of Great Britain. The first of these was George I who ascended the British throne in 1714.

The Rotary Club of Hannover in District 1800 was chartered in 1932. With 117 members, it is the largest club in the District.

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