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APOLOGIES: President Joe, Max Withers, Peter Cooper, Christene McSeveny, Richard Manton, Salter Gomez, Doug Miller.

MEMBERS HEALTH: Gwen Jones was reported to be/ have been in hospital due to her collapse on a tennis court. No other details are to hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Acting President Brad was our stand in for President Joe who had a serious family health matter that demanded his attention.

PP Brad listed some matters from a missive received from the DG, the most significant of which was the announcement that India has been polio free for the past 12 months. He also reminded us of the District Conference 24th March - BE THERE.

Pp Liz reiterated the Alumni Dinner for the outgoing G.S.E. team will be held at Parramatta Leagues Club on 7th March. PP John Jackson is organiser, cost is expected to be \$50. There will be no meeting on Monday, 6th March.

PP Yvonne announced the club has received a Christmas card from the Captain and ships company of HMAS Parramatta, confirming the continuing association with that ship.

PP Yvonne also mentioned that we have been again invited by the V.W.Club to again provide food for their V.W.Nationals at Fairfield Showground on 27th May. ALL HANDS ON DECK. DIARISE IT.

Pp Yvonne has again invited us to the Holroyd Club's trivia night, room can be made on the table already booked.

PP Brad reminded us that the next Bunnings BBQ will be on 25th February.

PP Brad announced that DUES ARE DUE. Invoices have been distributed and your G.S.T. free contribution of \$120 is needed promptly.

JOB TALK: Peter Panos indicated that 2nd April will be the second most important date in the pharmacological history of Australia. On this date over 40% of drugs will fall in cost between 60% &

30%. Even more importantly Pfizer will lose the patent for Lipitor and the price will plummet. The PBS cost of \$34.50 will remain. Peter now has the difficult task of reducing his stocks.

RAFFLE: PP Frank had a marvellous time extracting a profit of \$45 from those eager to win some of his offerings. No surprises, all too sedate really.

SERGEANT'S CORNER: Our mystery Sergeant was Steve Ringbauer who was really not too savage but ruthless in his efforts. Latecomers were singled out by the tableful, those celebrating birthdays, traffic violations, former residents of countries with losing cricket teams, winning cricket teams were fined and those who had an interest in Grand Slam finals were spared, everyone else had to pay.

GUEST SPEAKERS: PDG Jack Elliott introduced Manni & Sani, P.A.C.E. students from Samoa. His passion for this program was obvious and well supported by the students. They explained that song & dance were vital components of their culture, used to tell stories and maintain lifestyle. They showed us examples of this in the way only those from Pacific Island nations can do. They have spent 4 weeks here and have visited many Rotary clubs and seen a good portion of the State, sightseeing in Canberra, shearing sheep in Boorowa as well as Sydney and environs. Manni was an enigma, while a Rugby player he has an interest in Australian Rugby League and plays the piano.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: Susanne Underwood has organised our speaker, Shanuki Kathriarachchi, who will speak on a Costa Rican education program for the underprivileged.

THE WEEK AFTER: We have been assured that the following week will be a Valentine's Day Spectacular with a special guest speaker. Bring your wife/husband /other half(or lover) and be seriously entertained.