

Area16 Governor's Report

Summary:

It has been a very interesting and enjoyable experience for me so far in visiting and dealing with the different clubs in Area 16.

All the meetings showed a liveliness and enthusiasm in the execution of the roles during the meeting.

Most clubs have started with their own contests; all are cooperating to their abilities to ensure that the Area Conference will be a success.

There are challenges but it is too early to feel overwhelmed by these and I am at this stage confident that the challenges can be positively met in the Area in the year to come.

Contacts with the Clubs

All Clubs have been visited at least once prior to the official visits scheduled in September and October.

Nambour as a strong club has good attendance and good interest shown by guests.

Plusses are the venue of the meeting at the Nambour Christian College, at a very reasonable cost, and the excellent supper catering.

Noosa has good attendance and well run meeting but the Executive feels the membership lacks experience to undertake ventures such as hosting the Area Conference. Experience and morale building is in hand.

Coolum and Sunshine Coast Club are low on numbers but do hold lively meetings.

Sunshine Coast has moved to new premises and with a new and young Executive hopes to boost the club's fortunes.

Maroochydore felt that numbers attending became too low and therefore decided to meet once a month only until numbers attending pick up again. But the meeting I attended had good numbers and run with enthusiasm.

Cooroy as the youngest Club shows great vitality with an executive eager to learn.

Area Conference:

The Area Conference will be again hosted by the Nambour Club at the Nambour Christian College. Traditionally the host Clubs were ranked alphabetically so that the Noosa Club had been expected to be the host this year but the executive at Noosa felt their members being too inexperienced to take on this task.

Nambour by far the strongest club had no problem in taking over the task again.

Catering and venue have already been reserved. Each Contest Toastmaster will be supplied by a different Club: International by Nambour, Humorous by Sunshine Coast, Evaluations by Coolum, Table Topics by Noosa. The MC and overall SAAs will be supplied by Cooroy which is also helping out with the website allowing on line registrations. Maroochy has been approached for publicity and raffle management.

Nambour will set up the day before and man the registration desk and be a backup for raffle management should the need for it rise. Guest speaker and possible education segment are yet to be decided.

An Area Council meeting will be held in the early part of the morning.

Challenges and opportunities:

As mentioned earlier the low number of members for Coolum, Sunshine Coast and Maroochydore is of concern. The Clubs are confident to turn this around but more needs to be confirmed during my official visits yet to be executed.

Establishing a new club for an evening meeting time will not help and most likely will lead to the demise of one or more of the existing clubs.

A lunch time or early morning club could be an option but no pressure from the community has been observed so far.

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