

AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION - GOLD COAST DIVISION NEWSLETTER



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Federal Conference - Adelaide 2010.

Our four representatives, Jackie Menz, Kathleen Frith, Noel Milner and President Keith enjoyed the Federal Conference immensely. Although small in numbers (22), the functions organized by the host division, the AAA of South Australia, were excellent. It is unfortunate that Brisbane, Northern Territory and Victoria AAAs were not in attendance.

The Patron of AAA of SA, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce opened the Conference and wished us well in our deliberations. That evening the Mayoral Reception, hosted by The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Michael Harbison, in the Adelaide Town Hall was outstanding. The Town Hall reception hall was packed with Conference Attendees and VIPS from kindred organisations.



The next morning after Divisional Reports were presented and General business conducted and completed, the Election of the Federal Officers for 2010-11 took place. Mr. Geoff Squib, Immediate Past President of Hobart Division, was elected Federal President, while Yours truly, President of Gold Coast Division was elected Federal Vice President. Mr. John Langford was re-appointed Executive Officer which entails the role of Secretary and Treasurer. Bronwyn Halbisch, Canberra Division, was re-elected Federal Director (Government).



**Keith Shackley, Geoff Squib and John Langford -
The New Federal Executive.**

That evening the Conference Formal Dinner was held at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club. The Guest Speaker was the US Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Jeffrey Bleich who spoke on the strong relations between the US and Australia that have been forged in war. The AAASA Patron Governor of SA His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce was also in attendance. Once again the evening was a most pleasant occasion.



**Noel Milner, Jackie Menz and His Excellency, the U.S.
Ambassador Mr. Jeffrey Bleich.**

The Optional post Conference Tour on Sunday saw the attendees travel to Sir Hans Heysen's Home and Studio in the Adelaide Hills where they had a guided tour. Following this the group visited a Winery where they tasted the various wines produced on the estate. Lunch in Hahndorf followed. On the return to Adelaide the Group

was taken to Melba's Chocolate Factory next door to which was a Cheese Factory which some members visited. Those flying home on late flights were dropped at the airport and the others returned to their accommodation in Adelaide. The day was a very pleasant post conference tour.



A group of happy and relaxed AAA members. Federal President Geoff, Libby Hopkins, Wendy Osborne, President from Hobart AAA, Bronwyn Halbisch, Federal Director (Gov.) from Canberra AAA, Jackie & Kathleen, AAAGCD.

The Gold Coast AAA will host the Federal Conference in September. 2011. Please keep the 9, 10 & 11 free so that you can attend some of the functions or attend as an observer for the two days plus the optional tour on Sunday. Let us show that the Gold Coast AAA can provide more numbers for the Conference than the other Divisions. It may be an opportunity to meet and hear the US Ambassador speak.

MEET & GREET

The Meet & Greet held in September was attended by only 12 members and guests but we did have 7 apologies. Among the guests were Ed and Ellen Riley from Rhode Island. Ellen had been a member of the AAAGCD a number of years ago.



Thalia Lever, a Charter member, Yvonne Greenberg, Kathleen and Margo Gates enjoy a chat on the deck.

The next Meet & Greet will be held on Thursday October 28th, at the Southport Yacht Club. President Keith will be out of the country for 12 days but I do hope some of you will attend as I do know that a number of our members are bringing guests and friends to it.

New Members

A warm Welcome is extended to the following new members whose applications were approved at the Management Committee Meeting on Tuesday October 12:-

Maureen Weir from Mt Tamborine North, **A Corporate Membership, from The Wirraway Aviation Museum**, owned by Steve and Alison Searle, from Beaudesert, and **Brett and Marlene Raguse**. Marlene is an artist of renown while Brett represented Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd at our Battle of the Coral Sea Commemoration Service in May this year.

We trust that all new members will have the opportunity to attend our functions and monthly Meet & Greets and find fellowship, friendship, fun and interesting conversation with our members and guests.

Thank you to Denise & Michael Cutajar who represented our Association and laid the wreath at the **Battle of Britain 70th Remembrance Service** on Sunday, September 19th

Kind regards and God bless,
Keith
shackleyka@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Dinner, this year is being held at the Sofitel Hotel, Broadbeach. See the attached flyer for more details.

Guest speaker for the evening is Louis Shelton, Jazz Musician. Louie's guitar work has been heard over and over by even casual popular music listeners since the mid-'60s. His career as a session musician began with the Monkees, playing the memorable riffs on several of their recordings. (Remember the cool, rapid-fire,

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reverb-drenched solo in "Valerie"?) He went on to play on "I Want You Back," "ABC" and "I'll Be There" for the Jackson 5, Boz Scaggs' Lowdown," and "Summer Breeze" and "Diamond Girl" with Seals & Crofts. He played the guitar solos on pop smashes like Lionel Richie's "Hello" and Neil Diamond's "Play Me," and recorded with artists ranging from Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight, Barbra Streisand and Whitney Houston, to the Partridge Family, Art Garfunkel and Mama Cass Elliott. In 1995, Shelton recorded Guitar, an album showcasing his wide-ranging guitar virtuosity and versatility. It was released in the United States in 1996. The follow-up, Hot & Spicy, was released in April 1998. Urban Culture followed two years later. ~ from the All Music Guide.

Atalie Cutajar, vocalist, has teamed with Louie to form the Soniiqduo. This top group will entertain guests during the evening. It is well known on the Gold Coast.

We have only 80 tickets for our Thanksgiving Dinner. Get in early for this opportunity to have an excellent Thanksgiving dinner and be entertained by top class entertainers!

More Meet & Greet.

Thank you to Bob Binkow who brought Thalia Lever along to our Meet & Greet. Both live in the same apartment building. Thalia was a Charter member who once came to all our functions but she no longer drives.



New member, Maureen Weir chats, with Peter and Susan Wittman while waiting for Dinner on the deck. Susan recently returned from Boston & New York.

Coming Events

**28 October -Meet & Greet 5:30– 7:00pm
Southport Yacht Club**

**2 November– Melbourne Cup Luncheon
at the Raddison Resort Palm Meadows.**
An opportunity for members to get together & watch the M. C. race. Cost is \$69 payable to the Radisson. **Contact Phil Smith 55945331 to be on the AAAGC Table.** Tickets are running out!

**6 November - USAF Band of the Pacific
performs in the Broadbeach Mall at 1.00
pm. Come and listen to top class music.**

**25 November - Thanksgiving Dinner
Sofitel Hotel, Broadbeach.
See Flyer for details.**

(No Meet & Greet this month)

**7 December – Memorial Service for
Pearl Harbour Dead at Point Danger
Coolangatta at 7:45 am. "The Act of
Infamy" that brought the U.S. into the
War in the Pacific in 1941, 69 years ago!**

**12 December - Christmas Party
(Members only)**

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26 January – Australia Day Celebrations

27 January – Meet & Greet 5:30 – 7:00pm

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*The President and Management Committee
Cordially invite you and your friends to attend the*

THANKSGIVING DINNER



Date: Thursday 25th November, 2010.

Location: The Sofitel, Broadbeach Time: 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm.

Be entertained by the Soniiqduo of Louie Shelton and Atalie Cutajar, vocalist.

Cost: \$60 for members \$65 for non-members.

RSVP: By Friday 19th November, 2010 please.

To: AAA Mobile 0429499739

OR

Enquiries & bookings to Keith on 55 907452

or

Kit Frith on 55260856

Make Cheques payable to Australian American Association Gold Coast Division- PO Box 504, Mermaid Beach Q. 4218

I/We wish to attend the AAAGCD's Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday 25th, November 7:00pm for 7:30 pm, at the Sofitel, Broadbeach.

Enclosed is my cheque for \$ _____ being for _____members@\$60 & _____ guests @\$65

Or deposit your money into NAB- BSB: 084917 Acc. 537232696

Names:

Attendee Contact Name: _____ Contact Number: _____