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#### **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

2008 has well and truly started and I hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and for those returning to work are refreshed and ready for another busy time ahead.

Firstly I would like to sincerely thank members of the outgoing committee for their combined efforts throughout 2007. It would be remiss of me not to make a special mention about our outgoing Secretary and Honorary Life Member David Turner. David's contribution to the Association was immense and without his dedication and work ethic over many years the Association may well have faded away long ago. Also, acknowledgment must be made of the efforts and contribution of Judy Turner who has supported David and the Association during his tenure. Thanks to you both and all the best for the future.

Secondly I would like to congratulate the election of the new committee and especially to Penny Stone who has graciously accepted the position of Secretary. Welcome to you all and I am sure the new committee will serve the Association with pride. We are still looking for a Property Member since Steve Maher moved to Brisbane on posting and a historian to be custodian of our memorabilia.

I have made mention in detail of the Associations activities and events during 2007 in my Presidents Report for 2007, which is included in this Newsletter.

Just before Christmas leave I was posted to Joint Logistic Unit-South (JLU-S) and will be parading at the Warradale Detachment. As a consequence I have taken the responsibility once again to act as Unit Leader for the Association for the ANZAC Day March. This years ANZAC Re-Union will be held in the Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen at Warradale Barracks on Friday 18 Apr 2008. Hope to see you there.

In closing I would like to reiterate, an Association is only as strong as its membership and committee and our Association is no different. I ask all members for your support and input no matter how small, to ensure that our Association remains a vibrant, valuable organisation which benefits all past and present members and families of our fine Corps

Arte et Marte Grant Kuchel

#### Dogs!

Paddy and his missus are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbour's dog barking. It has been barking for hours and hours.

Paddy jumps up out of bed and says "I've had enough of this".

He goes downstairs.

Paddy finally comes back up to bed and his wife says, "The dog is still barking; what have you been doing?"

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#### **DIARY DATES 2008**

#### **Activity/Function**

- Committee of Management Meeting
- RAEME Luncheon
- Committee of Management Meeting
- 2008 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion
- 2008 ANZAC Day March
- Committee of Management Meeting
- 2008 Officer, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner
- Committee of Management Meeting
- RAEME Luncheon
- 107 Fd Wksp 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
- RAEME Corps Seminar
- Committee of Management Meeting
- Annual General Meeting (tentative)
- RAEME Birthday Family Function (tentative)

#### Date

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December





#### **MAJ Norm Manders**

Served in 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF and OC of Wksps 1961-62 Died 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007

#### **MAJ Bruce Dittmar**

OC 1 Independent Armoured Squadron Workshop (Aust & Vietnam) Died 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008

#### **VALE** – Lest We Forget

#### DON'T FORGET

If you hear of one of our fellow members being sick let one of the committee know ASAP so they can organise someone to contact them. All of us need to participate.

A wife was making a breakfast of fried eggs for her husband.

Suddenly, her husband burst into the kitchen.

"Careful," he said, "CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh my GOD! You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW! We need more butter. Oh my GOD! WHERE are we going to get MORE BUTTER? They're going to STICK! Careful. CAREFUL! I said be CAREFUL! You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them! Hurry up! Are you CRAZY? Have you

LOST your mind? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt. USE THE SALT! THE SALT!"

The wife stared at him. "What in the world is wrong with you?

You think I don't know how to fry a couple of eggs?"

The husband calmly replied, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like when I'm driving."



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#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The first Committee of Management Meeting for 2007 will be held on Thursday 21st February at 7:30pm in the Conference Room at 107 Field Workshops Entry to Warradale Barracks is through the Oaklands Road gate.

All members are welcome to attend.

#### RAEME LUNCHEON

The next Luncheon get-together for all exserving AEME or RAEME personnel will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Cremorne Hotel, 207 Unley Road, Unley, at 12:00pm. This Luncheon is being organised by Bob Davis. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bob on phone 08 8382 4275 before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March so they can let the Pub know how many to cater for. If you know of others who spent time with AEME or RAEME, please let them know or bring them along.

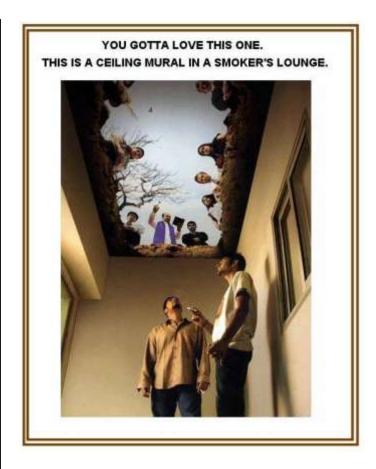
#### 2008 RAEME MIXED ANZAC REUNION

Approval has been given for our Association to conduct the 2008 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the combined Warradale Area Other Ranks Canteen (southern side of the oval) on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year with a BBQ meal followed by a "Remembrance Ceremony" at 9:00pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce. Assistance will be required with setup, cooking the BBQ, collecting money at the door, selling Raffle Tickets, and cleaning up.

Please let Penny Stone know on her mobile (0409 141 205) if you can assist in any way. An Invitation with all the details is attached to this newsletter and it will be repeated in the March Newsletter.

Mark the date in your diary now and plan to be there!!!



How about his when you have a break from the pokies

#### **Reserve Forces Day Council**

The RFDC have sent us a copy of their 1/2008 Circular which makes interesting reading. (see next page)

They are producing a special souvenir booklet relating to the raising of the CMF and are particularly keen to get names of original members. If you know of any, or their relatives etc can you pass the information on so they can contact the editor (before the end of February).

The Reserve Forces Day 2008 is Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July so put it in your diary now. More details to follow.



## **Reserve Forces Day Council - SA**

Patron: His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia

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CIRCULAR 1/2008 31 January 2008

#### 1. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PATRON

Our warmest congratulations to our Patron, His Excellency the Governor, on being appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List of 2008.

#### 2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

I advise that, due to ill health, Lieutenant Colonel Sven Kuusk, RFD has retired as Deputy Chairman of the Reserve Forces Day Council – SA and that Mr Ron Teusner has been appointed Deputy Chairman in his stead. Mr Teusner has had a long and distinguished career in 3<sup>rd</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> South Australian Mounted Rifles and is currently President of the South Australian Mounted Rifles Association. He has been a valued member of our Council and is most suited for the position of Deputy Chairman.

#### 3. RESERVE FORCES DAY 2008 - SUNDAY 6 JULY 2008

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the Citizen Military Force CMF) and the Citizen Air Force (CAF) in 1948. (The Royal Australian Naval Reserve (RANR) was formed in 1950). It is intended that recognition of this milestone will be accorded in our 2008 activities on Sunday 6 July 2008 and a meeting of the South Australian Council will be held towards the end of February to address the activities to be conducted in South Australia. Date and venue to be advised.

#### 4. RECORD OF ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF CMF, CAF AND RANR

Our National Council intends to produce a special souvenir booklet to honour those men and women who joined the CMF and CAF in 1948 and the RANR in 1950 and wishes to record their personal details in this special RFD publication. It is intended to produce sufficient copies to be given free of charge to everyone who attends this year's celebrations and to others who may be interested. The editor is interested in getting personal details, photos and special interest stories of the "original" former members of the three services and their motivation and reasons why they joined up at the time. In the case of former WW2 members, what was their stimulus in joining after, in many instances, having already served overseas for 5 years?

If you or your Association knows any of those former "original" members, please ask them to provide their details or stories directly to the Editor no later than end of February 2008. His address is: LTCOL (ACC) David Cooper OAM (RETD)

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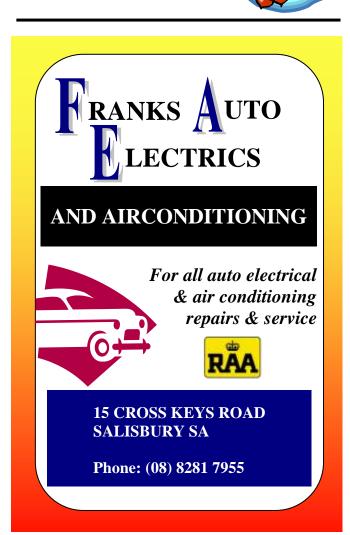
#### 107 Field Workshop 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner

A Mixed All Ranks Dinner is being arranged for later in the year to celebrate this milestone.

Dates and other organisational detail will be discussed at the next Committee

Meeting

All past and current members of the unit will be invited so lookout for more details in the next Newsletter.



#### **Re-unions Noticeboard**

## AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES BALCOMBE & BONEGILLA

It is planned to hold a reunion to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Army Apprentices School at Balcombe in 1948.

It is proposed to conduct this event in the Albury/Wodonga/Bandiana location over the weekend of 24 to 26 Oct 2008, and will involve a march through the City of Albury on morning of 24 Oct 08, exercising the right of the Freedom of the City which was bestowed on AAS after it was relocated from Balcombe to Bonegilla. This matter is still to gain approval of the Albury Council.

A reunion Meet and Greet will be staged in Wodonga on Friday 23 Oct 08, for registration and socializing generally. It will take the form of a BBQ, commencing at 3.00pm and concluding some time later.

A reunion Dinner will be held in the Albury Convention Centre which has a capacity seating of 750. The estimated cost of this activity is \$ 45.00 pp. This will be a spectacular evening and will require booking and prepayment.

On Sunday we plan a service to dedicate the Army Apprentice Memorial (to be constructed) at the Army Museum Bandiana. This is to be the prime activity of the reunion weekend.

The Association website, <a href="https://www.austarmyapprentice.org/">www.austarmyapprentice.org/</a> will be posting details as they are planned so keep checking there.

#### **106 FIELD WORKSHOP**

106 Field Workshop is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of its raising in South Vietnam.

Dates: Friday/Saturday, 3rd/4th October 2008

Place: Tweed Heads, Northern NSW

Further details of costs, accommodation and official functions will be available on the 106 Field Workshop Web site shortly or contact

Frank Owen OAM on 8384 7291.

#### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

It is with great pleasure that I took over the role of Secretary of the Association after the AGM in December and I have certainly hit the ground running with planning already beginning for the Association's ANZAC Reunion on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, and of course this year's ANZAC Day march.

I have received a great deal of invaluable assistance from David Turner during our handover - his wealth of knowledge in 'all things RAEME Association' is certainly appreciated! The support and especially the patience shown by our Honorary COL COMDT COL Greg Rosser – and Editor of our newsletter have also been much appreciated, as I have worked through my extensive 'List of Things To Do'. I would also like to extend thanks and appreciation to Frank Owen for approaching me with information about the Apprentice's Reunion that will be happening later this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to echo the sentiments of our President, and encourage other Association Members to think seriously about becoming more involved with the Association. This may be by volunteering your services as a Committee Member (both the Property Member and Association Historian positions are vacant this year), by attending functions or through promoting the Association to other Corps Members. Participation and support, no matter how small, are vital for the continued success of the Association in the future.

Please do not hesitate to approach myself or other members of the Committee of Management if you have any information or ideas that other Association Members may be interested in hearing about or participating in.

I look forward to a busy and challenging year as Secretary of the Association.

LT Penny Stone

#### 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The 2007 Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Workshop at Warradale Barracks

#### **Election of Office Bearers**

President:WO2 Grant KuchelVice PresidentJuris JaudzemsTreasurer:Bob KilloranSecretary:LT Penny StoneOrdinary Members:MAJ Richard Moyse

MAJ Richard Moyses John Howard WO1 Wayne Birch Michael Culley CPL Bob Mathews Troy Oakes

Brian Holmes

Auditors: Robin Maslen and George Robinson

Key items covered include:

**Fort Largs Guns Restoration Project -** The project has been completed and keys have been handed back. The team completed an excellent job over many years.

**AEME/RAEME of SA Website -** The website has been developed and can now be accessed. Work on the website is still in progress with more information to be added. The website is very well presented.

**2006 & 2007 RAEME Corps Port -** There are few bottles left available for purchase. Members are to see Juris Jaudzems if they would like to purchase a bottle at \$20 each.

**WW German Field Gun Restoration -** The project that oversaw the restoration was a large one, and was run by Robin Maslen for a period of 18 months. The dedication took place at Moonta in February 2007.

**Association Banner -** A change of name is required on the banner. SA DIV needs to be removed and replaced with SA INC. Discussion has taken place with the tailor with a decision to be made by the committee with reference to the layout. Costs are to be researched.

**2008 ANZAC Function -** Decisions will be made regarding this function at the first committee meeting in 2008. Based on 9 CSSB's current training program the function may be held on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> April. This is subject to the agreement of new CO 9 CSSB. Information will be passed on to members when the date has been confirmed.

The function will be based on the same format as previous ANZAC functions. Information regarding the function is required by RSL by 1<sup>st</sup> February.



**2008 ANZAC Day Activities -** WO2 Grant Kuchel will march with 9 CSSB this year and so another unit leader will be required this year. Unit guides will also be required and will need to attend the meeting with the RSL. John Howard volunteered as a guide. A member to carry the banner is also required.

**2008 Officers, WOs and SNCOs Formal Dinner -** The date is to be confirmed as soon as possible. It will be held at the Sergeant's Mess at Woodside Barracks.

**40**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary of the Death of CFN G. D. Borlace -** CFN Borlace was Killed In Action in Vietnam on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1968. Proposals and ideas to mark this anniversary are to be forwarded to Bob Killoran.

**60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of 107 FD WKSP Mixed All Ranks Dinner -** The date of this function is to be confirmed, but the dinner will be advertised with plenty of notice, and will occur later in the year.

**2008 RAEME Birthday All Ranks Family Function -** This will have a similar format to the 2007 function. At this stage planning is centred on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, but will be confirmed.

#### Other Association Activities and Projects

- Donation to the corps fund A letter was received from the Head of Corps expressing thanks for the Association's donation of \$100.
- The Secretary is to be the official Point of Contact for the Army Combat Badge and all applications will be forwarded to the Head of Corps by the Secretary. The ACB has been received for Trevor Parrott and will be presented this afternoon. Whilst recipients are entitled to wear a miniature, none are currently available.
- After discussion, the Committee formally moved a motion not to appoint a Welfare Officer. Instead the following motion was proposed and carried:

'That a Committee member, on being informed of the illness of a Member, visit the Member and ascertain the nature of the illness. The Committee Member will then contact an Executive Committee member. The Executive Committee will then decide whether a 'Get Well' card is appropriate and arrange for it be forwarded'.

- Harold Shipp is currently in Hospital after breaking his hip.
- L. Edwards is receiving treatment in Griffith Rehabilitation Hospital following the diagnosis of an inoperable cancerous cyst in his brain.

The Committee also moved a motion that: 'When an Association Member passes away, the Association will place a 'Notice to Members' with RAEME insignia in The Advertiser'. It was recognised at a subsequent meeting that this may be inappropriate if the Member passed away some time ago. It was agreed that the Executive Committee will decide when to apply the motion.

- NSW RAEME Association requested assistance with the sending of care parcels for overseas military personnel. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- A Property Member and Association Historian are still required.

**Thanks -** Congratulations extended by the President to newly elected committee members.

Thanks also extended to last year's committee members and a certificate of appreciation and flowers presented to Christine Kuchel.

Honorary Life Membership and Certificate presented to Bob Killoran.

A copy of the President's report at the meeting is on page 11



#### 2007 RAEME BIRTHDAY FAMILY FUNCTION

The 64<sup>th</sup> RAEME Corps Birthday was celebrated by Central Region RAEME personnel at Warradale Barracks on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (following the AGM).

It was fantastic to see so many current serving members and their families attend the Function. The children who attended were treated to a face painter, lolly bags and balloons, and had a lovely time running around the oval and playing games. Thanks to members of the REME Association who travelled all the way to Warradale Barracks to attend the function.

We all enjoyed a great BBQ lunch and had lots of fun and fellowship. It was great to catch up with old friends and fellow soldiers. The raffles proved very popular with <u>almost</u> everyone winning a prize.

The traditional RAEME Birthday Cake was once again a key feature of the activity and this year it was cut by Cfn Michael Fenton (the National Craftsman of the year and AEME/RAEME Association Soldier of the Year) and Cfn Daniel Stoman the newest Craftsman who has just been posted to 16AD. Well done to all involved, the cake was most enjoyable.

Congratulations must go to the organizers and also many thanks to <u>all</u> the helpers who worked so hard on the day to make the function a roaring success.





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#### **Presidents Report 2007**

A very busy 2007 is fast coming to an end and I am sure, you are all looking forward to a break and enjoying the festive season. I certainly am. There have been many changes this year including the Brigading of all logistics in the Reserve and many members, particularly the ARA that have already moved on or are in the throes of moving to postings all over Australia.

It is also a time that we should reflect, and think of members of the Defence Force, both fulltime and part time who are serving on operations all over the globe and will not be with their love ones during the festive season.

Last year ended as it will this year with this AGM and the Corps Birthday celebrations to follow. I am quite sure that our Corps Birthday is as good as any that take place around the country. Presentation of awards is always a highlight and I am sure that a good feed coupled with the mandatory refreshments, enjoyed among friends and family shows the essence of what our Corps is all about.

I have made mention in detail during the course of the year in my messages in the newsletter of events that have taken place. In brief attending the dedication of the WW1 Gun at Moonta in February was a highlight and a tribute to the work that members from our Association contributed to the project. Well done to Robin Maslen and his dedicated team of merry men.

The Anzac Function was yet again another success although down in numbers due to timing and clashes with the training programme. ANZAC Day we marched proudly behind our Banner. I have been honoured to be able to lead the Association and last year carry the banner. The Officers, WO's and SCNO dinner at 16 AD, hosted by MAJ Murray was enjoyed by all that attended and there were no significant injuries reported during or after the car race.

The All Ranks Dinner held at the Warradale hotel was enjoyed by all that attended and it gave us the opportunity to recognise the appointment of our new Honorary Colonel Commandant, Central Region, COL Greg Rosser.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing members of the committee for their efforts and time they have put into your Association during 2007. SGT Steve Maher has marched out to a new posting in Brisbane and I thank him for his efforts as Property Member over the last two years. I would also like to thank my wife Christine for all the assistance she has given me and you the members during the year. Her culinary and craft skills have come to fore on numerous occasions.

I would also like to thank COL Greg Rosser who before his appointment, volunteered to become the Editor of our newsletter. The quality of our newsletter is superb and especially professional in presentation when seeing it in colour on the web or in hardcopy. Appointment of COL Rosser however, has not abrogated his responsibility as Editor and we the members should be extremely grateful

for COL Rosser's contribution which now includes the guardianship of the Corps in Central Region.

In particular I pay tribute to David Turner who has been our Secretary for many years and who will be standing aside at the end of this AGM for a well earned break. Honorary Life Membership is a significant honour to be stowed upon someone for services rendered, however in David's case it seems small in comparison to the contribution and sacrifice that David has made during his many years of service. On behalf of the members I wish you David and also Judy who has also contributed significantly behind the scenes, all the best for the future.

When first becoming President I envisioned a number of innovations that we as an Association could achieve and move forward for the benefit of serving and past members and families of the Corps in Central Region. This time last year you elected me as your President for a 3<sup>rd</sup> term. I am a proud member of this Association and even prouder of what we have achieved over the last three years.

Our membership is strong and we now have strong ties with our sister Corps members from the REME Association of South Australia.

We are by comparison to the eastern states a small Association but we are financially strong. We have successfully introduced advertising as a means of defraying some of our costs including insurance expenses. This has also been achieved with what has to be considered and accepted as the cheapest membership of an Association in the country.

Our banner is proudly carried on Anzac Day by our award recipients if they are available.

We have introduced the Association to the World Wide Web and now have a web site that we should be proud of and which is making us, as an Association, visible to the world.

Our newsletter has been applauded by all and at the highest level of the Corps however, the biggest achievement that I am and all of us should be proud of is the appointment of COL Greg Rosser as our Honorary Colonel Commandant. This is a significant appointment in Central Region as we have not had a home grown Colonel Commandant since Col John Wilson some 10 years or more ago.

Finally, an Association is only as strong as its membership and committee and our Association is no different. I ask all members as I have asked each year to consider serving on the committee, to ensure that our Association remains a vibrant, valuable organisation which benefits all past and present members and families of our fine Corps. If nominated and elected to the position of President this year, I will be standing down at the next AGM as I believe it will be time for the Association to move forward under new leadership.

In closing I wish all members and family a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Arte et Marte Grant Kuchel Once upon a time in the kingdom of Heaven, God went missing for six days.

Eventually, Michael the archangel found him on the seventh day resting. He enquired of God, "where have you been? "God pointed downwards through the clouds. "Look Michael, look what I've made," said God. Archangel Michael looked puzzled and said, "what is it"? "It's a planet," replied God, "and I've put life on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be a great place of balance". "Balance?" inquired Michael, still confused.

God explained, pointing down to different parts of the earth, "For example Nth America will be a place of great opportunity and wealth while Sth America is going to be poor; the Middle East over there will be a hot spot and Russia will be a cold spot. Over there I've placed a continent of white people and here I've placed a Continent of black people." God continued pointing to different countries. This one will be extremely hot and arid and this one will be very cold and covered in ice."

The archangel, impressed by Gods work, then pointed to another area and asked," what's that?" "Ah", said God. "That's South Australia, the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful people, impressive towns; it is the home of the world's finest artists, musicians, writers, thinkers, explorers and sportsman. The people from South Australia are going to be modest, intelligent and humorous and they're going to be found travelling the world. They'll be extremely sociable, hard working and high achieving, and they will be known throughout the world as speakers of truth."

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, "What about balance God, you said there will be BALANCE!"

God replied very wisely, "Wait till you see the wankers I'm putting in Victoria

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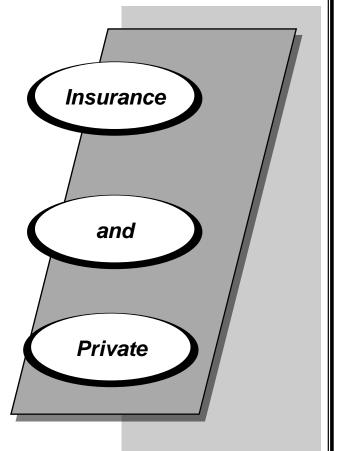
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Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked.

She simply replied, "No peer pressure." The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

#### I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.

Have bouts with dementia.

Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.

Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Coles.

"Coles?" the preacher exclaimed.

"Why Coles?"

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week"

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

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