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A NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

Hello Golden Keyers and welcome to the latest edition of RMIT'S's GK newsletter. It's been a long time since drinks due to the heavy schedule of the academic year. But since University has started for the year 2004, so has the Golden Key academic year too.

2 events have taken place – Executives attending the Annual Asia-Pacific Conference in Perth and the Golden Key Arts Prize competition, which will be covered in this and the following newsletters. But the biggest is yet to come.... The RMIT GK INDUCTION CEREMONY!

So read up friends. See you soon.

Dinesh Brand

RMIT GK INDUCTION CEREMONY 2004

The time has arrived again. Roll out the red carpet for the yearly RMIT Golden Key Induction ceremony 2004.

It is being held on **11 MAY, 2004, RMIT STOREY HALL, CITY CAMPUS.**

Registration for prospective members starts at 6:15 p.m. Letters are being sent to candidates with all the details.

The ceremony salutes the students who obtained grades to put themselves in the top 15 percent of the university and the field of study in their first year of study. They are given this prestigious occasion to celebrate their academic efforts and are presented a certificate of achievement which gives them life membership to the Golden Key International Honour Society. This gives members limitless opportunities to build on their academic careers and be part of a social global network. They will also have the opportunity to join the RMIT GK executive committee, which they can organise events and assist in chapter actives. And of course, have lots of fun on the way too.

The night also pays respect to outstanding individuals in the community of Victoria, who have devoted their life to a worth cause, whether academically or socially. Golden Key presents them a certificate of being an Honourary member and also gains limitless benefits and opportunities to expand their growing ventures.

The night also consists of a Key Note speaker who will speak of relevant issues related to Golden Key's existence. Also there will be talks from the Asia-Pacific Director, RMIT GK Chapter Advisor and of course our beloved GK Chapter President.

Overall, it is going to be wonderful night for all, especially for the achievements of the students and from the great success of the 2003 ceremony, 2004 looks even better!

A NOTE FROM THE GK PRESIDENT ON THE GK INDUCTION CEREMONY

Dear Golden Keyer Its that time of the year again when we welcome a number of members to the RMIT Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society. As you are already aware Golden Key is an international organisation that partners with over 340 member universities worldwide. As an academic honours organisation, the Society focuses on recognising and encouraging scholastic achievement and excellence in all undergraduate fields of study, however, its mission is much broader than that of traditional honour societies.

Golden Key also unites with university faculty and administrators in developing and maintaining high standards of education; it provides economic assistance to outstanding members by means of both undergraduate and graduate scholarships; it promotes altruistic conduct through voluntary services; and it is the first honour's organisation in the world to provide career assistance to its members.

We are requesting current Golden Key Members to volunteer to assist us on the night of the Induction Ceremony which is to be held on Tuesday, the 11th of May 2004 from 6.00 p.m. onwards. As you can imagine the enormity of the task to make the day special for all the new inductees, we would greatly appreciate your contribution in making the day a success. As a token of our gratitude to you for your assistance, you are also requested to please join us for dinner afterwards, and you will also be provided with a complimentary Golden Key T-shirt.

We hope that it would be possible for you to facilitate in making the day memorable for the new members as well as indulge in some nostalgic memories of your induction ceremony. Please confirm your availability for this auspicious occasion anytime from 4.00 p.m. onwards on Tuesday, the 11th of May 2004.

Regards

Prijinth S Vijayakumar
Golden Key International Honour Society RMIT Chapter President

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

goldenkey@rmit.edu.au

This is the new email address for GK RMIT. Any emails to the President or the RMIT GK Chapter can be sent to this address.

GK Asia Pacific Conference 2004

Here is a report written by Vice-President Elizabeth Le on her adventure to the GK Asia Pacific Conference 2004.

This year's Asia-Pacific Conference was held in Perth, Western Australia from Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th of February 2004. There were 4 delegates from RMIT University this year that attended the conference, namely Priji, Jasmine, Imelda and myself.

Having never been to a conference before, I didn't know what to expect upon arrival at the conference. On the very first day we arrived for registration, we were warmly greeted by Golden Key volunteers from the different Universities in Perth. As the day progressed, I met various other delegates from all over Australia, even Malaysia and South Africa and learned of their dedication in promoting Golden Key to their own University campus. It was motivating to listen to their success stories of how to promote awareness and the various activities that have been organized to do just that.

The most prominent guest speaker for the conference would have to be Justin Herald, who is the founder of a clothing line known as *Attitude Inc.* There was nothing fancy about his presentation but what I did like most about him was that he was rather laid back – very casual. He spoke about his background and how his determination and perseverance got him to where he was with his business. He talked about how he initially had to borrow money from people in order to get a couple of samples out to display to people and about his sly marketing concepts. His presentation was a rather humorous one, sharing many of the funny stories of his life. But aside from that his message was clear, that success results from determination.

I would highly recommend the conference to any new members as it opens your eye to the wider Golden Key community. Not only this, you get to meet so many different people from all walks of life. It'd be an absolute shame to pass up an opportunity like this and I will surely attend the next conference – without a doubt!

Elizabeth LE
Vice-President
RMIT Golden Key International Honour society

COMING EVENTS SOON IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER...

- ◆ **WINE/CHEESE NIGHT, 22 APRIL 2004
(TO BE CONFIRMED)**
 - ◆ **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 20 MAY 2004
(TO BE CONFIRMED)**
 - ◆ **ART PRIZE COMP REVIEW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER**
 - ◆ **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION (CHICAGO) REVIEW IN
NEXT NEWSLETTER**
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SEE YOU SOON!