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It is an honour for me to present my first Presidents Report to you the committee and members of The Australian American Assoc., However it would be remiss of me if I did not take this early opportunity to personally thank this marvelous committee who have supported me during the last year. A special thank you must go to Susie Glasfurd whose natural enthusiasm and sheer determination forces us along the path to success!

I must also thank those members, not on the committee who lend a hand and are ready to assist whenever asked.

It is impossible to function without the efforts and goodwill of these stalwarts; they are an integral part of this Association. Thank you all!

A special word to a great and gracious personal friend and certainly a guiding light of the AAA. She arrived here last year, and immediately captivated young and old. Her friendly and easy manner, together with an incisive, intelligent mind, has endeared her to everyone she meets! I, of course refer to the U.S. Consul General Robin McClellan! Thank you Robin for your guidance and your friendship! And while we're at it a big thank you to your consul Mark Prokop.

We worked well, in many ways, with the Consulate this year. But none more successfully than our Breakfast with Peter Brooks who spoke of "Foreign Policy Initiatives of the Second Bush Administration. It was a memorable morning!
Incidentally we were thrilled when Robyn became our Honorary Vice Patron!

The year has been filled with a variety of events, each more successful than the other. Xmas Breakfasts, New Members Meet and Greet, and of course the stunning Dinner and Dance at Government House Ballroom for the Battle of the Coral Sea Commemoration.

The Coral Sea Wreath Laying ceremony at Fremantle was Attended by The premier of WA The Hon. Dr. Geoff Gallop and many distinguished guests, to be followed by the Ceremony at the war Memorial at Kings Park which was attended by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia Lt. General John Sanderson. Both of these Ceremonies were of a very high quality and were a credit to our Association!

We have attended regular meetings of The Affinity Council where we were able to exchange views and ideas with groups such as Amcham, American Woman's Association, The Us Vets and others. All these liaisons are very productive in the long run.

In September we are sending a delegation to Darwin for the Australian National AAA Conference. It is essential that we are there to observe and take part, as the National Conference will be held here in Perth in 2006. I know we can do it better! We also have the biggest Membership! Membership still gives us the greatest credibility so we have worked hard this year to swell our numbers.

Next year will be a big year, with the National Conference and the many other Functions that are planned but I know we can rise to the occasion with your support and your goodwill! I now commend this report as a summary of our activities during 2004/2005 and I close by thanking you all for your continued support!

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