



ROTARY CLUB OF ROTORUA (INC)

Monday 8 December 2014



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Christmas is only three weeks away and the first half of the Rotary year is almost over.

Where have six months gone? Wednesday is the annual Police Pay Parade where I will present the 2014 Police Person of the Year Award to this year's recipient. We will of course hear from the winner of this Award in the New Year. The Pay Parade dates back to the days when the local police paraded each week to collect their pay packet from the local Superintendent. The tradition has been kept and it is now the annual "Prize Giving" of the Rotorua Police where police service awards are presented.

Reading the nominations for this year's Award for community service makes one aware of a part of the community that most of us probably have little contact with as we go about our everyday lives. The police and others who make such a commitment to working with the victims of crime, violence and abuse deserve the recognition they receive from Awards such as the one from our Club.

On Monday, 8 December 2014, the Club has a work place visit to Volcanic Hills Winery on the slopes of Mount Ngongotaha, followed by the Club's Christmas function at the Third Place Café the following Sunday night. Then it's a well earned break for all.

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CLUB MEETINGS

Mondays at 12.30 pm (except public holidays)

Sudima Hotel

1000 Eruera Street

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Rotary Theme for December is: Family Month

Rotary Club of Rotorua Christmas Get-together

Date Sunday, 14 December 2014
Venue Third Place Café, 35 Lake Road
Time 5:30 pm for a 6 pm meal
Cost: \$47 per person.
Corkage \$5 per bottle
RSVP Deborah on katjam@xtra.co.nz
Reply by 5.30 pm, Friday 5 December 2014



The passing of Past President Doug Forsyth

PP Doug Forsyth had been a member of the Rotary Club of Rotorua for more than 40 years. Club Speaker Denis Marriner remembered Doug as the Deputy Principal at Rotorua Boys' High School where he was an excellent teacher, strict

disciplinarian and upholder of high standards. Members talked about his devotion to the Leprosy Mission, for which he fundraised. The sympathy of the Club goes to his wife Marion and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Quotes

Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before. - Steven Wright

Forbidden to remember, terrified to forget; it was a hard line to walk. - Stephanie Meyer



... to Martin Kinder and Ursula Dunn.

Last week's guest speaker

Elsbeth MacRae, scientist at Scion, spoke about the role of genetic engineering in feeding the world's fast-growing population, predicted to reach eight billion by 2030, and with the highest growth occurring in Africa, the continent which already suffers food shortages. Her maps made it clear that there is relatively little fertile land in the world, and water scarcity in many regions. Food production productivity has to increase by 70% by 2030. This presents much bigger challenges than those faced over the past 100 years when productivity was increased through plant breeding. Maize plants, for example, were bred with more upright leaves to allow for closer planting and higher yields. This will have to be supplemented with transgenic (between species that cannot cross naturally) and cisgenic (between species that will occasionally cross naturally) breeding. New organisms result from this, with genome editing providing precision mutations.

Examples are seedless grapes and yellow rice containing a vitamin from carrots which prevents blindness. Biotech crops are being grown in 27 countries in areas seven times the size of New Zealand. Most of the other countries, including NZ, are significant importers of genetically engineered products. These products include cotton, poplars, goats, blue roses, glofish, golden rice, herbicide resistant soybeans and papayas, and non-browning apples.

Very large studies have been done on the benefits and risks of GE products with no significant problems found. Public perceptions of risk are changing; the 2014 Scion application to plant modified radiata trees attracted much less public and media interest than the 2010 applications. Eighty genetically modified foods have been cleared for sale in NZ.

Notices

Bonding at the Sudima Hotel every Friday at 5.30 pm. Rob MacFarlane urges those who have not attended before to make a special effort to come during the next few weeks.

Christmas Puddings available as always from Allen Foote. Please email Allen on bigal.foote@ihug.co.nz to place your order. Great value at \$7 each.

Duty roster

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Denis Marriner on 027 478 3106 or denis@dawson.co.nz

Club Speakers to advise Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the data projector

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Guest Speaker	Workplace visit Volcanic Hills Winery	SUNDAY, 5.30 for 6 pm For details of the Christmas Get-together function at the Third Place Café please see the notice on page 2 of this Bulletin.
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