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ROTARY CLUB OF ROTORUA (INC)

Monday 19 January 2015



PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome back after what has been a wonderful run of holiday weather. It is not easy getting back into work routine after a holiday break at the best of times and it is not made any easier when the weather is like this. I trust everyone had a relaxing break with family and friends and you are all rested and ready to face the opportunities and challenges that 2015 will bring.

As I look at the final six months of my term as President the priorities for the Directors and me are attracting new members into the Club. We will shortly roll out some initiatives started last year to freshen up the meeting room appearance and we have the first of our "bring a colleague" meetings planned for early February. Please support this and do what you can to identify people who may be potential members and invite them along to this early evening meeting on Monday 9 February 2015. Continuing to make changes that will make our Club attractive to new members remains a priority.

With the sudden resignation of President Elect Deborah, assisting Ray Bloomfield to prepare for changeover and identifying the next two Presidents beyond Ray are also priorities for me. The District Conference is in Rotorua this year and I am keen that we get a good number of our Club members and partners attending this to hear the various speakers that have been arranged but to also have a good time socially.

A number of social activities are planned for the balance of the year.

Membership Director Peter Spurdle had an unfortunate accident over the holiday period competing with his son in a tennis match. He suffered a serious knee injury from which he will take time to recover. He will be unable to drive for several weeks so I am sure he will appreciate any offers of assistance in getting to and from Rotary meetings and events over the coming month or so. There is a note of warning for all of us in this - whilst we would like to think we can still keep up with 30 year olds, the body does not always agree. But we shouldn't let this stop us enjoying life!

Regards

President Russell

January 2015 is Rotary Awareness Month

Notices and reminders

Membership Committee meeting on Monday 19 January 2015 at 5.30 pm at Peter Spurdle's office.

IYE student hosts needed

Don Macfarlane is seeking four host families for an International Youth Exchange student arriving from Austria in July 2015. Carmen Schobert, who will turn 16 in October, speaks good English and has good health with no smoking or drinking habits.

She is a keen artist and musician with a very good scholastic record. Carmen hopes to become a journalist, including writing books. She loves animals and would be happy to live in the country or the city.

A baby boy for Roger and Katherine

Kris Ryan Willard was born on 25 November 2014, a few weeks earlier than he had been expected.

Congratulations to his proud parents, Roger and Katherine.



Quotes

Quotes from Ray Bloomfield:

Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed. *Cavett Robert*

I was eating in a Chinese restaurant downtown. There was a dish called Mother and Child Reunion. It's chicken and eggs. And I said I gotta use that one. *Paul Simon*



... to Sandra Roersma, Dennis Neilson, Monica Powell, Katrina Allison, Toni Meyer,

Bruce Rykers, Allan Foote, Roger Willard and Peter Spurdle who celebrated their birthdays since the last Bulletin or who have a birthday in this coming week.

Last week's meeting

Past President Richard Pryce (a Trustee of the Geysers Community Foundation which manages the Harold Holmes fund) introduced Laurence Lickford of Rotorua Boys High School as the Harold Holmes Scholarship recipient. Laurence plans to attend Otago University, where he will study health sciences on his way to a medical degree with the goal of becoming an orthopaedic surgeon.

He grew up in Rotorua, attended Lynmore Primary School and was diagnosed as dyslexic, so he "began to learn in other ways". Thanks to a good teacher and the support of SPELD he began to make progress at Mokoia Intermediate, achieving results about mid-class. Then, at Rotorua Boys' High he found himself in the accelerate class, with good teachers, and moved to the top of his class with the support of a

reader/writer to help him complete examinations. His academic niches were mathematics and physics, in which he excelled from his first year at high school.

At the same time he continued competitive swimming, which he began at the age of seven and carried on until he dislocated his shoulder at the age of 17. He said swimming was great and may have contributed to his ability to overcome the problems of dyslexia because training and competition required concentration, calculation and counting distances, laps and times – what he called number pathways. “You have the support of a team, but your personal hours in the pool pay off,” he said.

Water polo is now his main sport. He competed in Rotorua until 2013, then transferred to Tauranga for men’s open water polo and competed at Bay of Plenty provincial level.

At university he will have a reader/writer for examinations. He plans to return to Rotorua after he qualifies – “I love the forest and the lakes”.

Club speaker and property developer Peter Baars completed the RD1 building in Margarita Street a year ago after overcoming a number of geothermal challenges that required special site preparation, laying pipes to duct away fumes and steam, then laying a special membrane before pouring the floor slab. Now he has started work on a new building next door to RD1.

The past year has brought another difficulty, with Gwen diagnosed in December with breast cancer. However, the couple plans to leave on 20 May 2015 for their annual boat trip through the canals and rivers of Europe. This year they will start in Auxerre, France, and travel the major French rivers, finishing in Toulouse, where they will leave the boat and pick it up for the next northern summer.

Kevin O’Connor



Duty roster

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

	19 January 2015	26 January 2015
Guest Speaker	John Treanor Rotorua RSA into the future	No meeting. Auckland Anniversary Day
Introduction	Don Macfarlane	
Vote of thanks	Peter Spurdle	
President's table	Bob Allison	
Club speaker	Tony Baker	
Fellowship and badges	Ray Bloomfield	
Quote of the week	Doug Clemens	
Fining officer	Martyn Craven	
Committee report	Peter Faulkner	

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