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**CLUB MEETINGS**  
Mondays at 12.30 pm (except public holidays)  
Sudima Hotel  
1000 Eruera Street  
Phone 07 348 1174  
to apologise if unable to attend.

## ROTARY CLUB OF ROTORUA (INC)

Monday 23 February 2015



### President's Pen

Monday's meeting was another excellent meeting with a very interesting speaker and I am sure many would have been eager to hear a lot more of Captain Bernard's stories. Seafarers are great story tellers, honed by the destinations and events experienced by few other people and the time to fine tune and no doubt embellish the stories. Well done Garth on arranging such an interesting speaker.

Next Monday, 23 February, is the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting organised by Paul Harris. Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin. At the age of three, when his family fell on hard times, they moved to Vermont to live with Harris's paternal grandparents. He attended Princeton University, the University of Vermont, and the University of Iowa. For the next five years, he worked at odd jobs for a newspaper, as a salesman and a reporter, on fruit farms, as an actor and cowboy, and on cattle ships that traveled to Europe.

In 1896 he began his law practice and in 1905, Harris organised the first Rotary Club "in fellowship and friendship" with three clients, Silvester Schele, Gustavus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey. His initial goal was to create a club of professional and business men for friendship and fellowship. Early on, Harris realised that Rotary needed a greater purpose. While Harris served as President of the Chicago Rotary Club in 1907, the club initiated its first public service project, the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world's first Service Club.

By the time of Harris's death at the age of 79, Rotary International had grown to more than 200,000 members in 75 countries. Rotary International currently has 1.2 million members worldwide.

And finally: the busy visitor season is good for Rotorua but I witnessed some terrible driving during the weekend. Take special care on the roads.

Regards

*President Russell*

# Notices and reminders

## **Bonding at the Sudima, Friday after 5 pm**

Contact Don Macfarlane for more information.

## **Doing a make-up at Rotorua Lakes Rotary Club?**

The Rotorua Lakes Rotary Club no longer meets at the Millennium Hotel. If you plan to do a make-up at Lakes, go to the Parksyde Community Centre at 7 Tarewa Place on Mondays at 5:30 pm for 6:00 pm. To let them know that you are coming, please let Club Services Director Dennis Walsh know; or phone Parksyde on 07 348 9892 for catering purposes.

## **Fishing tournament on Lake Tarawera**

The Club is planning a fishing tournament on Lake Tarawera on Sunday, 8 March 2015. Kierin Irvine has found five boat owners (Bryce Dunn, Richard Pryce, Russell Dale, Bruce Rykers and Peter Faulkner) who can collectively take ten to twelve more members on the trip. Fishing will take place between 10 am and 4 pm followed by a barbecue and prize giving at Stony Point. Please contact Kierin on [kj.irvine@hotmail.com](mailto:kj.irvine@hotmail.com) for more information and to let him know if you will be taking part. Please copy your response to Peter Spurdle.

## **International Youth Exchange student hosts needed**

Don Macfarlane is seeking one more host family for a student arriving from Austria in July 2015. Carmen Schobert, who will turn 16 in October 2015, speaks good English and has good health with no smoking or drinking habits. Please let Don know if you can help.

## **Swim the Lake**

15 March 2015. The Club will be looking for the support of members with boats.

## **Rotaract fundraising for SPCA and Hospice**

24 February 2015 at Lone Star Restaurant: Happy Hour for a Cause. Drinks are \$6.50 each with \$1.50 to \$2 each going to the SPCA.

20 March 2015: Grape Expectations, a wine tasting competition. Venue to be confirmed. Teams of four; \$20 per team. Each team member to buy a bottle of wine. Each team gets three bottles of wine in brown numbered bags. Whoever wins the game gets the extra wine bottles. More instructions to come. Fundraiser for Rotorua Hospice.

## **Thomas George from Waiariki Institute of Technology**

Thomas George of Waiariki Institute of Technology has attended the annual awarding of the forest and hospitality management scholarships by our Club to Waiariki students for many years. But he has done much more than that: working with successive Vocational Directors of the Club, Thomas has always ensured that the process of nominating the scholarship recipients ran smoothly and that the lunch was one of the highlights on the Club's annual calendar. President Russell announced last Monday that Thomas will not be attending these events any more as he has resigned from Waiariki. We will miss him, and wish him well in his future career path.

## **Rotary Friendship Exchange to D2340 Sweden**

There are eight places available on a Rotary Friendship Exchange to District 2340 in Sweden. The exchange will start on 13 May 2015 and finish on 26 May 2015 and will cover Orebro, Arjang, Grythyttan Kolback and Stockholm . Those going will meet at a hotel at the Arlanda Airport, 40 Km outside of Stockholm, the night before the exchange starts. A group from District 2340 will be visiting our district during the last two weeks of March. District 2340 covers an area west of Stockholm as far as the Norwegian border. Participants can be any Rotarian or a partner or spouse of a Rotarian. If you at all interested or would like to know more, please make contact as soon as possible with Laurel Smith at [laurelsemail@gmail.com](mailto:laurelsemail@gmail.com)

## **From the previous meeting**

### **Quotes from Tom Davies**

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. - Margaret Mead.

People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. - Isaac Asimov.

### **Club speaker Katrina Allison**

Katrina thanked the members of the Club who had sponsored her for the Polio Plus fundraising swim of 100 laps which she completed in 1 hour 55 minutes. She raised \$600 which will be increased to \$1,800 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Katrina recently read the book *Radical Remission from Cancer* by Dr Kelly Turner. Some of the factors that Dr Turner had identified in a survey of unexpected survivors from advanced cancer were: a radically changed diet; taking control of your own health; increasing exercise; following your intuition about when to get (or not to get) chemotherapy; using herbs and supplements; increasing positive emotions; having social support and a spiritual connection; and having a strong reason for living. <http://www.drkellyturner.com/>

### **Guest speaker Captain Bernard Commons**

Captain Commons grew up in Auckland and built his first boat at the age of seven. He is now trying to sell his last one: a 17 ft trout fishing boat. While in the Royal New Zealand Navy he trained at Dartmouth Naval College. He also learned to fly helicopters and fixed wing planes; drove a submarine; saw nuclear bombs exploding; and visited Antarctica. He left the Navy after 21 years, having not enjoyed his final years there, pen pushing in Wellington. He took three years to qualify for the merchant navy where he did not like the culture of the Seamen's Union, including the provision of 22 weeks of leave per year and delaying getting back to work while waiting for stainless steel butter dishes with a pleasing pattern to be provided. Working from Hong Kong with largely Filipino crews was like a breath of fresh air. On a visit to Maputo in Mozambique he experienced the inefficiencies of a post-colonial system. What had been the Star of the East Coast of Africa had become a city with broken skyscraper windows. By providing the wharf workers with bread, soap or candles it was possible to get his ship loaded. Without such supplies, up to 30 ships were left waiting in the harbour. Wheat that had been sent by relief agencies for the starving population went to an East German ship to pay for arms for the rebels. It took ten hours before the body of a worker run over by a forklift was removed. Cashew nuts, an important cash crop, were left on the ground for three years as there were no tins in which to send the nuts to India for treatment to make them edible. One health inspector, previously a hospital cleaner, could not

reconcile the number of vaccinations given with the number of crew until the ship's dog, which had been vaccinated, was given a collar tag and counted as a person.

A book with many more of his tales is available from McLeods Booksellers.

## 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](mailto:denis@dawson.co.nz)

Club speakers to advise Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if they require the data projector.

	<b>23 February 2015 at 12.15 pm</b>	<b>2 March 2015 at 12.15 pm</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Alexis LewGor President, Multicultural Rotorua	Head Prefects' Lunch
<b>Introduction</b>	Ally Gibbons	Don Macfarlane
<b>Vote of thanks</b>	Margriet Theron	President Russell Dale
<b>President's table</b>	Ray Bloomfield	Russell Burton
<b>Club speaker</b>	Doug Clemens	Martyn Craven
<b>Fellowship and badges</b>	Fergus Cumming	Tom Davies
<b>Quote of the week</b>	Bryce Dunn	Peter Faulkner
<b>Fining officer</b>	Robin Findon	Allen Foote
<b>Committee report</b>	Don Macfarlane, Youth	Kevin O'Connor

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** 5 pm Wednesdays

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