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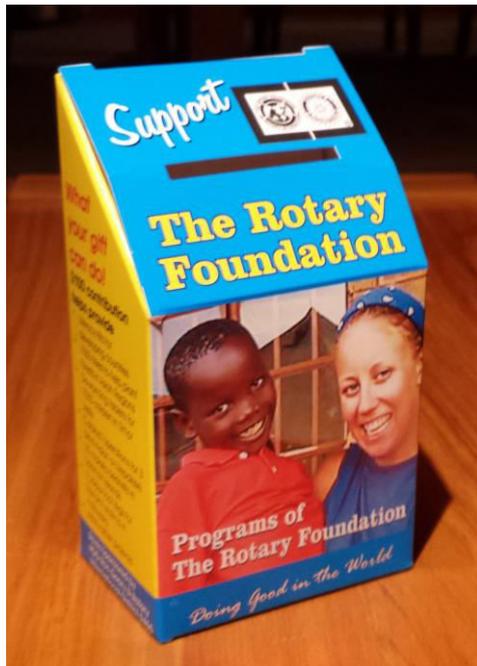
Meetings on
 Mondays at 12.30 pm
 (except public
 holidays)
 Sudima Hotel
 1000 Eruera Street
 Phone 07 348 1174
 to apologise if unable
 to attend.

Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 2 March 2015

President's Pen

Our meeting on Monday coincided with Rotary International's 110th birthday.



Last year we circulated some small cardboard Rotary Foundation boxes to encourage all members to donate to the Rotary Foundation, Rotary International's own charitable foundation. We are asking that Club members return these next week and the money raised will be our Club's contribution to the Rotary Foundation to recognise 110 years of community service. It is worth remembering that Club contributions to the Foundation are taken into account when District grant applications are considered each year. This year we were successful in a District grant application and we have purchased a defibrillator that will be donated to the community shortly.

Doug Clemens kindly explained the origins of our Club in 1927. It was formed by wealthy and influential Auckland business men with holiday homes in Rotorua who needed to do make-ups whilst on holiday to avoid being kicked out of their Auckland Rotary Club.

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

District 9930 conference

This year's District 9930 conference is being held in Rotorua from 8 to 10 May 2015. Register online at <http://www.9930conference.org/>. The registration fee is \$230 and the speakers will include:

- Jamie Fitzgerald, a modern-day pioneer, who is one of the two adventurers in the TV One series, First Crossings. Jamie was one of the first ever Kiwis to reach the South Pole unsupported on foot.
- Billy Black. From travelling the world as a professional sheep shearer Billy has developed NZ's only U-drive jet boat course, created NZ's first Kiwi Culture Show and built on of the most unique motel complexes in the world.
- Alfred Ngaro who has a strong background in community development. He was one of the founding members of a national collaborative "Inspiring Communities Exchange Network", which focused on Community-Led-Development. He was awarded the Sir Peter Bake Emerging Leader Award for his contribution to the community.
- Rotary Unplugged, a mix of local Rotorua speakers who in their own right are recognised at a national and international level.

Contact Janine Branson on 021 505081 for more information.

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 for more information and to let him know if you will be taking part. Please copy your response to Peter Spurdle who is organising the barbecue for families not taking part in the fishing tournament, at Stony Point, from 3.30 pm.

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. Trina Sorenson who was the Club's IYE student four years ago said that you only need a bed to host a student, and called on Club members to help Don.

Money boxes

President Russell asked members to return their filled Rotary Foundation money boxes next Monday. Funds raised will go to the Foundation as a birthday gift for Rotary.

Swim the Lake

Katrina Allison provided more information on the swimming event being held on 15 March 2015 at Lake Okataina. The Club needs two boats to help mark the course on Saturday, 14 March 2015 and again from 8.30 am on the Sunday to support the swimmers. There is now a possibility that this event may become part of the NZ Open Water Swimming Series.

Upcoming meetings

The arrangements for this year's rural visit have been confirmed. We will be meeting in Reporoa on 23 March. Our contact for the visit is Steven Hughes, Deputy Principal at Reporoa College.

The annual Rotary Secondary School Speech Competition will be held on 4 May 2015. This year's topic is "Gallipoli and the ANZAC Legend: What does this mean to New Zealanders?"

Rotaract fundraising for SPCA and Hospice

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.

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

From the previous meeting

Quotes from Bryce Dunn

Perhaps travel cannot prevent bigotry, but by demonstrating that all people cry, laugh, eat, worry and die, it can introduce the idea that if we try to understand each other we may even become friends. – Maya Angelou, 1928-2014, American poet and civil rights leader.

No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive. – Mahatma Gandhi.

Club speaker Doug Clemens

Doug started off by giving the Club some information on how the first Rotary Club in Rotorua was formed in 1927. A number of Aucklanders with holiday homes in Rotorua initiated the Club to provide them with a place to do make-ups over their long summer holidays. He then spoke about the very satisfying work he does as a mediator. This has become a substantial part of his law practice. Many clients come to him because they had never read the fine print of contracts. An example is rental agreements: landlords think that they can sue tenants who have not paid, but they need arbitration first. Doug has done an advanced course in dispute resolution and now deals with disputes over contracts worth millions of dollars, including sharemilking agreements. His work as a mediator has taken him to Hong Kong. Mediation has advantages over court processes, including being somewhat less formal, and faster.

Guest speaker Margriet Theron, Vice-President, Multicultural Rotorua

Margriet stood in for Alexis LewGor, the President of both Multicultural Rotorua and the NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils, who had a family bereavement. There are 22 Multicultural Councils in NZ, with the NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils as the umbrella organisation. The Federation had its national meeting in Rotorua this past weekend. It is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The Rotorua Multicultural Council offers a wide range of activities to help new migrants to become part of our community. Some examples are U&I Can Cook where cooks and chefs from different ethnic backgrounds teach migrants how to prepare a few traditional dishes; Whakanuia, the annual multicultural celebration of Waitangi Day at Whakarewarewa Village; the U&I Football tournament where local teams from many countries compete in Rotorua with the winning team going to the national tournament in Wellington; consultation on issues of special interest to migrants, from funerals and cemeteries to the design of census forms; Race Relations Day; floats from ethnic communities to participate in the Rotorua Christmas Parade; dairy farm visits with cheese making demonstrations; the national days of numerous countries; language classes, including Te Reo Maori; and advocacy on behalf of migrants on matters such as immigration policy. Margriet teaches a Professional Speaking for Migrants course under the umbrella of Multicultural Rotorua – but that will be the topic of another talk to the Club.

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.

	2 March 2015 at 12.15 pm	9 March 2015 at 12.15 pm
Guest Speaker	Head Prefects' Lunch	Francis Pauwells, Grow Rotorua
Introduction	Don Macfarlane	Ann Nicholas
Vote of thanks	President Russell Dale	Peter Baars
President's table	Don Macfarlane	Russell Burton
Club speaker	No Club speaker	Martyn Craven
Fellowship and badges	Tom Davies	Tom Davies
Quote of the week	Peter Faulkner	Robin Findon
Fining officer	No fining session	Allen Foote
Committee report	No Committee report	Peter Faulkner, Vocational

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