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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 20 April 2015

Past-President's Pen

Past-President Barry Lane was planning to write the Past-President's Pen this week, but he was unable to do so due to unforeseen circumstances. The Editor of the Bulletin was very forgiving because PP Barry has agreed to stand in as Treasurer for PP Martin Kinder for the all-important Rotary High Schools Speech Contest to be held on 4 May 2015.

The topic for this year's Speech Contest is "Gallipoli and the ANZAC Legend: What does this mean to New Zealanders?" This evening meeting will be held at the Sudima Hotel at 6 for 6.30 pm. Dinner will be \$20 per person and the other Rotorua Rotary Clubs have also been invited. Please let Sergeant Denis Marriner know if you plan to bring friends and family members along to this very topical event, being organised by Don Macfarlane.

Notices and reminders

Time capsules and the Rotary Silver Jubilee Jug #203

The above are just two of the topics that can be found on the archive web page of the Club's website at www.rotaryrotorua.org.nz/?archives. Thanks to Past-Presidents Garth Wilson, John Heaton and Tony Baker, historical documents about the Club have been collected, cataloged and handed to the Rotorua Public Library for safe-keeping. Some of the material goes back to the Club's formation date of 17 October 1927 and charter date of 21 December 1927. The documents have been digitised for extra security. The Club thanks Sandra Quinn, Heritage Collections Librarian of the Rotorua District Library, for all the help she provided to this major project to make the archival material accessible to Rotarians and the public. One of the documents is a list of all members from October 1927 to April 2015, a total of 626 members. If you have any material relating to the Rotary Club of Rotorua which needs to be saved, please contact Tony Baker.

Fundraiser for Vanuatu

Please see the attached notice about a fundraiser to be held on 20 April 2015 at 6 pm at Te Puke Golf Club, supported by the Rotary Clubs of Maketu, Mount Maunganui, Papamoa and Te Puke.

Rotary Club of Rotorua golf tournament

Richard Pryce reminded members of the tournament that will take place on 14 June 2015, with a start at noon. Please support this event, and invite friends and family to join you for a round of golf on the day.

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Doug Clemens (25 April)
- Margriet Theron (25 April)
- Ray Bloomfield (1 May)
- Helen Patchell (1 May).



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Kierin Irvine

Kierin was not at the meeting, but he sent us these quotes from the South Island where he and Janette are biking the Otago Rail Trail:

Get a bicycle. You will not regret it, if you live. – Mark Twain.

Whether the weather be fine
Whether the weather be not
Whether the weather be cold
Whether the weather be hot
We'll weather the weather
Whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not!

- Anonymous

Guest speaker Katie Williams

Guest speaker Katie Williams started the Coffin Club from an idea raised at a U3A meeting when she wanted to build her own coffin. Joanne La Grouw, who was at the meeting to support Katie, is helping the Club to become a Charitable Trust; Lockwood has provided the premises for the Club in Old Quarry Road after they initially met in Katie's garage. Members include carpenters, builders and cabinet makers. The women generally do the linings and decorating. A few members are in their nineties. Coffins are provided in kitset form in five sizes, with three coffins being started on one day. Membership is only \$10 per year. Morning teas and lunches are shared. The coffins, made of MDF, cost \$250 each, with most having sturdy wooden handles. Fancier gold and silver handles imported from China were not strong enough; a local supplier now provides these. Two of the coffins have been used at marae tangi; some were decorated with a favourite korowai or woven flax patterns. A young carver practiced his skills on a coffin and then donated it to the Club. Geraldine sold her coffin to a visitor and has now made a new one for herself, decorated with sunflowers and scenic views from favourite places. Members made a coffin shaped like a go-cart for a dying cancer patient, with sturdy wheels, a grill and steering wheel. Family members come in to help build or decorate the coffins. Club members also make coffins for still-born or premature babies; they come with tiny teddy bears and are given for free to the grieving parents. The legal requirements are: the coffins must be strong; they must have a heavy plastic lining; and they must have a name on. The Club has produced a book on do-it-yourself funerals which includes all the forms to be completed at the time of death.

Club speaker Martin Kinder

Club speaker Martin Kinder was leaving on 16 April 2015 with a party of 19 for a tour of Turkey and a visit to Gallipoli for the ANZAC Centennial Commemoration, staying overnight in ANZAC Cove on 24 April, attending a dawn service there, and then going to Chunuk Bair for the New Zealand service. The challenge

after that will be to find the right bus out of 500 for the return trip to Istanbul where he was hoping to attend a Rotary Peace Conference. They then plan to visit the site in Belgium where his great-grandfather died in the First World War. They then go to Ypres and on a tour of the Flanders Battlefield.

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.

| | 20 April 2015 at 12.15 pm | 27 April 2015: no meeting; public holiday | 4 May 2015 at 6 for 6.30 pm |
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| Guest Speaker | Bruce Scott: To Russia with love | | High Schools Speech Contest: "Gallipoli and the ANZAC Legend: What does this mean to New Zealand?" |
| Introduction | Russell Burton | | Don Macfarlane |
| Vote of thanks | Doug Clemens | | President Russell |
| President's table | Bryce Dunn | | Peter Faulkner |
| Club speaker | Tom Davies | | - |
| Fellowship and badges | Jim Hampson | | John Heaton |
| Quote of the week | Barry Lane | | Denis Marriner |
| Fining officer | Tony Hill | | - |
| Committee report | Bryce Dunn | | - |

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Fundraiser Evening for Vanuatu

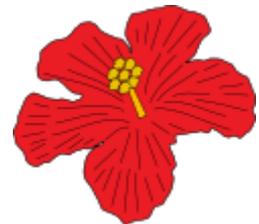
Monday, 20 April 2015

Join us to hear Kylie Dellabarca Steel speak of her Cyclone Pam experiences and her proposals for reconstruction in Vanuatu

6 f 6.30 pm
State Highway 2 at Paengaroa.
Cash bar available

Tickets \$40 each (limit of 100 tickets)

**Requests for tickets to
Maureen Burgess
maureenburgess@xtra.co.nz**



There will also be a lucky ticket draw and additional fund raising activities including an auction and a raffle

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