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CLUB MEETINGS

Mondays at 12.30 pm (except public holidays) Sudima Hotel 1000 Eruera Street, Rotorua

Phone 07 348 1174 to apologise if unable to attend.





Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 07 September 2015

President's Pen

Thank you to all those who hosted the Lincoln Students. The feedback that I have received is that it was an enjoyable experience, and that the students knew how to

drink. It was a good and easy money maker for our club making us approximately \$1250. Well done.

I always enjoy listening to Steve Chadwick and yesterday was no exception. It was encouraging to hear all that Council has achieved and where it is going. The employment situation is still something that needs to be developed. I asked her over lunch where the jobs were and she replied that there were jobs, that they were in the hospitality industry and they were at the lower paid end.

From my perspective that means that we have very little to keep our young people or to attract young people into our community. Having said that – I don't have the answer. We all know how important tourism is to Rotorua, and we have the forests, but it sound to me like we will have growth in the Spa Industry and that is good, I see a number of new jobs created but many of them being part time.

I have an interest in the Family Violence Intervention Programme, and there are a number of things that are needed to break the cycle with young people. I think having good mentors or role models in their life is important as is education and jobs. From my perspective, it would be great to have a lot of these young people in apprenticeships, learning a trade and having jobs to go on to afterwards.

What needs to happen to bring this about? I don't know, but I do see that if we put our thinking caps on, we can be a part of the solution. We already do a lot and offer a lot to young people, but there is much more to be done, and a lot of it may be outside of our ability, but I am sure we can do something.

Have a great week

President Ray



Notices and Reminders

Firewood Project - Shelterboxes and Koropiko Rotahomes

Club Fundraiser - Sunday 13 September. We will leave Rotorua together at 9:30am from the Te Puia car park, Hemo Gorge, opposite the Old Taupo Rd junction. Those with trailers and chainsaws, please bring them. Martyn will be taking pre-sale orders at \$75 / 1m³ - delivered. Payment on delivery.

Firewood has been kindly donated by Mr Murray Scott, Kildarragh Farms, Ohakuri Road, Atiamuri. Bring own lunch and tea/coffee. Partners welcome. This is an International committee project. Enquiries to Martyn Craven, micraven@xtra.co.nz or phone: 0274 747 059.

Rotary Club of Rotorua West's 50th Birthday Celebration

President David Douthwaite and members of the Rotorua Club of Rotorua West have invited Rotarians and their partners, by separate email on Sunday 23 August, to celebrate their Club's 50th Birthday on Saturday 26th September 2015. It would be appreciated if Rotarians would indicate by return email if you think you will, or may be able to, attend both events, or just one of them, or none at all! For further information, email: 50years@rotaryrotoruawest.org

Future Leaders' Seminar

Rotary, Leadership, Learning, Networking in Nelson on Thursday 12 November, 2015, 8:30 – 4:30pm. Theme: "Be a Gift to the World". The Seminar is an interactive day of shared ideas, presentations by leaders from the highest levels of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation plus other community and business leaders with special messages to inspire. Registration: Will be available later in August on the RI website. For further information, contact: AG Richard Evans.

Civic Bonding

An informal get-together of members of the Club for a drink and a chat at 5.30 pm; this Friday at the CT Club, Moncur Drive, Rotorua.

GET LOGGED IN!

If you are a D9930 Rotarian you will want to set up your login name and password to have full access to the MEMBER AREA of this site. To get started **CLICK HERE**

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Bryce Dunn 12 September Margriet Theron 28 September Ian McDowell 12 October Peter Baars 31 October



Birthday wishes to:

Ian Smith (05 September)

From the Previous Meeting

Quotes from Katrina Allison

- "The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits" Alexander Dumas
- "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own and you know what you know. And you are the one who'll decide where to go" - Dr Suess

Guest Speaker – Mayor Steve Chadwick

Steve started by thanking the club and acknowledging Rotary for all we do in the community. She was reflecting on her and the new Council's journey so far, which started two years ago. In 2013 there were concerns with the state of Rotorua across a number of fronts and issues with our reputational image which required addressing. As a consequence the new Council set a "vision for 2030", backed up with short term (2016) priorities. These short term priorities were set to enable measurements to be made against achievements and thus provide a score card of progress to date.

Some of the major planks in the business plan were:

- Implementation of the Te Arawa strategy
- The roll out of the "Famously Rotorua" strategy
- Inner city revitalisation
- Crankworx Festival

Some of the achievements to date have been:

- A reduction in debt of \$1.2m
- A long term framework put in place for the future
- Increase in satisfaction ratings with the Council and its services
- Across the board cost reductions in Council's spending of \$8.8m
- The feeling that we are definitely making a difference in our district and community

Part of the development goals are \$1b of tourism revenue by 2030 with a focus on cycling being "the new gold". Annual cycling participation per annum is in the vicinity of \$250k, passengers with projected 19% per annum year on year growth.

Mayor Steve noted that "participation is the key" to sustained growth, and in particular participation from the community, private sector (with partnerships), the focus on the representation model and the Te Arawa Partnership.

Her take away message to us all, including the whole community, is to be part of this change process.

A good Q&A session ensued at the end of the speaking time slot.

Duty Roster

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise		
Sergeant Richard Pryce on 027 2765478 or: rpryce@tomwake.co.nz		
Club speakers to advise Tony on tbaker@nowmail.co.nz if they require the data projector.		
	07 September 2015 at 12:30pm	14 September 2015 at 12:30pm
	at the Sudima Hotel	at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Carmen Schöberl (IYE student)	D.G. Mike Smith
Introduction	Roger Willard	Bruce Scott
Vote of Thanks	Paul Wilson	Tony Hill
President's Table	Tom Davies	Bob Allison
Club Speaker	Doug Clemens	Denis Marriner
Fellowship/Badges	Jim Hampson	Noel Lamberton
Quote of the week	Tony Baker	Bruce Rykers
Fining Officer	Russell Dale	Kierin Irvine
Committee Report	President Ray	Russell Burton

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SEPTEMBER - NEW GENERATION (YOUTH) MONTH