



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 14 September 2015

President's Pen

I enjoyed Carmen's presentation last Monday and as someone commented, she is a very courageous young woman coming across the other side of the world for twelve months at 15 years of age. I'm certain that this will be a momentous year for you Carmen, a year that you will enjoy and will have many new experiences.

Friends (I think that sounds better than fellows, or we would have to say Fellesses as well) Past World Rotary International President Bill Boyd will be at the 50th birthday celebrations of Rotorua West Club. I want to encourage you to attend the dinner and to support West, but also – how many people have had the opportunity to speak to an RI President or even a past RI President? This is your opportunity. Could you please let PP Russell know if you are attending as West need to know numbers.

Welcome to District Governor Mike Smith and also Dr Tania Pinfold who will both be speaking to us on Monday. I am currently in Sydney and will be back at the hospital on the 22nd September.

Following the meeting on Monday, the President's of the other clubs along with Rotarians will be meeting in the car park of Skyline Skyrides to go up on the gondolas (courtesy of Skyline) and plant a tree at the top at 2.30pm. You are welcome to join them.

As I mentioned last week I along with the other Rotary Presidents attended a function for the Geyser Foundation where our Rotary Clubs were recognised for their financial contribution to a fund for Hospice. What particularly thrilled me was seeing the number of members from our club who are Trustees or have been Trustees of the Foundation. Well done, and I'm sure that you will be fined either today or in the coming weeks for your great work

Have a great week

President Ray



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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.

Notices and Reminders

Firewood Project - Shelterboxes and Koropiko Rotahomes

Club Fundraiser – This 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, mjcraven@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](mailto:AG.Richard.Evans@rotary.org).

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

Margriet Theron	> 28 September
Ian McDowell	> 12 October
Peter Baars	> 31 October
Murray Patchell	> 02 November

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes to:

- 🌻 Janet Stevens (08 September)
- 🌻 Jim Hampson (11 September)
- 🌻 Pat Bloomfield (11 September)
- 🌻 Elaine Hill (15 September)
- 🌻 Heather Reynolds (20 September)

A very warm welcome today to District Governor Mike Smith and Dr Tania Pinfold.

From the Previous Meeting

Guest Speaker – IYE student, Carmen Schöberl



Carmen Schöberl gave an excellent talk to the Club. She looked great in her dirndl (traditional Austrian dress), much better than her RGHS school uniform! She is only 15 (16 beginning of October) and comes from a family of 4, father Karl and mother Melanie and older sister Selina. Her father is a travelling salesman; mother a dental technician and sister a student but she is a hobby photographer. Through a Rotary Student Exchange, Carmen also has a Brazilian 'sister' who stayed with the family. She also has two cats (one pretty fat!) and a small dog.

She described how Austria is a relatively small country of 8 million people near the middle of Europe which has about 790 million people in about 50 countries. Austria is landlocked, with 8 other countries as neighbours. Politically, it is a democracy, presently with a Social Democrat government, with 9 federal states. The capital is Vienna.

Austria's topography is dominated by the Alps, rising to 3,798m from around 150m. As well as the mountains there are lots of lakes and rivers. Temperatures can range from about -20 up to 37 degrees where she lives. Vineyards and apricot orchards cover large areas. There are lots of castles, some spectacular, and even some Roman ruins. Traditional foods include schnitzel and some great looking apricot deserts.

Austria has produced many important / famous people. Probably the most famous is composer Mozart, but also ranging to Niki Lauda (F1 car racing) and Hundertwasser (Architect & artist, creator of the incredible Kawakawa public toilets).

National festivals are Perchten, (where people dress up as monsters with horns), Maibaum (putting the Maypole up) and Christmas, which sounds pretty similar to a NZ family Christmas, apart from the temperature and that it is held on December 24th.

Carmen lives at Emmersdorf near the banks of the Danube River, near Melk and about 90km west of Vienna. They built their house about 7 years ago – well above the flood levels of the Danube which floods lower buildings to about 3m deep every 2 – 3 years! Her school is in a Benedictine Monastery, which also leaves RGHS way behind for splendor !

To my surprise, Carmen plays the French Horn! I am not sure if she brought it with her but, if so, perhaps a rendition to the Club would be appropriate?

Altogether, a great presentation Carmen – thank you.

Todd Mountfort – Update on Koroipita

Past President of the Rotorua West Rotary Club, Todd Mountfort, gave an update on Koroipita Village, Lautoka. Unfortunately Todd's video presentation did not work but Todd does not need any support to talk about Koroipita! When he checked this morning, Rotorua was 5 degrees, Lautoka 26!

Rotorua Club has sent two building teams (2013 and 2014) for a week helping with the construction of 3 houses. Todd advised that these three houses were all occupied. However, there about 55 to 70 more houses planned for stage K3, waiting on sorting out an effective sewage treatment plant. So the local building team had been wound down to about 8 people doing maintenance work.

Todd said that Peter Drysdale (whom all the team members got to know and admire) had had a 'heart event' and had had surgery, but was now reportedly walking 5km a day.

He said that the 2013 team were the only construction team that had been involved in picking up squatter families and relocating them to Koroipita, and I have to say that was a fantastic experience.

Todd is revisiting Koroipita in 3 weeks time and will come back with up-to-date information.

Quotes from Tony Baker

- ☺ "If you think you're too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito in your tent".
- ☺ "A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.
A successful woman is one who can find such a man" – Lana Turner

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.		
	14 September 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel	21 September 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	D.G. Mike Smith	Martin Kinder
Subject	Rotary Message	Belgium Visit
Introduction	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Vote of Thanks	Tony Hill	Russell Dale
President's Table	Bob Allison	Garth Wilson
Club Speaker	Denis Marriner	Doug Clemens
Fellowship/Badges	Noel Lamberton	Carmen Schöberl
Quote of the week	Bruce Rykers	Martin Craven
Fining Officer	Kierin Irvine	John Heaton
Committee Report	Russell Burton	President Ray

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Check out the following links to ROMAC NZ's Website and Facebook pages for the latest ROMAC news.

Website - <http://charityforchildren.org.nz/category/news-and-events/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/RomacNZ>

SEPTEMBER IS YOUTH MONTH



Rotary Meets in Warehouse, 11 May 1968



Members of the Rotary Club of Rotorua met for lunch in a vast warehouse at the invitation of Mr Doug Ewert, the Vice President. Mr Ewert, a frozen foods distributor, was scheduled to give the Club his Classification Talk. He found it ideal to be able to explain his work on the spot, so invited his fellow members to have their luncheon meeting on his premises.



Above: The Rotary club luncheon in progress in the warehouse.



Left: Mr Ted Hamill, the Sergeant at Arms.

Right: I.P. Doug Ewert addresses the gathering.

Left: Noel Burn collects a fine from Rotorua's Chief Traffic Officer, Mr Birnie Muggeridge. The only one who observed the speed limit coming out to this lunch!

Right: A group of Rotarians sample Mr Ewert's wares.



Left: At the official table are from left: I.P. Doug Ewert, President Ted Atkinson, Keith Allen and Past President Bob Reeder.

