



Rotary Club of Rotorua

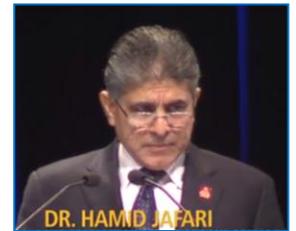
Monday, 28 September 2015

President's Pen

World Polio Day is observed on October 24. This observance was established by Rotary International in order to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, the developer of a vaccine against polio.

When India was declared polio-free in 2014, the World Health Organization's (WHO) entire Southeast Asia Region – comprised of 11 countries – was declared polio-free, a major milestone for global public health; however, the disease that can paralyse and even kill its victims still exists in parts of the world.

Dr. Hamid Jafari, WHO's Director for Global Polio Eradication and Research, addressed Rotary members at Rotary's International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil on June 8, 2015. Dr Jafari updated the audience with the current status on global polio eradication efforts.



"Though Nigeria has seen no new cases since last July, we cannot be complacent. We must maintain the momentum," said Dr Jafari. "In 2015 we've had no cases of wild poliovirus reported across the entire African continent. Today we are much, much closer to completing polio eradication."

July 24th would mark one year since the last case of wild poliovirus was detected in Nigeria - the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio and a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. If WHO removes Nigeria from its list of polio-endemic countries, only two polio-endemic countries would remain: Pakistan and Afghanistan. Despite this progress, Dr Jafari cautions the next two years will be critical to ensuring Nigeria remains on track to achieve polio-free certification. The support of donors, governments and partners like Rotary is needed more than ever to ensure high-quality polio campaigns in Nigeria, particularly in remote and underserved areas, and to prevent the disease's return.

"In the first half of this year we have seen a much lower number of cases than we had seen at this time last year. We are facing challenges in Pakistan, but we are learning to overcome them every day," said Dr Jafari. "In 2014, 85 percent of polio cases across the entire world were in Pakistan and now the country has reported a reduction of polio cases of nearly 70 percent in 2015."

Like Nigeria, the two remaining polio-endemic countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan, have faced security threats which provided challenges to polio eradication within their borders. However, Pakistan has seen recent progress.

"With Rotary, we made tremendous progress last year. We must keep going to end polio," said Dr Jafari. "If the world's commitment to polio eradication remains strong, we will soon see a polio-free world."

Have a good week,
Assist. Editor



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Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)
Sudima Hotel
1000 Eruera Street,
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to apologise if unable
to attend.

Notices and Reminders

Firewood Project

Meet Tuesday 29 September, at the Te Puia car park - opposite the Old Taupo Road junction - at 4:30 ready to leave at 5:00pm.

We need trailers, chainsaws, gloves, trailer cover and tie-down rope.

Organiser is: Martyn Craven 0274 747 059.

Volunteers to help rebuild Mbossung Primary School in Vanuatu

The first team of ten Volunteers with some building experience/abilities will be on Ambrym Island, Vanuatu, for approximately 2 weeks from 10 October 2015. A second team will be needed from 24 October 2015. The school of 100 students was badly damaged by Cyclone Pam in March this year. If you are interested, please contact P.P. Janice Dowle, Rotary Club of Birkenhead: janice@boatandbach.co.nz

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 – this Saturday. 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.

Resignation

It is with regret the Directors accepted the resignation of Ian Smith as a long standing member of the Rotary Club of Rotorua. Ian joined our Club 44 years ago after his Grandfather and then Father were active members. Ian received a PHF award in 1996. His classification was, "Property Investment".

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

Ian McDowell	> 12 October
Russell Burton	> 26 October
Peter Baars	> 31 October
Murray Patchell	> 02 November



Birthday wishes to:

Fergus Cumming (23 September)
Perry Stevens (26 September)

Quotes from Martin Craven

- ☀ “In Paris they simply stared when I spoke to them in French; I never did succeed in making those idiots understand their own language” - Mark Twain
- ☀ “A great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do” - Walter Bagehot

From the Previous Meeting

Martin Kinder – Belgian Battlefields

Earlier this year, Martin and Maree left Gallipoli, the subject of an earlier address to the Club, and proceeded to Belgium. Martin’s great great grandfather, John Thomas Kinder, joined the Coldstream Guards at the age of 42 years. Leaving his wife and family, Private Kinder went to fight at Ypres, in a battle that in the two months of October and November 1914 saw 58,000 casualties. Private Kinder was one of them, killed in the battle on 29 October 1914. His body was never recovered, in common with many others.

Martin and Maree, with Martin’s brother Chris, visited the memorials and cemeteries that have been established to commemorate the known and unknown soldiers who fought and died in Belgium. John Thomas Kinder is named on the Marin Gate, a huge memorial hall that is a gate in the old city walls, 36m long and 14m high. There are 54,896 names recorded on the gate, representing those who died up to August 1917. The Last Post sounds at the memorial every evening at 8pm.

Martin shared images of cemeteries and memorials in western Belgium, peaceful and immaculately maintained places to visit, which are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission on land gifted by the people of Belgium to honour those who fought there.

One of Martin’s references was to a book by Martin Marix Evans, “Over the Top”, if you want to read more. He also highly recommended visiting the two current exhibitions in Wellington, at Te Papa and at Pukeahu National War Memorial. The latter is particularly impressive.

Club Speaker - Doug Clemens

Doug arrived in Rotorua in October 1967, to a thriving city with many subdivisions around the edges of the city and 15 large building companies. Doug shared his dismay at the change in the city in recent years, seen recently through a visitor’s eyes, with empty shops and the cycleway making business harder in the City Centre.

Doug also explained the changes being introduced by the Tax Amendment Act 2015 and Land Transfer Amendment Act 2105. On sale of property (except Maori land, a main dwelling, or forced/ mortgagee sales) a tax statement will be prepared by a lawyer, providing IRD with personal information, money owed and your IRD number. Foreign buyers will need a New Zealand bank account and IRD number, as well as providing tax details from their home country. It comes into force on 1 October with a transitional period through to 1 April 2016.

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.

	28 September 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel	05 October 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Rosemary O'Brien	Todd McClay MP Rotorua
Subject	Tauranga Eastern Expressway	Update from the beehive
Introduction	Bob Allison	Dennis Neilson
Vote of Thanks	Ann Nicholas	Don Macfarlane
President's Table	Martyn Craven	Roger Willard
Club Speaker	Bryce Dunn	Russell Dale
Fellowship/Badges	Roger Willard	Tony Baker
Quote of the week	Fergus Cumming	Katrina Allison
Fining Officer	Robin Findon	Peter Spurdle
Committee Report	Community	President Ray

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