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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 19 October 2015



President's Pen



The Directors met last Monday evening. Here are some of the things that were discussed:

- **Meeting attendance:** In recent years the requirement for weekly attendance has changed, but we do have a responsibility to put in an apology if we are not able to attend a meeting. I want to commend the members who do that and encourage all to do it. Our contract with the hotel requires us to pay for a certain number of meals whether we have that number of people present or not. Can I encourage you to make attendance a priority, please?
- **Leave of Absence:** Thank you to those who notify the Secretary when they will be absent for three meetings or more and request a Leave of Absence. These are noted on our records and in the Bulletin and announced at the meeting. Again can I encourage everyone to do this?
- **Membership:** Welcome once again Richard. It is great to have you as a member of our Club. I must say that rather disturbingly, members were delighted when you pulled out your phone and measured me up with a view to "Boxing me in". Membership is the responsibility of everyone in the Club, not just the Membership Committee. We need to be actively inviting people to join OUR club. While not trying to elevate myself, I think that it was a significant comment by Richard that, when we were working together in our professional roles, I had asked him if he had thought about joining Rotary. We need to constantly be looking for people of good character that we can invite. The Membership Committee has some great ideas, and of course, Paul has his minder – seen in his Committee report yesterday – who will visit anyone planning to resign!
- **Top Table:** We have received several comments about the President's Table. This was brought in as a trial by PP Russell. From my perspective the round table is excellent because it allows those at the table to talk with everyone there. With the extended table that we had before, conversation was limited to the person on your left and on your right, and the President couldn't really talk with the guest speaker. Comments have been made that the members would like to see those at the top table, and that is a valid comment. I will be talking with the hotel and we will try to move it to a more visible position, but we are very constrained by the design of the room.

There were other things discussed, but I have exceeded my number of words for this edition of the Bulletin

Have a good week,

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

Membership and Fellowship Committee Report from Paul Wilson

Paul has a strong Committee: Tom Davis, Bob and Katrina Allison, John Powell, and Ian McDowell. Their first goal is to stop the recent trend of decreasing Club membership numbers by doing an analysis of reasons for resignations.

Our International Youth Exchange Student, Carmen Schoeberl

Carmen will move from the Simmonds family to Margriet and Louw van Wyk on Sunday, 1 November 2015. From the 15 November to 5 December she will be on a tour of the South Island with the other IYE Inbound students. For this she will need some camping and tramping gear. In the past, Club members have very kindly loaned gear to our students and we hope they will do the same this year. Carmen needs:

- a) A pair of ladies tramping boots Women's NZ size 6
- b) A sleeping bag and cover
- c) A pack and cover
- d) Storm proof raincoat and warm gloves
- e) Camping utensils and cutlery.

Please contact Fergus if you are able to help.

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.

RYPEN Camp

RYPEN is coming up on 6 to 8 November 2015 (Friday to Sunday), at Ngamuwahine. We will be expected to provide volunteers from our Club to support the weekend or by going to the camp for just one day to help. Ann Nicholas said that there was urgency in finding volunteers, as they need Police clearance before helping at the camp. Please email Ann on ann@sigmaconsult.co.nz if you can help.

RYPEN is a combined Rotorua Rotary Clubs project, with each Club contributing \$1,200.00 to cover all the costs. The camp is for up to 50 Year 10 (14 – 16 yo) students to help develop social and life skills in a team environment. It is assisted by the Hauraki Regiment of the Territorial Army and is held at Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Lodge, SH 29 in the Kaimai ranges. (About 80km or 1.15hr drive).

The Youth Committee is underway with the selection of students.

However, between the 5 Cubs, we need 8-10 Rotary volunteers each day to assist with the running of the camp. These could be:

- Friday morning to Sunday afternoon;
- Friday evening to Sunday afternoon;
- Friday evening to Saturday evening;
- Saturday evening to Sunday afternoon.

It is a fantastic experience seeing the enormous development in many of the students over the weekend. And, it is a fantastic Rotary experience, sharing with Rotarians from our Club and the other 4 Rotorua Clubs.

Would you like to be involved? If so, please contact Garth Wilson, email: garth.janwilson@clear.co.nz or Ann Nicholas, ann@sigmaconsult.co.nz if you can help.

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Leave of Absence

Bob and Katina Allison for the meeting of 19 October 2015
Peter Baars to 31 October 2015
Russell Burton to 25 October 2015
Tom Davies to 19 October 2015
Noel Lamberton to 23 November 2015
Murray Patchell to 2 November 2015
John Powell to 27 October 2015

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:
Gwen Baars (19 October)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from PP Ann Nicholas

I think, said Christopher Robin, that we should eat all our provisions now so that we won't have so much to carry. – AA Milne.

If it doesn't challenge you it doesn't change you. – Fred DeVito.

Guest speaker Colin Sanderson, District 9930 ROMAC

Colin Sanderson of the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise is the District 9930 contact for ROMAC, Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children. The organisation's mission is to provide within Australia and New Zealand medical treatment for children 15 years and under who are from developing countries for life saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not available to them in their own country. He painted a picture of children born with a similar defect, club feet, in New Zealand and a Pacific Island. Our children have access to medical services; children from the Pacific Islands often do not, even if their parents are able to pay for treatment. ROMAC has been in operation since 1988. Rotarians provide home hosting for patients and their families while they are in NZ. Surgeons often volunteer their time, too, and airlines provide affordable flights. Colin told the Club about some cases, such as a girl badly burned when her father set light to their house, and a boy who came to Hamilton from Vanuatu where he was growing up without hot running water or a TV, and having to walk a mile to get to school. Most funding comes from donations from Rotarians, but applications are also made for global grants. Hundreds of children are identified each year as needing help, but fewer than 50 can be treated in a year at an average cost of \$35,000 per patient.

Club speaker Robin Findon

Robin and Christine find that it is much easier to go on holiday now that they are retired with no arrangements having to be made at work before they leave. They are just back from a six week-holiday. In Japan they met up with an exchange student from 25 years ago and her family. They attended a family holiday in Scotland, and he posed for a photo at the St Andrew's golf course. After spending time in a 300-year old farmhouse in England, they did the cruise holiday from Moscow to Ste Petersburg with four Kiwis, four South African, and lots of Italians on board. Like Bruce and Janet Scott, he highly recommends the voyage. However, one stay in Hong Kong was enough for him!



Left
Robin & Christine in Moscow.

Right
Robin posing on the 18th Green at St Andrews, Scotland, during his "Big OE" a few weeks ago.



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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 Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the data projector.

| | 19 October 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel | 26 October 2015 |
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| Guest Speaker | Nicole Brewer Update on Rotorua Airport | No meeting. Labour Day |
| Introduction | Peter Spurdle | |
| Vote of thanks | Russell Dale | |
| President's table | Tony Baker | |
| Club speaker | John Heaton | |
| Fellowship/badges | Dennis Nielson | |
| Quote of the week | Bryce Dunn | |
| Fining officer | Richard Pryce | |
| Committee report | Ann Nicholas | |

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