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# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 2 November 2015



## President's Pen



What a great couple of weeks we have had with regard to rugby. The games have been excellent and I think that reflects the character of the coach and the members of the team. I was very impressed with Steve Hansen and Richie McCaw's comment after winning the quarter final. They both said that all they had done was to keep themselves in the competition for another week. That sort of attitude is in my mind to be commended. There is no arrogance, just simply a faith and confidence in each other. Keep on doing what each person has to do and they will get the job done.

I am reminded of the familiar saying: "Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny." That, I am certain, plays a part in the success of the All Blacks, but it is something that applies to all of us.

I have been reading some of the comments on our Facebook page, and recognise where we could be more proactive. For instance, Alex Le Long, a teacher at Western Heights High School, has been following us on Facebook and asked whether anyone had asked the winner of the the Club's Secondary School Speech Competition if she would be interested in joining Interact. After we posted photos of Allen Foote and me on Facebook when we did the Pink Walk, Alex commented that Rotaract was looking to be involved in projects. I suddenly realised that there were lots of opportunities to strengthen relationships with them that would encourage them and create a natural pathway for their members to come into Rotary.

I received one of many emails that come into my inbox daily talking about why many churches are failing, and surprise, surprise it was because they were operating in a way that was fashionable in the 1980s. I have a box sitting on my desk called: "The Battle for Relevance". It is a battle, and we must continually look for ways to be relevant to the generation that we are trying to attract.

*President Ray*

# Notices and Reminders

## Tony and Marlene have moved

Tony and Marlene Baker have shifted from 6 Forest Place to Number 26, Redwood Retirement Village, 429 Te Ngae Road. Their telephone numbers and email address will fortunately remain the same.

Tony says that it has been a sad move, but age and health dictated their future. They are inviting members of the Club to visit them once they are settled in.

The very best wishes from the Club to you both, Tony and Marlene! And huge thanks for the way in which you have hosted so many very enjoyable Club events at your beautiful homes over many years.

## 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 would still be appreciated
- b) A sleeping bag and cover
- c) A pack and cover
- d) Storm proof raincoat and warm gloves
- e) Camping utensils and cutlery.
- f) Also, thermal underwear please.

Please contact Fergus if you are able to help.

Carmen thanks the members of the Club who have already offered, or given her some of what she needs, for the trip.

## 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.

## Leave of absence

Noel Lamberton to 23 November 2015

Murray Patchell to 2 November 2015

## Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Robin Findon (28 October)
- Russell Dale (1 November)
- Bryce Dunn (3 November)
- Janice Scott (6 November)
- Noel Lamberton (6 November)
- Brenda Spence ( 8 November)



## From the previous meeting

### Quotes from Ann Nicholas

O Lord, help me to be pure, but not yet. – Saint Augustine.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. – Mahatma Gandhi.

## Guest speaker: Nicole Brewer, CEO of Rotorua Airport

Nicole Brewer has been the CEO of Rotorua Airport since July 2015. Her career started in the hospitality industry and included three years managing hotels in Europe. Attending a RYLA camp was a turning point in her life. Back in New Zealand she worked in client services for Qualmark client services and then in planning domestic regional services for Air New Zealand where she became an alliance manager with Virgin and Singapore Airlines. The family moved from Auckland to Te Puke, and she took on the Rotorua Airport position. Rotorua has an optimistic economic outlook and a cohesive tourism industry. A direct flight link to Queenstown will create more growth opportunities. She is involved in the transfer of assets from Rotorua Lakes Council to the airport company and in plans to make better use of the previous international flight terminal space. Flights to Queenstown will not happen until Air New Zealand feels assured that the planes will be 80% full; likely daily passenger numbers need to rise from 40 to 120 per day. A flight training school is an option being investigated.

## Club speaker John Heaton

John and Rona are regular visitors to the Taranaki Garden Spectacular which runs from 30 October to 8 November this year. One of their favourite gardens is Tupare, owned and managed by the Taranaki Regional Council. It is on a hillside overlooking the Waiwhakaiho River. It was developed by prominent businessman Sir Russell Matthews and his family. The house was designed by the renowned James Chapman-Taylor. Furniture and accessories were bought on overseas trips, or commissioned to Matthews' specifications. Chapman-Taylor prepared drawings for Tupare. The Matthews wanted minor changes such as a bigger dining room to accommodate the family dining table. Chapman-Taylor wanted to provide full-time supervision for the construction of the house. Matthews thought this was unnecessary and the commission was terminated. The construction was supervised by Russell Matthews; it took 12 years to complete; and most of the construction work was carried out by Russell Matthews' road construction gangs in the winter off-season.

## Duty roster

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise

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Club speakers to advise Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if they require the data projector.

	<b>2 November 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>	<b>9 November 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>
Guest Speaker	Brian Holden: photographer, weather expert, columnist, piano tuner	Club Forum and Annual General Meeting
Introduction	Perry Stevens	-
Vote of thanks	Bryce Dunn	-
President's table	Russell Burton	Doug Clemens
Club speaker	Don Macfarlane	Denis Marriner
Fellowship/badges	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Quote of the week	Robin Findon	Allen Foote
Fining officer	Bruce Scott	Roger Willard
Committee report	Russell Burton	Martyn Craven

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