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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 16 November 2015



President's Pen



Thanks to everyone who attended Rotary last Monday and participated in the Club Forum. The Club belongs to all of us and it is important that we are able to express our views.

I particularly appreciated Tom Davies comments about being aware of the needs of the next generation. The average age in our Club is 68 years. We urgently need to get it down, but as Tom said, we need to determine the needs of the younger generation. We will be forming a working party to ascertain those needs.

We will be trialling the Round Table in the suggested position next week, and I would appreciate your feedback over the next couple of months as to how you feel about it.

There have been significant changes in Rotary International as an organisation in adapting to the 21st century and being relevant. One of those things is in the area of meeting attendance and make-ups. What makes a Rotarian? Is it wearing a badge? Is it turning up to the lunch-time meeting? I don't think that it is those things at all. We are Rotarians by participation and involvement in the Club. I fully appreciate that not everyone can make the Monday meetings, but everyone in the Club is on a Committee. Attendance at the monthly Committee meetings is very poor. That means that the work falls on the members who bother to go.

Can I encourage you in your participation in the Club by attending not only the lunch-time meetings (if possible) but that you prioritise the meetings of the Committee that you belong to and attend those.

It is one thing to have a specific membership drive, but that will count for nothing, without the energy and participation of existing members.

There is a photo of the proposed new name badge in this Bulletin. Can you please give feedback to me within the next week so that we can action things?

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

Christmas function

Katrina is organising the end-of-year function, to be held on the evening of Monday, 14 December 2015 at Rainbow and Fairy Springs. The price will be \$55 per person which includes entrance to the park. We will be able to use the big water slide until 5 pm, just in case you are feeling adventurous! At 9.30 pm there would be a free guided tour around the park.

Swim the Lake

Katrina reported that Paul Ellercamp from OceanSwims in Australia had been in touch with her, suggesting that the local Swim the Lake race becomes part of the OceanSwims series. There are six to eight swims in the series. The handicap system applied to times makes it possible for swimmers of all ages and either gender to compete on a level playing field. Prizes at the end of the series include trips to swim in Vanuatu (Espiritu Santo Swim Week in June), and in Fiji (the Mana Fiji SwimFest in October). One prize goes to the winner; the other to a random draw of qualifying swimmers. By becoming part of this series, the Swim the Lake event will receive extra promotion through the OceanSwims website and through their weekly email newsletters.

This is a great outcome after all the hard work by Katrina and the other volunteers!

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 Rotorua Club at the Rotorua Racecourse.

Leave of absence

Noel Lamberton to 23 November 2015

Peter Spurdle to 7 December 2015

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

Brenda Spence (8 November)

Rona Heaton (18 November)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Allen Foote

Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you. – Jackson Brown Junior.

A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside. – Denis Waitley.

Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Rotorua

Present

The list of members present will be added from the records kept by the Club's Secretary.

Apologies

The list of apologies will be added from the records kept by the Club's Secretary.

Welcome to the AGM

President Ray Bloomfield opened the meeting at 1.02 pm and welcomed the members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM were adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Moved by Barry Lane, seconded by Fergus Cumming. All voted in favour.

Financial report

The financial report was presented by Barry Lane, standing in for Treasurer Martin Kinder. Two sets of accounts had been tabled: those of the Rotary Club of Rotorua and those of the Rotary Club of Rotorua Charitable Trust. The Club had experienced a drop in revenue due to the reducing membership. Expenses, especially the cost of meals, had also dropped. Advertising and promotion costs had increased with design work being done to display the Club's memorabilia and Club banners being purchased. The deficit for the 2014/15 year was \$635. Funds in various bank accounts had decreased from \$23,047 to \$21,535.

Revenue of the Charitable Trust had increased from \$12,444 to \$24,514 due mainly to fundraising events led by Past President Russell Dale. More donations to organisations, as listed in the accounts, were made resulting in a deficit of \$372 for the year. Funds held in various bank accounts had decreased from \$27,190 to \$23,878.

The adoption of the financial reports was moved by Fergus Cumming, seconded by Allen Foote. All voted in favour.

General business.

There was no general business.

Close of the meeting

The meeting closed at 1.09 pm.

Club Forum

Doug Clemens suggested that the amalgamation of Rotary Clubs be discussed. There had been a recent amalgamation of two Clubs in Taupo. Rotorua Lakes Club had approached the Rotorua Club to discuss amalgamation, but the discussions did not result in any action being taken. Amalgamations among the five Clubs in Rotorua are still on the Presidents' agenda. Tony Baker said that this Club, with 38 members, was still viable, and that we needed a membership drive. A Clipboard would be passed around at meetings so that members could suggest the names of prospective members, to be approached by the Membership Committee. Don Macfarlane said that the effectiveness of Rotary was measured by the way in which it dealt with the community. He promoted the idea of allocating responsibilities for Rotary activities to the various Clubs, partly to ensure that no school is overlooked when activities are promoted. Allan Foote agreed that Rotary should stand for community involvement. President Ray would raise these suggestions at the Presidents' meeting. John Heaton said that Clubs that meet at similar times of the week would have a better chance of successful amalgamation discussions. President Ray commented that the amalgamation of churches had not raised membership. Don Macfarlane said that a likely successful scenario would be for Rotorua to have a breakfast, a lunch and a dinner Club. Perry Stevens agreed, suggesting setting up three virtually new Clubs at those times, and asking people to make a choice about which one to join. Roger Willard said that members might well drift off if this approach were to be used. Tony Baker said that he would like to see a return to a distinct top table where the leaders of the Club would be clearly visible to members. President Ray said that the round table enabled the President to talk to all at his table. A show of hands indicated that members would prefer a distinct main table; President Ray undertook to trial such room configurations. Roger Willard said that he preferred a meeting programme where the guest speaker was the grand finale. Tom Davies said that the way in which the meetings were run should reflect the needs of future members. President Ray said that a working party to look at the recruitment of younger members would be set up. Work is continuing on ways in which the history of the Club could be displayed at meetings. The Club's history, written by Gary Spence, will be available on the Club's website. A show of hands indicated that more members look at the Club's website than at its Facebook page. The Operating Manual with much useful information for Directors is also on the website. A new design for name badges for members would be circulated for comments.

Report on RYPEN by Garth Wilson

Garth had helped at the RYPEN camp for 45 students from Year 10 held over the previous weekend. He suggested that helpers should stay on for the whole weekend to observe the remarkable change in the students over the three days. Participants were nominated by the Deputy Principals of their schools with the final selection made by Todd Mountford. The cost of \$1,200 per student is paid by the Clubs. This year the IYE students also attended.

Report from Denis Marriner, Programme Coordinator

Denis reminder Club members to let him know about industry leaders and others to include in the Club's speaker programme. The Club's first IYE student, from 1966, has been invited to speak to the Club. The first meeting of 2016 will be held on 11 January. As usual, the recipient of the Harold Holmes Scholarship will be the guest speaker. Denis asked Directors to let him know the planned dates of regular Club events such as the Speech Competition for inclusion in the programme for 2015/16.

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.

| | 16 November 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel | 23 November 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel |
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| Guest Speaker | Leith Comer, CEO, Nga Pumanawa e Waru | Graham Fuller NZ Fire Service |
| Introduction | Roger Willard | Martin Kinder |
| Vote of thanks | Robin Findon | Allen Foote |
| President's table | Fergus Cumming | Russell Dale |
| Club speaker | Ian McDowell | Dennis Neilson |
| Fellowship/badges | John Powell | Richard Fullard |
| Quote of the week | John Heaton | Tony Hill |
| Fining officer | Garth Wilson | Roger Willard |
| Committee report | Bruce Scott | Peter Spurdle |

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Below are 2 suggested Club member's new badges for feedback to President Ray.

