



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 11 January 2016

Past-President's Pen

Left-handed President Ray Bloomfield has had major surgery on his left arm, which is still in a brace. Until he is fully recovered Past-Presidents will be writing this introduction to the weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Rotorua.

I like traditions. One of the longest-standing traditions of our Club is that the Harold Holmes Student Grant is awarded at the first Club meeting of each New Year. The Harold Holmes Fund is managed by the Geyser Community Foundation. The Committee selecting the student to receive the grant is Chaired by PP Murray Patchell, a Trustee of the Geyser Community Foundation. Another member of the selection panel is Ryan Holmes, grandson of Harold Holmes who created the Fund. The Mayor of Rotorua, the Hon Steve Chadwick, appointed Ryan as a Trustee of the Geyser Community Foundation late last year. The other members of our Club on the selection panel are PP Tony Hill, PP Paul Wilson and PP Kierin Irvine, who is also a Geyser Trustee. I sit on the panel as the Chair of the Geyser Community Foundation's Grants Distribution Advisory Committee.

In 2017 we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Harold Holmes Student Grant Scheme. We are trying to get in touch with previous recipients as we begin to consider ways in which this milestone will be commemorated.

At the meeting to select the winner for 2015 we noted with great sadness that the recipient of the Harold Holmes Student Grant in 2003, Stephanie Pearson, had tragically lost her life (aged 29) in a traffic accident at Hemo Gorge, Rotorua on 14 October 2015. Stephanie is survived by her husband, Ben McHale, who was the recipient of the Harold Holmes Student Grant in 2002 and their baby son, Gareth McHale.

The recipient of the 2015 Harold Holmes Student Grant is Bianca Rogers-Mott from Rotorua Lakes High School. She will receive a grant of \$1,600 with \$100 each going to the four other applicants: Suitenesa Falanai from Western Heights High School, Cody Broad from Rotorua Boys' High School, Aroha Onerao from Rotorua Girls' High School, and Jaybeth Marshall-Makaea from John Paul College. It was a privilege to get to know these young people and to find out how they have performed against the criteria set by Harold Holmes himself: responsibility within their school, local community involvement, academic and sporting achievements, leadership, family circumstances and aspirations.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all.

Past-President Margriet Theron PTHF

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Notices and Reminders

75 Years of Rotary in Rotorua

The book *75 Years of Rotary in Rotorua* written by PastPresident Gary Spence of the Rotary Club of Rotorua is available in the archives pages of the Club's website. Click here:

<http://www.rotaryrotorua.org.nz/data/rotary-75year-book.pdf>

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Roger Willard (14 January)
- Allen Foote (15 January)
- Peter Spurdle (15 January)



From the previous meeting

Christmas dinner at Waireré Café at Rainbow Springs

The end of year celebration at Rainbow Springs was enjoyed by all. President Ray did his traditional, very appropriate and thought-provoking Christmas talk. Thank you to Katrina Allison and her helpers for the beautiful table and venue decorations.

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.

	11 January 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	18 January 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Harold Holmes scholarship recipient	Kevin Lee A Single Drop for Safe Water
Introduction	Murray Patchell	John Powell
Vote of thanks	President Ray	Russell Burton
President's table	Tony Hill	Kierin Irvine
Club speaker	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Fellowship/badges	Bruce Rykers	Bruce Scott
Quote of the week	Noel Lamberton	Barry Lane
Fining officer	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
Committee report	-	-

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