



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 29 February 2016

President's Pen

Our sympathies go out to Helen and her family on the death of Don Macfarlane. He was a loved father and grandfather and was a very committed Rotarian. It is at times like this that we recall things about our relationship with Don. Our meetings will not be the same without Don promoting Frobisher House. He was very proud of his old school, Rotorua Boys' High School, and Frobisher House.

Don had a great love for young people and they related very well to him. Members of the Club who attend the Civic Bonding had the opportunity to meet some of Don's grandchildren towards the end of last year. Don's pride in them was very obvious, as was their love for him. As I mentioned at last Monday's meeting, when Roger and Cathryn Willard turned up with Chris to the CT Club, Don's arms would be outstretched inviting Chris to come to Uncle Don, and together they would walk around the club.

His love for young people was further demonstrated in the work that he did for Rotary with young people; the speech competitions, Prefects' Lunch, his support of Rotaract, RYLA, Summer Science School and the list goes on.

I was talking to Helen about Don receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship last year. I actually videoed it and made it into a DVD that I gave to Don. For those of you who were at the Changeover, you will remember Don grumbling into his beard about much ado about nothing, and he didn't know why he should be receiving it. All of that came out on the DVD, but Helen said that despite his grumbling, he was delighted to be a recipient of the PHF. I can't mention that without the family telling me that Don was technologically challenged. I realised that when he came to Rotary after I had given him the DVD and he told me it wouldn't work. He had put it in the CD player and nothing happened. We were with him when he tried to take photos with his phone, and he took wonderful photos of his finger; he took great photos of backgrounds but left the people out.

Colonel Don Macfarlane, you have served your country well. Rotarian Don MacFarlane, you have been a great Rotarian, colleague and friend.

Rest in Peace.

President Ray

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Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
holidays)
Sudima Hotel
1000 Eruera Street,
Rotorua. Phone 07
348 1174 to
apologise if unable
to attend.

Notices and Reminders

Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo: help wanted

Rotarians are again asked to help at the 2016 Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo at the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre from Monday 14 March until Friday 18 March 2016. Rotary works in partnership with the Police, St John, the NZ Fire Service, the NZ Transport Agency and the Rotorua Lakes Council.

Over the five days Rotarians will be helping exhibitors to set up their stands on the Monday morning; staffing the Driver Directions stand; and helping with tidying-up on the Friday.

Please phone Tony Baker on 345 7607 or email him on tbaker@nowmail.co.nz if you are able to help.

Swim for polio campaign

Katrina swam 5 km at the Aquatic Centre and raised over \$815 for a total over the past few years of over \$10,000. Thanks for driving the Club's involvement, Katrina, and for your great commitment.

Open Water Swim: 13 March 2016 at Lake Okataina

Katrina Allison reminds the Club of the Open Water Swim on 13 March 2016 on Lake Okataina. Choose between the 400m, 800m, 1,500m, 3,000m and 6,000m distance. Proceeds will go towards Big Brothers Big Sisters. For more information, see: lake-okataina-swim-2016.lilregie.com or contact Katrina on rotoruaopenwater@gmail.com or 027 603 9784. Rotorua Trust has contributed \$1,000 to cover the operating cost of the event.

High Schools Speech Competition: 16 May 2016

This is always a highlight of our annual Rotary programme. Please put this date in your diary now. The topic for the competition has been chosen by our Immediate PP Russell Dale: "How do we minimize the impacts of new technologies on society?"

Rotary District 9930 2016 Conference

Bruce Scott reminds the Club of the District Conference being held from 6 to 8 May 2016 in Napier. Registrations before the end of February provide a discount of \$55 per person.

Civic Bonding

You are invited to share a drink and a chat with other members of the Club and their spouses at the CT Club in Moncur Drive at 5.30 pm on Friday afternoon.

Shelterbox

The Shelterbox funded by the Club had been received in Tanzania. The firing session for the day would be used to help Fiji.

Friendship Exchange barbecue

There will be a barbecue for the Friendship Exchange team being hosted by the Club at the home of Peter and Robin Spurdle.

From the previous meeting

Quotes from Ian McDowell

Ian announced to the Club that he has sold McDowell Real Estate.

- Don't cry because it is over; smile because it happened. – Dr Seuss
- You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough. – Mae West

Guest Speaker Joanne McCracken

Joanne went to Western Heights High School and worked as a valuer for Ian McDowell before owning her own property management company. She was in Beirut last November to run a marathon with a group

organised by Rachel Smalley, TV and radio journalist and presenter, as part of the Forgotten Millions fundraising campaign. The marathon provided Joanne with a good reason to get fit. Lebanon is a small country with a population of similar size to New Zealand but with 400,000 long term Palestinian refugees and 1.3 million Syrian refugees. Buildings damaged in the civil war of 1975 are still standing in Beirut. People adapted at that time to the bombs that were dropped every third day. At present, the Government is not functioning. There were riots a month before Joanne arrived. Aid valued at \$300 million had been cancelled because it had not been signed off. The refugees are willing to work at any wage, upsetting the local population. Refugee children are now getting free education with the hope that they will be able to then go into mainstream schools. The Government wants Syrian refugees to go back and they want to return. Some children are working in the fields to earn some money. Families get World Vision help in the form of plastic cards with which they can do shopping. Their message is: "Do not forget about us." Seven hundred runners participated in the marathon. Guns and tanks were everywhere.

Club speaker Peter Spurdle

Peter has bought himself the ultimate toy: and F Type Jaguar. He told the Club about the history of the Jaguar company which had started as a manufacturer of motorbike sidecars. Jaguar Land Rover was taken over by Tata Motors seven years ago and is now the UK's largest carmaker. The Tata Group is an Indian multinational conglomerate holding company with its headquarters in Mumbai. Its 2014/15 revenue was over \$100 billion and it employs over 600,000 people. It is active in the sectors of steel, motors, consultancy services, power, chemicals, beverages, telecommunications and hotels.

Duty roster

If you cannot do your 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.

	29 February 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	7 March 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Peter Faulkner, update on Pukeroa Oruawhata projects	Head Prefects from Rotorua's High Schools
Introduction	Perry Stevens	To be confirmed
Vote of thanks	Russell Dale	President Ray
President's table	Karl Meyer	Dennis Neilson
Club speaker	Roger Willard	-
Fellowship/badges	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
Quote of the week	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Fining officer	Richard Pryce	-
Committee report	Ann Nicholas	-

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