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to attend.



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 14 March 2016

## President's Pen

I found it very inspiring listening to the Head Prefects on Monday. I am constantly impressed by today's youth which bodes well for our future as a community and a nation. Interestingly only one person made a reference to having Interact in their school. I am wondering if there is some way in which we can support Interact, helping and encouraging students to move into Rotaract and then of course into Rotary.

We have a Sub-Committee looking into how to make the Club more attractive to younger people, but perhaps we need to investigate Interact and Rotaract to discover why people are joining there, what works for them and what needs to happen for them to move into Rotary.

Please remember District Assembly next month. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the working of Rotary. It is on Sunday, 17 April from 10 am to 3.30 pm. It is important for all new Directors and it would also benefit new members. It would be good to car pool to Taupo, so please let me know if you will be going.

### **Fiji Cyclone Winston Appeal**

We are still accepting donations to assist Fiji. Cyclone Winston will probably be recorded as the worst Pacific disaster in terms of loss of property and livelihoods. There is a huge task ahead to help those affected.

Donations will go to the Rotary New Zealand World Community Service who is working on the ground in Fiji. Donations can be direct credited into our Club's Trust account: 02-0412-0491387-000. All donations to the Trust will qualify for a tax rebate.

It was great to see Jordan Tereu from Rotorua Girls' High School last week. We sponsored her to Outward Bound, and this year, she is both Head Girl and Head Prefect at Rotorua Girls' High. She will also be making a presentation to the Club on her Outward Bound Experience.

*President Ray*

# Notices and Reminders

## Appeal for Fiji

President Ray announced that to date \$1,350 had been collected for the Fiji Appeal by the members of our Club. If any other members wish to donate, they can make a direct credited into our Club's Trust account: 02-0412-0491387-000 or they can contact Martin Kinder to make other arrangements. Here is an update on Fiji taken from the District 9930 website:

Distribution of Emergency Response Kits is in full swing in the Western Division and out of Suva to the Central Division where whole villages have been wiped out. Also on Vanua Levu at the Savusavu end of the island. A consignment is on its way today to Vanuabalavu Island on MV 'Sereniwai'. Vanuabalavu has a population of 1,100 and took the eye of the cyclone right on the nose. The 714 response kits in Fiji will be replenished by a further shipment being sent from Auckland. We have requested space on HMNZS Canterbury. As far as we are aware, all Rotarians in Fiji are safe and well, although many have had damage to their homes. In our MOU with VSA, there may be opportunities for volunteer (construction experts) assignments for six months. Please direct any inquiry to District 9930.

## District 9930 Training Assembly

President Ray encouraged members of the Club to attend the District 9930 Training Assembly which will be held in Taupo on Sunday, 10 April 2016. This would be an excellent way of gaining a deeper understanding of Rotary International and its programmes.

## 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?"

## 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.

## 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. Details to follow.

# From the previous meeting

## Guest Speakers: Head Prefects from Rotorua High Schools

**Reporoa College, Jade Wharemate, Head Girl**, has been involved in sports. She has thrown herself into most activities at the school. She wanted the Head Girl role so that she could inspire others to do well. It is important to set goals, stick to them and to dream big. This year has seen changes at Reporoa College including the introduction of vertical forms.

**Western Heights High School, Bailey Morrison, Head Girl**. Becoming Head Girl has been both a rewarding and humbling experience. She attended Montessori School at Malfroy Primary and then Rotorua Intermediate School. She has been involved in kapa haka throughout her school years and always makes academics her priority. She has passed NCEA Levels 1 and 2 with Excellence. She does not know what her future goals are but knows that family and community are important.

**Western Heights High School, Kurate Broughton, Head Boy**. "Continued commitment" comes to mind when he thinks of Rotary. He is the student trustee on the school's Board of Trustees and now understands the work pressure that teachers are under. He sets himself high standards and this year his focus will be on helping Maori students. He remembers his Koro telling him to take every opportunity. He wants to play volleyball internationally; loves math and science; and would like a career in medicine.

**Rotorua Girls' High School, Jordan Tereu, Head Girl**, acknowledged the passing of Don MacFarlane. He had inspired her at a recent science meeting for youth. Leaders are made and strengthened by life experiences. She is originally from Rarotonga. Her goals for this year are to get Excellence in NCEA Level 3 and to captain the U18 Girls Rugby team.

**Rotorua Girls' High School, Awatea Leach, Deputy Head Girl**. Her academic goal is to gain NCEA Level 3 with excellence. She would like to get back to playing basketball and her dream is to win a basketball scholarship to the US.

**Rotorua Girls' High School, Chantelle Cobby, Deputy Head Girl**, has been at Girls' High since Year 9. The school has an amazing culture. Her goal for this year is to set up a Buddy System and to join other socially active groups such as Students Against Drunk Driving.

**Rotorua Boys' High School, Arapeta Paea, Head Boy**, has been at RBHS for five years. His academic goal is to gain NCEA Level 3 with excellence and then to study Law. He encouraged Club members to come to the RBHS production of *The Wiz*. He will play the part of the Lion. He sang "I'm just a mean Ol' Lion" from the production.

**Rotorua Boys' High School, Ryan Beamish, Deputy Head Boy**, started RBHS as a Year 9 student. He has taken advantage of the opportunities given to him and he would like to help others reach their potential. He is a very keen tennis player and would like to study Law.

**Rotorua School for Young Parents, Ana Baker** had not been engaged with her schooling in the past and described herself as a "teacher's worst nightmare." She truanted frequently and ended up pregnant. Once at the School for Young Parents she gained NCEA credits. This motivated her as she now knew that she could achieve and that she has potential. In the past, she had wasted not only her time but those of others. Her future now is to be a great mother and an achiever.

**Rotorua School for Young Parents, Wakata Epapara** had a hard upbringing and lost her father at an early age. She hung out with the wrong crowd and this then led her into trouble. Having her baby saved her life. She is now engaged in learning and has read over 300 books. She is at school every day and misses going to school during the holidays.

**Rotorua Lakes High School, Josh Sargison, Head Boy**, was born in Rotorua to a well-established Rotorua family. He is a diligent student, level-headed and well-rounded. He has taken every opportunity at school and has been well supported by teachers and coaches.

**Rotorua Lakes High School, Annalies Heuvel, Head Girl**, believes that attending RLHS has given her a lot of opportunities. She coaches the soccer team and would like to help fellow students. Her goal is to travel the world.

**John Paul College, Jessica Mc Donald, Head Girl**, acknowledged the school's motto: *Faith, Service and Community* and Interact. Her vision this year is to get involved in giving back to others. Her goal is to study medicine at Otago.

**John Paul College, Robbie Wong Toi, Head Boy**, said that leadership is about helping others to be better. He felt that attending a Catholic School set him apart from others with regard to values. His passion lies in helping others and in the future he would like to pursue a career in Medicine.

# 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](mailto:rpryce@tomwake.co.nz)

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

	<b>14 March 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>	<b>21 March 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>
Guest Speaker	Canadian Friendship Exchange	Detective George Staunton Police Person of the Year
Introduction	Martyn Craven	Bruce Scott
Vote of thanks	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
President's table	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Club speaker	Quinn McKay National Science Forum	Margriet Theron Road Scholars
Fellowship/badges	Peter Baars	Tony Baker
Quote of the week	Ian Pound	John Powell
Fining officer	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Committee report	-	Paul Wilson

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