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apologise if unable  
to attend.



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 21 March 2016

## President's Pen

I found it an enriching experience hosting members of the District 7820 Rotary Friendship Exchange team and taking them around Rotorua. While it is great to do the tourist thing, one of the best things is having fellowship together. Not only do you get to know new people, but there is also a sharing of ideas. The RFE Team Leader was sharing with us how her Club went through some restructuring. She said that everyone talks about membership, but membership isn't the problem. It is all about making your Club IRRESISTABLE so that people want to come and join. Her Club went from approximately 20 members to 62 in two years. Truly inspiring stuff. I hope we maintain contact with her so that we can glean from her experience. I know that she and Martyn Craven have exchanged emails, so hopefully information will start to come through.

Thanks again to everyone who hosted our guests. It was the first time that Pat and I have hosted and it certainly will not be the last time. It was a great experience. A special thanks to Bruce Scott for coordinating the visit and the host families.

Speaking of Bruce Scott, Janice is now home and we wish her all of the best post-surgery.

The Swim the Lake was a great success. Thanks, Katrina and your team for all of your effort. This is something that can definitely grow. Katrina did notice that one of the tear-drop shaped flags is missing. They have the stand but not the flag. If you have it or know where it is, please let Katrina know.

While acknowledging people, I want to acknowledge Denis Marriner in his role as Programme Organiser. Denis, you have arranged fabulous speakers for the Club. Thanks for a job well done.

We have our Secondary School Speech Competition coming up in the next few weeks. It is an evening meeting and will be a great opportunity to invite guests so that they can get an idea of what Rotary is all about

*President Ruy*

# Notices and Reminders

## Workshop Visit 23 May 2016

Bruce Scott has been in touch with Elisabeth Jackson, the Commercial Manager of LumberCube to make arrangements for the Club's vocational visit on 23 May 2016 to the mill in Vaughan Road. This is an early reminder to bring along your own high visibility vest and hard hat if you have these, and to wear closed toe shoes.

## 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 School 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. Let's try to ensure that President Ray will not again have to phone his family to ensure that he would not have to spend time on his own at the bonding session.

## Swim the Lakes

Katrina reported that there were 100 swimmers at the event held at Lake Okataina, double last year's number of participants. Many said they would bring friends along next year. She thanked Barry Lane for doing all the paperwork and the boat owners for putting out the course markers. It took a strong boat to drag 1,500 m of rope. Rotorua Lakes Council had also been very supportive and the Rugby Shop donated 20 T-shirts.

## Happy Birthday

Fiona Wilson – 22 March

Teresa McDowell – 26 March

Barry Lane - 27 March

A graphic with the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in large, colorful, 3D-style letters. Each letter is filled with a rainbow gradient and has a metallic, reflective border.

## From the previous meeting

### Quotes from Ian Pound

- Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen! – Winston Churchill
- We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give. – Winston Churchill

## Guest Speakers: Canadian and French Rotary Friendship Exchange

The guest speakers were from an international Rotary District on the far eastern coast of Canada but which also includes the French island of Saint-Pierre et Miquelon. The speakers from District 7820 reminded us that Canada has 36 million people, has the longest coastline in the world, and is very sparsely populated. A Rotary Friendship Exchange team of 12 members from our District will be visiting District 7820 in August and September 2016. Louisa Horne, the leader for the District 7820 team talked about making a Club irresistible, thereby increasing its membership. Stephen Thompson is from the Halifax Harbourside, the oldest Club in the District. He said that Rotary works like a child putting a few stranded starfish back into the ocean: we cannot save the world, but we can make a big difference to individuals. Roger Stein is a radio ham and has been delighted to meet people in Australasia with whom he had been in touch for years. Halifax is the capital city of Nova Scotia. Many of the Titanic victims were buried there. Joe Ueffing is an

immigrant from Holland. His Club set up its own Foundation which now manages \$1 million. Margie Brown is from the New Minas Sunrise Club. She manages a blueberry farm. Blueberries. She visited New Zealand years ago when her son worked here. Donald Gray is from the fishing community of Lunenburg. Overfishing has destroyed their fishing stocks. His Club has only 15 members, reduced to three or four in winter. The Club has raised funds to support some of the 25,000 Syrian refugees whom the new Canadian Prime Minister has agreed to take. Rodney Bouillie from St Pierre et Miquelon explain how the island became wealthy by trading in liquor during the time of prohibition. The houses on the coast are painted in bright colours with paint left over from painting their fishing boats. The puffin is Canada's national bird.

## 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.

	21 March 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	28 March 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Detective George Staunton Police Person of the Year	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>
Introduction	Bruce Scott	
Vote of thanks	Bryce Dunn	
President's table	Murray Patchell	
Club speaker	Margriet Theron Road Scholars	
Fellowship/badges	Russell Burton	
Quote of the week	John Powell	
Fining officer	Murray Patchell	
Committee report	Paul Wilson	

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