



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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CLUB MEETINGS
Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
holidays)
Sudima Hotel
1000 Eruera
Street,

We are blessed to be living in New Zealand and don't experience the horrors of terrorist attacks like the recent attack in Brussels. I can't help but think of it occurring just before Easter. Regardless of your religious views, Easter is a Christian festival celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus – the basis of Christians' faith. I have been listening to the debate on talkback about some schools not being allowed or wanting to teach the students about Easter – but the Holiday is called Easter which is Christian.

So on the one hand we have this holiday, we many members of our community celebrating the Christian Festival, others enjoy the holiday and family time and I guess some members of our Club will spend it on the golf course. On the other hand we have criminals killing and maiming innocent people in other parts of the world. To my mind, it is senseless violence - isn't all violence senseless? It is criminal and there is no justice for it.

I know that our hearts go out to all of those who have been killed and injured in this attack and their families. Of course it doesn't stop there. This sort of thing creates stress and tension within the communities and countries where these attacks take place. Will this happen again? Where will it happen? Will I be okay? As a consequence people can limit their activities and remain close to home. This is just what these criminals want.

We on the other hand are free to enjoy this beautiful country of ours, and I am so grateful for the openness and inclusiveness that exist in New Zealand. However you spend Easter, please take a moment to be thankful for this great country of ours and to think about the people of Brussels.

At the time of writing this, we have not yet had the preliminary count for the flag referendum. I certainly have my thoughts on the matter. I voted to retain the current flag, but I have to say I thought it was very interesting when at the end of the presentation by the Rotary Friendship Exchange team from Nova Scotia, they had a picture of something that was very close to the proposed new flag. What did impress me was that it had a kiwi on it, and I felt really good about that. If the alternative to the current flag had a kiwi on it I may have changed my vote. Well, maybe not, but I was impressed.

Our condolences to Fergus and Barbara on the death of Fergus's mother.
Kia kaha Fergus

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

Worksite visit on 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 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.

Happy birthday

Linda Neilson (1 April)
Melanie Davies (6 April)
Pam Dale (8 April)
Martyn Craven (9 April)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from John Powell

- Yes, I do have a large organisation behind me, but mostly it is just myself. – Donald Trump.
- There are seven winners of the Monaco Grand Prix on the starting line today, and four of them are Michael Schumacher. – Murray Walker, retired Formula 1 commentator returning to the job.

Guest Speaker Detective Sergeant George Staunton

Detective Sergeant George Staunton (48) is Rotorua's Police Person of the Year, chosen through a process organised by the Rotary Club of Rotorua with the support of the Police to acknowledge the work of an officer who goes above the call of duty. He coordinates the work of the Rotorua Police on family violence. He grew up in Ngongotaha and went to Western Heights High School. He worked in Tokoroa for ten years and came to Rotorua in 2008. He worked in the District Command Centre for civil emergencies with an overview for the Bay of Plenty over dealing with earthquakes and other disasters. Although not initially keen on moving to lead the family violence team, he now loves the challenging work, working closely with judges, Women's Refuge, Plunket, CYFS, Probation, and other agencies and Government departments. After dealing with a domestic violence incident for 30 to 40 minutes, it takes that long again to complete the paperwork. It is important to quickly send support services to a family in trouble and to keep on monitoring them during meetings with the various agencies with whom he works. He stressed the importance of building up the trust of victims. The agencies have strong relationships with iwi partners and Maori protocol plays an important part in their work. George helps with the training of frontline police officers, telling them that brave conversations are often needed.

It is not surprising that he chose Women's Refuge as the charity to receive the prize that came with his Police Person of the Year Award.

Club Speaker Quinn McKay

Quinn McKay, a Year 13 student from Reporoa College, had been nominated by the Club to attend the Auckland Science Summer School in January 2016. Quinn mentioned the valuable guidance that he had received from Club member Don Macfarlane who passed away recently. The Summer School was life changing for Quinn: he decided to study engineering instead of science at Auckland University next year. The 200 students at the Summer School bonded well because they stayed together in a hall of residence. He learned that engineering was about making the world a better place by using science – and that is what he wants to do. He coached the winning team in volley ball during their day at the beach. He thanked the Club for the best two weeks of his life.

Committee report: Paul Wilson

Paul Wilson, Membership Director, said that the shrinking membership was the Club's only weakness. A sub-committee has been formed to develop ideas on what could be done about this. They will use an independent facilitator, paid for by Russell Burton, to run a meeting to generate some ideas to bring to the Club.

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.

	4 April 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	11 April 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Richard Fullard classification talk	Gaylene Harvey Salvation Army
Introduction	Peter Spurdle	Perry Stevens
Vote of thanks	Allen Foote	Tony Hill
President's table	Ian Pound	John Powell
Club speaker	Jordyn Tereu Outward Bound	Margriet Theron Road Scholars
Fellowship/badges	Doug Clemens	Martyn Craven
Quote of the week	Richard Pryce	Bruce Rykers
Fining officer	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Committee report	-	Tony Baker

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