



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 18 April 2016

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

The District Assembly last weekend was a very well put together day. Rotarians from all around District 9930 met in Taupo and enjoyed stimulating fellowship, the sharing of ideas and experiences and attended important workshops.

I attended workshops on using the Internet effectively and Club Runner which is designed for Rotary by Rotary and which has replaced Club Mate. Garth discovered the vast range of insurance cover that we have when we are involved in Rotary activities. What we need to ensure is that we contact the District Treasurer ahead of time to inform him of our project. He then communicates with Rotary's insurers and we are covered.

Keith Owens, District Governor Elect, when addressing membership, said that in addition to retaining current members, Clubs in our district need to increase membership by on average one new person each. That seems very doable, but we can't leave that to anyone else. All of us need to be prospecting (to use a sales term) – looking for people who would make good Rotarians, inviting them to a meeting and bringing them through into membership.

Charles G Tennent said "When a tree stops growing - it is ready to die. A Rotary Club is like that. It's moving ahead only when it is growing. When the growing ends – the knife – and – fork club begins."

We must keep looking forward and growing, both vision and growth are essential to the success of any organisation and indeed any individual. The other important thing to keep in mind, is that we do exist for ourselves, we exist for the community and for future generations, so we must do all that we can to attract new younger members.

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

Rural visit to Waikite Valley: 2 May 2016

The Club's Urban/Rural visit this year will be to the Waikite Valley.

The meeting will be held at the Waikite Valley School on Monday, 2 May 2016 at 6 pm.

The proceeds from the evening will go to the school's PTA.

The school has cancelled a regular Zomba class on that evening to accommodate our meeting – so let's support them.

This would be a good time to bring your spouse along for Rotary fellowship, as well as friends and colleagues who might be interested in learning more about our Club.

Car pooling will be organised from the Sudima

Kierin Irvine will be providing more information and taking numbers at Monday's Rotary meeting.

Tulip Festival

The combined Rotary clubs have agreed to manage/support the planting of tulip bulbs around the community to promote community engagement in the 2016 Tulip Festival week from 1 October 2016.



What will be involved?

One Saturday and one week-day later in May, when Rotarians and supporters help community groups, school children etc to plant tulips in gardens. (*Bulbs will be provided by RLC*).

We will also require trailers, spades, planting skills.

All the gardens will have a sign inserted saying that the garden was created especially for the festival and including reference to Rotary involvement!

Rotary will be seen as a key sponsor and publicity of the project will be publicity for our clubs and Rotary.

It is hoped that everyone will watch their bulbs flourish through the winter/spring and be amazed when they flower exactly on the due date.

This is a good old style hands-on project for us that will require good numbers mucking in please.

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.

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?"

Ideas for District Grant

Allen Foote would like the Club to make an application for a Rotary Foundation District Grant. Last year this grant was used to provide a defibrillator for Reporoa. Any ideas for a project of this year to Allen, please.

Rotary Charity Lunch

Russell Burton has been elected as a Trustee of the Trust that will organise the second Rotorua Rotary Charity Lunch to be held on 11 November 2016. The first event raised about \$100,000 for charity last year, when our Club was not a participant. Russell will be looking for support from the members of our Club, and we will be able to nominate charities to receive gifts from this event.

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

Margriet Theron (25 April)

Doug Clemens (25 April)

Helen Patchell (1 May)

Ray Bloomfield (1 May)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from: Bruce Rykers

- George Bernard Shaw: "I am enclosing two tickets for the first night of my new play; bring a friend – if you have one."
- Winston Churchill: "Cannot possibly attend first night; will attend second – if there is one."

Guest speaker: Captain Gaylene Harvey of the Salvation Army

Captain Gaylene Harvey has been with the Salvation Army for 16 years. She holds a degree in Applied Social Work and was in Christchurch during and after the earthquakes. To become an ordained Minister she studied fulltime for 2 years in Upper Hutt. After that she had no choice in where she would be placed; she was happy to be sent to Hamilton to work at The Nest, a children's home. Her Salvation Army work has included responsibility for food banks, counselling, and emergency housing for young homeless mothers. She was not keen on the move to Christchurch but did enjoy the street outreach work there; this included a drop-in centre which was open between 10 pm and 1 am to feed the homeless and prostitutes. Here she earned the nickname Angel of the Night. After the Christchurch earthquakes the Salvation Army provided 1,000 meals three times per day at the welfare centres at schools, marae and the stadium. She then moved to Auckland and then back to Hamilton where she has now been for four years. She is the national mission director for the Salvation Army's home care service which employs 1,000 workers to provide home cleaning and personal care to 5,000 elderly or disabled clients. She ensures that the Salvation Army mission's is not lost in the business model. By visiting the elderly she has become very aware that loneliness is a big issue; older people lose their eyesight and their ability to go out; they become depressed, cannot sleep, and life becomes hardly worth living.



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.

	18 April 2016 at 12.30pm at the Sudima Hotel	02 May 2016 at 6.00pm at Waikite School
Guest Speaker	Tony Gill Rotorua Trust	Chris White Waikite Valley personality
Introduction	Tom Davies	Kierin Irvine
Vote of thanks	Kierin Irvine	President Ray
President's table	Bruce Rykers	-
Club speaker	Bob Allison	Teresa Topp Waikite Valley School Principal
Fellowship/badges	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Quote of the week	Bruce Scott	Perry Stevens
Fining officer	Bruce Rykers	Bruce Scott
Committee report		-

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