



Rotary Club of Rotorua Monday 16 May 2016 President's Pen

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pm (except public
holidays)
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348 1174 to
apologise if unable
to attend.

Last Monday I omitted to remind everyone about the tulip planting. It is a combined Rotary Clubs event and we are partnering with the Lakes District Council. If you can help, please be at Hospital Hill, Lake Road **from 9 am, Saturday, 14 May**. The intent is to plant 10,000 tulip bulbs that will flower in October for the 2016 Rotorua Tulip Fest. We need Rotarians plus their whanau with, if possible, a wheelbarrow, rake, shovel and a high-viz vest. Bring some refreshments along.

Conference last weekend was excellent. The speakers were of a very high calibre and were inspirational. What stood out to me was that they were ordinary people and yet they were doing extraordinary things that impacted many people's lives.

As humans we tend to compare ourselves with each other, and in some situations we discover that we are better off than others and in others we are worse off. Other people seem more gifted or talented than us, or perhaps we have more talents than someone else. It may be that we are envious of someone else's talents.

The conference speakers were a mixture – a real representation of society. We had a speaker who faced huge physical challenges, a speaker who worked in refugee camps having to make do because of a lack of medical supplies, an extraordinarily talented doctor, and a speaker whose primary motivation in going to school was to eat his lunch.

Those people have made a huge difference in people's lives by using their different talents. As I listened to them I had the impression that they didn't just look at what was or what wasn't – they certainly did that, but then they looked at what could be and went about doing what they could to make their vision a reality.

There is a verse in the Bible that tells us to beware of the destruction that comes in the middle of the day. That was written to people who walked everywhere. By midday they had walked far enough so that they couldn't see where they had set out from, and neither could they see their destination, and of course the sun was at its hottest at midday – so there was a great risk of complacency and simply sitting under a tree and not completing the journey. I'm glad our speakers didn't do that, and I am glad that we as Rotarians don't do that either.

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

High Schools Speech Contest: 5.30 for 6 pm start, 16 May 2016, Distinction Hotel

Our High Schools Speech Contest will be held next Monday, 16 May at 6 pm. The meeting will be at the Distinction Hotel in the conference centre. Enter the car park from either Fenton Street or Trigg Street. It is a joint meeting with Rotorua Lakes Rotary Club. The meal cost is \$26 to be paid on the night. No credit cards or EFTPOS, please. Drinks are at your own cost.

This meeting is one of the highlights of our Club year and it is a great meeting to bring along guests, including prospective members.

Russell Dale has selected an interesting and challenging topic: "How do we minimise the impacts of new technologies on society?"

For those who missed the list at last Monday's meeting or who were not at the meeting, please let Ann know as soon as possible if you will be attending and how many are coming or if you are not attending. Her email is annn@sigmaconsult.co.nz or 021607212. Final numbers are required by Thursday morning please for catering purposes.

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.

Some initial ideas from Club members: Support for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and a contribution to buying a small bus for Waikite Valley School. Comments on these?

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.

No birthdays this coming week

From the previous meeting

Quotes from: Roger Willard

- People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. – Isaac Asimov.
- Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves. – Abraham Lincoln.

Roger's definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger.

Guest speakers: Peter and Sharon Crean, Beyond Water, Kenya

Peter and Sharon went to Kenya from Tokoroa via Australia. They had their daughter Liz with them and were on a visit to NZ to see a new granddaughter. Meals in Nairobi would consist of rice and beans, once or twice per day. Five thousand people die every day from lack of clean water and water borne diseases; there are a billion people without access to safe drinking water. Peter does the physical work and Sharon the paperwork on their water and sanitation projects in the poorest parts of Kenya. Water, which is often muddy, is carried by women and children in fuel containers that weight 20 kg each; a photo showed a young boy pushing 160 kg of water on his bicycle, uphill. Beyond Water digs wells and sets up water tanks to avoid queues of four to five hours, waiting for water. School hours are 6.30 am to 5.30 pm. Peter and Sharon only work with people they can trust and who have proved themselves. Unemployment is about 70%. Liz donated the money to be spent on a birthday party to a project to build toilets at a school. They ask local water committees, with female members, for solutions. Girls miss many school days because they lack sanitary products. It costs \$60 per year to keep one girl in school. Peter challenged the Rotary Club to donate \$1,000 to Beyond Water.

Club Speaker: Margriet Theron, Road Scholars

A few times per year Margriet guides a group of mostly elderly Americans through Scion's tree breeding plantation and the Redwood Forest, telling them about production forestry in New Zealand. This is part of a Road Scholar tour called Land of Geysers and Greenstone. Other NZ tours cover natural marvels and cultural heritage, vineyards and gardens, Maori legends and colonial history, and birds. The 24-day tour starts in Los Angeles, costs US\$10,149, and includes 49 field trips and 9 expert-led lectures. After the 90-minute visit to the forest the group enjoys lunch at the Princes Gate Hotel where there are opportunities to quiz Margriet and the local tour guide on our education and healthcare systems, the economy, local government, and whatever other topic the well-informed Road Scholars want to raise.

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.

	16 May 2016 6pm at the Distinction Hotel	23 May 2016 12:30pm at LumberCube
Guest Speaker	Speech Contest Claire Marsh, Adjudicator	Elisabeth Jackson, LumberCube Commercial manager
Introduction	Ann Nicholas	Bruce Scott
Vote of thanks	President Ray	John Powell
President's table	Ann Nicholas	Carmen Schoberl
Club speaker	-	Please meet at LumberCube, Vaughans Road, at 12.20pm with a hi-vis vest and hard hat if you have these, and closed toe shoes.
Fellowship/badges	Bryce Dunn	
Quote of the week	Margriet Theron	
Fining officer	See Notices above for arrangements	
Committee report		

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