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CLUB MEETINGS
Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
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Sudima Hotel
1000 Eruera Street,
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to attend.



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 30 May 2016

President's Pen

Special thanks to Bruce Scott for organising the Club's visit to LumberCube last Monday. Everyone that I have spoken to enjoyed it. It is a huge operation and great for the local economy, and it is very much 21st century technology. I thought it was amazing that the process was the brainchild of a Kiwi, and then to think of and design the machinery in the plant left me in awe. It brings fresh appreciation of the different gifts and abilities that we all have.

I recently came across a quote from Samuel Smiles, who was a Scottish doctor and author from the 19th century. He said: "Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us."

The good doctor was a reformer of his time and wrote a book called "Self Help" which was a best seller of its time. In later years it has been criticised for being simplistic in its outlook and yet as I look at the above quote it is as relevant today as it was when it was written.

We all need to have meaning in our lives, and we need to find meaning in difficulties and hard times, including serious illness. I have been journeying with a cancer patient for three years, and for the bulk of that time I have been listening to her trying to find meaning in what she is experiencing. Without meaning her suffering is pointless – there is no hope – there is no comfort and indeed there is absolutely no purpose to her life or suffering.

Howard Clinebell, a psychotherapist and a founding member of the American Association of Pastoral Counsellors, identified the need for meaning and purpose in life as a spiritual need that is common to all people. We may be able to discover our meaning now, or it may be in front of us. Whatever way we experience it, it enables our current situation to make sense and we can get on with the business of living.

How do we help someone in this situation? It isn't for us to tell a person what their purpose or meaning in life is, but one of the most powerful things that we can do is simply to "be there" or "be present" for our friends and colleagues and to allow them to talk through their issues. Often it is simply having someone to listen that is enough for someone to talk through to discover the solution for themselves.

May we be there for others, and may we also have someone who is there for us.

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

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!

Bob Allison (3 June)



SOME INTERESTING WEB PAGES

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From the Previous Meeting

Speakers: Jacques Bonthuys and Elizabeth Jackson from LumberCube

Bruce Scott introduced the speakers. When he made the arrangements with Elizabeth for the Club's visit to the mill last year, the purpose of this vocational meeting was to see the changes at the mill since the Pedersen Group set up the LumberCube processing plant, taking over a site previously occupied by the Tachikawa sawmill, and in particular to learn more about the high technology being used to produce the lumber squares. Since then the mill has been in the news because of noise control issues raised by nearby residents. However, Bruce made it clear that that was not a topic to be addressed during our visit. Jacques Bonthuys, production manager, said that the square log processing done by LumberCube is a world first. By chipping off up to 150 mm from each side of the logs, and selling the chips to a pulp mill in Kawerau, they are beginning to address the shortage of pulp chips. The mill is ideally situated: about 60 km from each of the forest, the pulp plant at Kinleith, and the Port of Tauranga. 3D scanners optimise wood recovery from each log. When overseas sawmills purchase the square logs they achieve 90% recovery of sawn timber, as opposed to the 70% recovery from round logs. The smaller log volumes that are exported increase sea transport efficiencies. They process about 1.45 million tons of logs per year, making it, according to Dennis Nielsen, the biggest mill in the Southern Hemisphere. The mill provides benefit to the whole supply chain, from forest to sawn timber. The technology is a New Zealand concept; the main machines were imported from the US and locally adapted. A special tariff class had to be written for the square logs as they are neither logs nor sawn timber. The square logs are all the same length but there are 32 different sizes. The main market is China where the timber is used as structural, appearance, and furniture grades. As the logs are anti-sapstain treated, they do not turn blue.

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.

	30 May 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	13 June 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Ngaire Jackson: Polio	Lynne Luke: Alzheimers support
Introduction	Doug Clemens	Tony Baker
Vote of thanks	Richard Pryce	Bruce Rykers
President's table	Carmen Schoberl	Bob Allison
Club speaker	Roger Willard	Sue Gunn: Rotary Community Profile
Fellowship/badges	Allen Foote	Jim Hampson
Quote of the week	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
Fining officer	Katrina Allison	Russell Burton
Committee report	Russell Burton	-

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