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Club meetings

Mondays at 12.30

pm (except public

holidays)

Sudima Hotel

1000 Eruera Street,

Rotorua.

Phone 07 348 1174

to apologise if

unable to attend.



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 18 July 2016

President's Pen

Last Wednesday, ten members of the Club met at the Pig and Whistle to have a good look at our Club, its activities and its needs. It was a great opportunity to assess where we are at as a preliminary to working out a strategic plan for our Club's future.

I'm very positive about the Club's potential. I hope you all share my optimism. I know some have expressed some negatives about the present situation, citing a loss of members and a lack of enthusiasm for Rotary. Sure, we face some challenges, but they can be the means for making the situation a whole lot better.

There's a saying that goes something like this, "Don't let the negatives cause you to become discouraged but turn the negatives around by dwelling on the positives." At that meeting last Wednesday we filled most of a big sheet with a list of things the Club IS involved in. I was very gratified when I saw that list. If you don't seem to enjoy your Rotary experience, maybe it's because you aren't allowing yourself to become involved. There's already plenty to do.

This year I would like to highlight all the things that could be done in the community around us. If you are doing a Club Speaker three-minute talk then share with us what you see in the community that inspires you to serve. Maybe you are in touch with an organisation that is out there, involved. Tell us about it. Suggest a guest speaker to Russell Dale. Only by opening our eyes to the needs out there can we allow our hearts to respond. That makes service enjoyable and rewarding.

I met last night with the other Rotary Presidents. I am impressed by the enthusiasm that they shared. Some of their projects we can share in, even if it is just to be at their event in support. Some of these events will involve all five Clubs working together. I will keep you in touch as the projects come to hand.

I'm open to any suggestions you might have, whether it be projects, Club activities, fellowship or whatever. The Directors are setting their goals for the year and need your input. So let's keep our eyes open for opportunities.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Needs in our community

Many Rotarians contribute to the work of voluntary organisations in our community. President Allen would like to hear from you if you are aware of needs in our community which Rotary could address.

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.

Birthday this coming week

Denis Marriner (21 July)



From the previous meeting

Quote from Bruce Rykers

Life is a party to which you are only invited once. – Julie Sheyd

Guest speaker: Dennis Neilson

Dennis Neilson has only had two jobs: he worked at Fletcher Challenge from 1972 to 1992 and then set up DANA Limited in 1993. He listed some of his consulting projects: doing a log export forecast for the Port of Tauranga; finding funds to build a sawmill in Oregon. Totally legally, DANA has never paid income tax in New Zealand. He has made and lost five fortunes, mostly in property dealings, with 19 on the go at present. Since 2005 he has organised international forestry conferences and tours in, amongst others, Panama City, China, Melbourne, Brazil, and England. These events always result in him being able to visit places on his bucket list: the Kruger National Park, Myanmar, the Zulu/English battlefields at Isandlwana in Natal, St Peterburg, the holocaust museum in Washington DC. He was most impressed by the Panama Canal expansion to double the size of the ships it can handle. Seeing the small, low capital cost sawmills in China explains why it is so difficult for NZ mills to complete. Environmental regulations vary hugely from country to country; in South Africa creosote is still used to treat power poles. He doubts that NZ will ever again build pulp mills – having visited one in Brazil built for \$1.5 billion, with large government subsidies, with no noise pollution, and just a few operators. Dennis's advice to LumberCube that they needed engineering advice had been ignored. Dennis is working on a conference in Angola; a country that was super-rich and is now super corrupt.

Club speaker: Garth Wilson

Garth Wilson was heavily involved when the Rotorua Yacht Squadron ran the 2006 Blind Sailing Competition in Rotorua. Because of the large budget involved, the organisers set up a trust. The initial budget of \$270,000 was trimmed back to \$190,000, but after returning some funds to funders, they were still left with \$30,000 with which they bought three dinghies for people with disabilities. After an approach by the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club and an information evening that was held in Tauranga on 10 June 2016, two new trustees have come on board – a real boost for the trust.

Duty Roster

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Peter Spurdle on 027 7787353 or spurdle.family@xtra.co.nz

Club speakers to advise Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the data projector.

| | 18 July 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel | 25 July 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel |
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| Guest Speaker | Bruce Quedley Neighbourhood Support | Sarah Heine, CEO of BioPolymer Network Ltd. "New Generation Bios Based Plastics" |
| Introduction | Tony Baker | Martyn Craven |
| Vote of thanks | Martyn Craven | Dennis Neilson |
| President's table | Bruce Rykers | Bruce Scott |
| Club speaker | Paul Wilson | Tony Baker |
| Fellowship/badges | Barry Lane | Denis Marriner |
| Quote of the week | Bruce Scott | Peter Spurdle |
| Fining officer | Tom Davies | Robin Findon |

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