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Mondays at 12.30

pm (except public
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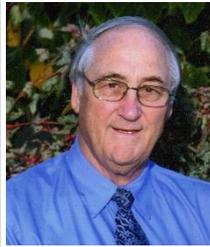
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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 22 August 2016

President's Pen

Rotary comes at a cost. And I'm not talking about the financial sort. The quote I used from Albert Einstein at the end of the last meeting, reminded us of the responsibility we have to do something about the negatives in the world. To do that costs us in time and personal effort. To me, that's what Rotary is about.

However, when we are honest, we often find ourselves taking a calculated look at what is confronting us by asking, "What will it cost me in time or resources." Our gauge for service becomes self-focused. "What am I going to get out of it for myself."

Rotary, when we consider its prime objective, turns our thoughts outside of ourselves and asks, "If I don't get involved, what is it going to mean to those who need my help." Then we can also turn it around and say, "What will it do to me if I don't help?"

The typical bystander stops to look, even takes pictures, but doesn't become involved in the scene in a practical way. He or she might applaud those who do, but chooses to stay on the sidelines. These people always seem to be there, mostly for their own enjoyment. They miss something very vital and satisfying – the buzz that comes from doing something practical and useful.

This week we read the story of the man who plunged into the floodwaters in Louisiana to save a drowning woman and her dog from her sunken car. The story went viral. The response from those who saw it, was one of praise for the man's bravery. Why did he do it? He responded to a compelling need without thinking of his own safety. His focus was on caring for his fellow human being. That's a spontaneous reaction to an ingrained life pattern that I say comes from the heart.

Our Rotary motto, Service Above Self, doesn't require us to put aside our own needs, or that of family or work, but it prioritises our lives by changing our perspectives about what is really important. If we look beyond our own needs in service to others we will appreciate the special joy and satisfaction that fulfilling our motto brings.

I see an enthusiasm that exudes from those who have discovered what it is like to serve. And it inspires the same attitude in others. It's the positive buzz Rotary has given me over the years, especially in this Club, where I enjoy your company as we serve together in the very valuable and caring projects we are already involved in. We can be satisfied that we have done something meaningful towards making our community a bit better place to be in.

There's still a lot to do. Let's make sure we keep each other inspired as we look for ways to lengthen our vision and deepen our commitment to make a difference as Rotarians.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Kaharoa Kokako Trust workdays

Tom Davies is encouraging members of the Club to join the Kaharoa Kokako Trust to fill bait stations with non-toxic pre-feed. The work will be undertaken on 3rd and 17th September 2016. Please email Tom if you are able to help.

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.

Birthdays this coming week

Kierin Irvine (23 August)
Richard Pryce (28 August)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Bob Allison

Go British Olympians - Thanks to our lousy wet summers and the high cost of petrol – we are becoming a nation of swimmers and cyclists.

Oh my, it looks like a chilly start for the men's kayak. I guess it shows that you can't have your "kayak and eat it too"!

Guest speaker: P.D.G. Bruce Scott

Bruce – supported by Janice spoke of their recent fourteen day cruise from Venice to Istanbul through the Adriatic and Aegean seas. Bruce showed a PowerPoint presentation of scenes from Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece and Turkey. The trip is promoted as a "small ship's tour" on a ship with a maximum of 244 passengers.

The trip was a great success with the only hiccups being their ship striking the wharf and sustaining a hole in the stern at Split, Croatia, and a stand-off between the Ship's Captain and harbourmaster in Otaranto – Italy where a decision was finally made that the weather was unsuitable for the passengers to go ashore.

Although something of a whirl-wind trip visiting ancient ruins at Dephi, the Greek island of Delos, and Ephesus in Turkey as well visiting Galipolli were seen as highlights of a memorable holiday

Club speaker: Martyn Craven

Martyn spoke of his first 16 years in New Zealand – but more so the last couple of weeks. He had left England – he thought – to get away from a society that was becoming increasingly confrontational – and litigation was becoming the norm. He now finds a similar situation in New Zealand where disputes over land and water are increasingly being heard in the High Court.

By way of example, Martyn spoke of a recent 10-day High Court case over a 40 year rural lease which involved 2,500 pages of evidence and \$10,000 in legal costs. Another example was a land owner seeking compensation for the past 11 years for a geothermal well, allegedly drilled in the wrong place or at than incorrect angle. Martyn’s question is, “Why can’t people just get on?”

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.

| | 22 August 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel | 29 August 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel |
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| Guest Speaker | Jasmin Jackson “Healthy Families Rotorua” | Assist. Governor Todd Mountfort |
| Introduction | Katrina Allison | Fergus Cumming |
| Vote of thanks | Ann Nicholas | Denis Marriner |
| President’s table | Ann Nicholas | Tony Hill |
| Club speaker | John Heaton | Margriet Theron |
| Fellowship/badges | Richard Fullard | Tony Baker |
| Quote of the week | John Powell | Bruce Rykers |
| Fining officer | Peter Spurdle | Tom Davies |

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