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**Club meetings**

Mondays at 12.30

pm (except public

holidays)

Sudima Hotel

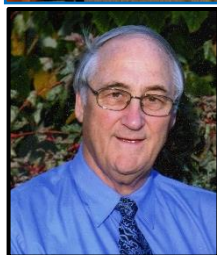
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to apologise if

unable to attend.



# *Rotary Club of Rotorua*

## Monday, 19 September 2016

### *President's Pen*

As I write this note it seems I'm bearing the results of some kind of contagious bug. Maybe it originated from the Conference I attended last week. It may have been in the food consumed, as a few others have the same symptoms. I have to be very careful if my food gets any meat mixed in with it. After 57 years of being a vegetarian my body can't seem to tolerate anything meaty.

We try to avoid anything contagious, at least anything that causes us distress. But not all contagious things are negative. Think of the person who makes us laugh. It doesn't take long for it to spread. Who doesn't like a good comedy show!

One of my hospital visiting tricks is to leave each patient with a smile on his or her face. Even a person who is pretty downcast can still show a smile, even if its just a gentle curl of the lips. A smile is actually therapeutic. A laugh is even better, but is a no-no in the surgical wards, for fear it might break some stitching!

What is therapeutic about service is when it becomes contagious. I'm noticing the beginnings of it in our Club at present. For the last few weeks I have tried to engender a focus on Rotary activity by individuals. I want that to continue to the point when we are really motivated to make Rotary an experience we want to talk about and share with enthusiasm.

I am really grateful for those who have had a close look at our programme. They have been inspired, I believe, by their desire to make Rotary really work. They brought to us a report that outlined our future directions. Thanks, team, for spending the time and considering the options with care. You have done it from both a sound business point of view and a desire to make our Rotary fellowship enjoyable and meaningful. I believe we are in for a positive experience.

It can only result in renewed interest in what we are doing and attract those who are not so much interested in the formality of a meeting as such, but an active focus on service. There are a lot of people out there who want to be helpful and need the right environment and companionship to stimulate that desire.

There's still some work to do to make the necessary changes and we will make them carefully, thoughtfully and without undue haste. That way we can settle in to the changes more easily. I'm positive about it. Let's give it a go. I'm sure it will work.

*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 Saturday 17 September 2016.

Please email Tom if you are able to help – [tom.davies@craigsip.com](mailto:tom.davies@craigsip.com)

## **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: tickets on sale now**

The Rotary Charity Luncheon will be held on Friday 11 November 2016. Tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster at \$1,200 for a table of ten.

Russell Burton is a Trustee of the Trust that is organising the Rotorua Rotary Charity Lunch. The first event raised about \$100,000 for charity last year. Russell is 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**

Heather Reynolds (20 September)

Fergus Cumming (23 September)



# From the previous meeting

## **Future Directions:**

Ann Nicholas reported to the Club members present on the outcome of discussions about “Future Directions” for our Rotary club. A sub-committee was set-up by President Allen and led by Russell Burton to look at ways to make our Rotary club more relevant to members and current interests. Notes from those meetings were summarised for those attendees by way of a well assembled Power Point presentation, prepared by Russell Burton.

Seven points were covered. The first three related to how we run our meetings: living within our means, the time of our meetings and the format of meetings. The second group of topics related to how the club is managed: focus of events and projects, developing an annual plan to structure our year, maximising opportunities to work with other Rotary clubs, and moving to a structure based on projects rather than committees. Finally, we need to promote Rotary’s achievements in the community more strongly.

Each point was explained, giving members the chance for discussion and to indicate support for each recommendation. It is reasonable to say those present were positive and supportive of the recommendations.

The presentation was very detailed so it will be sent as a separate email.

## Quote from: Peter Spurdle

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change we seek”.

*Barrack Obama.*

## The President's Cup:

### Rotary Club of Rotorua Golf Tournament

Perfect weather greeted the field of Rotarians and their family members at this year's tournament held at the Rotorua Golf Club on Sunday 11 September 2016.

There was some very good scoring by at least some of the participants.

The President's Cup was won by Martin Kinder which was good to see bearing in mind it means that it has been won by someone new each year. Will 2017 see the 1<sup>st</sup> repeat winner?

It is still difficult to attract participants, with only 14 playing. On a brighter note one of the participants was a Tauranga Rotarian who had seen the tournament promoted in the District newsletter.

*Richard Pryce*

Tournament Organiser

## Duty Roster

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise  
Sergeant Peter Spurdle on 027 7787353 or [spurdle.family@extra.co.nz](mailto:spurdle.family@extra.co.nz)

Club speakers to advise Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if they require the data projector.

	19 September 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	26 September 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Roger Willard Borneo Rambles	Dr Clyde Wade Heart Trust
Introduction	Bruce Rykers	Kierin Irvine
Vote of thanks	Dennis Neilson	Denis Marriner
President's table	Karl Meyer	Denis Marriner
Club speaker	Garth Wilson	Bruce Scott
Fellowship/badges	Ian Pound	Katrina Allison
Quote of the week	Margriet Theron	Ann Nicholas
Fining officer	Murray Patchell	Peter Spurdle

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