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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, 26 September 2016

President's Pen

Just one more meeting at Sudima before our move to the Rotorua Golf Club on 3 October 2016. That will give us an opportunity to bring a freshness to our meetings and maybe an opportunity to check our Rotary focus as well.

Mind you, Rotary is more than spending time in a meeting. In fact the meeting time is really an opportunity for rallying the team to go out there and do our Rotary thing. So we need to ask ourselves how the new venue can be helpful in enhancing our ability to do what we are here for. I am open to your suggestions and input.

Getting our message out there is an active thing. No news item or advertising slot can really inspire the community and individuals. It is an active involvement that can be seen as an outflow of an inner commitment that attracts the interest and inspires others to want to become part of what's happening.

I've always included my children in the community activities in which the years of ministry have involved me. Both of my children shared their early childhood years with my wife and me in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea where they were part of our community caring programme.

Back here in New Zealand they have been our team assistants in community health programmes. Today, both are adults with their own children. Both are involved in people caring activities with their children with them.

That's why I encourage each Rotary member with children, or even grandchildren, to involve them with you in your projects. As well, if there is a community project going, then try to involve the younger generation. You will be surprised how many of them will be glad to be invited. We'll see the positive results in good leaders in our community in the future. That's also what our Rotary Youth project focus is all about.

The most valuable projects we can be involved in are those that deal with the children in our community. That's why I am very interested in supporting the Big Brothers Big Sisters and Kiwi Can programmes. Both are money well spent with plenty of evidence that they make a real difference to the children they deal with. Our support of them, both morally and in a more practical way, is potent proof that we are committed to our Rotary focus.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Move of Club meetings to Rotorua Golf Course from 3 October 2016

From 3 October 2016 the Rotary Club of Rotorua will be meeting at the Rotorua Golf Club at 399 Fenton Street. Accurate numbers will be required for the meetings by noon on the Friday before the Monday meeting so that the caterer can be notified. Members who have not recorded an apology will be charged \$10 for their meals. The minimum payment to the caterer will be for 18 members at each meeting.

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. The Club has booked two tables and ticket sales are going well.

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

Ann Nicholas (30 September)
Christine Findon (2 October)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Margriet Theron

Airplane travel is nature's way of making you look like your passport photo. – Al Gore.

Now, they say that New Zealand is beautiful and I do not know – because after 22 hours on a plane any landmass would be beautiful. – Lewis Black.

Club speaker: Garth Wilson

After thirty years of active participation in yacht racing and cruising, Garth and Jan have decided to sell their boat. Garth said that the years are catching up with him and steady feet are required for yachting. He was approached by the friend of a friend about selling his boat, and both sides got a good deal after a trial sail on Lake Tarawera. Garth's sailing started off in a P-class boat and progressed from there through a series of boats including a Sunburst and a Laser. It will take some time for him to get used to not having his beloved boat on the front lawn.

Guest speaker: Roger Willard

Roger, his wife Katz and their young son Kris recently visited Kuching in Amazing Malaysia to catch up with Katz's family. They left Rotorua on a freezing cold morning and then enjoyed the lay-flat seats in business class in the Air Asia plane where the ticket price was just a bit more than Air New Zealand's economy fare. Air Asia has its own terminal at the Kuala Lumpur Airport from where they took a fast train into the city. Kuching is a river city. Roger enjoyed meeting up with members of the local rugby club and revisiting the nightclub where he had met Katz. They stayed in the five-star Grand Margherita Hotel where prices are increased during any of the numerous festivals and events. There are strong colonial and Chinese influences in the local architecture and some streets with shop-houses where the shop-owners live on the upper storeys. At Katz's family home there are some rubber trees which provided a cash crop. The temperature ranged from 25 to 31°C with a high humidity. Roger and his family also stayed at the Hotel

Kota Kinabalu where some of the public areas are open, with no windows or doors, and bedrooms are off the ground to keep snakes out. Tickets to go up in the Twin Tower Building were sold out; this was at one time the tallest building in the world. Some of the trains are driverless, and the shopping malls with up to six floors are impressive, with one having a canal running through the mall. Petrol is cheap and there is less corruption than in many third-world countries.

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.

	26 September 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	3 October 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Dr Clyde Wade Heart Trust	To be confirmed
Introduction	Kierin Irvine	Martin Kinder
Vote of thanks	Murray Patchell	John Powell
Room Set-up	----	Peter Spurdle
President's table	Murray Patchell	John Powell
Club speaker	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Fellowship/badges	Katrina Allison	Peter Baars
Quote of the week	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Fining officer	Peter Spurdle	Roger Willard

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