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Club meetings

Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
holidays)
Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.
Phone 07 348 1174
to apologise if
unable to attend.



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 10 October 2016

President's Pen

Thanks to everyone who made it to our first meeting at the Rotorua Golf Club. I really appreciated the Club spirit and the positive sharing from those who were able to speak. In church life a congregation thrives on personal testimonies. It's an opportunity to share what makes belonging enjoyable and inspiring. It's no different in Rotary. I watched for the smiles as everyone shared and affirmed others.

I will be talking with the directors next Monday about suggestions that were made at the meeting for all of us to work on. Yes, we need more Club fellowship away from formal Club meetings. It's great to get to know members and their families more. It's a good way to get the families involved in projects as well.

By the way, I hope you have all taken time to read your copy of Rotary Down Under, especially the section **CC**, Club Confidential. A number of Clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand have shared some innovative practices for making their Club programmes more stimulating. There are some great ideas. Let us know if you think any of them might be suitable for us. We are open to suggestions.

We put on the screen a list of things the Club has accomplished in the past and were reminded of the core projects of Rotary such as Youth Exchange, RYPEN, and RYLA. We have had but need more of the hands-on projects that may have nothing to do with dollars and everything to do with community caring.

I would like to see us being made aware of community activities carried out by other groups in Rotorua. I am sure Russell Dale would appreciate your suggestions. I have had a request from the Rotorua Lakes Club that we join them for evening meetings when we can share a good speaker. They suggest an inter-Club committee to facilitate this.

I am enjoying the fellowship I have with the other Presidents. I plan to do a bit of inter-Club visiting to keep in touch with their programmes and will encourage members from those Clubs to visit us as well. If you want to do the same then I would like you to be quick to share what you have enjoyed in the visit.

If you missed a copy of the Rotary tabloid paper which came as an insert in the Rotorua Daily Post please contact me as I have a quantity on hand. You may like to spread them around amongst neighbours or workmates who don't receive the Daily Post. It's a great presentation for the community to have and highlights the positive activities that make Rotary alive.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Move of Club meetings to Rotorua Golf Course

Since 3 October 2016 the Rotary Club of Rotorua has been meeting at the Rotorua Golf Club at 399 Fenton Street. Accurate numbers are 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.

RYPEN

Another Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) weekend is being planned. Ann Nicholas is looking for a few volunteers to assist over the weekend – please talk to her about times, dates and the venue.

From the District 9930 website information about RYPEN: *Teenagers today benefit greatly from opportunities to develop life skills and motivation to help them cope with the challenges of a very competitive future. Students have pressure to perform academically: their results are the benchmark of success. However other skills are needed for the next stage of a student's growth, be that further education or the workplace. RYPEN is a fun residential weekend where the participants participate in a range of outdoor activities designed to build their self worth in a way that they can value themselves as "Person of the Year", make new friendships and connections, perhaps listen to inspirational guest speakers, and use this developed belief in themselves constructively in a team environment. It is an adventure that will change their lives!*

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

Janette Irvine (14 October)

Russell Burton (17 October)



From the previous meeting

Quote from Murray Patchell

Yogi Berra was an outstanding American professional baseball player. Here are some of his paradoxical quotes:

- It ain't over till it's over.
- When you come to a fork in the road, take it.
- You wouldn't have won if we had beaten you.
- Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't go to yours.

Club speakers: Rotarians at the meeting

President Allen invited the Rotarians at the meeting to express their views about Club activities. Here are some of the ideas put forward:

1. President Allen: The Club needs more programmes in which members can become physically involved. The Club would only host an International Youth Exchange student if we have enough host families from within the Club; this will not be possible this year. Consider having a *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* evening instead of one of the normal Club meetings. When the Directors hear about a young person who needs funding for a project or event, this could be brought to the attention of members who might want to provide funding in a personal capacity.
2. Peter Spurdle: We owe Rotary. His son has been part of Peter's Rotary involvement since he was very young. Now that he is working at Rotorua Lakes Council the networks and friendships formed with older Rotarians are standing him in good stead.
3. Tom Davies: He enjoys sharing time with people who are of like mind; Rotary membership crosses over with his business networks.
4. Pauline Evans: In her second term as President at the Rotary Club of Rotorua West she would like to see the five Clubs in Rotorua working together more to the benefit of the community.
5. Robin Findon: When he became a bank manager in the 1990s there was an expectation that he would join Rotary. Now in his retirement he still enjoys his Rotary involvement. The visibility of Rotary could be raised in Rotorua by having plaques on, for example, street and park benches, and by having bumper stickers saying: "Proud to be a Rotarian".
6. President Sue Rowlinson of the Rotary Club of Rotorua Sunrise: She wants to see Rotary doing projects in the community and giving young people opportunities.
7. Fergus Cumming: His manager chose membership of Rotary from among all the service organisations for him. There was the expectation that he would contribute to the community. It gives him great pleasure to keep in touch with previous IYE students.
8. Bob Allison: Large projects such as the house building project in Fiji strengthen Rotary.
9. Kierin Irvine: Soon after he graduated from medical school he took up a position in the Cook Islands sponsored by an Auckland Rotary Club. He has found Rotary an excellent organisation through which to meet people from outside of his medical network. Over the years many Rotarians have become his patients. The banners in the meeting room are a good reminder of our previous projects. He thanked the members of the Club for helping over many years with the orange picking project to raise funds for Club activities.
10. Ann Nicholas: She was the first woman member of the Club. Small projects and outings are good for fellowship.
11. Russell Dale: He first came across Rotary when he was invited to be a guest speaker on forestry. As he does not work in the central city, Club meetings help him to develop his networks. The house building project in Fiji was a highlight for him. Outings such as biking, canoeing, and hiking at Waikaremoana strengthened the Club.
12. Barry Lane: His father had been a Rotarian. He has enjoyed fellowship, involvement in various projects including the current Swim the Lake event, and being President. The Peace Garden at the Rotorua Centennial Park needs to be tidied up.
13. Murray Patchell: Rotary opened a window on the world for him; informed him about the experiences of others.
14. Garth Wilson: Particularly enjoys projects done with other Rotary Clubs such as RYPEN and Driver Directions.
15. John Heaton: He helped with the setting up of a local Probus Club and has continued his association with Rotary over many years. Having day outings and hosting Committee meetings at home at night will require a heavier level of committee – something for which members do not seem to have the time any more.

16. Tony Baker: He has enjoyed Rotary for many years but now we are missing out on meeting the families of fellow-Rotarians as we used to do at Committee meetings. He used to know the names of all the spouses of Club members. Rotaract has slipped; a newly-elected President lasted for only one month in the position. Major projects such as building a house in Malfroy Road brought Club members together.
17. Margriet Theron: Listening to the weekly guest speakers keeps her informed of new developments in the community. She and Louw had greatly enjoyed a Rotary Friendship Exchange trip to Australia.
18. Katrina Allison: Connecting with people and developing new projects such as Swim the Lakes are what she finds stimulating.
19. Bryce Rykers: While he was managing a rough hotel at Ngongotaha and working long hours, taking on big responsibilities, he joined Rotary and enjoyed the Club activities very much. At one time the Rotary Club of Rotorua West, where he was a member, had 84 members. Wives vied with one another to present the best food for the Committee meetings held at members' homes. Now there is less interest in undertaking projects and he believes that the entertainment value of the Club's guest speakers is not high enough to attract new members.

The Directors will consider these ideas at their meeting next Monday.

Guest speaker: Robin Skelton

Robin Skelton provided an update on the Kiwi Can Project which helps between 550 and 650 at-risk children each year. They have raised about \$40,000 to get this project under way in Rotorua. Three funding applications, to Rotorua Trust, the Geyser Community Foundation, and First Sovereign Trust have been successful. There is a list of six local schools interested in participation. She thanked the Rotorua Rotary Clubs for their support. Rotorua is high on the deprivation scale and has a high number of young victims of crime.

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.

	10 October 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	17 October 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Dr Margriet Theron: visit to Stanford and Harvard Universities	Tony Li: importance of the Chinese University Entrance examination
Introduction	Richard Fullard	Noel Lamberton
Vote of thanks	Annette Joyce	Richard Pryce
President's table	Annette Joyce	Richard Pryce
Club speaker	Paul Wilson	Bob Allison
Fellowship/badges	Tony Baker	Ray Bloomfield
Quote of the week	John Powell	Bruce Rykers
Fining officer	Garth Wilson	Paul Wilson
Room set-up	Peter Spurdle	Noel Lamberton

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