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Club meetings

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



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 17 October 2016

President's Pen

Monday's guest speaker gave us an insight into the backgrounds of some of the newcomers to our shores who find New Zealand a much more encouraging place to live and work. Tony Li is one of many immigrants who came here to find a better way of life. He spoke well and no doubt Margriet will give him good marks for his developing command of the English language.

We have a lot to be thankful for when we see the contribution many of these new migrants make to our society. In the hospital we see a variety of staff members who come from many cultures. Their caring, diligence and pleasantness are often remarked on by patients. They give a positive input to the medical services we offer.

Something has crept up on us that we should be working towards. Labour Day, 24 October 2016, has been set aside by Rotary International as World Polio Day. I hoped that we would be involved in a community-wide project of some kind to raise funds for the final thrust to eradicate polio once and for all.

It has been a long haul. Polio Plus was launched 31 years ago. Now the average number of new polio cases is fewer than one per week. I welcome any ideas for a way we can contribute to the End Polio Now programme. I will keep you in touch once I have spoken to the other Presidents in case they have something in mind with which we can combine.

I also want to get in contact with the Rotaract Club to see how we can help stimulate their programme. I would like to encourage them to join us and other Clubs in sharing our projects and vision, even if it means developing a project that will easily include them. Again, I will see what the other Presidents have in mind.

We are encouraging combined programmes with the other Clubs, especially with the Rotary Club of Rotorua Lakes. They meet on Monday evenings. It will give the opportunity for members who sometimes find that work takes priority over our Club's lunch-time meal. We want to be as understanding as we can be. There may be a way of accommodating that last-minute glitch in your schedule. Let us know how we can help.

It was sad to hear of Jim Hampson's death last Sunday. Jim was a member of our Club for about 36 years. His son-in-law, Bryce, commented that Jim would come home from Rotary and say: "I didn't hear a word, but the food was good." I was assured that he still enjoyed the fellowship.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Update on Jordyn Tereu

Our Club has been supporting Jordyn Tereu by part-funding some of her activities. Past-President Ray Bloomfield provided us with an update, received from her mother, on her busy life. She has been offered scholarships for study at Otago University (\$15,000) and Auckland University (\$20,000). She plans to study Health Science at Otago. She was one of Rotorua's Young Achievers for 2016 and was recently a mentor at the Rangatira Leadership camp. She will travel to Australia this month as a member of the NZ Under-17 rugby team and was named Best Back by Rotoiti Women's Rugby Club. Her Rotorua Girls' High School rugby team placed second in the Secondary School competition and her Bay of Plenty team was second in the Waikato regional competition. She captained both of these teams.

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

Gwen Baars (19 October)
Robin Findon (28 October)



From the previous meeting

Quote from John Powell

It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives. – Anonymous.

Club speaker: Paul Wilson

Paul has retired from his self-employed career in portrait photography. His children were not interested in taking over his business. The Christchurch property market gave him a good return when he sold his premises

there. He continued with South Island location photography for a while, and then decided to also sell his premises in Rotorua and retire properly.

Guest speaker: Tony Li, Forest Engineer at PF Olsen

The Gaokao, China's higher education entrance examination, is the examination with the largest number of students in the world: seven to ten million students sit it in early June of every year. The examination is crucial for students, with pressure from society, their families, and themselves. All families are registered in the Chinese census as either Agricultural or Non-Agricultural. Those who are Agricultural have fewer healthcare and social benefits such as pensions than those who are Non-Agricultural. To have any chance of becoming Non-Agricultural, students have to do well in the Gaokao and gain entrance to the top tier of Universities and then go on to jobs in State-owned companies or Government Departments. Tony grew up in a small city and went to a good school from where 20 to 25% of students get into the top Universities. Tony aspired to get into one of the big city Universities. Every parent wants their child to get a city job instead of becoming a farmer. Many families have only one child – only if the first child was born with a disability were couples allowed to have another child. People are treated depending on their position at work; if a child does not get into a big company, their parents feel ashamed. When Tony came home from his studies at Canterbury University where he gained a degree in Forest Engineering, his father showed him off among his friends. Being able to send your child to Harvard University is equal in status to driving a Maserati. Getting healthcare also becomes much easier if you have a high-performing child. The Gaokao is transparent, written under army supervision. The fee is only a small portion of the parents' income. In their final year of school the total focus is on examination skills with about 500 examination papers completed to practise. After a long school day students would take an hour and a half as a dinner break and then study for another three hours. Doing well in the Gaokao enabled Tony to come to New Zealand to study.

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.

If you are unable to attend and to avoid paying for your meal, please send apologies to Martin Kinder by the Friday before the meeting on mkinder@deloitte.co.nz

| | 17 October 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club | 24 October 2016 Labour Day. No Club meeting | 31 October 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club |
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| Guest Speaker | Dr Margriet Theron: visit to Stanford and Harvard | | District Governor Keith Owen of District 9930 |
| Introduction | Martin Kinder | | President Allen |
| Vote of thanks | Annette Joyce | | Tom Davies |
| President's table | Annette Joyce | | Tom Davies |
| Club speaker | Bob Allison | | Katrina Allison |
| Fellowship/badges | Ray Bloomfield | | Russell Burton |
| Quote of the week | Bruce Rykers | | Bruce Scott |
| Fining officer | Paul Wilson | | Fergus Cumming |
| Room set-up | Peter Spurdle | | Noel Lamberton |

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