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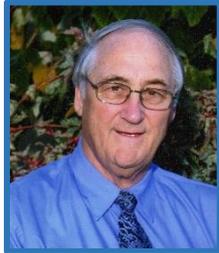
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**Club meetings**

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, 31 October 2016

## *President's Pen*

I always seem to be looking for life illustrations – real things that have a lesson in them. At present, I am trying to sort out my garden. This should have been done weeks ago but my programme, such as it is, has not left enough spare time to get out there, when it isn't raining, to clear the ground, dig, compost and plant. And here we are – Labour weekend is upon us, the deadline, they say, for planting.

So I start digging only to be faced with those roots that have formed a web throughout the soil. There were interesting plants on top, some with nice flowers, too (and seeds if left too long). There are the ones I don't want like convolvulus and oxalis. Even the tiniest bit left in the soil will grow again.

But there are also the ones I don't mind like the Maori potatoes that grow in all kinds of spots. The compost brings out some surprises, like tomato plants, pumpkin plants and the occasional avocado seed that sprouts into a small tree.

So, where is my life lesson in all of this? Well, sometimes we have to take a look at the "garden", as we have recently done with our Club. We have taken a good look at who we are and how we function, not with an eye to destroying anything, but rather to grow a good crop. Some things we have to weed out, things that might take up the space and keep us from enjoying a good harvest reflected in our community service.

We are looking for things to "plant" that will produce a good crop, hopefully better than the former plantings. Even though the ground cover might be a bit weedy, underneath is what really matters, the rich soil, composted well and fed.

So let's not underestimate the talents available. If we each identify the areas we are best fitted to support we can do a lot better than just be labelled with a committee to be on, rather than a project to be part of. We are heading for that change. Better to be the right soil to suit the seed we can germinate.

Our Club is going to produce some real good harvests in the future if we keep our sights on the needs of our community. What we produce will depend on what we see are the real needs. No good growing stuff that nobody wants.

By the way our "garden" is not dying! It is merely waiting for a few new seed varieties to emerge for planting. There are a few in the pipeline, enthusiastic about adding to the harvest that is Rotary in action, serving humanity, sowing, and harvesting.

*President Allen*

# Notices and Reminders

## Meeting on 31 October 2016 at the Distinction Hotel at 5.30 for 6 pm

On Monday, 31 October 2016, our Club will have a combined meeting with the Rotary Clubs of Rotorua Lakes and Rotorua Sunrise. It will be held in the Miro Room at the Distinction Hotel at 5:30 for 6:00 pm. There is a room charge of \$2 per person and the meal is ordered from the restaurant menu and paid for individually at prices ranging from \$8 to \$30. The mealtime is scheduled for 7:15 pm, after the Clubs' programme and the presentation by District Governor Keith Owens.

Please let Martin Kinder know by **Wednesday** if you are planning to NOT be at this dinner meeting.

## “Guess who’s coming to Dinner?” on 19 November 2016

The list of hosts and guests will be finalised at the Club’s next meeting on 31 October 2016.

## RYPEN Camp: Friday 4 November to Sunday 6 November 2016

RYPEN is a combined Rotorua Rotary Clubs’ project, with each Club contributing \$1,200 to cover all the costs. The camp is for up to 50 Year 10 students to help develop social and life skills in a team environment. It is assisted by the Hauraki Regiment of the Territorial Army and is held at Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Lodge, SH 29 in the Kaimai ranges, about 80 km from Rotorua. The Youth Committee is underway with the selection of students. Between the five Rotorua Rotary Clubs ten volunteers are needed each day to assist with the running of the camp. Some options for helpers are to be there:

- 1 Friday morning to Sunday afternoon
- 2 Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon
- 3 Friday evening to Saturday evening
- 4 Saturday evening to Sunday afternoon.

The preference is either 1 or 2 as the vehicle access and parking are very tight and traverses areas used by the students for their exercises; the fewer vehicles crossings the better.

It is a fantastic experience seeing the enormous development in many of the students over the weekend. And it is a fantastic Rotary experience, sharing with Rotarians from our Club and the other four other Rotorua Clubs. Jan and Garth Wilson attended last year and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Would you like to be involved? Please contact Garth Wilson at [garth.janwilson@clear.net.nz](mailto:garth.janwilson@clear.net.nz) or on 027 882 9349

## Rotary Charity Lunch: volunteers wanted

The Rotary Charity Luncheon will be held on Friday, 11 November 2016. Volunteers are needed to help with room set-up, meeting and greeting the guests, and handling cash. Please contact Russell Burton if you can lend a hand.

## Needs in our community

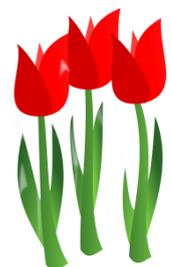
Many Rotarians contribute to the work of voluntary organisations in our community. President Allen would like to hear from you if you are aware of needs in our community which Rotary could address.

## 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 afternoons.

## Happy birthday

Russell Dale (1 November)  
Bryce Dunn (3 November)  
Bruce Scott (6 November)  
Noel Lamberton (6 November)



# From the previous meeting

## Quotes from Bruce Rykers

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. – Hebrews XI: 1.

I value the friend who for me finds time in his calendar, but I cherish the friend who for me does not consult his calendar. – Robert Brault.

## Club speaker: Bob Allison

Bob explained the very complex process whereby the President of the United States of America is elected. It is an indirect election. The citizens in each of the 50 states and Washington DC cast votes for the members of an Electoral College known as electors. They then cast direct votes for President and Vice-President. If no candidate receives an absolute majority, the House of Representatives chooses the President; if no candidate receives an absolute majority for Vice-President, the Senate chooses the VP. State Legislatures determine how the electors are chosen and this varies. All States conduct popular elections to help choose their slate of electors. Once chosen, the electors can vote for anyone, but – with rare exceptions – they vote for their designated candidates. There are 538 electors in the Electoral College; 270 votes are needed to elect the President and the Vice-President, in two separate votes. A candidate gets all the votes from a State or nothing. This creates the big focus on the swing states in the run-up to the election.

## Guest speaker: Margriet Theron

Margriet recently went with her daughter, Associate Professor Marie Bismark of the University of Melbourne, to the Universities of Stanford and Harvard where Marie had meetings related to her healthcare research. Marie has been working on topics such as complaints against doctors and hospital governance for the past 15 years. Her work was extensively quoted in a recent report about a shake-up in the healthcare system of Victoria: <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/damning-baby-deaths-report-sparks-biggest-health-system-shakeup-in-decades-20161013-gs1mno.html>

Margriet went on campus tours at Stanford and Harvard and talked about the differences between these two world renowned Universities. Stanford (1891) is much younger than Harvard (1638). Stanford's campus of 3,310 hectares and 700 buildings is impeccable; almost all of the 16,000 students stay on campus; the University was co-educational from the start; its annual budget is \$1.22 billion; the student to faculty ratio is 4:1; if it were a country, it would have been the 10<sup>th</sup> most successful at the recent Olympics with 25 medals won by current and previous students; it has been called the Harvard of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; its alumni founded Google, Hewlett-Packard, Nike, Instagram, Snapchat and Yahoo! The Harvard campuses are spread throughout Cambridge city; women got their degrees from the neighbouring Radcliffe College which only merged totally with Harvard in 1999; its alumni includes Presidents John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Rutherford Hayes, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, John F Kennedy, George W Bush, and Barack Obama, as well as Jack Lemmon, Al Gore, Ben Bernanke, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg. Fees at both Universities are around \$65,000 per year, with large discounts and scholarships to enable talented American students from any financial background to attend.

## Meeting attendance

| Meeting date               | 3/10/2016 | 10/10/2016 | 17/10/2016 |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Total members              | 36        | 36         | 36         |
| Apologies from members     | 7         | 9          | 10         |
| Silent members             | 2         | 3          | 0          |
| <b>Attendance, members</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>24</b>  | <b>26</b>  |
| Attendance, guests         | 6         | 1          | 0          |
| <b>Attendance, total</b>   | <b>33</b> | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  |

# 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](mailto:spurdle.family@xtra.co.nz)

Club speakers to advise Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:mkinder@deloitte.co.nz)

|                   | 31 October 2016 at 6 pm<br>at the Distinction Hotel                                                                                                                              | 7 November 2016 at 12.30 pm<br>at the Rotorua Golf Club |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Guest Speaker     | District Governor<br>Keith Owen<br>at the Distinction Hotel                                                                                                                      | Darrin Walsh<br>CEO of Rotorua<br>Chamber of Commerce   |
| Introduction      | To be organised by the Rotary Clubs of Rotorua Lakes and Rotorua Sunrise. Peter Spurdle to inform members of the Rotary Club of Rotorua if they will have any duties to perform. | Tom Davies                                              |
| Vote of thanks    |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Ann Nicholas                                            |
| President's table |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Ann Nicholas                                            |
| Club speaker      |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Peter Baars                                             |
| Fellowship/badges |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Doug Clemens                                            |
| Quote of the week |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Peter Spurdle                                           |
| Fining officer    |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Russell Dale                                            |
| Room set-up       |                                                                                                                                                                                  | Noel Lamberton                                          |

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