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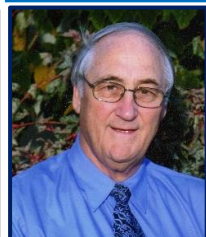
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Club meetings

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, 12 December 2016

President's Pen

So, half of my year has just about gone. Phew! Without the encouragement and support of you all it would not have been so enjoyable. I think our Club has made certain strides over the last few months and I see a good future ahead.

Just the Christmas party to go on Monday, thanks to the hard work of Katrina. I will look forward to taking a short break from meeting responsibilities for a few weeks. So I wish you all the compliments of the season. Have a good Christmas break with family and friends. Remember the reason for the season and see if you can find one extra way of sharing a cheerful gift with someone who won't expecting one.

I hope we get a good turnout for the gardening and tidying up job that is being organised at present. Here's a good opportunity to do something practical for Christmas. Give Richard Pryce a call if you can help.

Yes, it's that time of the year again. It's the time when my phone rings with enquiries about those "brown bombs" they call Christmas puddings. Well, I just can't gather up the energy to cook the usual 500 or so. All I will be doing is a small number for certain family and special friends. (Some ask me, "What do I have to do to be a 'special friend'?) All I can say is, "leave it to me. It depends on how many I cook. Maybe I ought to sell off the recipe on Trade Me.

34,500 at last count is a lot, I guess, over the years. But I am grateful for the cheer they have brought to so many. My mother would be pleased. It was her original recipe which I have changed only slightly. To be stopped in the carpark and asked by a complete stranger if they could have one this year, has happened on a number of occasions. Personally I hope the "Pastor's Pudding" lives on. If someone wants to carry it on then I make only one rule. There must be a give-away component somewhere in the distribution.

After the break I would like to have a good heads-together to plan the new year. There's a lot that can be done. We can look forward to another year of positive progress and, hopefully, attract some new, enthusiastic and visionary members. That's what will keep us alive and well. Some of us who have been around for a while need younger enthusiasm to keep us motivated and busy.

But for now, let's enjoy the weeks ahead.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Passing of Toni Meyer

The Club learned with sadness of the passing of Toni Meyer, the wife of Karl Meyer. Toni was in Rotorua Hospital for an operation, but her passing was unexpected. Her funeral will be at 2 pm on Thursday, 8 December 2016 at Osborne Funeral Home, 197 Old Taupo Road. From next week, Karl would welcome visitors at his home at 42 Fryer Road, Hamurana.

Ian McDowell becomes an Honorary Member of the Club

Ian McDowell has been an active and much-valued member for the Rotary Club of Rotorua since 1977. His father and grandfather had preceded him as members and Presidents of the Club. We feel honoured that Ian has accepted the invitation from the Directors of the Club to become an Honorary Member.

Club's Christmas dinner

The Christmas dinner will be held at Rainbow Springs next Monday at 5.30 pm. The ticket price is \$55 per person. This is payable to Rainbow Springs on the night. Guests are asked to bring their own drinks; glasses will be provided. Each member who is coming has been given an envelope containing two names; please bring Secret Santa gifts up to the value of \$10 per person for those two guests.

Helping out with gardening

Richard Pryce is organising some gardening help for someone who needs some support. Please contact Richard if you are able to give a few hours of your time. The time and date for the gardening session will be decided after Richard has spoken to the volunteers.

Rotary Matamata Concert by the Lake

Venue	162 Jondor Road, RD2, Matamata. Parking at Swap Park; Burwood Road
Date	Sunday, 19 February 2017, 1 to 6 pm
Artists	The Lady Killers (Tina Cross, Suzanne Lynch and Jackie Clarke); Funky jazz band Two Many Chiefs; Jamie McDell, on her way to Nashville to further her music career
Stage	A specially designed and built pontoon with great viewing areas from the grassy banks around the lake
Free shuttle	For motorhome and caravan registrants only from 12.30 pm on the Sunday from the parking location
Food	Remember your chilly bin with wine, picnic and your own seats
Tickets	\$45 per person and \$100 per family from the website. Proceed will go to local charities.
Website	www.concertbythelake.co.nz

Lions vs Maori All Blacks

On 17 June 2017 the Lions will play against the Maori All Blacks at the International Stadium. Peter and Robyn Spurdle's home overlooks the stadium and they will be holding a fundraising dinner on the night. More information to come.

Happy birthday

Sandra Roersma (13 December)	Dennis Neilson (15 December)
Katrina Allison (20 December)	Bruce Rykers (3 January)
Roger Willard (14 January)	Allen Foote (15 January)
Peter Spurdle (15 January)	



From the previous meeting

Quote from President Allen

Bad things do happen. How I respond to them defines my character and the quality of my life. I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness, immobilised by the gravity of my loss, or I can choose to rise from the pain and treasure the most precious gift I have: life itself. – Walter Anderson

Club speaker: Ray Bloomfield

Ray spent a recent weekend exploring Whanganui, the drive up the Whanganui River Road, Pipiriki, Jerusalem, and James Baxter history. Although the road is now narrower and more difficult to drive after floods, the scenery is still spectacular. After an hour-long ride on a jet boat and some 360° spins, Ray and his party went for a walk to the Bridge to Nowhere and listened to a talk about the returned servicemen and their ill-fated attempt to farm in the valley.

Guest speaker: the Mayor of Rotorua, the Honourable Steve Chadwick


Steve has lived in Rotorua since 1975. She and John have two sons and a daughter, some of whom are coming back to Rotorua shortly to live. She has been a midwife at Rotorua Hospital, a Rotorua District Councillor and the Labour MP for Rotorua. Last week she had a meeting with other Bay of Plenty Mayors to develop a vision and strategy for the region. She is pleased that the acrimonious recent election and its aftermath in Court are over and that the new Council is working with the Community Boards to keep Rotorua growing. The population has now reached 70,000 after being stagnant for a decade or more. Unemployment is dropping and value added economic development is ensuring that we will not just be a tourism and hospitality centre. The previous Council had been criticised for not sticking to basics, but now people are moving to Rotorua for the lifestyle and CBD trade is growing faster than the national figure. Council is working with the Chamber of Commerce and community groups to build on doing things *The Rotorua Way*. Housing is getting attention, with plans to enable inner city apartments. More industrial land is needed. With mountain biking booming, Rotorua has become the playground for Auckland and Hamilton. Many residents had been concerned about the Te Arawa Partnership but our cultural identity is part of our uniqueness. A tourist tax is being discussed; local operators would want funding raised through such a tax to remain in the community. Fixing the earthquake damage to the basement of the Rotorua Museum will require substantial funding. Plans are being developed to display the Museum's treasures in other venues. The large sculpture at the new Hemo Gorge intersection will be funding through contributions from a number of organisations and the community, as well as Victoria University of Wellington whose Faculty of Engineering is contributing new technology in partnership with the Rotorua Lakes Council.

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

	12 December 2016 at 5.30 pm at Rainbow Springs	This is the final Bulletin for 2016. The next Bulletin will appear in January 2017 in time to remind members of their rostered duties for the first meeting of the year.
Guest Speaker	An evening of fellowship and entertainment organised by Katrina Allison. Please remember: each guest to bring a Secret Santa Gift to exchange. Tickets at \$55 per person payable at the entrance.	Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Tony and Margriet. 
Introduction		
Vote of thanks		
President's table		
Club speaker		
Fellowship/badges		
Quote of the week		
Fining officer		
Room set-up		

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