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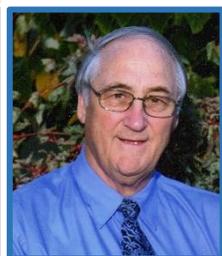
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Club meetings

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, 13 February 2017

President's Pen

Hopefully you have all appreciated the two holiday weekends, either enjoying quiet time away, or with family. Now it is back to the busyness of the year ahead. That includes our Rotary experience as well.

It was a special evening at Princes Gate Hotel on 26 January 2017 when we were able to present the ten charities with their cheques resulting from the Charity Luncheon last November. One of the important observations from the organisers was the combined effort from all five Clubs. I am glad we were part of it. The grateful recipients will be quick to show their appreciation as they get busy with their programmes that will benefit from our hard work and community concern.

We need to be made aware of the needs around us. I would like to see speakers come and open our eyes to those needs so we can work out ways to answer them. That could be by financial support, or a hands-on response.

One of my own programmes is what I call CHIC – Community Help In-between Coordinator – where I am made aware of a family situation and find people to respond to the need. So far, over the last few years I have, with the help of a number of people and businesses, provided five play houses for needy children.

At present the last one has come up with a glitch and left me with a sixth playhouse that I have purchased with funds donated, but will need to be returned to the store I bought it from because of a technicality. Now I am looking for another donor so I can present it to another worthy family designated by the Community Nurses at the hospital. There will be someone out there who will provide those funds I am sure. It's gratifying to see the delight for the recipients and the satisfaction for the donors.

The last two weeks have brought some challenging life experiences to some of us. To have my car broken into over Auckland Anniversary weekend was distressing. Luckily a neighbour saw the offender and rang the police who quickly responded and arrested the young offender. Thanks to AA Insurance I was well looked after.

We all feel deeply for Russell Burton with his recent loss of his wife Judi. No-one who has not been through this kind of experience can imagine the huge gap that remains. No-one can truly understand another's loss and its effects, especially through a personal trauma like this. We can only do our best to support wherever possible. We are here for you, Russell.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Rotary District 9930 Conference

The District Conference will be held in Whakatane from 31 March to 2 April 2017. Registration is \$230. Please go to www.9930conference.org to register.

Past-President Bruce Scott has a house in Ohope which he is making available to Rotarians and their spouses who are attending Conference. The three double bedrooms have been taken but there are still three sets of bunks available at no charge. Guests are asked to bring their own drinks and breakfast food.

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

Juleen Foote (9 February)
Ian Pound (15 February)



From the previous meeting

Quotes of the week from Peter Baars

The point is, you can never be too greedy. - President Donald Trump.

It's freezing and snowing in New York – we need global warming! – President Donald Trump.

My IQ is one of the highest – and you all know it! Please don't feel so stupid or insecure; it's not your fault. – President Donald Trump.

Guest speaker Dr Warren Parker, board member of Predator Free 2050 Ltd

Warren Parker is the retiring Chief Executive of Scion and the Chair of the NZ Conservation Authority. Predator Free 2050 will be a key player in New Zealand's audacious goal to become predator free in the next 34 years. Intermediate milestones will be set, such as expanding predator free areas by 2025. The country's rich biodiversity is under threat by pests such as possums, stoats, ferrets and rats. The predator free programme is attracting international attention. Funding from the Department of Conservation and Regional Councils will be used to leverage private and philanthropic sector financial support. Companies are contributing to the conservation effort; Air NZ with its support for the Great Walks is an example. The science to support the eradication of pests is in place. Last year the largest area ever underwent pest control by 1080.

The Rotary Club of Lake Taupo are Running a Charity Golf Tournament at Wairakei Golf + Sanctuary on Friday 17 February 2017

Win a Suzuki Baleno with a hole-in-one!! Sponsored by Taupo Motor Company.

Fabulous prizes for first three stableford teams and individual stableford prizes plus much more

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See more at: <http://rotary9930.org/Stories/the-rotary-club-of-lake-taupo-are-running-a-charity-golf-tournament#sthash.i0maS6ki.dpuf>

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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

	13 February 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	20 February 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Robyn Murphy Classification speech	Michelle Tanner Polio and Pakistan
Introduction	Ann Nicolas	Murray Patchell
Vote of thanks	Paul Wilson	Bob Allison
President's table	Paul Wilson	Bob Allison
Club speaker	Barry Lane	Denis Marriner
Fellowship/badges	Peter Baars	Tony Baker
Quote of the week	Tony Baker	Ray Bloomfield
Fining officer	Doug Clemens	Fergus Cumming
Room set-up	Dennis Neilson	Ann Nicholas

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