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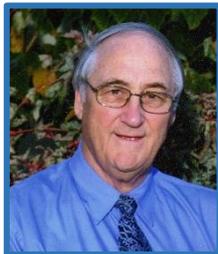
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Club meetings

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, 20 February 2017

President's Pen

We seem to be having a spate of disasters that are taking their toll on communities locally and worldwide, affecting individuals and families. Whether it be earthquake, floods, fires – the list is getting longer it seems.

There's a lot of distress and fear out there that can only be dealt with by the presence of caring people who give their support in financial and hands-on ways. We can do our best to help but it won't take away the source of the problems.

Did I hear someone comment at the Club meeting last week that Donald Trump vows to save America? Yeah, right! In the meantime we need to add our contribution wherever we can to relieve the hurts.

Rotary at least does its part locally, nationally and on the international scene to relieve affected people and communities, and to provide them with a better lifestyle of health and wellbeing. I believe that's why we all belong.

The last thrust to eradicate polio is a focus this year. I realise it has been a long process, and it's easy to dull our memories and forget the urgency of it. Thanks to Bill and Melinda Gates the local efforts of all five Clubs here, and the rest of Rotary worldwide, we hope to see the task completed. Our guest speaker this coming meeting, Michelle Tanner, will focus on Pakistan, one of the last challenges for the End Polio Now programme.

Locally we are seeing what a community is worth after the devastating fire at St John's Presbyterian Church. The outpouring of support from every angle has demonstrated the true heart of this place. St John's is not just a church. It is involved in a lot of community projects, programmes for children and families, and especially their food bank. It will take time for them to recover but they will have a lot of support for sure. I will be sharing with the other Club Presidents ways in which Rotary can do its part in getting the church's work on the road again.

Our first Club Board meeting last Sunday evening was an opportunity to view the year ahead and to focus on the projects we need to be involved in. We are calling for RYLA candidates to come forward and register their interest. The International Youth Exchange programme is being considered as well. Schools are being alerted.

We will keep the Club involved as much as possible in our "Service for Humanity."

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Geyser Community Foundation Garden Art Festival

The Geyser Garden Art Festival will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on 25 and 26 February 2017 in the garden of Joe and Jo-Anne La Grouw at 20 Tupara Crescent, Kawaha Point. Tickets are available at \$5 each from Tom Davies. The launch will be held at 5.30 pm on Friday, 24 February 2017, offering finger food, drinks, and the opportunity to preview and purchase the art works; tickets at \$25 each also from Tom.

Rotary Gardening Project

Thanks to the volunteers who have offered their help with the gardening at 10.30 am Saturday, 25 February 2017 at 31 Barnard Road (opposite Fairy Springs). Please bring your own gardening tools for general weeding, dead heading, lawn edging and maybe some light trimming. Thanks to Ian Pound for the use of his trailer. Please let Ann (phone 348 5923 at home) or Robyn (022 309 4100) know if you want to help. We already have another two garden projects lined up after this!

Swimming events

Katrina Allison thanks all the members who have very generously donated sponsorship for the annual Sunrise Rotary Swimathon. This will take place on Saturday, 25 February 2017 at the Aquatic Centre between 9 am and 1 pm. For every \$1 she raises, the Gates Foundation will contribute another \$2 and all the money raised will go towards erasing polio. This will be Katrina's fifth Swimathon and in total she has raised over \$4,000. She hopes to raise around \$600 (\$1,800) this year.

The Rotary Swim will take place on Sunday, 12 March 2017 at Lake Okataina. There is a lot of support from swimmers intending to join on the day. Funds raised will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters. The 6 km race will start at 10 am, followed by the shorter distances. Katrina is looking for spot prizes such as wine and chocolates to give out to the swimmers. Any help on the day will be greatly appreciated.

Membership and lunch invoices

Martin Kinder has distributed the invoices. Members are charged \$12 per meal at the Rotorua Golf Club. The hire of the room is funded from Club funds. Some members will find that their current invoice shows credit amounts as the pre-paid price for the lunches has gone down. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

Hospital Chaplaincy Fundraising Breakfast

Friday, 31 March 2017 at 7 am at Third Place Café. Tickets at \$25 are available from Past-President Ray.

RYLA applications are open

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp will be held from 23 to 28 April 2017. The application form is available on the District 9930 website.

Papamoa Rotary Golf Tournament

Tuesday, 25 April 2017, ANZAC Day Afternoon. Shotgun start from 12:15 pm. Mount Maunganui Golf Club, Fairway Avenue, Mount Maunganui.

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.

Notice of Club AGM

The Club AGM will be held at Rotorua Golf Club for Discussion and Approval on Monday 20 Feb. 2016.

From the previous meeting

Quotes of the week from Tony Baker

"My ball striking was good today. I just missed a few fairways". – Lydia Ko.

The nervous feeling you get when you press the SEND button on a risky text. – @TONCI.



Guest speaker Robyn Murphy

Robyn has been married to Glen for 42 years. They have lived in many cities over the years (including five times in Rotorua) to meet the demands of Glen's studying and forestry research career. They have a son and daughter; visits to the maternity home in the USA by Glen and their first-born involved scrubbing, hospital gowns and white gumboots. Robyn was born and raised in Hawke's Bay and was a keen member of a marching team. She became a Cub Leader at 16 years of age. Glen gained his PhD in Oregon where Robyn did not have a work visa; she became involved in migrant settlement. She was a member of Toastmasters for 20 years and become District Governor. After coming back to Rotorua from Lincoln Robyn worked in human resources and teaching at Waiariki. She offered her skills in DIY projects, gardening, leadership and event organisation to the Club.

Club speaker Barry Lane

Barry's most recent fishing expedition was unsuccessful so he talked about accountancy standards instead. It used to be straightforward, with 35 standards with which to comply. Now there are complicated and numerous world standards and different New Zealand standards for various tiers of not-for-profit organisations and for for-profits, with rules for special purpose accounts running to hundreds of pages. No wonder he has lost his hair!

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

	20 February 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	27 February 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	30 June 2016 Club AGM Michelle Tanner - Polio and Pakistan	Allison Lawton Rotorua Chamber of Commerce
Introduction	Murray Patchell	Margriet Theron
Vote of thanks	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
President's table	Bob Allison	Katrina Allison
2016 AGM	Martin Kinder	Robyn Skelton, Kiwi Can
Fellowship/badges	Tony Baker	Ray Bloomfield
Quote of the week	Ray Bloomfield	Russell Burton
Fining officer	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Room set-up	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell

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