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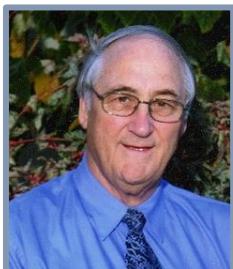
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Club meetings

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, 10 April 2017

President's Pen

I've got a pain! No, not the physical one in my neck, leg, or back, but the one that's in my front garden. No matter how much I try to get rid of it there is a weed that just keeps on defying my efforts to clear it. Yes, and gardeners amongst you will recognise the pest – sorrel.

Imagine my surprise when neighbour informed me that her son eats the stuff. In fact it is sometimes grown in herb gardens for culinary purposes. Not that I am going to eat my garden enemy! I just want to clear it forever.

The sorrel grows from a fine root system that spreads underground. To just pull the plant out will leave these minute strands to regenerate. When I do try to remove a plant I try to dig carefully along this root system and remove the tiniest thread, as thin as a fine hair. Alas! A few weeks later it has somehow produced another plant.

Yet, in every negative picture there is a positive if you look for it. Always looking for illustrations to challenge my community commitment I see a very powerful lesson in the sorrel. The strength in this plant, the guarantee for its future survival, lies in the unseen threads underground. The above ground fruitage depends on the delicate but effective root system.

Nothing but a total clearing of the earth, subjecting it to poisons or cooking it to sterilise it, can finally destroy the weed.

In our Rotary world, that basic belief in, and commitment to, the ideals of Rotary keep the vision alive. Yet that belief has to be shared, like a flow-through from those who inspired us to those who need to catch the same vision. Taking part in the District Conference last weekend, as well as the experience of the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar last year, gave me continuing inspiration for my role as a Rotarian.

Back in 1977 I still remember the visit of a Rotarian from the Timaru Club. He shared his own enthusiasm for Rotary. As I personally assessed my desire to be involved, I found myself starting to warm to the possibilities. As I visited the Club the inspiration I got was enough for me to want to be part of it all.

So check out your own Rotary beginnings. Have you allowed the threads of the experience to continue to nurture your enthusiasm? If so, the flow-on effect will keep our Club alive and growing. The community here and worldwide will be the better off.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Circus Quirkus

Circus Quirkus for 2017 is underway culminating in the Circus Show on **Friday 26 May 2017 at 6 pm**. The Club's Charitable Trust has a contract with International Entertainment Ltd who provides a top quality circus style show to entertain under-privileged children in our community. A professional fundraiser contacts local businesses for donations of \$50 which secures a seat for a child. The children are advised who sponsors their seat and they are encouraged to make contact with the sponsor after the show. This is the main fundraiser for the Charitable Trust producing around \$6,000 per year to fund various local projects. Please support Circus Quirkus when approached to provide sponsorship. Volunteers are required to act as ushers on show night. Please put your hand up to help out and enjoy the show!

Waikite Valley School: rural visit

This coming Monday, 10 April 2017, we will have an evening meeting at Waikite Valley School. Partners are warmly invited. Attendance should be confirmed with Martyn Craven on 027 4747059 or by email for catering purposes if you have not put your name on the list circulated at the Club meeting. The cost will be \$30 per person and there will be a cash bar. Those who are car pooling will leave from the Rotary Golf Club at 6 pm for arrival at 6.30 pm and a meal at 7 pm.

Lions rugby game

When the Lions play at the International Stadium later this year there will be a fundraising dinner for Big Brothers Big Sisters at the home of Peter and Robyn Spurdle, overlooking the stadium. The donation of \$130 per person will cover a three-course meal. Guests will be asked to bring their own drinks.

From the previous meeting

Quotes of the week from John Heaton

You were born to win, but to be a winner you must plan to win, prepare to win and expect to win. – Zig Zigler.

To be successful, you have to have your heart in your business and your business in your heart. – Thomas Watson Senior.

Club speakers on District Conference

President Allen brought the message home from Conference that the customer comes first and that the needs of others should be high on our priority lists. Past-President Bruce reported on the Friday evening which was spent at the Mataatua marae with the theme: "It is a kind of magic". Next year's conference will be hosted by the Matamata Club at the Wairakei Resort. Fergus reported on the youth theme of the conference, and how the exchange students were adopting Kiwi culture. Dr Johan Morreau, the keynote speaker, talked about the magic of birth and the problems which come from the lack of care of children, especially during their first 1,000 days. You can watch him here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1slVo3BNtM>. Garth was impressed by the winner of the Gallipoli speech competition. Robyn Skelton spoke about Kiwi Can and the participants donated \$1,680 with some Clubs adding another \$100 each and District doubling the amount. Ray Avery was another inspirational speaker.



Guest speaker Tim Cossar, CEO of Te Puia

Tim Cossar has been the CEO of Te Puia for five years. He was pleased to return to Rotorua after working in Wellington in tourism promotion. The Maori Arts and Crafts Institute was created by an Act of Parliament in 1960 as a not-for-profit organisation and is still owned by the Crown although the land was transferred to a Maori Trust. Surpluses are invested in staff training and site development. Last year there were 550,000 visitors of whom only 5% were domestic tourists. Revenue was \$25 million. There are 180 staff and 25 students who stay for two to four years and receive scholarships. Most go back to their iwi and carve meeting houses. Before Tim had

arrived Te Puia had gone through a bad period with fraud and a number of CEOs. Revenue had doubled over the past five years, and surpluses plus tourism development grants from the Government are paying for the new buildings for the restaurant, the carving and weaving schools, and the Kiwi house. In the Maori environment he had to relearn management and to engage with whanau of the staff. The \$15 million schools building is now going up now after much had to be invested in the foundations in the geothermal soil. There will also be a bronze foundry to cast Maori carvings. The plans are to provide an excellent experience to 620,000 guests per year. Revenue from food and beverages will increase from \$1.5 to \$5.5 million per year; skilled Maori chefs have been employed to meet the demands of conference organizers.

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 laptop for data projection.

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

	10 April 2017 at Waikite Valley School. Evening meeting.	17 April 2017
Guest Speaker	Waikite Valley Pioneers	No meeting; Easter Monday
Introduction	Waikite Valley host	
Vote of thanks	Martyn Craven	
President's table	Martyn Craven	
Club speaker	-	
Fellowship/badges	Peter Baars	
Quote of the week	Kierin Irvine	
Fining officer	Fergus Cumming	
Room set-up	Waikite Valley hosts	

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