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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 June 2017

President's Pen

Just three more weeks and another Rotary year will have passed into history. Just a short time to honour RI President John Germ's vision, Rotary Serving Humanity. And yet his vision should always be before us, as should be the theme of all of the RI Presidents I have reviewed over the months at each week's meeting.

It is 112 years since Rotary began; a long time of service to the world with its myriad of problems. As a Club and with the wider support of Rotary locally and worldwide, we have accomplished a great deal. The underlying purpose and motivation for Rotary will always be there regardless of individual members' contributions, or individual Club projects. There is such a diversity of personnel with their different visions and methods that we have become a complex organisation. And yet this also means we can accomplish our tasks with that accumulation of expertise.

Our five Clubs in Rotorua have their own distinctive characteristics. Each has its own focus on community. Their programmes attract their membership because that's what fits their range of talents. Personally, as I work with the other Presidents, I am glad for the diversity. If there was only one Club how much would be accomplished? We need to recognise that, while we are still one distinctive organisation, we have many arms with which to serve.

It's a fact of Rotary life that from time to time we lose members for various reasons. Whether it be through personal circumstances, business commitments, or because they might realise a better use of their talents through another channel, it is their personal choice. In the last few months we have lost three valued members. Each has given a contribution to the success of our Rotary endeavours. We thank them for their fellowship and wish them well. I know each of them will continue to share the spirit of Rotary in whatever they do.

I believe that a person who has been actively involved in Rotary projects can never feel that they have been misusing their time and efforts. Rotary has done something for me that adds to my commitment to people and their needs. That to me is my life. I trust that it stirs your being as it does mine. While family and work are essential, the overriding purpose in my life is to leave behind me a trail of caring, compassionate service.

John Germ speaks of the "ripple effect" in an article that I recently re-read in a Rotary Down Under magazine. He states: "None of us know the effects that will ripple out from the things we do and say, the decisions we make, the opportunities we seize, and those we let pass. But I think we all know that when we choose to do good, good will follow; and when we choose *Service Above Self* as our life's path, the direction it will take us will be a good one." His vision of service is why I choose to be part of this great organisation.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Dinner with the Rotorua Multicultural Council

On Monday, 10 July 2017 at 5.30 for 6 pm our Club will join with the Rotorua Multicultural Council for a dinner at Teal Kitchen, 1213 Hinemoa Street. Ten migrants from ten countries will talk for two to three minutes each about their journey to Rotorua and the contribution that they are now making to our community. The confirmed speakers include Toni Li from China, a forest economist with PF Olsen; Lily Joy Al Omari who was a nurse manager in Saudi Arabia and is now the owner of Teal Kitchnen; Elena Mezentseva from Russia who was an English language teacher in Moscow; Juan Nieuwoudt from South Africa who is a mechanical engineer at Red Stag; Carla Garcia from Argentina who is co-owner of a sports management business; and Mohabat Khan Malak from Uganda and Afghanistan who co-owns the first halal butchery in Rotorua. The cost of the dinner is \$30 per person; spouses and partners are very welcome. Martin Kinder will take the bookings and payments.

Circus Quirkus

The Circus Quirkus performance on Friday 26 May 2017 went very well. The auditorium at the Sir Howard Morrison Performing Arts Centre was full, and the children and their caregivers greatly enjoyed the show. Thank you very much to all the volunteer ushers from the Club who assisted on the night and to Martin Kinder who managed the arrangements with the fundraising company that sold the tickets to the donors.

Birthdays

There are no birthdays of members of the Club during the next week.

From the previous meeting

Club speaker Robyn Murphy

Robyn had mentioned the idea of the involvement of the Club in maintaining the rehabilitation garden at the Rotorua Hospital in her classification speech. The garden is often used by long term patients who are encouraged to walk outside over a range of surfaces to develop their confidence in navigating rough areas. There are some empty beds at present and a lack of vegetables and colourful flowers. There is also a hose pipe which needs better storage to get it off the footpath. Seating under a magnolia tree would be a valuable improvement, and there is woodwork in need of paint. The hospital has little money available, but the basic maintenance is done by Lakes District Health Board staff. Anyone willing to be included in a roster to spend some time on this community project can contact Robyn.

Guest speaker Rotorua Commander of Police Anaru Pewhairangi

Anaru started his presentation by expressing his condolences to Mayor Steve Chadwick with the sudden death of her husband John the previous week. Anaru finds Rotorua a very good place to live and play. There are fiscal challenges in managing the Police Service, and there are high expectations from both the government and the public. The aspiration of the Police is to make New Zealand the safest country. He is an ex-teacher and he is concerned about children who are excluded from attending school. The Police needs the help of the community to solve burglaries; phone the Police if someone looks out of place in your street. There is a target for 2021 of 10,000 fewer victims of serious crime and 25% reduction in Maori re-offending. We need to build more hospitals and schools instead of more prisons. Alcohol-driven family violence and methamphetamine use are big issues. Rotorua will be getting 15 new Police staff: three will go into the tactical crime unit to hunt burglars; two to the child protection unit. He leads the Police recruitment for the Bay of Plenty; there are ethnic and gender gaps to be closed; this would be one way of addressing the unconscious racial bias in the Police. Inviting members of the Indian community to his powhiri after his appointment as Commander and getting Police officers to talk to dairy owners are ways in which he hopes to address the problem of burglars who target dairies.

Duty Roster

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Acting Sergeant Barry Lane on 021 741264 or b.lane@ilescasey.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

	12 June 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	19 June 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Richard Pryce World Masters Golf at Augusta	Dennis Nielson WWI sites in France
Introduction	John Powell	Richard Pryce
Vote of thanks	Tony Hill	Kierin Irvine
President's table	Tony Hill	Kierin Irvine
Club speaker	Ray Bloomfield	Doug Clemens
Fellowship/badges	Russell Dale	Tom Davies
Quote of the week	Murray Patchell	John Powell
Fining officer	Denis Marriner	Robyn Murphy
Room set-up	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle

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