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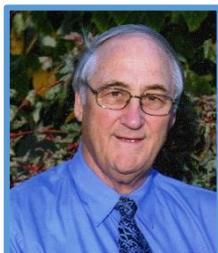
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Club meetings

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

Tuesday, 27 June 2017

President's Pen

I get a bit envious when friends and family get to go away on all these cruises. My elder brother is at present cruising the rivers in Europe. This will be his umpteenth cruise, somewhere in the world. Other friends are off to England and Scotland. My neighbours are in Holland. Some of our Club members are away overseas enjoying a European summer. I am sure they are all enjoying the privilege.

It's a few years since I was able to enjoy a subsidised study tour through Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany and the UK. The vivid memories are still with me. I only wish I could convert the 1,500 negatives into computer files and make them more accessible for sharing. I have the same problem with my 100 or so vinyl records. I know there is the technology available – at a price. Maybe once the mortgage is paid off in a few months I might be able to afford it.

Travelling is something most of us like to do. Exploring new places, meeting people from other cultures, learning how the rest of the world exists. It means, sometimes, taking ourselves out of our own life capsule and opening our vision to a world that has a lot of needs. That's what my tour did for me.

In our somewhat peaceful New Zealand we tend to forget the rest of the world, although our modern media coverage is bringing to our eyes and ears a dismal picture of what is happening out there. Nor am I too happy about travelling the world at this stage. There is too much to enjoy here at home. There are also lots to spend my money on here, at least what's available on a pensioner's budget.

So, with some lessening of pressures, my wife and I are considering what retirement is all about. Time to remove some of the stress and get to enjoy some more relaxation, some more time with family, some more time to enjoy being the receipt of nurture rather than spend all my efforts in the other direction.

Am I being selfish? Should I ever think of forgetting the needs of others and stopping doing the project things I have always enjoyed doing? The fact is I cannot take away from my being the reason for my calling. As long as I am able I want to be helpful and supportive to my fellow human beings. How I do that will depend on a range of factors – age, physical ability, health, family, and the need to let others with more energy and ability take over, with my support and encouragement. At least I can share what I know and see my vision carried on by those who catch it.

My thanks to all for your support and encouragement over the last year. I trust it has been a meaningful experience to you all as it has to me.

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 Kitchen; 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; Faustinah Ndlovu who raises funds for school libraries in Zimbabwe; Waitso Wu, the Executive Officer of the Rotorua Multicultural Council; Alexis LewGor, the President of the NZ Federation of Multicultural Councils; 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.

Guess who's coming to dinner

PP Richard Pryce announced that there will be a *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* event on 22 July 2017. Please let Richard know if you would like to be a host or a guest for this event which involves two couples coming to the home of the hosts with a first course and a dessert.

Birthdays

Tony Hill (1 July)



From the previous meeting

Quote from John Powell

You've got to get your first tackle in early, even if it's late. – Ray Gravell, Llanelli, Wales. British and Irish Lions. 1980.

Club speaker Tony Baker

Tony offered to help members of the Club who might want to document their own lives as well as their family history. He has worked on his family tree for the past 30 years and has now included about 400 people. Tony started the family tree in the 1980's with the 8th generation going back to the year 1740. He has also written and published his autobiography, building on his own memories by asking family members for information. He is interested in the nicknames which people were given 30 to 50 years ago. By keeping a record, small events are remembered, such as the time when he followed Marlene's father around the vegetable garden until he had plucked up enough courage to ask him for her hand in marriage.

Speaker Dennis Neilson

In May 2017 Dennis, who is very interested in military history, had visited battle sites in Somme, France and Ypres, Belgium. He described the World War as a European War that got out of hand. When German troops went through Belgium to hit Paris, England became involved in the war as they had an agreement with Belgium. He described battles where one village changed hands as often as 16 times. In one battle, 19,000 British soldiers were killed on the first day. He visited New Zealand cemeteries which, with other Commonwealth cemeteries and magnificent memorials, are in stark contrast with the German cemeteries with their small black crosses. The explosions during the Battle of Messines were heard as far away as Rome. Twenty-five thousand Germans were killed on one day. There are still thousands of unnamed remains buried on the battlefields; 39,000 Germans were buried in one grave.

Duty Roster

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise the Sergeant

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

	Tuesday, 27 June 2017 at 6 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	3 July 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Change-over dinner organised by Incoming President Russell Burton.	Tim Rigter, Red Stag sawmill expansion
Introduction		Bruce Rykers
Vote of thanks		Noel Lamberton
President's table		Noel Lamberton
Club speaker		Fergus Cumming
Fellowship/badges		Margriet Theron
Quote of the week		Richard Pryce
Fining officer		Ann Nicholas
Room set-up		Roger Willard

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