



Rotary Club of Rotorua

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Monday 17 July 2017

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

In 1969 an artist Blue Mink produced a best-selling song with the immortal lines: "what we need is a great big melting pot / big enough to take the world and all its got / and keep stirring it for a hundred years or more / and turn out coffee coloured people by the score". The hippy movement of which this is but one of its products saw solution to racial issues as just eliminating race by blending all cultures into one.

What a boring outcome that would be. On Monday night we were treated to a glorious rainbow of diversity and how very special it was. We travelled from Argentina to Zimbabwe with amazing stories on each stop of our journey. It was so nice to have a large turn out from our club, a large turnout from the Rotorua Multicultural group and overall an excellent evening brilliantly orchestrated by Margriet.

Diversity in all its forms adds richness to our lives and the communities in which we live. How sad and drab it would be if there was only one cultural norm, one style of food, one life experience. Each of the extremely well trained speakers shared their journeys to New Zealand and within New Zealand. My take home was the level of entrepreneurialism being shown, the focus on doing volunteer work to contribute to the community and determination. President Trump has got it wrong. But then again two of his three wives are migrants!

We had our first Directors meeting this last week. It is excellent to see the calendar filling up so rapidly most particularly those that focus on fellowship such as Guess Who is coming to Dinner and the cycle ride at Taupō. On the 14th we will be combining with the Lakes Club to host the speech competition. This is an excellent opportunity to bring along a friend or two to share what has always been a fun evening. We have District Governor Leonie Tisch coming along to our club meeting on the 28th. We are again hosting Lincoln students in mid-August as well. We have a club day scheduled for the 24th of July where I would like to focus on the club and our activities and secure ideas from the members about what we could be doing or doing better.

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Lincoln student billeting

Lincoln University is again bringing a group of students on a North Island farm tour as part of its Agricultural Management course. The combined Rotary Clubs have provided billets in the past and we have been asked again if we can assist. This is a fund raiser and we will receive \$50 per student.

Your commitment is:-

- Collect students from drop off point (to be confirmed) at 5pm on Monday 21 August.
- Provide dinner, bed and breakfast.
- Return student to drop off point at 8am on Tuesday 22 August.

If you can assist, names to Martin Kinder please.

Rotorua Charities Fundraiser

Formerly known as the Long Lunch. This is timed for November 17th next. The guest speaker is Eric Rush. We already have myself, Robyn Murphy, Richard Pryce, Martin Kinder and Ray Bloomfield actively involved. We will get Don Gollan the event organizer to come back to the club and provide an update. Two matters we need to consider. 1. What type of item or similar can we come up with to contribute to the auction as a club and 2. We need to look at purchasing some tables quite soon.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dinner with the Rotorua Multicultural Council

Ten migrants from ten countries spoke about their journey to Rotorua and the contribution that they are making to our

community at a joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Rotorua and the Rotorua Multicultural Council. The dinner was held in Teal Kitchen, owned by Lily Joy Paulmitan Alomari from the Philippines (back left, below). Next to her are Krithika P Simon from India, Gabriel Morales from Brazil, Elena Mezentseva from Russia, Faustinah Ndlovu from Zimbabwe, Carla Garcia from Argentina, Juan Nieuwoudt from South Africa, Tony Li from China, Alexis LewGor from Fiji, and Mohabat Khan Malak from Uganda and Afghanistan.

Attended by 24 Rotarians and friends and 34 migrants.

Fergus has offered to mentor the migrants in job hunting and while doing the Professional Speaking for Migrants course. Any other Rotarians interested in doing this?



Seated are Russell Burton, President of the Rotary Club of Rotorua, Hon Todd McClay MP who thanked the speakers, and Margriet Theron, President of the Rotorua Multicultural Council.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Denis Marriner - Friday 21 July

Up and Coming

Club meeting	17 July 2017	24 July
Guest Speaker	Melanie Groves, Keep Rotorua Beautiful	Club Day
Introduction	Bob Allison	
Vote of thanks	Ray Bloomfield	
Club speaker	Tom Davies	Robin Findon
Fellowship badges	Tony Hill	Martin Kinder
Quote of the week	Robyn Murphy	Denis Marriner
Fining officer	Bruce Scott	
Room set-up	Garth Wilson	Bob Allison

Looking forward: long term view of our agenda for the year.

Date	Activity	Location	Contact
22 July 22	Guess who's coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
23 July	Cycling Taupo	Taupo	Russell Dale
24 July	Club day	RGC	Russell Burton
28 August	Leonie Tisch, DG	RGC	Russell Burton
August	Youth speakers	TBA	Ann Nicholas
14 October	Guess who's coming to dinner	TBA	Richard Pryce
17 November	Charity fundraiser lunch	Energy Events Centre	Russell Burton
27 November	Club AGM	RGC	Russell Burton
December	Christmas function	TBA	TBA