



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 11 December 2017

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Bob/Katrina Allison

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

Thanks to Doug for reminding us of the article in Rotary Down Under by Sir Anand Satyanand. His thesis that a much simplified governance structure with a national leader who can become a national spokesperson as well is a challenging but worthy concept. And a debate worthy of being held.

Moving onto our own challenges. Many thanks for the useful conversation at our forum a week ago. I am conscious that we will need a different model for managing our club for next year at least.

The model will need to change some aspects that have been part of our fabric for some time. For example the President's Pen will also require more participation by all members in sharing out the tasks. If the task of the President is seen to be a terrible burden then we are doing something wrong. It certainly is a way of getting a lot of emails. However, it is in our control as to how much of a burden it is (or is not).

The Directors are working on this but I still want to encourage members to keep sending me their thoughts and let's keep the conversation going. I promise that in the new year we will come back with a way forward.

Another week now until our big birthday bash and thanks to those working hard behind the scenes to make it happen. It was nice that we did receive some profile in the Weekender (front page) and as a consequence a lot of (non Rotary) people asked me about it. Maybe we should celebrate our birthday each year from now on.

On that note I look forward to seeing you all next Monday night.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Christmas Function, 11 December

Members are reminded that those attending the Christmas Function will need to pay Treasurer Martin in advance. Also attendees should bring along lots of gold coins for the putting competition and table raffles.

RYLA

Ann Nicholas announced that RYLA will be held in February and 1 or 2 volunteers will be required to support this effort.

Fun'raiser

Katrina Allison reported that the Fun'raiser raised about \$72k which will be shared equally amongst 8 worthy charities in Rotorua. Next year's event will likely be an evening function.

Tree Planting

Details will be provided in the near future.

Hawkes Bay Cycling

This is a social weekend organised for the 10/11 February. Please let Russell Dale know if you are interested.

FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

"Note" of the Week, Fergus Cumming

As of 30 December 2016 there were 34 wild polio cases recorded in the year. As of today only 16 have been reported this year, all in Pakistan.

Up and Coming

Club meeting	11 December	15 January
Guest speaker	No meeting.	Harold Holmes Awards
Introduction	Christmas Function	Murray Patchell
Vote of thanks		John Powell
Club speaker		Ann Nicholas
Fellowship badges		Doug Clemens

Guest Speaker, Faustinah Ndlovu

Faustinah is the local coordinator for the Achilles International chapter and she spoke about how this organization supports athletes with disabilities in participating in mainstream sports events. This can take the form of training/coaching, guiding the blind building confidence and making new connections. Founded in 1983, Achilles International has been championed in New Zealand since 2000 by Peter Loft. It has affiliations with a number of marathons including Rotorua, Taupo, Huntly and even supported 23 athletes in attending the New York Marathon this year.

Club Speaker, Roger Willard

Roger related his involvement the Ministry around the housing crisis and what can be done to ameliorate it. He had strong views on the inadequacies of current systems for the building code, its application by Councils as well as in-built inefficiencies. His plea was for Government to initiate efforts to address all of the problem areas in a comprehensive way.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Ursula Dunn, 6 December
Dennis Neilson, 15 December
Katrina Allison, 20 December
Bruce Rykers, 2 January
Roger Willard, 14 January
Allen Foote, 15 January
Peter Spurdle, 15 January.

Quote of the week		Russell Dale
Fining officer		Tom Davies
Room set-up (PowerPoint)		Barry Lane (Yes)

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
December	11	Christmas Function	RGC	Katrina and Robyn
	18	No meeting		
	25	Christmas Day – no meeting		
January	1	New Years Day – no meeting		
	8	No meeting		
	15	Harold Holmes Scholarship		
	22			
	29	Auckland Anniversary – no meeting		
February	5			
	10/11	Hawkes Bay Cycling	Hawkes Bay	Russell Dale
	12			
	19			
	26			
March	5			
	12	School Leaders		
	19			
	24-25	Swim The Lake		Katrina Allison / Barry Lane
	26			
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	9			
	16			
	23			
	30			
May	7			
	14			
	21			
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		