



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 19 March 2018

Dear fellow Rotarians and Friends

What a wonderful weekend at Lake Okataina. A great job by Katrina, Barry, Russell D and the boat and shore based teams. On a day like Sunday it was an absolute picture and although not a swimmer myself I can see why it is so popular. With the substantial time it takes to lay the course it is as much a fellowship activity as it is a fundraiser. I am not sure of how many swimmers we had but we could easily have handled ten times the number and it would still have worked well. Katrina noted that we might explore some different times to better fit with swimming timetables.

The list keeps on going with Circus Quirkus coming up, gardening, tree planting in a couple of months time at Murray Patchell's residence (with BBQ). This will be an all Rotorua Club event.

Further congratulations to Katrina and the other trustees of the Fun'raiser event (former long lunch) for working through a complete refresh of the approach the trustees are taking to oversight and directing the event moving forward. No doubt Katrina will keep us informed as it shapes up.

Great to have 86% of the members present on Monday. It was a buzzy meeting.

Next week I will be away and I am sorry to miss one of the highlights of the year. That is the school leaders telling us about themselves and their plans for the future. PP Anne will be presiding.

No Presidents Pen next week unless someone else gets the urge.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Russell**

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Ian Riseley

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Leonie Tisch

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### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Club Champions Needed

Ann Nicholas is looking for project champions to coordinate the following events:

- **Rotorua School Leaders Lunch** This lunch will be held at our meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March. We need a willing volunteer to liaise with the schools about numbers and names attending.
- **Circus Quirkus** Circus Quirkus will be held at 6pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Rotorua Girls High School hall. This is a major fund raiser for the club and is a great project to be involved with. Ray Bloomfield volunteered to arrange volunteers for the night and liaise with Martin leading up to the event.
- **Gardening** at Janice Scott's on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- **Polio Swim** 25<sup>th</sup> March. Katrina to seek sponsorship from members.
- **Fashion Show** Ian Pound mentioned that he and his partner Mel are holding a fundraiser on the Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March to help raise funds for St Chads Church. He has invited members to attend a Fashion Show at the Sudima Hotel at 1:00 pm.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Guest Speaker, Barbara Walker

Barbara is lead Chaplain at Hawkes Bay DHB. The title of her speech "Making a Difference" was appropriate given that Barbara has devoted her life to helping others throughout the world. She paid tribute to her parents who instilled a strong work ethic in their children. She grew up in rural NZ and at the age of 13 whilst attending a Bible Class she heard God's calling to go nursing.

Barbara's first trip overseas was to the Thai-Cambodian border where she helped to build a hospital out of bamboo and plastic. This was her introduction to disaster nursing. She worked for World Vision in Somalia to help set up a camp for 80,000 people and learned about

female circumcision and how to perform glaucoma operations. In 1983 she went to the Afghanistan/Pakistan border and worked in a Mission Hospital. In 1984 she went to Ethiopia at the height of the famine where she worked alongside Rotarians, Dr Kathy Hamlin. Barbara has also worked in Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania and Mozambique. In between she completed a masters in Medical Anthropology. When she returned to NZ, Barbara worked in Hokianga and then in Milton. In 2009 she trained to be a Hospital Chaplain and now at the age of 67, being a Chaplain is the "Icing on the Cake" after a lengthy and interesting career that has led her into some of the world's most conflicted countries.

### Club Speaker, Tony Baker

Tony recounted his involvement with motorcycling and the Ulysses Motorcycle Club. Tony's motorcycling started on his retirement in 1995 with the acquisition of Honda GoldWing which he still has today. The Ulysses Motorcycle Club started in Australia in 1983 with the aim of "providing ways in which older motorcyclists can get together for companionship and mutual support". Its motto is, "Grow Old Disgracefully" and members must be over 50 years of age to join Ulysses. New Zealand currently has over 9,700 members in 30 Branches throughout the country.

### Quote of the Week, Kierin Irvine

"What do you get the man who has everything? Might suggest a gravestone inscribed with the words So What!"  
Banksy

"Saying one thing and doing another is hypocrisy. Saying many things and doing nothing, that's democracy." Banksy

### BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

No birthdays.

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	19 March	26 March
Guest speaker	School Leaders Presentations	Brian Richardson, Rocks and Rope
Introduction		Peter Spurdle
Vote of thanks		Tony Baker
Club speaker		Ray Bloomfield
Fellowship badges	Kieran Irvine	Barry Lane
Quote of the week	Barry Lane	Robyn Murphy
Fining officer		Denis Marriner
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Peter Spurdle	Margriet Theron

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
March	19	School Leaders	RGC	Ann Nicholas
	26	Brian Richardson	RGC	Garth Wilson
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	9			
	16			
	23			
May	30			
	7			
	14			
	21			
	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28			
June	4	Queens Birthday – no meeting		
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		