



# Rotary Club of Rotorua PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 07 May 2018

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#### **Club Meetings**

Mondays at 12.30 pm (except public holidays) Rotorua Golf Club, 399 Fenton Street, Rotorua. Dear Rotarians,

A familiar theme I am afraid. Thanks to Allen and the team for covering for me on Monday.

It was pleasing to see many members putting their names down for the roles required to keep the Club moving for next year. Spread across the Club we minimize the amount of work required per person and maximize the results we achieve in terms of serving the community and supporting each other in fellowship.

If you have not put your name forward as yet, please do so.

I had a great catch-up with Tony last week as he took me through several of the tasks that he has been looking after over the years. The archives are an amazing record of our club over the years and what a great job he, Garth and John have done to get these into order. Our task is to ensure all this great work is sustained. Keeping our special events recorded, our bulletins and the Club Minutes retained is important not only for us but to respect the work others have done over the last 90 years.

I had not realized that we had two time-capsules. One quietly aging in the vaults of the new Library. The other at 1176 Amohau Street, buried in the ground, identified on a plaque secured to a large rock. What would we put in one today? A smart phone which in 50 years' time will no doubt be viewed much as we would view a wall phone today, one of those where you turned the handle to charge it and shared a party-line. And if you can recall those, then we definitely have an aging membership. To have to admit to owning a smart phone with more computing power than was used to run the Apollo mission and to confess to using it to send smiley faces to each other is an interesting portrait of our world today.

For all those heading off on their overseas jaunts, I wish you well, safe travels, and safe return.

I also hope you enjoy the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" on Saturday.

Yours in Rotary,
President Russell

# UP AND COMING DUTIES

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty, please contact Sergeant Barry - 021 741 264

Club Meeting	07 May April	14 May 2018
Guest Speaker	Kierin Irvine	Jodie Lawson
Introduction	Ray Bloomfield	Garth Wilson
Vote of Thanks	Bryce Dunn	Tom Davies
Club Speaker	Ann Nicholas	Martin Kinder
Fellowship & Badges	Robin Findon	Kierin Irvine
Quote of the Week	Fergus Cumming	Ian Pound
Fining Officer	Russell Dale	John Powell
Room Set-up	John Heaton	Bruce Rykers
Power Point	Yes	Yes

# NOTICES & REMINDERS

## **Circus Quirkus**

Circus Quirkus will be held at 6pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Rotorua Girl's 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.





Registrations close on May 14, 2018 at 23:59pm



Ray Bloomfield 1<sup>st</sup> May Helen Patchell 1<sup>st</sup> May

### **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**

 Richard Pryce reported that there had been a good response to the planning of "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner" on 5 May 2018. He will be in touch with hosts and guests to provide them with the ground rules.

# **International Youth Exchange**

 Past-President Allen Foote reminded the Club that we have not participated in International Youth Exchanges for the past few years.

## Quotes from P.P. Allen Foote

- If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is compromise. – Robert Fritz.
- Visions are exhilarating. They create the spark, the excitement that lifts the organization out of the mundane. Peter Senge.

#### Katrina & Bob Allison's Travels

If you wish to follow Bob & Katrina's travels, go to Katrina's Facebook: "Katrina Allison"

#### **Driver Directions**

Please make yourself available on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. Contact Garth Wilson: garth.jan@clear.net.nz

# Guest Speaker - Beatriz Bae

Beatriz Bae is a Year 13 student from the Philippines, studying at Rotorua Girls' High School. She and her twin brother accompanied their mother Emily to Rotorua in July 2016 when she came to Toi Ohomai to study towards a Post-Graduate Diploma in Health Care Management. Leaving two elder brothers and all her friends in the Philippines was a nightmare. It was also a new experience to be separated from her brother who is attending Rotorua Boys' High School. She decided that she had to be positive and independent and started volunteering in school and community activities. She entered the 2017 Waikato Culinary Fare and won a gold medal. Without knowing any of the rules she joined the school's hockey team with a borrowed stick. To be financially independent



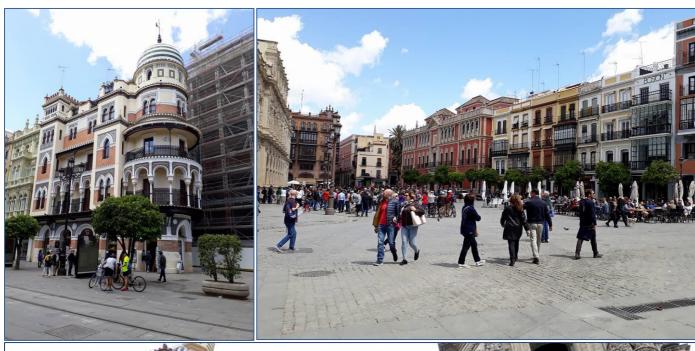
she holds down two part-time jobs, at Coupland's Bakery and Dunkin Donuts. This year she became the Chairperson of CATCH (Cultural Awareness to Create Harmony), a strong club at RGHS with international students and the daughters of migrants as its members. She is also a member of the school's Zonta Club, is a finalist as a Cultural Youth Leader in the Rotorua OneChance Youth Awards, and has been co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee of the Rotorua Multicultural Council. Next year she hopes to study Nursing at Toi Ohomai. She hopes that she and her family will be allowed to stay on in New Zealand if her mother's application to Immigration NZ for a work visa as a skilled migrant is approved.

# Club Speaker - Mark Gould

Mark has travelled widely and to attend both photography and Rotary International events. He believes in the need for a good travel agent to help you find the best deals and most interesting destinations. On his way to a Rotary International Assembly in Calgary in Canada he missed a connection in Honolulu – a bit of a problem as he had no USA visa. Once a corporate group from Pepsi Cola offered him a ride in the company limousine. This resulted in long delays while the driver tried to find a hotel which had changed its name. He has very fond memories of a flight to London in the supersonic Concord airliner. His concluding advice was to have a spare set of clothing in a carry-on bag – just in case your bags are sent to Oakland instead of Auckland.

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	7/8	Gardening at Janice Scott"s	16 Kahurangi Drive	Ian Pound
	9	Club Forum	"Club future"	
	16	Johannes Tietze	TxT my LUNCH	
	23	Kath Peebles	Parliament Support person	
	30	Redellie Beatriz Rae	Experience as an International student	
May	5	Guess who's Coming to Dinner		Richard Pryce
	7	Kierin Irvine	Small Boat Cruising in Alaska 2017	
	14	Jodie Lawson	Driver Directions	Garth
	21	Mark Gould	Classification Talk	
	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28			
June	4	Queen's Birthday	No Meeting	
	11	Grant Utteridge		
	18	John Gifford		
	25	Change over - evening		





Bob & Katrina's Travels - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2018
I find Seville to be a mixture of old and new architecture. At times it feels strange (odd), however it makes it so interesting. Have walked the streets today and taken a bus tour. Interrupted by a cappuccino and croissant napolitana. The jambon, bread and pastries are divine. Beer is cheaper than water and the Vino tinto smooth.