



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 25 June 2018

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### Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.

Well done Garth for your story today of close encounters of the royal kind. It sounds like many others had their royal stories to tell as well. I was intrigued with Garth's comments about not being of the aristocracy. Of course we mere colonials are not inhibited to going to Royal Events or sweat the protocols. Where others may fear to tread we colonials just wander on in. I also enjoyed the Allison's of Arabia story as well. This shows what rich stories we have from within our own club.

Following the royal theme. Of course it is not long since we had the Queen's Birthday holiday. I was intrigued when living in England that although the 'birthday' was acknowledged, it was not a holiday just the day when the Queen has to stand on a podium and inspect the Horse Guard. The reason it is in June is that it is in summer when the weather is typically warm enough to stand around on a podium for a period of time. It used to be on the actual Monarch's birthday. Edward VII, changed it as his birthday is in November in mid-winter when it would be less pleasant to inspect the military. Also the Horse Guards' bearskins might get damp! Never let it be said that going to Rotary is not an educational experience.

There has been strong suggestions that we should change Queen's Birthday to something more relevant to New Zealand such as celebrating Matariki. This may mean having to take a month's holiday instead. I wonder what the productivity commission would say to that!

A few days to our 'change-over'. It looks like we will have a good turnout and some fun and important occasions to celebrate as well. I am really impressed when we listed out all the projects we are involved in and members were quick to put their name to these. I will copy this out and have it as a hand out on Monday next along with the meeting Chairs for each month.

Yours in Rotary,

**President Russell**

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

### Driver Directions

After 8 years of Driver Directions being at the Taupo Raceway we have at long last managed to secure the Mamaku KartSport Track for all future Rotorua Driver Directions courses for young drivers.

Rotarian helpers names please to Garth Wilson for: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th July . Plus, we need 3 or 4 helpers on set - up day being Monday 9th July.

### All President's meeting

President Russell reported that the Rotorua club presidents had agreed to hold several joint activities during the coming year to support inter-club connectedness. Our Speech Contest is earmarked to be one of them.

## FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### Guest Speaker, Garth Wilson

Garth recounted the beginnings of his professional life and how that led him to Royalty. He embarked to Australia with a friend by ship where he worked as an engineer for 27 months before taking on the UK. He first lived in Hampstead in London where he met Jan, his future wife – she was living in the same building.

However the London engineering firm he worked for had a strong association with a prominent architect firm and Garth was assigned to work with one of their top architects, one Richard Windsor, also known as Prince Richard of Gloucester. They developed a strong relationship as workmates, with Garth and Jan even attending Prince Richard's wedding party at Kensington Palace. Prince Richard went on to become Duke of Gloucester as the following excerpt from Wikipedia attests:

**Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester, KG, GCVO, GCStJ, SSI** (*Richard Alexander Walter George; born 26 August 1944*) is the youngest grandchild of King

*George V and Queen Mary. He practised as an architect until the death of his elder brother placed him in direct line to inherit his father's dukedom of Gloucester, which he inherited, as the second duke, in 1974. He is currently 26th in the line of succession to the British throne as well as the first in line not descended from King George VI. He is also the senior male line descendant of three British monarchs: Victoria, Edward VII and George V.*

As Garth said, it was indeed a close brush with Royalty!



### Club Speaker, Bob Allison

Bob shared some pictures and narrative from his recent trip with Katrina through Morocco. The food was delicious, the culture interesting and the shopping excellent. Too bad it had to end after only 13 days.

### Quote of the Week, Barry Lane

"If you can't perform a duty at the weekly meeting then it is up to you to find a replacement." Rotary Guide to How Things are Done

## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

Lauri Clemens, 23 June

## Up and Coming

Club meeting	25 June	2 July
Guest speaker	No meeting – Changeover at 6:00 for 6:30pm, RGC	Grant Utteridge, Rotorua – a city of trails
Introduction		Katrina Allison
Vote of thanks		Russell Dale
Club speaker		Robin Findon
Fellowship badges		Barry Lane
Quote of the week		Dennis Neilson
Fining officer		Richard Pryce
Room set-up (PowerPoint)		Bob Allison

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
June	25	Change over - evening		
July	2	Grant Utteridge	Rotorua – a city of trails	Garth
	9	Mike Gray	Sailing in Antarctica	Garth
	16			
	23	Sandra Velarde	Homeward bound	Garth