



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 16 July 2018

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Guest Speakers, Mike Gray and Jeannie Bright

Mike and Jeannie presented a pictorial travelogue of their sailing adventure to the Antarctic Peninsula earlier this year. Departing from Ushuaia Argentina in early January, the five week excursion aboard the motorised sailing yacht *Spirit of Sydney* had a crew of seven paying customers plus the captain and first mate (who was also the boat owner).

The 800 km journey down through the Drake Passage took about five days, but fortunately the weather was relatively calm. The crew was organised into three hour watches that were maintained 24/7. While conditions were somewhat cramped the people got on remarkably well.



Once at the peninsula, they sailed to various islands and visited several research bases. They kayaked, tramped, camped and generally explored the many sights on offer. There was a lot of wildlife to observe including whales, seals, penguins and many other bird species. It was a truly inspiring trip of a lifetime.

Club Speaker, John Heaton

John based his talk on his experiences of visiting Amsterdam over the years. He recounted the number of sites in this historic city including the canals, the Rijksmuseum, the Royal palace, the Van Gogh museum, Anne Frank house, etc. Of particular interest was the neighbouring Aalsmeer flower market, the largest in the world with over 8 million square feet of space.

He and Rona also embarked on a wonderful 15-day river cruise from Amsterdam enjoying 5-star amenities as they wended their way through lots of historic cities and over 60 locks.

Quote of the Week, Ann Nicholas

“Every day may not be good but there is something good in every day.” Alice Earle

“It can be said that optimism that while sometimes mistaken, is never sadly mistaken.” Robert Brault

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Tree Planting, 28 July

As indicated at the last meeting, we are anticipating the tree planting to be held on the Saturday, 28 July. Location at the Patchell Ranch on Dalbeth Rd. The plan is to assemble about 1:30pm, plant about 200 trees (and some flaxes) and then enjoy fellowship around a barbeque. Bring your own contributions to the barbeque and drinks as needed. We will need to do some releasing so also bring a grubber

and a spade, boots etc. If you could please advise Russell Burton if you plan on coming with the number of people attendees. More details closer to the time.

Speech Contest, 13 August

Peter Spurdle notified the club that the Speech Contest will be held at the Rydges Hotel on Monday, 28 August. This will be an evening meeting and all of the Rotorua clubs will be urged to attend. The meeting plus meal will cost \$35 per person and partners and family are invited to attend. Peter is working with Jan Miller of the Toastmasters Club on the detail of the event and those intending to attend please sign up with Peter.

District Governor Visit

The DG’s visit will be held on 21 August with all of the Rotorua clubs present. Sunrise club will host the event.

BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES

None

Up and Coming

| Club meeting | 16 July | 23 July |
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| Guest speaker | Marie Scott – St Johns Rotorua | Sandra Velarde – Homeward Bound |
| Introduction | Doug Clemens | Fergus Cumming |
| Vote of thanks | Bryce Dunn | Allen Foote |
| Club speaker | Kierin Irvine | Martin Kinder |
| Fellowship badges | Dennis Neilson | Ann Nicholas |
| Quote of the week | Murray Patchell | Ian Pound |
| Fining officer | Roger Willard | Garth Wilson |
| Room set-up (PowerPoint) | Katrina Allison | Russell Burton |

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

| Month | Date | Activity | Location/Comment | Contact |
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| July | 2 | Grant Utteridge – Rotorua, city of trails | RGC | Garth |
| | 9 | Mike Gray - Sailing to Antarctica | RGC | Garth |
| | 10/11 | Drivers Directions | OffRoad NZ, Mamaku | Garth |
| | 16 | Marie Scott – St Johns Rotorua | RGC | Garth |
| | 23 | Sandra Velarde – Homeward Bound | RGC | Garth |
| | 28 | Tree planting | Murray Patchell's place | Russell B |
| | 30 | | | |
| August | 6 | | | |
| | 13 | Speech contest | Rydges Hotel | Peter S |
| | 21 | DG visit | With Sunrise Club | Russell B |
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| June | 3 | Queens Birthday – no meeting | | |
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| | 24 | Changeover evening | | |