



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 10 December 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

Chairman – Russell Burton

Russell welcomed members and guests. He then made a number of announcements:

- Expressed concern for Ashwin's illness over the weekend and wished him a speedy recovery.
- Indicated that nominations are now open for District Governor for 2021/22. Contact Russell if interested.
- Encouraged members to volunteer for the Trees of Remembrance activity on 23 December.

Guest Speaker, Omar Rehbi Al Omari

Omar was introduced by Margriet who recounted his journey from Palestine to Saudi Arabia where he met his wife Lily Joy and then to New Zealand. Omar arrived as a refugee but now has full NZ citizenship. He and his wife have recently sold their restaurant, Teal Kitchen.

Omar gave an informative talk on the situation in Gaza, particularly concerning the hardships from the sanctions placed by Israel and Egypt on this small area of Palestinian control. After the serious conflicts with Israel in 2008 and 2014, over 45% of all the buildings in Gaza have been destroyed or rendered inhabitable. Gazans are self sufficient in food but little else.

The 1.8 million inhabitants have to survive on only 4-5 hours per day of electricity which is provided by diesel generators. This has affected all aspects of life in Gaza with only two of the three hospitals operational and then at only 40% capacity. This has created many health issues both mental and physical with cancer rates rising rapidly.

Omar indicated that all Palestinians seek peace particularly along the lines agreed in the 1967 UN Peace Agreement which called for a two-state solution and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the West Bank and Gaza. Of course, this has not happened and the US support of Israel has allowed them to prosper and take the upper hand in the dispute.

AGM

The minutes from last year's AGM were accepted then President Russell gave his Presidential Address outlining the highlights of the 2017/18 year, such as:

- Community projects like the hospital garden,
- Assisting with activities like the Weetbix Tryathlon,
- Participating in the Fund'raiser long lunch event,
- Holding the club's 90th birthday party,
- Putting on fellowship activities like the many bike rides,
- Continuing to develop the new club governance model and acknowledging its successes.

Treasurer Martin then presented the club and charitable trust accounts for approval.

Overall both are in good shape with adequate surpluses. President Russell then proposed a vote of thanks to Martin for his continued good efforts as treasurer.



Quote of the week – Mark Gould

Live each day as if your life had just begun.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Christmas Party

Mark Gould reminded club members to prepay \$40 for their attendance at the Christmas Party scheduled for 17 December. Members are reminded to bring along about 3 cans or packets of non-perishable food to the next club meeting so the club can give a donation to the Salvation Army. Members were also asked to bring a \$5-\$10 soft toy unwrapped. The cost for the Christmas Function is \$40:00 each. There are 5 hams to be raffled.

Trees of Remembrance

Russell Burton is seeking the help of club members for the Trees of Remembrance community project this Xmas. So far he has 8 but would like more to join in. Volunteers are required for 2 hours (best 2 volunteers per session) at 10am, noon, 2 pm and 4pm. Our day is Sunday 23rd December. Please advise Russell if you can assist.

Birthday Best Wishes

6 December, Ursula Dunn

UP AND COMING

Club meeting	10 December	17 December
Guest speaker	Rory O'Rourke - Age Concern	Christmas Party. 6pm at Rotorua Golf Club
Introduction	Bruce Rykers	
Vote of thanks	Roger Willard	
Club speaker	Garth Wilson	

Fellowship badges	Katrina Allison	
Quote of the week	John Heaton	
Fining officer	Robyn Murphy	
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Fergus Cumming (yes)	

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

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
December	Disease Prevention & Treatment Month	Club Meeting Chair: Russell Burton
10	Rory O'Rourke - Age Concern	
17	Christmas Function	
24	No Meeting – Christmas break	
31	No Meeting – Christmas break	
January	Vocational Service Month	Club Meeting Chair: Richard Pryce
71	No Meeting –Christmas break	
14	Harold Holmes Award	
21	Meeting	
28	No Meeting – Anniversary Day	
February	Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution Month	Club Meeting Chair: Ann Nicholas
4	Meeting	
11	Meeting	
18	Meeting	
25	Meeting	
March	Water & Sanitation Month	Club Meeting Chair: Barry Lane
4	Meeting	
10	Swim the Lakes	
11	Meeting	
18	School leaders lunch	
25	Meeting	
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April	Maternal & Child Health Month	Club Meeting Chair: Kierin Irvine
1	No Meeting	
7	Daylight saving ends	
8	Meeting	
15	Meeting	
22	No Meeting – Easter	
29	Meeting	
May	Youth Service Month	Club Meeting Chair: TBA
6	Meeting	
13	Meeting	

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20	Meeting	
27	Meeting	
June	Rotary Fellowships Month	Club Meeting Chair: TBA
3	No Meeting – Queen’s Birthday	
10	Speech Contest	
17	Club Meeting	
24	Changeover	