



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 11 February 2019

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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 – Ann Nicholas

Ann welcomed members after a Monday off for the Auckland Anniversary weekend.

Classification speech – Ashwin Jaiswal

Ashwin was born in a small village in Rajasthan, India but grew up with an extended family of 46 just outside Mumbai. He claims this taught him how to live with others. He gained university qualifications in electronics and communication leading to his first job with a small company in India. As his skills in computer science were in great demand internationally, he was urged to work overseas. At first, he resisted preferring to be with his family, but his parents said they were proud of what he had achieved and encouraged him to “spread his wings”.



He thus secured a position in Germany where he spent eight years. His first experience in Germany taught him resilience and resourcefulness as he was not met by anyone at the Munich airport as arranged. He spent 17 hours there with only \$100 in his pocket with no contacts to help.

On returning to India he spent time with his parents over the next 10 years, though his mother died in 2012. From her he learned how to love. He also learned much from his father, a cardiologist, who lived a clean life and was respected by all who knew him. Together they taught him to “go with your heart”.

Ashwin is currently pursuing a PhD in Telecommunications from Toi Ohomai to add to his MBA. He has a wife who is an artist and whose meticulous work has shown him the value of patience. Philosophically he feels that one must learn from negative experiences and understand that life is a journey where we all travel in different ways and to different places.

Club Speaker – Robyn Murphy

Robyn lived in Oregon, USA for 11 years where she had the opportunity to attend Oregon State University. She explained how OSU was established under the land-grant university scheme initiated in the late nineteenth century. Her 10 week course under the OSU Extension Services instructed her in master gardening and allowed her to participate in the volunteer Master Gardener Program. The 3,000 volunteers donated over 200,000 hours of time managing community and demonstration gardens, offering public gardening classes and running plant clinics.

Quote of the week – Barry Lane

“I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to the department store and Santa asked for my autograph.” Shirley Temple

If two wrongs don't make a right – try three.” Cyric

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Swim the Lakes

Katrina Allison is working hard to make this event a success on 10. She and her team are currently seeking sponsorship for the event, hoping to raise at least \$500.

RFE from York

The club will be hosting an RFE team of 12 from York, England in March. They arrive from Tauranga on Monday 25 March and are passed onto a Napier club on Thursday 28 March. Margriet has organised an itinerary for the team and met with volunteers after the club meeting.

Gardening project

Robyn Murphy is seeking volunteers for the next gardening project to help tidy up Elaine Hill's place on either the 23rd or 24th of February.

Birthday Best Wishes

9 February, Juleen Foote

UP AND COMING

Club meeting	11 February	18 February
Guest speaker	Greg Harris, Implications of Proposed Capital Gains Tax	Julian Dean, The World of Cycling
Introduction	Garth Wilson	Bob Allison
Vote of thanks	Katrina Allison	Russell Burton
Club speaker	Russell Burton	Doug Clemens
Fellowship badges	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Quote of the week	Aswin Jaiswal	Martin Kinder
Fining officer	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Murray Patchell	Peter Spurdle

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

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
February	Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution Month	Club Meeting Chair: Ann Nicholas
11	Meeting – Greg Harris, Implications of Proposed Capital Gains Tax	
18	Meeting – Julian Dean, The World of Cycling	
23 or 24	Gardening - Elaine Hill property	
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 (York RFE team arrives)	
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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	
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	