



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 4 March 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 – Barry Lane

Barry, standing in for Ann Nicholas, welcomed members and guests. He reminded the club that Rotary was 114 years old on Saturday past – Happy Birthday Rotary!. He also announced that Derek Lang has joined the club after 24 years at Rotorua West. Derek indicated that he finds an afternoon meeting more preferable to an evening meeting these days. Welcome Derek!

Guest Speaker – Simon Cornwall

Simon is currently a Presbyterian minister at St Johns in Rotorua where he has been for just over a year having come from Tauranga. However, he spoke on his experiences from his former life with the Mercy ship movement which provides ship-bound medical services to deprived areas around the world.

From 1980 to 1987 Simon served as the chef on the M/V Anastasis, at that time the flagship of the Mercy ships operated by the Ministry of Youth with a Mission (YWAM). This 12,000 tonne ex-passenger liner was repurposed for hosting over 300 medical staff and supporters and over its service life from 1978 to 2007 visited 275 ports in 23 countries treating countless poor and underprivileged children and adults. Simon even met his wife during this time and had their first child. The flagship now is the Africa Mercy which is currently berthed in Benin for seven months until June 2019.

Simon has also been involved with Marine Reach which was born out of the YWAM movement and is based in Tauranga. Its focus is on the Pacific islands where it provides free medical, dental, and optical care with four smaller ships. The newest ship, Pacific Hope, is supporting the build of a medical facility in Vanuatu. Apparently, it is often cheaper and more effective to bring in medical volunteers to land-based operations than to those onboard a ship. At any, rate the wonderful work that the Mercy ship programmes undertake is real credit to all those involved.



“Club” Speaker – Ray Oakley

Ray is a member of Rotorua West and is seeking support for the upcoming Road Safety Youth Expo that Rotary sponsors along with the Council, Police, St Johns and others. It will be held from 11-14 March at the Events Centre and operate morning and afternoon sessions each day. Over 1300 year 11 students are expected to attend where they will be instructed for an hour then free to experience an number of interactive displays. Rotarians who can help out at one of the sessions (lunch and coffee provided), please get in touch with Ray on 027 497 5732 or ray.oakley@xtra.co.nz.



Robyn Murphy

Robin thanked all those that helped with the gardening on Saturday. However Elaine Hill's garden still needs a bit more work so Robyn is looking for volunteers on either 9 or 16 March for a follow-up visit. Please contact Robyn if you are available.

Margriet Theron

Margriet announced the Rotorua Multicultural Council will be inducted into the Rotorua North club this Wednesday as an organisational member. She urged members to come along – 5:30pm start, venue Holiday Inn, \$25 for dinner.

Movie and a Meal

Richard Pryce has organised a movie (Free Solo) at the Basement theatre

followed by a meal at a local restaurant for 5:30pm 13 March. Tickets are \$10 so be in quick as there are only seats for 23!

Quote of the week – Garth Wilson

“A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning to grow in a row.” Doug Larson

“Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them.” AA Milne

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Swim the Lakes

Katrina Allison is working hard to make this event a success on 10 March and ably assisted by Barry Lane. A Japanese film crew will be coming along to record their five swimmers. Plus an eat street restaurant will be on hand with victuals while the Rotorua Aquatic centre will provide inflatable floats for children's entertainment.

RFE from York

The club will be hosting an RFE team of 12 from York, arriving from Tauranga on Monday 25 March and passing onto a Napier club on Thursday 28 March. Margriet Theron has organised an itinerary for the team.

District Governor

District is calling for nominations for the DG for 2021-2022 period. Nominations are due by February 28 so if there is any interest with members they need to get back to President Russell as soon as possible.

Birthday Best Wishes

None

UP AND COMING

Club meeting	4 March	11 March
Guest speaker	Andrew Orme – Classification speech	Rochelle Mills
Introduction	Russell Burton	Katrina Allison
Vote of thanks	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Club speaker	Doug Clemens	Richard Pryce
Fellowship badges	Allen Foote	Mark Gould
Quote of the week	Barry Lane	Derek Lang
Fining officer	Ann Nicholas	Andrew Orme
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Garth Wilson	Bob Allison

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

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
March	Water & Sanitation Month	Club Meeting Chair: Barry Lane
4	Meeting - Andrew Orme, Classification speech	
10	Swim the Lakes	
11	Meeting – Rochelle Mills	
18	School leaders lunch	
25	Meeting (York RFE team arrives)	
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	