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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 – Kierin Irvine

Kierin welcomed members and guests. He acknowledged our winning team at the recent Rotary Quiz night - Richard and Mary Pryce, Roger Willard and Martin Craven. Well done team!!

Brett Marvelly gave a brief plea for support of his fundraising participation in the Rotorua Marathon. He is seeking sponsorship pledges that will go toward the Hospice trust fund setup while he was president of the Rotorua West club back in 2012. See Peter Spurdle for details.

Classification Speech – Derek Lang

Derek gave a fulsome account of his life and achievements starting with his birth in Torquay UK on 28 December 1937, some 81 years ago. Derek and his family arrived in New Zealand by plane in 1948 which was quite an endeavor back then. After a brief stop in Hamilton, his builder father got a job in Hawera building state houses where Derek completed his schooling.

In April 1955 he began his apprenticeship in a pharmacy and a pharmaceutical career that spanned over 50 years. Derek married his wife, Joan, in 1963 and soon after shifted to Rotorua. He started ownership of his well-known pharmacy on Ranolf Street on 1 April 1973 which operated for 33 years closing in 2006.

Derek has served on many organisations over the years starting with the camera club and JC's in Hawera but also the Rotorua Yacht club, Model Aero club and Rotorua Diabetes NZ branch. In Rotary, he has served as president, secretary and treasurer of the Rotorua West club as well as several District roles. His service to Rotary was recognised with a PHF. His significant involvement with St John over some 34 years resulted in a Knighthood from that organisation, bestowed by the Governor General in 1991. All in all, a very full life of family, professional and community dedication.



Club Speaker – Russell Dale

Russell's talk was somewhat abbreviated due to time constraints but he did take the opportunity to update members on his growing family – Anna with 1 child and another on the way, Jodie with



2 children and Nicola just home from working in Japan. He also indicated that work has been busy with over \$100k of research projects in the pipeline. These cover much of the forestry value chain from biotechnology innovation like gene editing through to tree harvesting using robotics to get people away from hazardous operations.

RFE from York

Russell Burton thanked the Margriet Theron for her organisational input and the several hosts for looking after this team from the UK. Fergus Cumming related feedback from the team that this was their best visit in New Zealand, especially the lovely evening organised by Robyn Murphy.

Quote of the week – Robyn Murphy

“When I was young and free and imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights

somewhat and decided to change my country, but it too seemed immovable. As I grew into my twilight years in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing my family, those closest to me, but alas they would have none of it. And now, as I lie on my deathbed I suddenly realise: if only I had changed myself then by example I might have changed my family. From their inspiration and encouragement, I would have been able to better my country and who knows I may have changed the world.”

Written on the tomb of an English Bishop, Westminster Abbey, 1100AD

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

Driver Directions

Message from Ray Oakley :

Driver Directions will be held again on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th April at the Mamaku Kartsport track. We have good numbers have registered for both days and will need 7 Rotarians from 8.30am to 3.30pm to assist each day at the reversing, vehicle maintenance and truck stations as well as the kitchen for tea/coffee and BBQ lunch.

Ray can assist with transport to and from Mamaku if needed and tea/coffee and lunch is provided each day. If you are able to help with this worthwhile project for young drivers who have a Learner or Restricted licence it would be appreciated.

Birthday Best Wishes

Mel Davies – 6 April

Pam Dale – 8 April

UP AND COMING

Club meeting	8 April	15 April
Guest speaker	Tatjana Smolic - JustCook4 Healthy Ageing	TBD
Introduction	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Vote of thanks	Bryce Dunn	Robin Findon

Club speaker	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Fellowship badges	Derek Lang	Barry Lane
Quote of the week	Ann Nicholas	Andrew Orme
Fining officer	Peter Spurdle	Roger Willard
Room set-up (PowerPoint)	Russell Dale (yes)	Tom Davies (?)

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

Date	Meeting / Event / Rotary Theme / Chair	
April	Maternal & Child Health Month	Club Meeting Chair: Kierin Irvine
7	Daylight saving ends	
8	Tatjana Smolic – JustCook4 Healthy Aging	
15	Meeting	
16/17	Driver Directions - Rotorua Go Kart Trust site, Mamaku	
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	