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Mondays at 12.30 pm (except public holidays)
Sudima Hotel
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to apologise if unable to attend.

ROTARY CLUB OF ROTORUA (INC)

Monday 9 February 2015



President's Pen

The Club's Directors had their first meeting for 2015 on Monday night and discussed plans for Club activities for the second half of the year. Activities planned include the Bring a Colleague evening this Monday night, the fishing outing on Lake Tarawera followed by a BBQ for Club members, a social biking activity on a popular rail trail in the Karangahake Gorge, the Head Prefects' lunchtime

speaking event, the secondary schools' speech contest, the Waiariki hospitality and forestry awards and a rural visit. We are also supporting the Swim the Lakes event at Lake Okataina in March, the proceeds of which will go to the Big Brother Big Sister cause that we heard about from Darryl Parker on Monday. We will also have our second keynote speaker event at the end of March.

February is also Rotary's birthday month. This year will be Rotary's 110th birthday and it is a tradition of many clubs to celebrate with "The World's Greatest Meal" to raise funds for the end-polio campaign. The Directors agreed to recognise the event by making the BBQ at Lake Tarawera after the fishing competition on Sunday, 8 March a Club family event and making this our "world's greatest meal". Remember that due to the generosity of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation every dollar we raise becomes \$3 to help rid the world of polio.

So it's going to be a busy few months. The Club website maintained so well by Tony Baker has the dates of all of our planned activities.

<http://www.rotaryrotorua.org.nz/?calendar>

And don't forget the District Conference in Rotorua on 8 to 10 May. The organisers are working hard to put on an interesting and social conference. Support this one in Rotorua – no travel or accommodation costs. It will never be cheaper to attend a District Conference. <http://www.9930conference.org/>

Regards

President Russell

FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Notices and reminders

Bring a colleague at 5.30 pm on Monday, 9 February 2015

This Monday the Club will hold the first of a series of keynote speaker evening meetings to which members are invited to bring a non-Rotarian colleague or friend to introduce them to Rotary. Guest speaker Geoff Williams, CEO of Rotorua Lakes Council, will talk about the Council's strategy to grow Rotorua. The programme for the meeting will be:

5.30 pm	Mix and mingle over drinks - cash bar
6 pm	Club business: quote of the day; introductory comments by President Russell; visitors and guests introduced by members; fining session; grace
6.30 pm	Dinner
7.15 pm	Guest speaker and questions
8 pm	Close of the meeting

Please let Peter Spurdle know as soon as possible if you have not already given him the name of your guest. This is for catering purposes and so that name tags can be prepared.

Fishing tournament on Lake Tarawera

The Club is planning a fishing tournament on Lake Tarawera on Sunday, 8 March 2015. Kierin Irvine has found five boat owners who can collectively take ten more members on the trip. Fishing will take place between 10 am and 4 pm followed by a barbecue and prize giving at Stony Point. Please contact Kierin for more information and to let him know if you will be taking part.

International Youth Exchange student hosts needed

Don Macfarlane is seeking one more host family for a student arriving from Austria in July 2015. Carmen Schobert, who will turn 16 in October 2015, speaks good English and has good health with no smoking or drinking habits. Louw and Margriet can host her in July and early August and then again in early 2016. Other periods have been covered. Please let Don know if you can host her in August/September.

Maketu Kaimoana Festival, 14 February 2015

Valentine's Day, 14 February 2015 at the Maketu Sports Ground from noon till 6 pm. Tickets: \$17 for advance sales; \$20 at the gate; \$10 for youth; free for under-5s; from Eventfinda.co.nz or PaperPlus stores. Bring chairs, blanket, and a marquee and spend the day.

Swim the Lake - Okataina

15 March 2015. The Club will be looking for the support of members with boats.

Swim Marathon of the Rotorua Sunrise Rotary Club

This event will be held on 15 February 2015 to raise funds for Polio Plus. Information on the Club's website.

Rotary Concert by the Lake in Matamata

The concert on 22 February 2015 will feature Society Jazzmen and Jamie McDell. Check the website of the Rotary Club of Matamata for details.

Rotaract fundraising for SPCA

10 February 2015 at 5.30 pm at the Redwoods: handing out water and free high-5's to runners and walkers and then raising money at the end of the track from happy and hydrated members of the community.

24 February 2015 at Lone Star Restaurant: Happy Hour for a Cause. Drinks are \$6.50 each with \$1.50 to \$2 each going to the SPCA.



... to Juleen Foote on 9 February
... to Nadene McClay on 11 February
... to Ian Pound on 15 February

From the previous meeting

Quotes from Martyn Craven

I never learned from a man who agreed with me. - Robert A Heinlein.

Winners never quit and quitters never win. - Vince Lombardi.

Guest Speaker Darryl Parker from Big Brothers, Big Sisters

As her retirement project Robin Spurdle got a steering committee together to bring Big Brothers Big Sisters to Rotorua. It is an American organisation whose goal it is to help all children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with volunteer mentors. Darryl was appointed to manage BBBS in Rotorua in November 2014. After living in Spain for 16 years he has been back in NZ for 10 years. He now has 15 vetted mentors and strong support from people such as Robin, Katrina Allison and Melanie Davies. Of the mentors, 12 have completed their training. Darryl's role includes supervising up to 40 matches that will be made in Rotorua. All funding for the local branch has to be raised locally, with the Swim the Lakes event being one of the funding sources. Supporters are encouraged to donate their old cars to BBBS to be sold. The lack of male teachers in NZ schools is affecting boys, and nine out of ten mentor requests are for men. Children get into the programme when they are between 7 and 12 years old; stay typically for at least two years; and can stay until they are 18. The one-hour mentoring sessions typically starts at the house of the child, and include simple activities and outings. Darryl had been involved in social work in Rotorua. His office is at the Police Station and he invited Club members to talk to him if they have a few hours to spare and have skills such as art, woodwork or the outdoors. Activities can be as simple as walking a dog. The children have needs, but not large behavioural needs or problems.

Club Speaker Ray Bloomfield

At home, a new puppy is having a significant impact on the lives of Ray and Pat. At work, Ray has a very busy year ahead with providing clinical training in pastoral care for those new in ministries and hospital chaplaincy. One of his work-related trips will be to Tasmania to learn more about multi-religion pastoral care, an area in which agreed standards are still being developed. He will undertake a ministry trip to the South Island, and is looking forward to further training as President-Elect of the Club. The first President Elect Seminars for 2015/16 Presidents were held in November 2014 for about 18 Clubs each within a geographical region. In March 2015 South Pacific PETS will be held in Auckland for all Presidents-Elect from the six New Zealand Districts which include the Pacific Island Clubs.

Membership Committee Report from Peter Spurdle

The plan is to make the Bring a Colleague evening meeting on 9 February 2015 one of an annual series of meetings with guest speakers who will strengthen the connections between the Club and the business community. A fishing tournament on Tarawera is being organised – see notice above. Cyclists who are interested in a ride in the Karangahake Gorge on 22 March should contact Peter. A Club outing to DriftKartz in Old Taupo Road is being planned. To quote their website: "Our track is designed for full drifting action and full adrenalin fun." There will be another Guess who is Coming to Dinner in June.

Duty roster

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Denis Marriner on 027 478 3106 or denis@dawson.co.nz

Club speakers to advise Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the data projector

	9 February 2015 at 5.30 pm	16 February 2015 at 12.15 pm
Guest Speaker	Geoff Williams, CEO of Rotorua Lakes Council <i>Rotorua 2030 18 months on</i>	Captain Bernard Commons <i>One sailor's yarns</i>
Introduction	Peter Faulkner	Tony Hill
Vote of thanks	Ian McDowell	Kevin O'Connor
President's table	Peter Baars	Tony Baker
Club speaker	President Russell	Russell Burton
Fellowship and badges	Doug Clemens	Martyn Craven
Quote of the week	Fergus Cumming	Tom Davies
Fining officer	Tom Davies	Peter Faulkner
Committee report	Katrina Allison	Bryce Dunn, International

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