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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 9 March 2015

President's Pen



Once again we were privileged to have our schools' Senior Student Leaders for 2015 visit to our Club on Monday and share their personal aspirations for their year as school leaders. We continue to be impressed by the ability of these young people to set goals and to be able to articulate these so well. And to compare our abilities in these areas at a similar age!!!

To investigate a possible merger with the Rotorua Lakes Rotary Club we have formed a working committee of myself, Ray Bloomfield and Martin Kinder to work with Lakes' representatives to explore how this can happen and to prepare a proposal to go to the members of both Clubs by the end of March 2015.

Pam and I were lucky enough to spend the stunning weekend in Napier; the city was buzzing. On Sunday we were able to enjoy the coastal Rotary cycle way along the coast north to Bay View and south towards Havelock North. The three Napier Rotary Clubs, along with the Napier City Council, were instrumental in getting this started and what an amazing asset it is for the city. Flat, well surfaced and suitable for all ages, these trails are a major visitor attraction.

Imagine what an asset a trail around Lake Rotorua would be for locals and visitors alike – with an asset like this Rotorua could truly become the cycling capital of New Zealand. Perhaps we could take a leaf out of the Napier Rotary book and help create a similar asset in Rotorua.

And finally don't forget to return the Rotary Foundation money boxes next week so that we can make our contribution to the Foundation to celebrate RI's birthday.

Regards

President Russell

March is Rotary Literacy Month

Notices and reminders

District 9930 conference

This year's District 9930 conference is being held in Rotorua from 8 to 10 May 2015. Register online at <http://www.9930conference.org/>. The registration fee is \$230 and the speakers will include:

- Jamie Fitzgerald, modern-day pioneer and one of the adventurers in the TV One series, First Crossings.
- Billy Black, professional sheep shearer and developer of NZ's only U-drive jet boat course.
- Alfred Ngaro, a founding member of "Inspiring Communities Exchange Network", which focused on Community-Led-Development.
- Rotary Unplugged, a mix of local Rotorua speakers, recognised at national and international level.

Contact Janine Branson on 021 505081 for more information.

Upcoming Club activities

- Kierin had enough boats but not enough fishermen and women so the fishing tournament and barbecue at Lake Tarawera which had been planned for Sunday, 8 March 2015, have been cancelled.
- Rural visit: we will be meeting in Reporoa on 23 March. Our contact for the visit is Steven Hughes, Deputy Principal at Reporoa College.
- The Rotary Secondary School Speech Competition will be held on 4 May 2015. This year's topic is "Gallipoli and the ANZAC Legend: What does this mean to New Zealanders?"

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. Please let Don know if you can help.

Swim the Lake

Katrina Allison has more information on the swimming event being held on 15 March 2015 at Lake Okataina. The Club needs two boats to help mark the course on Saturday, 14 March 2015 and again from 8.30 am on the Sunday to support the swimmers.

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Peter Faulkner (3 March)
- Barry Lane (8 March)
- Paul Wilson (10 March)
- John Bell (14 March).



Club development: identifying at risk members

All the members of the Club should be aware of at-risk members: those that could be identified as at risk of leaving the Club. Some risk factors are:

- Having been in the Club too long without having been given a job to do.
- Their aspirations and expectations when they joined the Club not being met.

Every member of the Club should have a task, running a project, being a Director or socials organiser. Everyone needs to be challenged and engaged in a meaningful task within the Club. Develop projects that fit the interests of Club members.

Roger Miller, District 9930 Club Development Director

From the previous meeting

Quotes from Peter Faulkner

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. – Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

The problem with being a leader is that you're never sure if you're being followed or chased. – Claire A Murray.

Guest speakers: Head Prefects from the Secondary Schools

Arvin Pingol, Head Boy of John Paul College, has been to a Summer Science School. He wants students to take a greater pride in their school and to enhance the school's spirit, with Year 7 students interacting confidently with the Year 13 students by developing a buddy programme. They want to raise \$10,000 for community charities. He wants to improve his time management skills, and study Medicine or Engineering at the University of Auckland.

Rebecca Colby, Head Girl of John Paul College, emphasised the theme of the school: through adversity to the stars. She attended a Lasallian youth leadership camp in Sydney recently. She helps to organise and run the breakfasts at Sunset Primary School. This year she wants to achieve the Speech NZ Associate Diploma in Public Speaking and then she wants to study Law or Engineering at the University of Auckland.

Suitenesa Falanai, Head Girl of Western Heights High School went to St Michael's Catholic School and then to Kaitao Middle School. He is a member of the Rotorua Lakes Council's Youth Council and has a passion for sport. She has played rugby for the Bay of Plenty and would like to become a police officer. Next year she plans to study Sociology and Psychology at Waikato University.

Masiu Vainikolo, Head Boy of Western Heights High School, was born in Rotorua. He has sailed on the Spirit of Adventure and is heavily involved in the Pacific Island Community. He plays volleyball, and touch rugby, and has participated in a national AFL tournament. He wants to be a positive role model for young students. He would like to study Sports Management at the Universities of Waikato or Auckland.

Matangireia Yates-Francis, Deputy Head Boy of Rotorua Boys' High School, is a third-generation student at Raukura. In addition to Te Arawa, his ancestry includes Jewish, Irish and Scottish lines. The history of Raukura, including the gifting of the land for the school by Ngati Whakaeu, motivates him. When talking to fellow-students, he emphasises three points: confidence, staying focused, and maintaining direction. He takes motivation from the symbolism of the six elements of the school's crest: the open book (learning); the white rose (England); the lion (strength); the crown (authority and leadership); the Maori head (Ngati Whakaeu); and the motto (to the stars through hard work).

Montana Mareroa, Head Girl of Rotorua Girls' High School, believes in modelling the way for younger students by encouraging opportunities for positive outcomes. Some of the values that she will emphasise during her year as Head Girl are empathy, resilience and respect. She and her team of prefects want to leave a legacy. She finds the study and career choices available to her almost overwhelming; Te Reo Maori is at present her most likely choice.

Victoria Thompson, Deputy Head Girl of Rotorua Girls' High School, wants to promote a culture of excellence in the academic and sporting fields to help ensure that Girls' High will be the school of choice for girls in Rotorua. She wants the school to contribute to the community, and she wants to support the younger girls at school. At University next year she plans to study Teaching or Criminal Psychology.

Tamihana Gardiner, Head Boy of Rotorua Lakes High School, aspires to getting Excellence in all of his subjects in NCEA 3 while also having fun in his last year of school. He has seen the struggle of some students to move from Kura Kaupapa schools to mainstream schools, especially in the subjects of Mathematics and Science. This has driven his decision to qualify as a teacher so that he can teach these subjects at Kura Kaupapa.

Jessica Gordon, Head Girl of Rotorua Lakes High School, sees leadership as an action, not a position. She regards being chosen as Head Girl as a huge honour and she wants to encourage other students to thrive in their chosen fields. She coaches the school's junior netball team. Through mentoring and coaching she hopes to help the members of the team to grow. This is her way of giving back to the school. Next years she hopes to study Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington.

Michaela Wood, Head Girl of Reporoa College, was very shy when she entered High School. The then Head Boy made a big positive impact on her and the other juniors. This year she wants to build a stronger relationship between the school and its community, while creating systems to encourage students to take risks by having someone to talk to without having to see a councillor. She plans to take a gap year in 2016, to save money and to travel.

In his first year of Secondary School, **Mathew Hathaway, Head Boy of Reporoa College**, looked at the then Head Boy and thought: "That could be me." Now that he is in this position, he has had to face some fears, such as the fear of public speaking. He feels that it is his responsibility to lead by example and to represent the school as best he can. He wants to guide and inspire other students, in the classroom, on the sports field, and on stage. For 2016 he is wavering between Engineering at Massey University and Chiropractic at the University of Otago.

Moana Matekuare, Head Girl of the School for Young Parents, had not known that her father was a member of the Mongrel Mob. She saw him nurturing his family and being kind to her. Gang members are judged by society, but he had limited choices when he was young, and he chose the road that led to gang membership. As a young brown girl, her choices were also limited; she became pregnant, and she too was judged by society. But she was led to a brighter place, the School for Young Parents, where she just watched the other students for her first six months there. She did not know the vocabulary they used, but she learned, and gained NCEA 1. Now she attends Healthcare classes at Waiariki Institute of Technology one day per week, and is working towards NCEA 3 so that she can enrol on a Bachelor of Nursing at Waiariki next year. She wants to show the new girls at her school that everything is possible.

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 March 2015 at 12.15 pm	16 March 2015 at 12.15 pm
Guest Speaker	Francis Pauwells, Grow Rotorua	Waiariki hospitality and forestry awards
Introduction	Ann Nicholas	Peter Spurdle
Vote of thanks	Margriet Theron	Dennis Neilson
President's table	Russell Burton	Doug Clemens
Club speaker	Martyn Craven	Fergus Cumming
Fellowship and badges	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Quote of the week	Robin Findon	Allen Foote
Fining officer	Allen Foote	Jim Hampson
Committee report	Peter Faulkner, Vocational	Kevin O'Connor, Publicity

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