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Meetings on
Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public
holidays)
Sudima Hotel
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to attend.



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 27 July 2015

President's Pen

I enjoyed listening to Graham Smith last Monday. There is nothing like hearing factual information. I have my car radio tuned to Radio Live and I think it was on Monday afternoon that the discussion was about the dairy industry and speculation about prices and its roll-on effects. There was nothing factual in it and people were becoming quite emotive.

Congratulations to Past President Russell for arranging for Graham to talk to us.

It was yesterday afternoon that I remembered that I had forgotten to bring a colleague to Rotary on Monday. This year is a very busy one for me with everything I am involved in, and sometimes I forget things. I could have kicked myself because the person I will be bringing wants to join Rotary. Like Graham, his father was in Rotary and he wants to continue the legacy.

One of the reasons that I joined Rotary was to meet people outside of my normal environment, but I suspect that just like a church, after you have been a member for a while, we become isolated mixing only with other members. I am encouraged by Rotary International President Ravi Ravindram's theme for this year: "Be a gift to the world". In order to do that we have to be out in the world. That, of course, relates to projects that we are involved in, but on a more personal level, we could say "Be a gift to Rotorua". We can come down further and say "Be a gift to a colleague". That means "Having the discussion" that I referred to in my first President's Pen. Can I encourage you to look around and identify potential members and invite them so that they can receive the gift of Rotary and the benefits that it offers them, and then they, too, as a part of Rotary can be a gift to the world.

President Ray

Notices and reminders

Paul Harris Fellow Todd Mountfort

President Ray announced that Todd Mountfort has become a Paul Harris Fellow of the Club. He contributed in a major way to the Club's involvement in the Fiji Rotahome house building project. He is held in very high regard by the local people in Fiji. The formal Paul Harris Fellow award will be made later in the year.

Contact details for members

Allen Foote's email has changed to: pastorbigal@gmail.com

Jim Hampson new email address is: nataleehampson@hotmail.com

Civic bonding

Informal get-together of members of the Club for a drink and a chat at 5.30 pm; this Friday at the CT Club.

The price of Monday's meals

After negotiation by President Ray, the Sudima Hotel has agreed to hold the prices of the Club's meals at the current level.

Orange picking

The Club's regular orange picking on Kierin Irvine's farm north of Tauranga has been scheduled for Sunday, 16 August 2015. Please put this enjoyable Club activity, which is also a good fundraiser thanks to Kierin's generosity, into your diary now.

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Robyn Spurdle (27 July)
- Louw van Wyk (28 July)
- Jan Wilson (28 July)
- Marlene Baker (31 July)
- Gary Spence (1 August)
- Murray Patchell (2 August)
- Barbara Cumming (2 August)



From the previous meeting

Guest speaker Graham Smith

Graham Smith, the CEO of Federated Farmers, grew up in Australia and has worked at AgResearch and as the CEO of the Crown Research Institute Environmental Science and Research. FedFarmers is over 100 years old; has 20,000 members and a policy group of 28 people. They often work with local Councils on roading and land use patterns, and engage with industry leaders and politicians. They lead relief efforts with the Ministry of Primary Industries after floods and droughts. Agriculture contributes 15% to GDP and \$31.5 billion to exports. The number of agricultural businesses has decreased by 17,000 to 55,600 since 2000, and sheep numbers from 38.5 million in 2007 to 30 million now. Agriculture employs 84,200 people including owners, up by 9,000 since 2000. The average age of farmers is 58 years, and the sector needs young, talented people. Dairy comprises about half of primary sector exports with China as the biggest market. Some megatrends affecting agriculture are the rise of the consumer, the formation of mega-regions, urbanisation in China, pressure on resources, the need to develop more value added products, the government's focus on regulations and health and safety, water quality and quantity, animal welfare, the demand for organics, and increased competition and market volatility. To feed the world, food production

must increase by 70% by 2050. Current issues are: commodity prices, regulation, weather, industry reform, profitability, input costs, debt (particularly in the South Island), and interest rates. Farmers are hungry for new technology, underpinned by Smartphone technology; improved plant and animal genetics; advances in animal feed, effluent systems and byproducts; and precision farming involving drones, robotics, remote sensing and spatial mapping.

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.

	27 July 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	3 August 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Elly van der Laan: Visit to Nepal	Su Robins: How to stay out of residential care
Introduction	Allen Foote	Tony Hill
Vote of thanks	John Heaton	Kierin Irvine
President's table	Dennis Neilson	Ann Nicholas
Club speaker	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Fellowship/badges	Bruce Rykers	Bruce Scott
Quote of the week	Ian Smith	Peter Spurdle
Fining officer	Perry Stevens	Roger Willard
Committee report	Allen Foote	Russell Burton

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