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Mondays at 12.30 pm
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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 3 August 2015

President's Pen

I was inspired by Elly van der Laan's talk today. She is a young woman with a clear direction for her life, and obtaining her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award is only one of those things. I am certain that her trip to Nepal benefited her in ways that she doesn't even recognise at this time. What did strike me was that she was so impressed with the country and the hospitality of the Nepalese people that she managed to raise US\$6,000 for Nepal after the earthquake. That caused me to think about Sam Johnson who organised the Student Army in Christchurch after the earthquake. With young people like Elly and Sam, I am positive that we as a country will continue to go from strength to strength.

Welcome to our Club, Noel. I hope that you make friends and get involved and enjoy the uniqueness that we as a Club offer.

I am delighted that we have received one new person into membership in the first month of my presidency. Imagine if we inducted one new member a month – that's not hard if we all get out there and "Have the Discussion." In keeping with the District Governor's theme of health, we had all better look after ourselves; I don't want any decrease in membership this year.



I'm keeping in contact with our Welfare Officer Garth to ensure that those of us who may struggle with health issues are looked after, and I suddenly remembered Mel Feetham, Ian Pound's partner, who broke her ankle. She has been housebound but is on the path to recovery. I have it on good report that she is like a caged lion stuck at home. Can I encourage you and or your partner to give her a phone call?

It was great to see Richard Pryce back today. Thanks to Denis for continuing on in his role as Sergeant in Richard's absence. Denis has given me a number of prompts and has been very helpful settling me into this new role. Thanks Denis.

President Ray

Notices and reminders

PP Gary Spence

Gary is at home after spending some time in hospital. He celebrated his birthday on 1 August, and wrote a letter to the Club, expressing his appreciation for Rotary friendship and his thanks to those who have visited him. He appreciates receiving the weekly Bulletin as it keeps him in touch with developments at the Club.

Lifelink Samaritans Committee member needed

Allen Foote has represented the Rotary Club of Rotorua for many years on the Committee of Lifelink Samaritans. Now the meeting of the Club's Directors falls on the same night as the Lifelink Committee meeting. The organisation provides a 24 hour telephone service as well as a face to face listening and counselling service to all people in the wider Rotorua area. One of its aims is to provide a service that will aid in the prevention of suicide. Being on the Committee, representing our Club, involves just a few hours monthly. Please contact Allen if you would be willing to take on this role.

Hon Steve Chadwick, guest speaker on 31 August 2015

Mayor Steve has confirmed that she will be our guest speaking on Monday, 31 August 2015 to update us on Rotorua Lakes Council matters. This would be a good opportunity to invite colleagues and friends to our Rotary meeting.

Carmen arriving on Saturday

The Club's International Youth Exchange student, Carmen Schöberl, will be met by Fergus and Barbara Cumming at Auckland Airport on Saturday, 1 August 2015. She is having afternoon tea the next day with her four host families, and we hope to see her at the Club meeting on Monday, 3 August 2015. Welcome to Rotorua, Carmen!

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.

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:

- Paul East (4 August)
- Mary Pryce (8 August)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Fergus Cumming

Gaelic sayings from Fergus's Grandfather Campbell:

- If you are looking for a friend without a fault, you will be looking for a friend forever.
- May you always have walls for the winds, a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all your heart might desire.

Guest speaker Ally van der Laan from Reporoa

Ally was grateful for the contribution of \$1,000 that the Club had made to help cover the cost of her trip to Nepal with 14 other students from New Zealand, almost all working towards their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The group returned home on 20 April, just days before the ANZAC Day earthquake struck Nepal. The trip had been organised by Everest Trek as part of the Youth to Everest programme. Nepal sits between China and India, and army personnel are very visible on the streets. The group from New Zealand landed in the capital Kathmandu and then flew to an airport built with the support of Sir Edmond Hillary. They visited an orphanage and helped to sand and paint a community hall, which was soon after destroyed in the earthquake. Mr John May, head of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, accompanied the group. In the mountains donkeys are the preferred means of transport. Having landed at 3,700 m, the group travelled up to 4,200 m where they experienced 1 metre of snow overnight. They met the woman who had looked after Sir Ed when he was sick and attended a Buddhist prayer ceremony. Research has shown that the Sherpa people, who farm and work as guides in the mountains, have genetic advantages at high altitude, enabling them to carry huge loads up the steep tracks. The trip opened the eyes of the young people about how lucky they are to live in NZ. After the earthquake the group raised US\$6,000 and sent it to a trusted person in Nepal for disaster relief.

Club speaker Ann Nicholas

Ann was part of the group of seven planners, architects and engineers who set up Sigma 22 years ago after Murray North went into receivership. Recently five new and younger shareholders bought into the company – good timing, as two of the last three original shareholders will retire shortly. They lost the Rotorua Lakes Council roading contract which they had held for 17-years, based on a price-only evaluation. But the company is in good heart, with its services in great demand. Ann is enjoying the work, and looking forward to the next 22 years.

Duty roster

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise

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

	3 August 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	10 August 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Su Robins: How to Stay Out of Residential Care	Gert Taljaard: Rotorua – Be Part of It
Introduction	Tony Hill	Martin Kinder
Vote of thanks	Barry Lane	Kierin Irvine
President's table	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Club speaker	Murray Patchell	AG Richard Evans
Fellowship/badges	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Quote of the week	Peter Spurdle	Perry Stevens
Fining officer	Roger Willard	Bob Allison
Committee report	Russell Burton	Martyn Craven

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