



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 21 September 2015

## President's Pen

President Ray is away so you not only have to bear with me for a meeting, but also with the President's Pen as well.

Great to have DG Mike with us last week and lay out his road map for the 2016 year, supported by Tania Pinfold speaking on health issues, thus tying in nicely with his year's theme – "At the Heart of Rotary".

Youth health seems partly "education", and it got me thinking that the month of September in the Rotary calendar is "Basic Education and Literary Month". The 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 slipped by without fanfare but marked 2015 International Literacy Day and was celebrated by a number of UNESCO international prizes.

Literacy is something we in New Zealand take for granted, however it is a key driver of sustainable development for countries and people.

BUT an estimated 775 million adults are illiterate around the world, of which two thirds are represented by women. Literacy is defined as "those over the age of 15 and who can, with understanding read or write a short simple statement on their everyday life".

So from our perspective here in New Zealand that concept seems pretty simple.

Illiteracy is concentrated in three broad regions in the world, South and West Asia and Sub Sahara Africa.

For instance places like Mali, Niger and the South Sudan have literacy rates in the mid 20's so there is a clear link between illiteracy and severe poverty.

Obviously the above is on a global scale and there is not much we, individually, can do here from little old New Zealand but it seems something that Rotary International has an eye on. There are various Rotary programmes operating within New Zealand, and indeed Rotorua, to help combat such issues at home, which is good.

Well that's all for now from me.

Have a good week,  
Past President

*Barry Lane*



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**CLUB MEETINGS**  
Mondays at 12.30 pm  
(except public holidays)  
Sudima Hotel  
1000 Eruera Street,  
Rotorua

Phone 07 348 1174  
to apologise if unable to attend.

# Notices and Reminders

## Firewood Project

**Tuesday 29 September** will be the next date for collecting firewood. We need many trailers and chainsaws as our Club can muster for this rewarding project. We will meet at the Te Puia car park, opposite the Old Taupo Road junction, ready to leave at 5pm. Suggest you bring a drink, gloves, trailer cover & tie-down rope. This is an International committee project. Organiser is: Martyn Craven 0274 747 059.



## Volunteers to help rebuild Mbossung Primary School in Vanuatu

The first team of ten Volunteers with some building experience/abilities will be on Ambrym Island, Vanuatu, for approximately 2 weeks from 10 October 2015. A second team will be needed from 24 October 2015. The school of 100 students was badly damaged by Cyclone Pam in March this year. If you are interested, please contact P.P. Janice Dowle, Rotary Club of Birkenhead: [janice@boatandbach.co.nz](mailto:janice@boatandbach.co.nz)

## Rotary Club of Rotorua West's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

President David Douthwaite and members of the Rotorua Club of Rotorua West have invited Rotarians and their partners, by separate email on Sunday 23 August, to celebrate their Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. It would be appreciated if Rotarians would indicate by return email if you think you will, or may be able to, attend both events, or just one of them, or none at all! For further information, email: [50years@rotaryrotoruawest.org](mailto:50years@rotaryrotoruawest.org)

## Future Leaders' Seminar

Rotary, Leadership, Learning, Networking in Nelson on Thursday 12 November, 2015, 8:30 – 4:30pm. Theme: **"Be a Gift to the World"**. The Seminar is an interactive day of shared ideas, presentations by leaders from the highest levels of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation plus other community and business leaders with special messages to inspire. **Registration:** Will be available later in August on the RI website. For further information, contact: [AG Richard Evans](mailto:AG.Richard.Evans@rotary.org).

## Civic Bonding

An informal get-together of members of the Club for a drink and a chat at 5.30 pm; this Friday at the CT Club, Moncur Drive, Rotorua.

### GET LOGGED IN !

If you are a D9930 Rotarian you will want to set up your login name and password to have full access to the MEMBER AREA of this site. To get started [CLICK HERE](#)

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Margriet Theron	> 28 September
Ian McDowell	> 12 October
Russell Burton	> 26 October
Peter Baars	> 31 October
Murray Patchell	> 02 November

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

## *Birthday wishes to:*

Elaine Hill (15 September)  
Heather Reynolds (20 September)

## Quotes from Bruce Rykers

- ☉ "But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,  
all losses are restored and sorrows end" - William Shakespeare
- ☉ "He drew a circle that shut me out.....  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But love and I had the wit to win;  
We drew a circle that took him in" - Edwin Markham



# *From the Previous Meeting*

## **Dr Tania Pinfold – Youth Health**



Since the early 1990s, Tania has been involved in the development of wellness centres at our local high schools and at the Youth Centre. Starting with Bev O’Keefe at Western Heights High School, there was seen to be a need to provide wellness services on site at the schools. These have developed to provide a range of student support services and today there are 16 GP sessions provided to our local high schools per week.

While schools became well catered for there was a gap in the holidays. This has led to the Youth Centre being given a contract that supports youth health services, with up to 850 consultations per month (mainly nurse). The service caters for all backgrounds but the poorest 40% account for 70% of the consultations. Tania appreciates the support from Rotary for the Youth Centre.

Tania noted that they deal with similar problems in each cohort. However five years ago there was a “game changer”. A well tolerated long term contraceptive has led to a steady and continuing decline in pregnancies and terminations. This will make a difference in lives now and in the future.

## **District Governor Mike Smith**



DG Mike Smith visited the Club with his wife Helen. Mike covered many topics, beginning with RI President’s theme “Be a gift to the World”. (RI President Ravi makes the tags for Dilmar tea bags – and apparently Dilmar donates tea for all hospices in NZ). DG Mike’s messages included:

- ☀ Make a difference to others’ lives.
- ☀ Create opportunities for change in our clubs or make new clubs - are our clubs what we want them to be – do we

want to be the same in 2020? What do we / new members want?

- ☀ DG Mike’s own challenge is Health – some clubs are doing regular weigh ins; others are organising community bike riding – what can we do?
- ☀ Create opportunities for fellowship and friendship.
- ☀ Lift the profile of Rotary – little known that the student army (still working in Nepal) was Rotary driven and mentored.
- ☀ Check the new district website (noting with approval our own website).
- ☀ Ideas for projects such as “Save a Life”, Rotary discount cards.
- ☀ Support “Our Rotary Foundation”.
- ☀ Remember the District Conference in Napier next May

# *Duty Roster*

If you cannot do your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise  
Sergeant Richard Pryce on 027 2765478 or: [rpryce@tomwake.co.nz](mailto:rpryce@tomwake.co.nz)  
Club speakers to advise Tony on [tbaker@nowmail.co.nz](mailto:tbaker@nowmail.co.nz) if they require the data projector.

	<b>21 September 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>	<b>28 September 2015 at 12:30pm at the Sudima Hotel</b>
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	Martin Kinder	Rosemary O'Brien
<b>Subject</b>	Belgium Visit	Tauranga Eastern Expressway
<b>Introduction</b>	Peter Spurdle	Bob Allison
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Russell Dale	Ann Nicholas
<b>President's Table</b>	Garth Wilson	Martyn Craven
<b>Club Speaker</b>	Doug Clemens	Bryce Dunn
<b>Fellowship/Badges</b>	Carmen Schöberl	Roger Willard
<b>Quote of the week</b>	Martin Craven	Fergus Cumming
<b>Fining Officer</b>	John Heaton	Robin Findon
<b>Committee Report</b>	President Ray	Russell Burton

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Noon on Wednesdays  
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*Photo of Rotary Club of Rotorua members taken in 2002.  
Thirteen years makes a difference???*