



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 30 November 2015

President's Pen



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I wonder how many took one of the white ribbons that Katrina left on the tables last week? I did and pinned it on my shirt and have been wearing it throughout the week. To my surprise I received many comments complimenting me on wearing it. The compliments all came from women. I don't know if they had been abused or were standing against abuse, but they were pleased to see a male taking a stand against abuse.

On Wednesday there was a ceremony in the Atrium at the Hospital to celebrate taking a stand against abuse and a number of dignitaries spoke, one of whom was Bruce Horne, our District Police Commander. He had his notes, but there were three students from Rotorua Boys' High School. I don't know if they were from Frobisher House. Bruce ignored his notes and spoke directly to these three young men telling them that they could change our city if they stood against abuse in relationships. He told them that they were the upcoming leaders of our community and that people would be looking to them as an example, and how they held not just their own futures in their hands, but also the futures for many others as they matured and entered into healthy relationships.

I was very impressed. In most cases it is males abusing females. I went on to the White Ribbon website and copied the following tips:

- Question set ideas about how men or women should act.
- Let go of feeling you have to be in charge.
- Check with women how you come across.
- Treat women how you'd like to be treated.
- Let each person choose how they act.
- Make fair decisions together.
- Really listen to women.
- Be open to a woman behaving how she wants.
- Treat women the same in private as you do in public.
- Have empathy.
- Notice other men.
- Hold respectful values.
- Appreciate all the good things women give you.

In putting these in President's Pen, I am not suggesting that anyone in the Club is an abuser, but they are good things for us to share in general discussions.

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

Christmas function

The Christmas dinner will be held on 14 December 2015 at the Wairere Cafe at Rainbow Springs. Start time: 6:00 pm. Cost: \$55:00 per person. Bring your own beverage.

Katrina needs firm numbers otherwise the Club will be charged. If you are changing your mind please let her know as soon as possible. So far we have very good numbers attending.

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 in Moncur Drive.

Committee report: Bruce Scott, Membership

RYLA will be organised for early next year. The Police Person of the Year nominations have closed. There will be a vocational visit to the old Tachikawa mill. The Committee is considering a charity event with a guest speaker.

Leave of absence

Peter Spurdle to 7 December 2015

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Mike O'Boyle (5 December)
- Ursula Dunn (6 December)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Tony Hill

Monsters are real and ghosts are real, too. They live inside us, and sometimes they win. – Stephen King.

Don't watch the clock. Do what it does: keep going. – Sam Levenson.

Guest speaker Graham Fuller

Graham Fuller has been the Area Commander for the Fire Service for the Central Lakes Region. It is an area with a great diversity of industries; a population of 125,000; socio-economically low; with three local authorities; and with a Rural Fire Service sitting alongside the Fire Service. In terms of fire risks there are forests, geothermal and volcanic activity, and high-risk industrial plants such as the paper and chlorine plants at Kinleith; a very large milk processing factory; Damar with its large LPG aerosol holdings; and large hotels. A fire at Kinleith, with its large number of workers would create social risk. They have their own industrial fire brigade which is audited by the NZ Fire Service. At the geothermal power plants iso-pentane, a volatile fuel, is held in bulk storage. The Fire Service has paid and volunteer staff, all highly skilled and trained at the \$30 million national training centre in Rotorua. The smaller volunteer stations are operationally vulnerable. A priorities is to improve the integration between paid and volunteer staff and to promote the urban/rural interface. The recent fire off Te Ngae Road was not caused by sulphur fire; it was deliberately lit. The Fire Service Act is being reviewed. The Fire Services is not funded for being the first response after accidents and emergencies. A set of vehicle cutting gear costs \$100,000.

Club Speaker Dennis Neilson

Dennis loves Russia and has visited a number of times. You can visit Russia without a visa if you have a New Zealand passport. He was in St Petersburg in October of this year. Much in Russia is huge, including the six mile wide Lena River. St Peterburg is alive at 1.30 am on Saturday mornings. The opulence is striking, with lots of solid gold in hundreds of magnificent buildings. There are churches everywhere, and the very attractive Russians, including the police, are beautifully dressed in designer clothes. He found a specialist rugby pub where he watched an All Black game with patrons in All Black tops. His advice: "Do go and have a look!"

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

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

	30 November 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	7 December 2015 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Todd Mountford, Paul Harris Fellow	Gray Mathias, the Club's first (1966) IYE student
Introduction	President Ray	Noel Lamberton
Vote of thanks	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
President's table	Tom Davies	Bryce Dunn
Club speaker	Murray Patchell	John Powell
Fellowship/badges	Bruce Rykers	Bruce Scott
Quote of the week	Kierin Irvine	Martin Kinder
Fining officer	Roger Willard	Garth Wilson
Committee report	-	Tony Baker

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