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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 18 January 2016

Past-President's Pen

During the holiday break I read an article in the New Zealand Herald about the growing role that philanthropy is playing around the world in redistributing some of the massive wealth accumulated by corporations and individuals. The article highlighted Chris Liddell, a former Chief Executive of NZ forestry company Carter Holt Harvey and Chief Financial Officer at Microsoft in the US, and the support he is providing to assist local causes. In Rotary we have seen the huge contribution made by Bill and Melinda Gates to help Rotary in their quest to rid the world of polio.

At our first Club meeting of 2016, we saw philanthropy in action at a local level with the award of the Harold Holmes Student Grant to Bianca Rogers-Mott from Rotorua Lakes High School. Through the foresight of Harold Holmes and the ongoing support of the Holmes family, an outstanding and very deserving young woman from our community has been assisted to achieve her goals in political and drama studies at Waikato University. Bianca has already contributed to our community through her organisation of her school's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and the Glow Walk in the Redwoods one very cold and frosty night in July. It is therefore very fitting that the community is able to support her in this way. I have no doubt the investment will be well paid back by Bianca in the future through her continuing support of people and the community.

Rotorua is very fortunate and the envy of many other centres in New Zealand for having the Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust who is providing significant support to our community, and people with the foresight to establish and support the Geyser Community Foundation whose contribution can only grow over time. It deserves our collective support.

Past-President Russell Dale

Notices and Reminders

Open Water Swim

Katrina Allison reminded the Club of the upcoming Open Water Swim event and asked members to promote it. The event will be held on 13 March 2016 on Lake Okataina. The water is crystal clear, the scenery is beautiful and the family friendly atmosphere makes for a very special day. Choose between the 400m, 800m, 1500m, 3000m and the new 6000m distance. All proceeds from this event will go towards the Big Brothers Big Sisters organisation. For more information, see: lake-okataina-swim-2016.lilregie.com or contact Katrina on rotoruaopenwater@gmail.com or 027 603 9784. The poster is available here: <http://www.rotoruanz.com/getattachment/Visit/Pages/Landing-Pages/swimthelakes/Swim-the-Lakes-poster-SCREEN.PDF/>

Bob Allison will be helping Katrina with an application to Rotorua Trust to help pay the various fees for the event so that as much money as possible can go to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Rotary District 9930 2016 Conference

Bruce Scott reminded the Club of the District Conference being held from 6 to 8 May in Napier. Registrations before the end of February provide a discount of \$55 per person.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Perry Stevens will be handling the applications for RYLA this year. This is a programme aimed at growing emerging leaders through providing an intensive leadership development programme. Participants aged between 20 and 26 years take part in a range of experiences including seminars and group activities designed to develop both self leadership and leadership of others. It will be held at Epworth Lodge on Lake Karapiro between 17 and 22 April 2016. Nominations close on 28 February. The cost per participant (carried by the Club) is \$750. More information and the nomination form can be found here: <http://rotary9930.org/Page/youth-ryla>

Birthday wishes

Happy Birthday to:

- Allison Lamberton (19 January)



From the previous meeting

Quotes of the week from Margriet Theron

As there were no quotes presented at the start of last week's meeting, two quotes from David Bowie (born 8 January 1947, died 10 January 2016) are appropriate:

- I had to resign myself, many years ago, that I'm not too articulate when it comes to explaining how I feel about things. But my music does it for me, it really does.
- Don't you love the Oxford Dictionary? When I first read it, I thought it was a really, really long poem about everything.

Guest speaker Bianca Rogers-Mott

Bianca Rogers-Mott is the recipient of the 2015 Harold Holmes Student Grant. She was introduced by PP Murray Patchell, one of the members of our Club hand-picked in 1992 by PP Harold Holmes to be Trustees of the Harold Holmes Fund, set up with \$50,000 and now worth \$90,000. The fund is now managed by the Geyser Community Foundation. Bianca was a Prefect at Rotorua Lakes High School and has participated twice in our Club's annual Secondary School Speech Competition. She described herself as a Drama Queen: the theatre is one of her passions. When she was younger, she played netball and then switched to competitive rowing. Breaking an arm took her out of the North Island rowing championships and allowed her to focus on her school work in 2015. She is working at Bunnings before setting off to Waikato University to study political science and theatre. As a member of Rotorua Youth Voice she helped to organise Glo Walk in Whakarewarewa Forest and a Youth Forum for young people from Tokoroa and Rotorua to discuss the future of the districts. She was a leader in Students Against Drunk Driving, and helped to organise a

breakfast club at a school. Her family is her Number One priority, and she paid tribute to her mother who, in spite of suffering from multiple sclerosis, is always there to support her and her sister. In thanking her for her talk, President Ray said that the scholarship money would be useful, but that, in the long term, the Geyser Community Foundation certificate, declaring her a Harold Holmes Scholarship recipient, will add much value to her CV.

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.

	18 January 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	25 January 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Kevin Lee A single drop for safe water	Richard Fullard Classification talk
Introduction	John Powell	Bruce Rykers
Vote of thanks	Russell Burton	Doug Clemens
President's table	Kierin Irvine	Martin Kinder
Club speaker	Richard Pryce	Bruce Rykers
Fellowship/badges	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Quote of the week	Barry Lane	Denis Marriner
Fining officer	Katrina Allison	Peter Baars
Committee report	-	Allen Foote

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