



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 11 April 2016

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Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
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to attend.

I thought last Monday's meeting was excellent. Two great speakers – our own Richard Fullard and Jordan Tereu - who I will also claim as “our own”. I always get a buzz when I hear from a young person that Rotary has assisted that they have had a life- changing experience.

Going forward, our Club will be well served by our next three Presidents: Allen Foote, Russell Burton and Richard Fullard. I look forward to feedback from the sub-committee working on a strategic plan to assist us going forward. I read a quote from Charles G Tennent who said “When a tree stops growing – it is ready to die.” A Rotary Club is like that. It is moving ahead only when it is growing. When the growing ends – the Knife and Fork Club begins.

We have a very busy month coming up in May. We have our Urban Rural evening at Waikite Valley on 2 May where we will be raising money for Waikite School. A discussion was held as to whether or not to hire a bus to go out there, but that would increase the cost of the visit and the feeling was that we would be better off going by car and giving any extra money to the school. These evenings are very enjoyable, so mark that in your diary.

We have the High School Speech Competition coming up. That is an evening meeting and will be a great opportunity to invite friends so that they can see what Rotary is about. Then we have a workplace visit to LumberCube.

There is a lot going on, and I think that it will be very informative and enjoyable.

Three Club members, Fergus, Garth and I will be attending the District Assembly on Sunday, and I will be a keynote speaker. I find that amusing as I was asked to give a presentation and agreed and only then discovered that it was a keynote address. I may have to get some tips from Richard Fullard.

President Ray

Notices and Reminders

Rural visit to Waikite Valley: 2 May 2016

The Club's Urban/Rural visit this year will be to the Waikite Valley. The meeting will be held at the Waikite Valley School on Monday, 2 May 2016 at 6 pm. The proceeds from the evening will go to the school's PTA. The school has cancelled a regular Zomba class on that evening to accommodate our meeting – so let's support them. This would be a good time to bring your spouse along for Rotary fellowship, as well as friends and colleagues who might be interested in learning more about our Club. Peter Spurdle will be providing more information and taking numbers closer to the time.

Worksite visit on 23 May 2016

Bruce Scott has been in touch with Elisabeth Jackson, the Commercial Manager of LumberCube to make arrangements for the Club's vocational visit on 23 May 2016 to the mill in Vaughan Road. This is an early reminder to bring along your own high visibility vest and hard hat if you have these, and to wear closed toe shoes.

High Schools Speech Competition: 16 May 2016

This is always a highlight of our annual Rotary programme. Please put this date in your diary now. The topic for the competition has been chosen by our Immediate PP Russell Dale: "How do we minimize the impacts of new technologies on society?"

Ideas for District grant

Allen Foote would like the Club to make an application for a Rotary Foundation District Grant. Last year this grant was used to provide a defibrillator for Reporoa. Any ideas for a project of this year to Allen, please.

Rotary Charity Lunch

Russell Burton has been elected as a Trustee of the Trust that will organise the second Rotorua Rotary Charity Lunch to be held on 11 November 2016. The first event raised about \$100,000 for charity last year, when our Club was not a participant. Russell will be looking for support from the members of our Club, and we will be able to nominate charities to receive gifts from this event.

Civic Bonding

You are invited to share a drink and a chat with other members of the Club and their spouses at the CT Club in Moncur Drive at 5.30 pm on Friday afternoon.

Happy birthday

Maree Kinder (13 April)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Richard Pryce

The civilised man has built a couch, but he has lost the use of his feet. - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend. – Albert Camus.

Classification talk: Richard Fullard

The parents of Richard Fullard (39) came to New Zealand as immigrants in the 1960s and settled in Pakuranga. He played rugby and rowed for Saint Kentigern College. He wanted to leave school at 15, but the midnight to 5 am job he found at the radio station did not come with any wages, so he stayed on at school to finish Form 7. He then stayed on in broadcasting, getting advice from fellow workers such as Paul Holmes and Merv Smith. He did not get into Broadcasting School but did a Diploma in Media Studies at the Polytechnic in New Plymouth. He worked for Radio NZ in towns and cities around NZ, writing copy for commercials. He joined the Fire Brigade as a volunteer and got both cheap beer and good training. He worked for Radio Pacific in Auckland and helped to develop its talk radio network. He moved to Christchurch where he married Larissa in 2009. He experienced the Christchurch earthquakes and decided that he wanted to get into a career where he could give back to the community. After another stint in Auckland, in the same house and the same job, they moved to Rotorua in 2012. He accepted a position at Osbornes Funeral Directors where he is now the General Manager. He and Larissa have two children. He joined Rotary to be part of an organisation which gives young people wonderful opportunities.

In thanking him for his talk, President Ray announced that Richard will be the Club's President in the 2017/18 Rotary year.

Guest speaker Jordyn Tereu

Jordyn Tereu is the Head Girl of Rotorua Girls' High School. She thanked the Club for its support which enabled her to go to Outward Bound in January 2016 and to the recent finals of the national RSA Gallipoli speech competition in Wellington.

She was at Outward Bound for 21 days from 6 January 2016 with 120 young people. She was part of Hillary Watch, participating in a programme of challenges and adventure. They surrendered their phones, but were encouraged to take photos and videos. They soon learned that food, sleep and hot showers had to be earned, with a run, swim and shower before breakfast. They spent two nights in the bush, with aching legs, in the rain. The high altitude tramping made her worry about her asthma, and she felt ill and homesick. The team of 14 sailed a cutter, taking turns to keep watch, enjoying the perfect night sky. They kayaked down the Pelores River where she had to be rescued after tipping out. This helped to grow her confidence and her trust in her team mates. They helped to clear the vegetation where a new pathway will be built.

At 10.30 pm one evening she was dropped off with minimum food and a tent, so spend two nights on her own, to think about what was most important in life. The quietness provided time to connect with herself. They spent time at Queen Charlotte Sound, tramping, exploring small islands, and sailing, becoming too exhausted to eat. After getting back to Anakiwa, they ran a half marathon along the Queen Charlotte track. Here her mantra became: "Tough times do not last. Tough people do." Once she got to the finish line, she became concerned about a girl in the group who was not very fit, and started running back along the track for five kilometres to support her. There were tears and pushing from behind to get the girl to the finish line and the instructor said Jordyn was crazy to do this. But she had never felt a greater sense of accomplishment.

She left Outward Bound as a changed person, aware of her strengths and weaknesses, and with the confidence to take on the role of Head Girl. Without the support of our Rotary Club, this Outward Bound experience would simply not have been possible.

Note from Margriet: Thanks to Jordyn for showing me the video she had made of her time at Outward Bound. I was particularly interested because our grandson, Finn Bismark (16), was on the same course as Jordyn. He is now enrolled at Whitireia Polytechnic in an Outdoor Adventure and Tourism Diploma, where many of the educational approaches and activities of Outward Bound are copied during the two-year course.

Duty roster

If you cannot do your 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.

| | 11 April 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel | 18 April 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel |
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| Guest Speaker | Gaylene Harvey Salvation Army | Tony Gill Rotorua Trust |
| Introduction | Perry Stevens | Tom Davies |
| Vote of thanks | Tony Hill | Kierin Irvine |
| President's table | John Powell | Bruce Rykers |
| Club speaker | Margriet Theron Road Scholars | Bob Allison |
| Fellowship/badges | Martyn Craven | Fergus Cumming |
| Quote of the week | Bruce Rykers | Bruce Scott |
| Fining officer | Richard Pryce | Bruce Rykers |
| Committee report | Tony Baker | - |

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