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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.



Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 15 August 2016

President's Pen

It is not easy to experience change. We like the security of order and a set programme that we are used to. Change challenges our vision of life. Unless we can see benefits in change that outweigh the set patterns of the life we are used to, we feel that it is an imposition to make us do things differently.

Twenty years ago, eighteen months after arriving in Rotorua, a rather autocratic boss took my job away. I was happy doing pastoral ministry in my church. I thought I was doing well with the right focus, but he thought otherwise. As I look back I realise that the move was really to my advantage, as well as to the community I have served in since.

As a pastor my focus was very narrow and confined to a church environment. When I moved out of that work scene, I was forced to look beyond those confines. The result has changed my life. I am still very involved in my church but the focus of my life has been in the very broad focus of community. Chaplaincy has allowed me to continue my pastoral lifestyle but on a much broader and satisfying scale.

What Rotary has done for me is to expand my vision even further to include the very practical needs of my community. Unwittingly, through the years of pastoring, Rotary has opened doors to the wider community even though time restraints didn't allow me to become as involved as I would have liked to have been. I am so grateful that, as a retired person, I can devote a lot of time to the needs of people out there, the most important activity of Rotary for me.

So change has meant a lot to me. I look back and realise that I would have been largely unfulfilled following the same old pattern. Change allowed for a fresh experience that has been a pleasure, an inspiration and very satisfying.

If we stick to the old we are often left behind while opportunities pass us by. If we are prepared to experience new things we are in for a lot of surprises. While the old has had its relevance, the new allows for a fresh beginning to the rest of our lives.

I remember preaching a sermon entitled "Doomsday" and was told by one elderly lady to be positive not negative. The next week I saw a bunch of daffodils in front of the pulpit. My first words were, "It's spring! Let's focus today on new things, fresh things." I saw a reaction in that congregation that led them on a more positive and fruitful life path.

That's simply what we are trying to do in our Club at present. We want to get a freshness into what we are doing, a more appropriate vision of service to our community. We need to put aside the processes that focus on just what we want, and make our Club relevant to what they, out there, need us around for.

Let's welcome relevant change and enjoy the satisfaction of a meaningful, Rotary experience.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Hosting Lincoln University students

Members of the Club have been asked if they would be willing to host a Lincoln University student on **Monday, 15 August 2016** for one night. The students will be on a field trip to Rotorua. For each student hosted the Club will receive \$50. Please phone or email President Allen by this Saturday night if you are able to host a student.

Kaharoa Kokako Trust workdays

Tom Davies is encouraging members of the Club to join the Kaharoa Kokako Trust to fill bait stations with non-toxic pre-feed. The work will be undertaken on 3rd and 17th September 2016. Please email Tom if you are able to help.

Needs in our community

Many Rotarians contribute to the work of voluntary organisations in our community. President Allen would like to hear from you if you are aware of needs in our community which Rotary could address.

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.

Birthdays this coming week

Karl Meyer (17 August)
Catherine Willard (20 August)



From the previous meeting

Quotes from Paul Wilson

“Let us endeavour to live life that when we come to die the undertaker will be sorry.”
Mark Twain.

Guest speaker: Paul Wright

Past District Governor Paul Wright in his capacity as Principal Rural Fire Officer for the middle of the North Island – spoke of the pending changes to the delivery of fire and emergency services in New Zealand through Fire and Emergency NZ (FENZ). The purpose of the Government driven change is to have a unified organisation throughout the country. While there will be some private companies and airport authorities operating outside of the new organisation – it will bring together the rural fire authorities, volunteers as well as the traditional urban fire departments.

The change will be approved by legislation expected to be passed before the end of this year, with the changes being effective from the 1st July 2017. The Government has committed \$303 million to the project in the first three of a four year transition period.

The main beneficiaries of the changes will be the rural fire services and volunteers who are currently seen as needing greater support and training in areas such as first aid and dealing with motor accidents – which is a major part of the first service emergency work.

There will no longer be any involvement by local authorities and there will no longer be any cost recovery for services delivered in suppressing a fire. Paul made it clear that most communities would see little change immediately as changes to uniforms, logos and even the colour of appliances will take some time to implement – and are not seen as a priority.

Club speaker: Doug Clemens

Doug brought members up to date with the latest developments at the Rotorua Museum. All clubs in Rotorua had been very involved in the raising of \$22 million in the renovation and extension project which was commenced 13 years ago – and which is now largely complete. This icon of our city is now to be enhanced with flood-lighting at a cost of some \$100,000.

Duty Roster

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Sergeant Peter Spurdle on 027 7787353 or spurdle.family@xtra.co.nz

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

	15 August 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	22 August 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	PDG Bruce Scott “Cruising the Adriatic”	Jasmin Jackson “Healthy Families Rotorua”
Introduction	Tom Davies	Katrina Allison
Vote of thanks	Garth Wilson	Ann Nicholas
President’s table	Garth Wilson	Ann Nicholas
Club speaker	Martyn Craven	John Heaton
Fellowship/badges	Ann Nicholas	Richard Fullard
Quote of the week	Bob Allison	John Powell
Fining officer	Noel Lamberton	Peter Spurdle

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

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PLEASE NOTE

If you are not able to attend a Rotary luncheon for one meeting or more, please ring the Sudima on **348 1174** to apologise

