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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, 5 September 2016

President's Pen

It was good to have Todd Mountfort bringing us up to date on Koroipita. I could sense the enthusiasm rising and expect that next year, if he needs a team out there, that a good group will join me for the trip.

It's important to keep in touch. My challenge is to inspire all five Rotary Clubs to collaborate with each other as much as possible. Isolation is not a helpful characteristic for Rotary. The more voices we have the better, provided they speak with a united front. Each Club has its own character and, like a mosaic, can be part of a total picture, making more sense if all fit together with one overall purpose.

At the same time we need to look at the strengths in our own Club (or the lack of them) and find out how to protect ourselves from a downhill slide. There are certain alarm bells ringing and a small group have been investigating a strategy for changing what seem to be problems, into challenges that need addressing.

In a few weeks, at a Club meeting we are calling *Future Directions*, we will be presented with a report on the strategic planning process so far. It's important that we all plan to be there if at all possible.

There's an increasing need for concerned people in our community who are inspired to do something more than shake their heads over the problems they see. Instead they look for solutions. Our community is full of volunteers with that sort of commitment. They are the ones we need to team up with.

I liked Margriet's talk about being an interpreter. We listen to those about us who are crying out in a language that describes their challenges. Are we able to understand their needs enough to convert their heart cry into appropriate answers to those needs?

We have many talents between us that are available to use. I have sensed, since becoming President, that many are eager to get busy and make Rotary more than a meal, with the usual trappings of a weekly meeting. Let's keep inspiring each other.

Dr Wallace Bain will present next week a challenge that impacts our community with a lot of sadness. Come with your Rotarian heart. Behind every challenge is an opportunity to make a difference.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Website and Facebook page

Thanks to the Club's Webmaster, Tony Baker, there is much of interest on the Club's website, www.rotaryrotorua.org.nz. Tony is always keen to hear from members about the information on the site, and any suggestions for improvements. The Club also has a Facebook page, and by clicking LIKE you will ensure that you will get the weekly Bulletin as soon as it has been published.

Rotary Golf Tournament

Inviting all golfing Rotarians and their family members to join us for the Rotary Golf Tournament at the Rotorua Golf Club on Sunday, 11 September 2016. Tee off times will be from 11 am. The draw will be circulated by email. \$30 per entry, payable on the day. The President's Cup for the best Stableford score by any entrant with an official handicap. Interclub Trophy for the best average Stableford score. Email entries to: rpryce@tomwake.co.nz by 5 September 2016. Please include your membership identification if you are a member of a golf club.

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 3 and 17 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: tickets on sale now

The Rotary Charity Luncheon will be held on Friday 11 November 2016. Tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster at \$1,200 for a table of ten.

Russell Burton is a Trustee of the Trust that is organising the Rotorua Rotary Charity Lunch. The first event raised about \$100,000 for charity last year. Russell is 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

Pat Bloomfield (11 September)



From the previous meeting

Quote from Bruce Rykers

Every dog has its day – Wallabies rugby coach, Michael Cheika, after the Wallabies lost the Bledisloe Cup game against the All Blacks in Wellington last Saturday.

Club speaker: Margriet Theron

A few years ago Margriet attended the first session of a 12-week interpreting course being taught for the Rotorua Multicultural Council at Community House, just to welcome (as Vice-President of the Rotorua Multicultural Council) the tutors who had come from Decypher in Hamilton to teach the course. She found it so interesting that she completed the course and is now an accredited Afrikaans/English interpreter and translator, employed on an as-required basis by Decypher.

Some of the main clients for interpreting services are hospitals, the Police, schools, the Courts and Immigration NZ. Margriet translates wills, purchase agreements and school reports from Afrikaans into English. Recently she went to Gisborne twice to interpret for an accused at the District Court.

Guest speaker: Todd Mountfort

The Model Towns Charitable Trust of Fiji has as its slogan: "Building homes, rebuilding lives". Todd has been the Volunteer Site Supervisor during Rotary home building projects at Koroipita, having gone on his first trip there in 2009. He has huge admiration for the work that Rotarian Peter Drysdale has done for the Fijian community. Peter can communicate in any of the 27 dialects spoken in Fiji. When members of the Rotary Club of Rotorua went to Fiji in 2014 they undertook a family recovery project, moving them from a shack to a newly built house. Todd is delighted that the houses built by Rotary withstood the destruction caused to the rest of the island by Cyclone Winstone of February 2016, with wind gusts of up to 300 kph. There is a Fiji Rebuild Fund which provides \$7,000 to residents who have lost their homes. Todd's impression is that the squatter villages are looking worse than in the past. He is proud of the sewerage treatment plant built for \$630,000 by Rotary, enabling the remainder of the budget of \$1.2 million to be returned for use in other projects. Some houses built by Habitat for Humanity were left with no kitchen and no floor; Peter Drysdale's team has stepped in to finish these homes. He is impressed by the multi-purpose bus stop built by Rotary which also serves as a social gathering place and a produce market. Some toilets, showers and kitchens are being rebuilt because they were not up to New Zealand Foreign Aid standards. Gardens are growing well around the house built by our Club. It houses a single mother, her five children and her parents. Todd was very excited when he was able to show his parents around Koroipita. The Te Puke Rotary Club is working in income generating programmes in Fiji, including a bee keeping business.

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.

	5 September 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel	12 September 2016 12.30 pm at the Sudima Hotel
Guest Speaker	Dr Wallace Bain, Rotorua Coroner: Cyber Bullying	Club Forum Future Direction
Introduction	Richard Pryce	President Allen
Vote of thanks	Ray Bloomfield	Denis Marriner
President's table	Ray Bloomfield	Denis Marriner
Club speaker	Roger Willard	-
Fellowship/badges	Richard Fullard	John Heaton
Quote of the week	Bruce Scott	Peter Spurdle
Fining officer	Robin Findon	Richard Fullard

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