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**Club meetings**

Mondays at 12.30  
pm (except public  
holidays)  
Rotorua Golf Club,  
399 Fenton Street,  
Rotorua.  
Phone 07 348 1174  
to apologise if  
unable to attend.



## *Rotary Club of Rotorua*

Monday, 28 November 2016

### *President's Pen*

As I write I am preparing to spend the morning at Paradise Valley Springs with 35 chronically ill children, their parents and siblings. Providing a special lunch for them each year is an enjoyable part of my chaplaincy programme. It's very easy for me to get the necessary cash to pay for the food. Being there and meeting the kids that I come across regularly on my hospital rounds, is more than icing on the cake.

Rotary is essentially a hands-on programme. That word "service" is an active word. It is so easy to reach our hands into our pockets and donate, or sit on committees and decide on some worthy project, but the most rewarding experience is enjoyed when we actually get our hands dirty right where a personal involvement is appreciated.

I hope the request for help this week to tidy up a needy person's property will inspire some hands-on action from members. Let me or Community Director Richard know if you can help. It will take a little time on Saturday or Sunday morning to get the work done.

Our Club is involved in a number of hands-on projects: Driver Directions, Swim the Lakes, Kid's Tryathlon, and Koroipita, to name a few. Have we taken the time to become personally involved? If we have, then we will appreciate the enjoyment in being on the spot, involved in a practical way, in the "doing" part of Rotary.

Before I get lectured on the reasons why involvement is not possible by some, I will acknowledge that age and family can be factors that can inhibit an active contribution. I have to agree with the quote from one member's email comment this week which said: "Age is a bugger!" A few others in the Club would also agree, but we still do our best to be involved.

If you have family, then involve them with you. I am grateful for my own children who, in their adult life, are involved in the kind of work which was engendered in them while children. Juleen and I took them with us when we did health classes and community care work. Now both are involved in employment focused on caring.

The life of our Club depends upon our active participation. I would like to see us host another exchange student, but this will only be possible if four of our members open their homes to provide the necessary accommodation. It's a commitment, but a satisfying one. The far-reaching results on the lives of these students prove that Rotary is onto a winning programme.

So we need, as individuals, to measure the depth of our involvement in the hands-on commitment of our membership. New members want that. It's what they expect from an organisation that is focused on serving. I know you have all got that vision. Let's enjoy seeing it working in all we do.

*President Allen*

# Notices and Reminders

## **New member: Robyn Murphy**

Ann Nicholas introduced the new member of the Club, Robyn Murphy. She holds a degree in business management and was the District 72 Governor of Toastmasters in 2000/01. She enjoys gardening and is a Coastguard volunteer. A warm welcome from all members of the Club is extended to Robyn.

## **Toi Ohomai charity house auction**

The building and construction students at Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology on Mokoia Drive are building a house that will be auctioned for charity on 4 December 2016. This is a good opportunity to buy a house to serve as a bach or an extra home on your property. Please contact Sue Gunn at Toi Ohomai for details.

## **Lions vs Maori All Blacks**

On 17 June 2017 the Lions will play against the Maori All Blacks at the International Stadium. Peter and Robyn Spurdle's home overlooks the stadium and they will be holding a fundraising dinner on the night. More information to come.

## **Club's Christmas dinner**

The Club's Christmas dinner will again be held at Rainbow Springs. The ticket price is \$55 per person which includes \$20 per person for entry to the Springs. Please let Katrina Allison know if you will be attending. The date for the dinner is Monday, 12 December 2016, and guests can bring their own wine. More information to come at the Club's next meeting.

## **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.

## **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 afternoons.

## **Happy birthday**

Martin Kinder (28 November)



# From the previous meeting

## **Quotes of the week from Garth Wilson**

Opinion has caused more trouble on this little earth than plagues or earthquakes. – Voltaire, 1694-1778.

In 1968 I was 25 km from a shallow 6.9 earthquake 100 km east of Perth, Western Australia – an extremely frightening experience. – Garth Wilson, 1943-.

## **Club speaker Peter Baars**

Peter and Gwen bought their boat in Holland in 2007. They have sailed in on the canals of Europe for the last nine years. They have now decided to do something different and have bought a campervan. They have two children in London and plan to spend time next year in England. After that they will take their campervan to the USA.

## **Guest speaker: Mary-Beth Acres, Manager of the Rotorua Arts Village**

Mary-Beth Acres came to Rotorua in 1997 with her three brothers and her parents when her Dad was appointed as a Forest Harvesting lecturer at Waiariki Institute of Technology. She went to school in Lynmore and then to Waikato University to gain degrees in Social Science and Public Relations. At the Rotorua Arts Village she quickly moved from being a volunteer to receptionist to manager. She went to a

Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp in April 2016 where she gained lots of useful new contacts and learned about the duty of civic responsibility and leadership styles. She was at the upper end of the 18 to 26 year age group of attendees and found the pressure cooker learning environment quite challenging. There were only two others from not-for-profit organisations. At the Arts Village the staff often works with vulnerable children so she found the talk by Anthea Simcock, CEO and founder of Child Matters, on the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 very stimulating. Mary-Beth gained skills in conflict resolution and confidence in dealing with performance reviews of her staff. At RYLA they did physical team building challenges where strangers quickly became friends. She realised again how much she loves her job at the Arts Village where the numbers using the facilities have grown from 750 in 1986 to over 20,000 per year. The work they do enrich the community, help people to cope with trauma, and build bridges over language gaps. She is soon off on a study trip to learn more about what art can do for communities. She encouraged members of the Club to come and have a look at the Sculpture Symposium at the Arts Village this week.

## 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](mailto:spurdle.family@xtra.co.nz)

Club speakers to advise Margriet on [theronm@yahoo.com](mailto:theronm@yahoo.com) if they require the data projector.

If you are unable to attend and to avoid paying for your meal, please send apologies to  
Martin Kinder by the Friday before the meeting on [mkinder@deloitte.co.nz](mailto:mkinder@deloitte.co.nz)

	<b>28 November 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club</b>	<b>5 December 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club</b>
Guest Speaker	Richard Fullard with some participants on the recent RYPEN camp	Hon Steve Chadwick, Mayor of Rotorua on the vision of the Rotorua Lakes Council
Introduction	President Allen	Garth Wilson
Vote of thanks	Roger Willard	Paul Wilson
President's table	Roger Willard	Paul Wilson
Club speaker	Ray Bloomfield	Tony Baker
Fellowship/badges	Russell Dale	Tom Davies
Quote of the week	Paul Wilson	Bob Allison
Fining officer	Tony Hill	Kierin Irvine
Room set-up	Noel Lamberton	Noel Lamberton

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