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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, 5 December 2016

President's Pen

I really appreciate the kind of meeting we had on Monday - relaxed, positive and yet focused. The RYPEN report for me epitomised all that Rotary is about, especially in our day and age. Richard Fullard told of his own experience with RYPEN and the way it was run - a group of Rotarians talking Rotary. What a difference to see what happened a few weeks ago in the Kaimais!

One thing that impressed me with the RYPEN report was how members, in becoming personally involved in a Club project, come away inspired with the spirit and purpose of Rotary. There's nothing more calculated to continue to motivate Rotarians than this.

I'm glad we had Wairua, a RYPEN participant from Rotorua Girls' High School, to share what the camp meant to her. She enjoyed the challenge of leadership and the growth in self-confidence that she experienced. I asked her if she had thought of having a student exchange experience. Yes, she had thought positively about it.

Talking with Ally Gibbons, Rotorua Girls' High School principal, I find that there is an ongoing interest amongst students to go on an exchange. Our experience with the IYE programme is very involved. I encouraged her to keep in close contact with the Club about this.

I hope a number of members can join in with the garden project on Saturday, 10 or 17 December. This is a practical way for the Club to be seen in action helping in a needy situation. Two members so far are in on it. How about some more?

A request has come through from District to help replenish the Welfare Fund after allocating \$10,000 to the needs of Kaikoura. The Board has decided to have a special fining session where members are asked to pay into the box more than usual to help towards this. District has asked for \$6 each. We will do that this coming week, so please be prepared.

The Board also decided to make a Club contribution directly to the Red Cross as an extra contribution to the earthquake needs down there.

There are just two more meetings to go for this year: a Club meeting with Mayor Steve Chadwick on 5 December and the Christmas party at Rainbow Springs on 12 December 2016. Let's enjoy these two events and finish our year on a good high note.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Rotary Matamata Concert by the Lake

Venue 162 Jondor Road, RD2, Matamata. Parking at Swap Park; Burwood Road

Date Sunday, 19 February 2017, 1 to 6 pm

Artists The Lady Killers (Tina Cross, Suzanne Lynch and Jackie Clarke)

Funky jazz band Two Many Chiefs

Jamie McDell, on her way to Nashville to further her music career

Stage A specially designed and built pontoon with great viewing areas from the grassy banks

around the lake

Proceeds To local charities

Free shuttle For motorhome and caravan registrants only from 12.30 pm on the Sunday from the parking

location

Food Remember your chilly bin with wine, picnic and your own seats

Tickets \$45 per person and \$100 per family from the website

Website www.concertbythelake.co.nz

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 at 5.30 pm, and guests can bring their own wine. Please bring a gift up to the value of \$10 per person; Katrina will be distributing the names for the gifts to members.

New Badge Box

The thanks for the members of the Club go to Garth Wilson who has made a new box for our name badges. The box is slim and trim – just like him, according to Garth. The name badge spaces are magnetic to hold our new magnetic name badges and arranged in order of members' dates of joining the Club.

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

Ursula Dunn (6 December)



From the previous meeting

Quotes of the week from Paul Wilson

The story goes that economist John Maynard Keynes was asked on his deathbed if he had any regrets. He replied: "I wish I had drunk more champagne."

Club Speaker: Tony Baker

Tony has been a member of the Ulysses Motor Cycle Club for 21 years. He particularly enjoys the Thursday rides to a café in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato region for lunch. The day when Tony retired in 1995, Marlene suggested that he should buy a motorbike although he had never owned or ridden a motorbikebike. After trying a second hand Honda Gold Wing for three months he bought a new one for \$36,000. After just two months a car went through a give-way sign on the corner of Fenton and Eruera Streets; the bike was written off; Marlene had a broken ankle; and Tony was badly bruised. He still has the replacement bike which the

insurance pay-out funded. He and Marlene have covered over 100,000 km on this bike. Ulysses has over 3,000 members (all over 40 years of age) in New Zealand. Tony has found Ulyssians to be kind, generous and caring people. Club income is generated through the sale of badges which are struck for each major rally. St John Ambulance benefits from the many Rotorua Ulysses charity rides. Their motto is: "Grow Old Disgracefully"

Guest speakers Richard Fullard and Wairua Lloyd

Richard helped at the recent RYPEN camp for Year 10 students, held in the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park and led by the Hauraki Regiment, a Territorial Force Unit of the NZ Army. There were 44 participants from five Rotorua schools, including eight from Rotorua Girls' High School. They are good, average students, on the verge of becoming leaders. Garth and Jan Wilson did the cooking and cleaning. The Club had put effort into getting the best quality of student to represent us. Todd Mountfort was the camp coordinator. The Territorials were in charge of the programme; telling the students what to do. Activities included a high ropes course, abseiling, river crossings and talks by excellent speakers. One speaker was previously a gang member who has buried 62 of his mates. He has now picked the right path and impressed the students by speaking to them in a language that connected with them. Wairua Lloyd from Rotorua Girls' High School is 15 years old and just back from Sydney this year. She enjoyed the challenges at the camp; gained self-confidence; and developed her leadership skills. She would be keen to help out at a future camp. The Rotorua Boys' High School students thanked the cadets from Opotiki with an impressive haka. Richard was impressed with the thorough debriefings which the adult leaders did each night after dinner. There were a couple of students who required some support because they were out of their normal environment, but no-one was sent home early.

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.

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

	5 December 2016 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	12 December 2016 at 5.30 pm at Rainbow Springs
Guest Speaker	Hon Steve Chadwick, Mayor of Rotorua on the vision of the Rotorua Lakes Council	An evening of fellowship and entertainment organised by Katrina Allison. Please remember: each guest to bring a Secret Santa Gift to exchange. Katrina will let Club members know who the recipient of their gift will be.
Introduction	Garth Wilson	
Vote of thanks	Paul Wilson	
President's table	Paul Wilson	
Club speaker	Ray Bloomfield	
Fellowship/badges	Tom Davies	
Quote of the week	Bob Allison	
Fining officer	Kierin Irvine	
Room set-up	Noel Lamberton	

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