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**Club meetings**

Mondays at 12.30

pm (except public

holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,

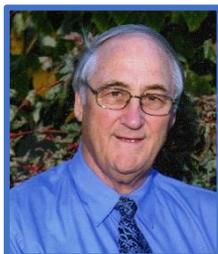
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to apologise if

unable to attend.



# Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 27 February 2017

## President's Pen

At the end of the last meeting I read out a quote from Tom Hiddleston, English actor, producer and musical performer. For those who were not able to be there, I repeat it. "You keep putting one foot in front of the other, and then one day you look back and you've climbed a mountain."

I chose the quote knowing that End Polio Now would be the focus of the address by our guest, Michelle Tanner. For some years now, Rotary International has worked at polio eradication, with the valuable support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the many and varied projects worldwide that Rotary Clubs have organised.

Hopefully in the very, very near future, having taken the project step by step, we will be able to celebrate the reaching of the top of the peak. Let's not lose the momentum so close to the finish.

I'm glad of the more relaxed atmosphere we are enjoying at the Rotorua Golf Club. I am aware of the fact, though, that there are a number who are missing the fellowship. There is a price to pay, of course. Each week we have to advise the Golf Club by Friday lunchtime the numbers attending. That allows them to produce so many meals that we have to pay for. Anyone absent from the meeting who hasn't given their apologies to Martin Kinder by lunchtime Friday will need to cover their meal cost. It's best that you plan early. (Mind you, tongue in cheek, it's nice to be able to enjoy a bite or two more, thanks to the paying absentees.)

If you haven't thought of going to Conference in Whakatane, can I encourage you to consider it, for the whole Conference, or for part there-of. Bruce Scott has some accommodation available. I will be going just for Sunday. If anyone would like to join me, let me know.

RI President John Germ has made a suggestion for International Week of Service, 25 to 31 March 2017. It's a week when service clubs join with another service organisation and share a project in the community. An interesting idea. I will just float it for your consideration. I will be sharing the challenge with the other Presidents as well.

I am surprised that my year as president is going so fast. Yet I keep reminding myself that, rather than counting down the weeks, I am looking forward to the projects ahead. Let's enjoy our service and make Rotary meaningful and fruitful.

*President Allen*

# Notices and Reminders

## Waikite Valley School: rural visit

On 10 April 2017 we will have an evening meeting at Waikite Valley School. Partners are warmly invited. Details about the arrangements to come from Vocational Director Martyn Craven.

## Geyser Community Foundation Garden Art Festival

The Geyser Garden Art Festival will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on 25 and 26 February 2017 in the garden of Joe and Jo-Anne La Grouw at 20 Tupara Crescent, Kawaha Point. Tickets are available at \$5 each at the gate. The launch will be held at 5.30 pm on Friday, 24 February 2017, offering finger food, drinks, and the opportunity to preview and purchase the art works; tickets at \$25 each from Tom Davies.

## Rotary Gardening Project

Thanks to the six volunteers who have offered their help with the gardening at 10.30 am Saturday, 25 February 2017 at 31 Barnard Road (opposite Fairy Springs). Please bring your own gardening tools for general weeding, dead heading, lawn edging and maybe some light trimming. Thanks to Ian Pound for the use of his trailer. Please let Ann (phone 348 5923 at home) or Robyn (022 309 4100) know if you want to help. We already have another two garden projects lined up after this!

## Swimming events

Katrina Allison thanks all the members who have very generously donated sponsorship for the annual Sunrise Rotary Swimathon. This will take place on Saturday, 25 February 2017 at the Aquatic Centre between 9 am and 1 pm. For every \$1 she raises, the Gates Foundation will contribute another \$2 and all the money raised will go towards erasing polio. This will be Katrina's fifth Swimathon and in total she has raised over \$4,000. She hopes to raise around \$600 (\$1,800) this year.

The Rotary Swim will take place on Sunday, 12 March 2017 at Lake Okataina. There is a lot of support from swimmers intending to join on the day. Funds raised will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters. The 6 km race will start at 10 am, followed by the shorter distances. Katrina is looking for spot prizes such as wine and chocolates to give out to the swimmers. Any help on the day will be greatly appreciated.

## Thanks to PP Martin Kinder for chairing the AGM

Treasurer Martin Chaired the Club's AGM and even kept the Minutes. The vote of thanks was well deserved.

## Hospital Chaplaincy Fundraising Breakfast

Friday, 31 March 2017 at 7 am at Third Place Café. Tickets at \$25 are available from Past-President Ray.

## Papamoa Rotary Golf Tournament

Tuesday, 25 April 2017, ANZAC Day Afternoon. Shotgun start from 12:15 pm. Mount Maunganui Golf Club, Fairway Avenue, Mount Maunganui.

## Birthdays

Another week with no birthdays to celebrate.

## Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo 2017

Monday 10 April until Thursday 13 April. Helpers are required to help set-up and then "man" the Driver Directions stand being held this year at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre. If you are available on one or more of these days, please contact Tony Baker (022 345 7607) or Ray Oakley (027 497 5732).

## Driver Directions

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at the Taupo Motorsport Park. Rotary is responsible for 2 Stations and helpers are required. Contact Tony Baker (022 345 7607), or Ray Oakley (027 497 5732).

# From the previous meeting

## Quotes of the week from Ray Bloomfield

When I was five years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down: "Happy". They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life. – John Lennon.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; snore and you sleep alone. – Anthony Burgess.

## Guest speaker Michelle Tanner of the Rotary Club of Matamata

Michelle works for the Auckland University immunisation centre. She went on a trip to Pakistan 2014 where she had been invited to present a paper at a conference about polio in Lahore. The local Rotary District Governor took her on a four-hour trip to his homeland where she had a red carpet reception and made a speech. She was invited to give oral polio vaccine to a few under-fives, watched by a TV crew. During another part of the trip she met the children of garbage pickers, the poorest of the poor. They write on slates and she has made a commitment that her Rotary Club will help them during her year as President. She attended the biggest ever polio march in Pakistan and met a young person who has had polio. She was honoured by the Punjab Minister of Health. Funds raised by Rotary pay for chiller boxes to transport the polio vaccine and for small gifts such as polio story books for children. At a zoo, the team immunised 3,200 children in 2.5 hours. This year, only one case of wild polio had been reported in Afghanistan. Children need more than ten doses of the oral vaccine to be fully immunised.

## 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>27 February 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club</b>	<b>6 March 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club</b>
Guest Speaker	Allison Lawton Rotorua Chamber of Commerce	Malcolm Thomas 10-year Crankworx Agreement
Introduction	Margriet Theron	John Powell
Vote of thanks	Katrina Allison	Peter Baars
President's table	Katrina Allison	Peter Baars
Club speaker	-	Denis Marriner
Fellowship/badges	Ray Bloomfield	Russell Burton
Quote of the week	Russell Burton	Doug Clemens
Fining officer	Russell Dale	Tom Davies
Room set-up	Murray Patchell	Ian Pound

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