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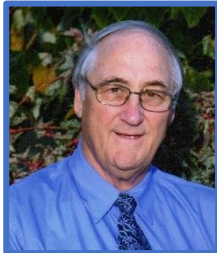
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Club meetings

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, 13 March 2017

President's Pen

Last weekend was New Zealand Children's Day. Here in Rotorua there were a number of activities enjoyed by the local children and their families. I had the privilege of being part of the Taumarunui Children's Day programme while I was over there to conduct a church programme. I was asked to be part of the proceedings by the organiser, a member of our congregation.

It was my privilege to speak to the crowd about the heritage we have in our children. Now my two are well and truly grown up – son 46 and daughter 45. My four grandchildren range from 15 to 22 years. So the fruitage of my parenting abilities, along with Juleen's, are now being seen in them.

The point I made to the crowd in Taumarunui was to value the children by encouraging their involvement with family and community, to value what makes people happy and do what they can to become part of the support processes.

It's important first to instil real, genuine, positive values in our children. We do that by showing them and modelling with them what is best, then working with them to do nice things for others. They actually like being involved, helping, and feel short- changed when they are not included.

The problem we face is that kids get so focused on those rectangular objects with screens. I tend to think the word ought to be spelt "**wreckt**angular". Yet get them interested in the real world where they can be active and sharing, and when they see others happy because they have helped them, they want to do more. Mind you, we need to be actively sharing with them at the same time for the best results.

My years in Scouts, and later in my church Pathfinder Clubs, taught me the value of service. We think that a lot of kids today are a bad bunch, but programmes like Kiwi Can, that we and the other four Clubs here in Rotorua are sponsoring, have a positive message and very pleasing results. The kids privileged to be a part of the Kiwi Can programme show a new resilience, responsibility and positive caring nature.

After all, they are the heritage we have for tomorrow's future. If we get involved as Rotarians and keep our vision for service very visible, we are guarding the future of Rotary by encouraging an attitude in their minds that is the foundation for our own Four-Way Test. Our future members? That's my own challenge. Yours?

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Head Prefects' Lunch

This year's Head Prefects Lunch will be held at the club's usual meeting place, the Rotorua Golf Club, on Monday 20 March 2017. Six schools will be attending; the Rotorua School for Young Parents is unable to make it on the day. One volunteer per school is required to be the host for the Head Prefects and their supporters. If any member would like to assist in the role of host please email John Powell as soon as possible at jopowell@hpsssl.co.nz

Circus Quirkus

Circus Quirkus for 2017 is underway culminating in the Circus Show on **Friday 26 May 2017 at 6 pm**. The Club's Charitable Trust has a contract with International Entertainment Ltd who provides a top quality circus style show to entertain under-privileged children in our community. A professional fundraiser contacts local businesses for donations of \$50 which secures a seat for a child. The children are advised who sponsors their seat and they are encouraged to make contact with the sponsor after the show. This is the main fundraiser for the Charitable Trust producing around \$6,000 per year to fund various local projects. Please support Circus Quirkus when approached to provide sponsorship. Volunteers are required to act as ushers on show night. Please put your hand up to help out and enjoy the show!

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.

Rotary Gardening Project

Robyn Murphy has planned the next gardening project and it will take place on Sunday, 19 March 2017 at 10 am. It is a small project in Tihiotonga and would need four or five people at most, weeding, planting a few vegetable seedlings and spreading some compost. Robyn Murphy will send details to those who have volunteered.

Hospital Chaplaincy Fundraising Breakfast

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

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.

Youth Expo and Driver Directions

Helpers required for **Rotorua Road Safety Youth Expo**, 10th – 13th April at Energy Events Centre, and then the **Driver Directions** programme for young drivers on 18th and 19th April at Taupo Motorsport Park. Please click [ROTARY](#) if you are able to help at one of these youth programmes.

From the previous meeting

Quotes of the week from Doug Clemens

Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote. – President Benjamin Franklin.

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything. – George Bernard Shaw.

Guest speaker Malcolm Thomas, Crankworx Director

Malcolm outlined the history of Crankworx which lead to the recent signing of a ten-year agreement to run the event in Rotorua. This year the event will include the New Zealand secondary schools mountain biking championships. Crankworx started in Whistler in Canada. The Rotorua and French events were added three years ago. The Canadians responded particularly positively to the cultural aspects of the Rotorua event. A not-for-profit company was set up to run the event in Rotorua; the Rotorua Lakes Council is one of the three partners and undertook to underwrite any losses up to \$500,000. In the first year the loss was \$94,000; in the second year that was reduced to \$37,000. The event attracted 1,500 international visitors last year and the positive economic impact grew from \$3.7 million in the first year to \$8 million in the second year. Major Events New Zealand also provides financial support. The east coast of Australia is being targeted in the promotion.

Club speaker Barry Lane

Barry Lane is beginning to make plans for his retirement after being involved in auditing for many years. The audit team from Iles Casey will be moving across to BDO Rotorua with its technical resources and national brand. They will continue to have local people providing solutions to local business. Barry will withdraw from his partnership role at Iles Casey at end of 2017.

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

	13 March 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	20 March 2017 at 12.30 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Brent Crowe Road Safety in the Bay of Plenty	Head Prefects from Rotorua's High Schools
Introduction	Richard Pryce	John Powell
Vote of thanks	Richard Fullard	Ann Nicholas
President's table	Richard Fullard	Ann Nicholas
Club speaker	Dennis Neilson	-
Fellowship/badges	Doug Clemens	Martyn Craven
Quote of the week	Martyn Craven	Fergus Cumming
Fining officer	Robin Findon	Richard Fullard
Room set-up	John Powell	Richard Pryce

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