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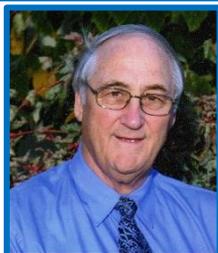
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Club meetings

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, 24 April 2017

President's Pen

So Easter is over. I had a smile when I went down town on Sunday and saw what the reaction was to the freeing up of trading. Quite a lot of the major shops were still closed. The cry has been to give everyone a family holiday. It looks like some of the retailers are prepared to forgo the income and let their workers continue the traditional Easter Sunday break. On that score I applaud them.

When I listen to the religious arguments for keeping Easter Friday and Easter Sunday, as well as Christmas day, as public holidays with a "sacred" label, I am inclined to be a bit negative towards many of the proponents. That might seem strange for a "man of the cloth" not to support a religious event. But I have a reason for it that is as valid for us as Rotarians as it is for anyone passionate about their personal beliefs.

To focus only on two events through the year on issues basic to one's beliefs is a bit short of the mark in my book. My faith is a 24 hour a day, 365 days a year thing. Sure I recognise the significance of those events but I am not going to observe them on their designated days alone. And believe me there are a lot of so-called church people who are ardent about their faith on Easter and Christmas but forget about the significance of the events on the other days. It becomes a ritual and not personal.

As a Rotarian my involvement in Rotary is not delegated to the time I spend in Club meetings, or the time I spend on Rotary projects. Because Rotary is all about serving humanity. That to me it a total involvement. My philosophy of life is all possessing. Rotary is an integral part of that, as is chaplaincy and my church involvement.

I have spent time in the last two weeks with the other four Rotary presidents and am really pleased with the way we are all working together. One of the meetings was to discuss the progress of the Kiwican programme. We talked on the phone with the acting Chief Executive of the Graeme Dingle Foundation, the sponsors of Kiwican.

We will have a visit from Robyn Skelton, local organiser of the project, in a few weeks. She will report to us on the progress so far. It's a great programme and will be of great benefit to the children of Rotorua as it is in other parts of New Zealand.

Not too many weeks now until changeover night. When I hand over to Russell Burton I am positive about the year ahead. So keep up your positive commitment too. I am!

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

Papamoa Rotary Golf Tournament

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

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!

Lions rugby game

When the Lions play at the International Stadium later this year there will be a fundraising dinner for Big Brothers Big Sisters at the home of Peter and Robyn Spurdle, overlooking the stadium. The donation of \$130 per person will cover a three-course meal. Guests will be asked to bring their own drinks.

From the previous meeting

Guest speaker Stewart Graham

The dinner meeting on 10 April 2017 was held at Waikite Valley School. Stewart Graham was the guest speaker. He had arrived from Christchurch with his family when he was nine. The valley was settled by returned servicemen and their families from 1951. Mr Jim Cossack had been the manager of the area before the settlers arrived; the land was a barren, god-forsaken wilderness with no Maori settlements although there were walking tracks linking Rotorua with Orakei Korako. The bridge built in 1973 at Atiamuri greatly improved the access to the valley.

The men initially lived in implement sheds; they were joined later by their families. Cowsheds were built and the yearlings arrived. The 150 cows were milked in one shed, with the milk then divided up. Each settler received a loan of £2,750 to build a house. A dairy factory was built at the Uthina Stream for town supply with a milk tanker taking the milk to town.

The school was opened in 1955 after a heated debate on its location. The Lockwood building was quick to construct, but had a leaky roof. The settlers raised funds for and developed the school grounds, the rugby field, community hall, golf course and hot pools. The automatic telephone exchange was the first in rural New Zealand. The school bus could not pick up all the children so a bike track was built for those riding to school.

Happy birthday

Margriet Theron (25 April)
Doug Clemens (26 April)
Ray Bloomfield (1 May)
Helen Patchell (1 May)



Duty Roster

If you cannot do your duty, please arrange a replacement and advise Acting Sergeant Barry Lane on 021 741264 or b.lane@ilescasey.co.nz

Club speakers to advise Margriet on theronm@yahoo.com if they require the laptop for data projection.

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

	24 April 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	1 May 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Rangipurei Manley, winner of the Rotorua/Taupo heat of the Race Unity Speech Awards	Grant Pearce, Christchurch Port Hill fires
Introduction	Margriet Theron	Roger Willard
Vote of thanks	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
President's table	Fergus Cumming	Russell Dale
Club speaker	Margriet Theron	Paul Wilson
Fellowship/badges	Tony Baker	Ray Bloomfield
Quote of the week	Martin Kinder	Noel Lamberton
Fining officer	Russell Dale	Tom Davies
Room set-up	Murray Patchell	Richard Pryce

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What a fine looking group at the Whakatane Conference

