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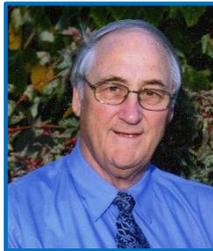
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Club meetings

Mondays at 12.30
pm (except public
holidays)
Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday, 8 May 2017

President's Pen

It's just seven weeks to go until another historic moment for our Club – the induction of our 90th President, Russell Burton. Yes, for the historians counting the years he should be number 91, but I note that a certain J.A.Thomas was in office for two years, so that will make Russell No,90!

It's traditional for the President Elect to organise the changeover evening and I know that Russell has that well under way. So, plan for the evening, set down for Tuesday, June 27. That allows for Lakes Club to have theirs on their usual night of meeting, June 26.

Over the months we have been looking at a structural change that will replace the committee focus with a project focus. A number of Clubs have done this and found it to be a lot more practical. It will help us with our involvement in the Rotary programmes we run. It's easy to sit in a committee and make decisions, then go home and let others do the work. The new system will see us attached to projects that we choose to be actively involved with.

The Club Board meets next Monday evening to start to set these plans in motion, thanks to Russell's good work. As he takes over the new presidency, the enthusiasm he has shown for the process will have a positive outcome, I am sure.

The Board will also be considering possible recipients for the Paul Harris Fellowship award. This is always a special feature of the changeover programme. The award can be achieved by giving a personal donation of US\$1000 to The Rotary Foundation, or it is awarded to a person whom the Board considers have given outstanding service to the ideals of Rotary, either a Rotarian within the Club or a person in the community. The Club has donated a considerable amount over the past few years and is able to award PHFs on that basis.

Congratulations to John Heaton on being the first New Zealand Rotarian to be admitted to the Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship Hall of Fame. I could see how surprised and almost speechless he was when I announced it. Well done, John. You have done us and New Zealand Rotary proud.

So, keep up the good work everyone. I would like those who have been involved in projects over the last few weeks to give us a brief report if you would. It helps us all keep our Rotary vision alive. That's vital to our ongoing commitment.

President Allen

Notices and Reminders

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

Quote of the week from Noel Lamberton

Thor Heyerdahl – "Progress is man's ability to complicate simplicity"

George Burns – "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close knit family in another city."



John Heaton – Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship Hall of Fame (RHHIF)

P.P John Heaton was sponsored into the Rotary Club of Rotorua by his father, Mr Ken Heaton, and inducted on Monday 22 August 1966 by President Bob Reeder.

John was honoured for over 50 years of membership in the Rotary Club of Rotorua on Monday 22 August 2016. The RHHIF maintains a photo album of Hall of Fame members that is displayed at international conventions.

As of February 2017, there were only 104 RHHIF members worldwide. Of those 104 Rotarians, John Heaton is the only New Zealander listed.

John received a Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1992.

Picture shows: P.P.John receiving his RHHIF certificate from President Allen Foote.

Club speaker - Paul Wilson.

Paul talked about his four children, Sam (Navy officer), Kate (solicitor), Harry (geology/geography student), and Peter (farmer), all of whom were born since Paul became a member of the Club.

Sam has served on the Navy vessel Te Kaha, including a highly successful raid on a dhow, as part of a multinational effort to reduce drug trade funding terrorism. Shortly after refuelling in the Seychelles, they encountered a dhow which led to a seizure of \$259m of heroin. Paul noted that drug dogs would be handy in tracking drugs on board these difficult to locate vessels.

Guest speaker – Grant Pearce, Scion Scientist

Grant has been involved in wildfire research for over 25 years. He gave a highly informative and interesting overview of wildfire risk management and then the 2017 Port Hills fire. Scion's rural fire research programme is funded by the Government through five yearly contestable funding rounds– Russell Burton noted that in 2002 the Government considered that fire was no longer a hazard! It is co-funded by the Defence Force, Department of Conservation, NZ Fire Service and local government.

After giving an overview of the small (six person) research team and their skills, based out of Scion's Ilam campus, Grant explained how they have studied fire behaviour from experimental fires, developing tools to help predict and manage the spread of fire. These include overlaying fire spread models on aerial photo bases to give a clear picture of where fires may spread. NZ scientists work cooperatively with Australia, USA, Canada and Europe.

NZ experiences about 3500 rural fires per year that affect about 6000ha per year. The Port Hills Fire developed from two suspicious fires that merged on the Port Hills. It was the most significant fire for many years, affecting some 2000ha and destroying home 11 houses, although the outcome could have been much worse. Scion scientists assisted with their fire behaviour model to help predict the spread of the fire and when the cordon could be safely lifted, as well as smoke modelling to support health advice. They have also given technical advice to the fire investigators and will help with the debrief and reviews underway.

Issues arising from the Port Hills fires include:

- Environmental – potential erosion and sediment runoff from bare surfaces, as well as managing revegetation, especially where weed species may regenerate quickly.
- Social issues – people forget quickly the risk of wild fires, there are criticisms about lack of communication and how evacuation was managed, and after the fire, what insurance really covers. It is important to find ways to strengthen resilience and community networks.
- Reducing wildfire risk – there is a need for a more consistent approach when planning development, by building new houses in the right place, in the right materials with the right design with adequate defensible space around the house.

With climate change, the fire environment will change with more frequent fire weather conditions and wildfires in less typical locations. Over 20 structures have been lost this season, the highest in 100 years. This will happen more often.

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

	8 May 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	15 May 2017 at 12.15pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Don Gollan Rotorua Rotary Charity Lunch	Robyn Skelton Kiwi Can Project
Introduction	Paul Wilson	Peter Spurdle
Vote of thanks	Tom Davies	Katrina Allison
President's table	Tom Davies	Katrina Allison
Club speaker	Bob Allison	Bruce Scott
Fellowship/badges	Russell Burton	Noel Lamberton
Quote of the week	Barry Lane	Doug Clemens
Fining officer	Robin Findon	Kierin Irvine
Room set-up	Bruce Rykers	Ian Pound

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