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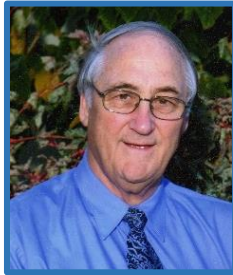
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Club meetings

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, 22 May 2017

President's Pen

I'm so grateful for the members who make up the Rotary family. We belong to an organisation that has eyes open to the needs of the world around us, both near and far. It's a big vision, but the history of Rotary proves that we have met the challenge.

Last Monday, I arrived at the meeting in my suit and tie, having just come from a very large funeral for a young 40 year old mother who had not survived cancer, leaving behind a young family of eight children. When I mentioned the fact of this family tragedy, a suggestion was made that maybe the Club could see how it could assist. I was able to assure everyone that there was a lot of support already from a number of avenues. I will certainly keep this offer in mind, however.

What I appreciated was the response to a need. In the discussion we had during the meeting a number of points were made as we took a more casual approach to the procedure. An important point was emphasised that Rotary is a commitment from the heart, a point that I have been making over the weeks in my President's Pen. I like to go away from a meeting stimulated to go out and serve my community.

Another consideration at the meeting was the need for increased social fellowship. I made the challenge, as I do here, for someone to organise a Club social activity, such as a barbecue, or maybe something a bit more inventive, that everyone can join in with and enjoy. I would like this to happen in the next few weeks, before the Club changeover. Let's know your ideas so we can get it all organised.

We are grateful to Russell Burton for the time he has spent on our strategic planning. As he was away last meeting because of business commitments, he asked me to share his vision. Those present certainly endorsed his report and supported his new Board structure.

These changes are to be made with one purpose and that is to enable us to work more efficiently as a Club and give us a renewed stimulus in our community focus and service. As well, he plans to follow up on having regular evening meetings with quality guest speakers, giving the opportunity to bring guests and prospective members to the meeting.

Two challenges face us at the moment. One is to select a new Vice-President, and also to find a person willing to look after the Bulletin. Your suggestions and offers please.

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.

Happy Birthday!

Tom Davies (24 May)
Tony Baker (26 May)
Mal Feetham (26 May)



From the previous meeting

Quotes of the week from Margriet Theron

Until lions have their historians, tales of the hunt shall always glorify the hunters – African proverb

We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams. – Jimmy Carter

Club Forum

President Allen led the Club in reviewing the projects in which we have been involved over the past year, community needs of which we are aware, and ideas for the future. He sees coming to Rotary meetings like an oasis in his busy weeks. He is concerned that the Club is not as active as it used to be. He read a letter from Incoming President Russell Burton. In 2017/18 the Club will move to a project-based governance model. Ann Nicholas will be Projects Director, finding people to champion projects according to their interests and skills. President Allen said that, although Russell was still learning about Rotary, he will bring a high level of energy to the Club. Past-President Margriet Theron reported that Rangipurei Manley had made it into the final six at the national finals in Auckland of the Race Unity Speech Awards. Past-President Ray Bloomfield said that the fellowship involved in going to Fiji to build a Rotahome was a highlight of his time in the Club. Past-President Barry Lane said that it was good to continue with the standard projects run by the Club, but that a change of heart was needed to change the activities of the Club. Past-President Richard Pryce praised Katrina Allison for the new ideas that she had brought to the Club and executed: the swimming events, helping after the Edgecumbe floods, and making and donating a quilt. Tom Davis said that, in working on projects to make our community a better place, we should involve others from our networks in Club projects. Margriet said that she had given a talk at the Rotorua East Club recently; membership had been closed at 130. She suggested that Russell should go and talk to the President of that Club to find out what their formula for success was. Margriet mentioned that the Rotorua Multicultural Council had been approached by Plunket and that the two organisations had joined forces to run a very successful event for newcomers to Rotorua and migrants with babies and toddlers. It might be a good idea for our Club to collaborate with other organisations to run projects for the community.

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

	22 May 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club	29 May 2017 at 12.15 pm at the Rotorua Golf Club
Guest Speaker	Robyn Skelton. KiwiCan	Rotorua Police Commander Anaru Pewhairangi
Introduction	Ann Nicholas	Murray Patchell
Vote of thanks	Robin Findon	John Heaton
President's table	Robin Findon	John Heaton
Club speaker	Katrina Allison	Ray Bloomfield
Fellowship/badges	Martyn Craven	Fergus Cumming
Quote of the week	Denis Marriner	Ann Nicholas
Fining officer	Barry Lane	Noel Lamberton
Room set-up	Barry Lane	John Powell

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