

# Next Rotary meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

We finished our Rotary year last week in real style – thanks to everyone for literally pitching or golfing in and contributing to a fun and different evening. It was very special to have our own John talking about our club, its history and providing his own personal experiences, It does show how operationally Rotary has changed over the years. I am still amused from the stories in the 75 Years of Rotorua Rotary book how for some Directors meetings they ended with a singing session. Maybe that was helped by the preceding drinking session! Similarly John describing the late night / early morning sessions. How times have changed. It was nice again to make special acknowledgment of John for his being the only New Zealander in the Rotary Heritage and History International Hall of Fame

Bill Boyd was also a star – reminding us of the amazing activities that Rotary has seeded over the years. I never knew about many of these so it was a further reminder of how integral Rotary is in our community but how little profile it has.

It was also a real pleasure to recognise the long service and contribution that Robin Findon has made to Rotary and be awarded with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Interspersed with some light hearted activities and awarding of chocolate fish for golfing and expertise in Christmas Knowledge trivia.

Thanks to Martin, Tony, Katrina, Robyn and Ann and also quizmistress Robyn, all their assistants in to making this a fun and informative evening.

It is interesting to note the increase in responses to the article by Sir Anand Satyanand and a push to see this more fully debated across Rotary in New Zealand. I have been asked if we could have a special club session on this as well.

A new year and perhaps some new beginnings for us. In the meantime have a wonderful break with whanau and friends and I look forward to seeing you all again on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

Yours in Rotary  
Russell



# Duty Roster

Club Meeting	15 January 2017, 12:30pm Rotorua Golf Club
Programme	Harold Holmes Awards
Introduction	Murray Patchell
Vote of thanks	John Powell
Club speaker	Ann Nicholas
Fellowship/badges	Doug Clemens
Quote of the week	Russell Dale
Fining officer	Tom Davies
Room set-up	Barry Lane

