



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 23 April 2018

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,
399 Fenton Street,
Rotorua.

Dear Rotarians,

Thanks to Richard for chairing the meeting today as I was required to be at my organisation's monthly management meeting.

Our modern life requires in-built flexibility and I remain grateful for those who need to step in as I disappear on a regular monthly basis.

I also appreciate those who have been in direct touch after the club forum with thoughts and ideas. I also want to correct any misunderstanding over the balance between community service and fellowship. I am very proud how both these important outcomes have been addressed this year.

Supporting the community through direct projects, raising funds to invest back in the community or critical community-based projects such as the school leaders and similar are an important part of what we are about. Supporting and working for the community is also about fellowship as these are team activities. The work to put into effect the Charity Luncheon is a classic example. A lot of our members and other Rotarians across Rotorua put an amazing amount of work into this event and the outcome was a lot of important charities received some investment to promote their cause. Over three years close to \$250,000 has been raised and invested into important Rotorua Charities in this one event alone. Very much service above self.

We cannot ignore that we are having difficulty maintaining all of what we have done in the past and that securing volunteers is not always easy. We have to make choices.

The Directors met tonight to review the outcomes of the forum and plan a way forward. We firstly want to acknowledge the input from the members. There were some clear messages about what we wanted to keep and what we felt could be seen as a nice to have.

Accordingly, we will put in place a transition year protecting our club and the principles of what we are about (community work and fellowship). In doing this we must look to each member and ask what you can contribute. Spread across the club the tasks per member are very modest. There is also a very clear message about working with the other clubs to develop a more rational approach across Rotorua.

Next week we will have a list of all those activities in which we are involved. We will need a name against each. If no name then that in itself is a clear message.

We also had a clear message about the role of President. Simply put, make it simpler. So, the President Pen will disappear. We will look to share the role of chairing each meeting across the club members. It is not an arduous role but shared around will simplify the role of the President.

Yes, it is different, but the directors are seeking to keep what you saw as important and put aside those we saw as nice to have but maybe impractical moving forward.

I will talk to this again next week and the list of tasks will be made available. Please consider what role you can play. Spread around it is a very small task per person.

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Yours in Rotary.

President Russell

Club Speaker - Fergus Cumming

Fergus reminded us of the history of Rotary in New Zealand: the Wellington and Auckland Clubs were established in June 1921. There have been six Rotary Districts in New Zealand (some of these include Pacific Islands). The two South Island Districts are being amalgamated back into one and Fergus's forecast is that, based on current trends, New Zealand may well be back to having just one District within ten years.

Notices

- Richard Pryce has recorded the names of those who wish to participate in Guess Who is Coming to Dinner on 5 May 2018. Please contact Richard for further details or if he has not yet spoken to you.
- The Club's Golf Club Tournament will be held on 10 June 2018 with only members of the Club participating.

Quote from Murray Patchell

Life is not a journey to the grave with the goal of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body. But rather, to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming: "WOW what a ride!" – Mark Frost.

Reminders

Circus Quirkus

Circus Quirkus will be held at 6pm on Thursday 24th May at the Rotorua Girl's High School hall. This is a major fund-raiser for the Club and is a great project to be involved with. Ray Bloomfield volunteered to arrange volunteers for the night and liaise with Martin leading up to the event.

Driver Directions

After 6 years of Rotary being in partnership with Rotorua Lakes Council and Taupo District Council, the two afore mentioned organisations (Rotary and RLC) have decided to bring Driver Directions from Taupo to Rotorua.

The Rotorua venue for Driver Directions will be at the Rotorua KartSport Raceway, Amoore Road, Mamaku.

P.P. Garth Wilson and Ray Oakley (Rotary Club of Rotorua West) will be representing Rotary on the Rotorua Driver Directions Committee.

Dates for this years Driver Directions programme at Mamaku are scheduled for:

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th July 2018.

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th December 2018.

Helpers from our Club will be needed on these dates – please make yourself available.

Guest Speaker
Johannes Tietze



Johannes Tietze was born in Germany. As a child he spent time in Papua New Guinea. Back in Germany he qualified as a chef and worked in hospitality, accounting and education. After moving to Auckland he set up the Libelle Group which is a school tuck shop business with a service called Txt My Lunch. The business provides 60,000 school lunches per day to schools across New Zealand, including Rotorua Lakes High School and Rotorua Girls' High School. The aim of the business is to provide healthy meals at a reasonable cost. The menu comprises a range of combos at \$6 each, including a drink and fruit. They are competing with dairies and supermarkets where students can buy a large fizzy drink and two pies for under \$10. The estimated cost of a home-prepared lunch is \$7. All schools have policies to move towards healthy choices in their tuck shops. Often children from low decile schools have no lunch or lunch money, but they do have a mobile phone and data. Parents can set up an account and text a lunch order to the students. Libelle has set up a scheme where donors can go on-line and purchase lunches to be distributed to schools where there are hungry learners: <https://www.txtmylunch.co.nz/product/gift-lunches/>

Up and Coming Duties

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please contact Sergeant Barry - 021 741 264

Club Meeting	23 April 2018	30 April 2018
Guest Speaker	Garth Wilson	TBD
Introduction	Peter Spurdle	Murray Patchell
Vote of Thanks	Mark Gould	Richard Pryce
Club Speaker	Bryce Dunn	Ann Nicholas
Fellowship & Badges	Allen Foote	Bruce Rykers
Quote of the Week	Doug Clemens	Allen Foote
Fining Officer	Tom Davies	Roger Willard
Room Set-up	John Heaton	Denis Marriner
Power Point		



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Looking forward: long term view of our agenda for the year.

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
April	2	Easter – no meeting		
	7/8	Gardening at Janice Scott's	16 Kahurangi Drive	Ian Pound
	9	Club Forum	"Club future"	
	16	Johannes Tietze	TxT my LUNCH	
	23	Garth Wilson	"A Close Brush with Royalty"	
	30			
May	7			
	14			
	21			
	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28			
June	4			
	11			
	18			
	25	Change over - evening		



Three photos taken by Katrina & Bob Allison while they were in New York.
Left photo Shows Lower Manhattan taken from an East River ferry.
Middle photo: Brooklyn Bridge taken from the same ferry.
Right photo Shows Central Park on a clear, sunny, spring day - but very cold!
 Can you see Bob in the background?



1993
 Peter Baars – President
 How many members do you remember?