



Rotary Club of Rotorua

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Monday 21 May 2018

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Club Meetings

Mondays at 12.30 pm
(except public holidays)

Rotorua Golf Club,

399 Fenton Street,

Rotorua.

Dear Rotarians,

President missing in action again. Annoying when work commitments get in the way of important matters such as Rotary.

We are clearly now in the run down to the end of another Rotary year with 6 weeks to go. Although we will do the official year review at the non-changeover on the 25th it has been a busy year of fellowship and community services and I am looking back with some satisfaction on what we have achieved but also sadness that we struggle to put in place a strong succession and renewal plan. A new beginning on July 1st and through working more closely with our fellow Rotarians in Rotorua let's hope we can come up with an approach that ensures the core values of Rotorua and our work in the community can see out at least another 90 years.

A short President Pen this week. Just getting you used to this being less of a feature from July onward.

Yours in Rotary,

President Russell

Half a page from Russell today, how do I fill up the page?

I know, I'll call it, "*Tony's Half Page*".

"Rotary's Battle for Survival with Ageing and Declining Membership"

From a speech by Rotary International Director Bradford R. Howard speaking to Cairns Rotarians. "We have a hard time finding people to join Rotary and an even harder time keeping them".

Over the past 10 years, our Rotorua Club, has lost over 50% of our members. In 2008 we had 64 active members, today we have 29 active members. Why are we losing our members?" I believe it is negativity and the lack of proper Club Fellowship – with a big "F".

We have failed to recognise our customers – the men and women who join our clubs. 50% of the world's population are 30 and younger. The wave of change is coming and Rotary has the opportunity to take this on. If we take care of our members, they will take care of the world.

P.P. Tony Baker

Up and Coming Duties

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

Club Meeting	21 May April	28 May 2018
Guest Speaker	Mark Gould	Wendy Wrigley
Introduction	John Heaton	Fergus Cumming
Vote of Thanks	Richard Pryce	Doug Clemens
Club Speaker	Roger Willard	Robin Findon
Fellowship & Badges	Bob Allison	Denis Marriner
Quote of the Week	Ann Nicholas	Katrina Allison
Fining Officer	Murray Patchell	Kierin Irvine
Room Set-up	Dennis Neilson	Garth Wilson
Power Point	No	No

NOTICES & 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 fundraiser 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.



Oh my God, it's Bob Allison!!

Driver Directions

After 8 years of Driver Directions being at the Taupo Raceway we have at long last managed to secure the Mamaku KartSport Track for all future Rotorua Driver Directions courses for young drivers.

Rotarian helpers names please to Garth Wilson for: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th July.

Plus, we need 3 or 4 helpers on set-up day being Monday 9th July.



Yes, it is Katrina above, and no, it's not Bob on the right!!



Guest Speaker – Jodie Lawson

Jodie Lawson is the Safe and Sustainable Journeys Manager at Rotorua Lakes Council. Garth Wilson had been involved 30 years ago in the setting up of Drivewise. Jodie gave an update on developments at Driver Directions. She has been with Rotorua Lakes Council for 13 years but only moved to Rotorua from Taupo five years ago. Rotorua Lakes Council and Taupo District Council have collaborated with the Police and Rotary since 2010 on the Driver



Directions programme. She was shocked to learn late last year that Taupo would be withdrawing from the project to join up with a new Holden - and Greg Murphy - supported road safety programme for young people. This meant the loss of half of the funding and staffing for Driver Directions. She felt an obligation towards the young people of Rotorua and funded nine of them to attend the first Holden event in Taupo at a cost of \$49 each. Rotorua Rotary volunteers, members of the Police and Rotorua Lakes Council staff then formed a committee to put a new Rotorua-based Driver Directions programme in place. This year Driver Directions will be introducing an added dynamic to the programme – a Cycling and Scooter station. Given the numbers of young people using Scooters/Mopeds, and the increasing number of Cyclists/Car accidents, providing this additional station will be a valuable one. Driver Directions will be hosted at Off Road New Zealand's track near Mamaku. As this track is smaller, speeds will be reduced. The event will again be free to participants and initially numbers will be reduced to 20. The first event will be run in the next school holiday. Rotorua Ford and Mazda are sponsoring this event as well as the road safety expo held at the Energy Event Centre.

Club Speaker – Martin Kinder

Club Speaker Martin Kinder ran a ten-question quiz as a warm-up for the combined Rotary Clubs Quiz Night on 25 May 2018 at 6 pm at the Dutch Club in Neil Hunt Park.

Quotes – Bruce Rykers

Be strong and take courage; don't be afraid. Neither should you be dismayed for God your Father is always with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9.

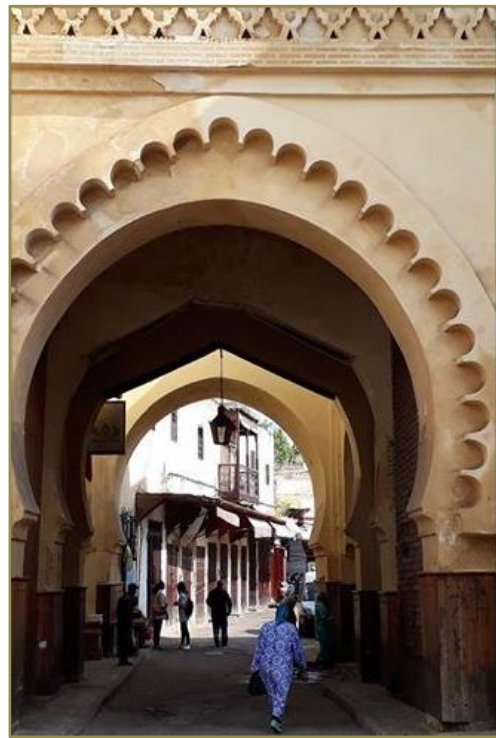
I speak the truth, not so much as I want, but as much as I dare. And I dare a little more as I grow older. - Michel de Montaigne

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Necia Marriner 15th May



Casablanca (5th May). Had a difficult day here. Certainly not the city of romance. Lots of beggars and run-down buildings. I had the feeling that people work hard to survive here. Beautiful Mosque though.



Today (8th May) we walked and shopped around Fez. The Medina is overwhelming. Full of activity, smells, sights and trying not to get trod on by the odd horse or donkey. Over 10,000 streets. Fortunately, we had a guide. I love the ceramics, agave silk and leather. Wonderfully exhausting day.

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

Month	Date	Activity	Location/Comment	Contact
May	5	Guess who's Coming to Dinner		Richard Pryce
	7	Kierin Irvine	Small Boat Cruising	
	14	Jodie Lawson	Driver Directions	
	21	Mark Gould	Classification Talk	
	24	Circus Quirkus	RGHS Hall	Ann Nicholas
	28	Wendy Wrigley	Police Person of the Year	
June	4	Queen's Birthday	No Meeting	
	11	Grant Utteridge		
	18	John Gifford		
	25	Change over - evening		



Moroccan city of Fez

