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Rotary Club of Rotorua

Monday 6 July 2020

Under new management



Welcome to our bulletin for the start of the new Rotary year.

A word from our new President.

Welcome to our new Rotary Year. I would like to acknowledge President Tom for his leadership through what must be one of the most challenging times we have had in recent memory. We have come out of lockdown a stronger club due to his leadership and with the support he has had from you all. I would also like to acknowledge the role that Martin has played in setting up and chairing our virtual meetings.

Like all new Presidents I am considering making some tweaks (not too much hard pruning, I promise!) that both reflect who I am and build on the work that has gone before.

We have a great club spirit, and this was reflected in changeover when we had an opportunity to socialise and catch up with all those people who have been just images on our computer screens for some weeks. I want to ensure we sustain healthy social interactions whether in person or at a distance. Which is why the role of Wellbeing Liaison will continue going forward.

Zoom gave us an opportunity to bring in speakers from around NZ and from other countries. I want to continue with that.

We have a great list of projects and we aim to strengthen those. Success is not so much increasing the list of projects but consolidating those we have (planting the right plants) and ensuring we use these to sustain and grow our support within in our local community. Growing both our club

wealth and our individual wealth will come as we take part in these activities.

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I believe the monthly chairmanship approach to our meetings is a great concept as it distributes the work load and allows us to enjoy different styles of chairing during the course of the year and allows members to participate more directly in club activities.

I have asked Garth with support from Russell Burton to develop an annual calendar. Each month will have a theme as closely aligned as we can with the Rotary International theme. We will aim, as much as we can, to bring in at least one external speaker each month to support that theme. In lieu of the traditional 3 minute club speaker we will have one meeting a month with one or two club speakers who would provide either an update on their life/work, a subject special to them that is aligned to our monthly theme or provide an update from a club project they are involved with.

We have always appreciated the support from club members helping to identify great speakers. Please continue to help us with this noting that we are no longer limited to speakers drawn only from our local area. If our guest speakers are to support our monthly theme, we need to encourage them to speak, in person or on zoom, at a time where our annual programme fits with their topic or speciality.

The Club Bulletin will provide a calendar as far out as we can accepting that we also need to maintain some flexibility as we have learnt over the last few months that you never know what is round the corner.

Communication is another area where we have done very well thanks to the work of Margriet, Derek and Murray. You would have noted the many new faces at our zoom meetings. By ensuring the greater community is aware of what we are doing then we can sustain an increased audience. Securing great speakers will attract guests and then we have a chance to embrace those guests more fully as members of our club. In other words, grow the wealth of our club.

Planting the right plants, fertilising and watering as needed, with a little judicious pruning - just the ticket to produce not just a healthy "garden" but a flourishing one.

I appreciate the support you have already shown me and look forward to a great year.

Yours in Rotary

President Robyn

Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest. Mark Twain

Monday 29 June 2020

Discovering Historic Hadrian's Wall.

Once upon a time there was a national leader who decided he did not like the people over the border and therefore erected a wall to keep them out or at least charge them money to come in. No not Donald Trump but in this case Caesar Trajanus Hadrianus Augustus Emperor of Rome and all her territories. However, the wall story has been repeated since at least 200BC when they started building the Great Wall of China. Dr Glen Murphy took us on his double journey as he walked the entire length of Hadrian's wall and also journeyed through history. A physical journey of 160km and a time journey of 1900 years. Averaging 27km per day and

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at least one pub per day he and his friend Rod managed this journey in a mere 6 days while it took Hadrian's builders about 8 years to complete the same distance (although they would have had a million tonnes of rock or so to carry on that same journey).

Our thanks to Glen for sharing his journey and story with us.

We welcome Aresh Alaeinia into our membership.

Birthday 6 July Garth Wilson

Month	July 2020
Meeting Chair	President Robyn Murphy
Theme	Rotaract and Interact - supporting youth development

Date July	Venue	Activity	Quote	Introduction	Thanks to speaker	Set up & Welcome
Monday 6th	Rotorua Golf Club at 12:30	Speaker Chris Chedzoy From Texas. Rugby in Texas	Tom Davies	Martin Kinder	Andrew Orme	Peter Spurdle
Tuesday 7th	Rotorua Go Kart Trust Site Mamaku	Driver Directions contact Garth Wilson	Not applicable			
Wednesday 8th	Rotorua Go Kart Trust Site Mamaku	Driver Directions contact Garth Wilson	Not applicable			
Monday 13th	Rotorua Golf Club at 12:30	Speaker - Bob Morrow Canada. The space programme – Canada's contribution	Bryce Dunn	Barry Lane	Murray Patchell	Roger Willard
Monday 20th	Rotorua Golf Club at 12:30	Membership Garth Wilson & Roger Willard	Allen Foote	Chair	Erika Raubenheimer	Garth Wilson
Monday 27th	The Social Club 1160 Amohia St at 5:30pm	Social Interaction bring a guest or two...	Not applicable			

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