



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 24 th Sept 2008 6pm
Where:	The Hangar, 104 Central Park Drive, Waitakere City
Guests:	Richard George (GSE Applicant), Beatriz, Eunice Hatch
Attendance:	17/30 57%
Make Ups:	
Apologies:	Angela Brown, Jim Brown, David Butler, Kent Favel, Rosemary Langham, Steve Lewin, Graham Nicholson, John Riddell, Tony Scott
Absent:	John Ritchie
Guest Speaker:	Committee Update Night

Important Dates and Events

1 st October 2008	Venue Change: The Hangar Speaker: Mr Chris Reid. A Captain of a Team New Zealand training boat and a world champion sailor in his own right.
4 th October 2008	Fire Fighters' Millionaire Night
29 th October 2008	Fellowship night. Dinner and movie
17 th April 2009 to 19 th April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei



Richard George:

Richard was one of 50 GSE Applicants for one of 10 places and was accepted. He is 25, teaches at Sunderland, and is off to India on the 3rd January 2009 for one month. He came to Rotary last week to hear the politicians, and again this week to introduce himself to us and learn about Rotary. I don't think we scared him too badly.

President's Messages:

1. Temporary (?) Change of Venue

The Waitakere Stadium is an excellent venue but there are currently a few unresolved issues with the new caterers to do with their extremely limited, badly balanced & unimaginative budget menu – at top dollar.

A Balanced Meal (Small helpings of things at top, bigger helpings of things at bottom)	Sero's Version (Spot the difference?)
Small Dessert	Extremely Small Bowl of Lettuce with a few decorative tomatoes etc. (No fruit or cooked vegetables).
Meats	One dish of cheap and somewhat boring fish, chicken OR meat disguised as either curry or stroganoff
Vegetables/Fruit	Large Rich Slice for Dessert
Carbohydrates	Vast quantities of Bread, Pasta Salad, Potatoes and Rice

In the last three weeks there have been multiple complaints and the caterers have yet to keep their multiple promises that it will improve. Last week, with our visiting VIPs, they catered for 45 – and the miniscule amount of lettuce ran out at 35. The last few enjoyed the gravy rather than the meat.

There are also significant extra costs if we venture outside the norm and ask for the use of an empty room for a Board meeting, or a different room for larger numbers. (To use the Trackside room now costs around \$1,000 for itemized things like tablecloths, cutlery, staff, stage... and the room hire. Food is extra.)

Over the next 2 or 3 weeks we were intending to investigate alternative venues and menus in West Auckland (thus the Pub Crawl) but have run into a problem – there aren't too many suitable venues in our area that can cater on a regular basis for a group, particularly at this time of year. Restaurants are busy and community centres don't have caterers.

Tonight's meeting at The Hangar was great. The food was excellent – plenty of cooked vegetables and a salad, great meat, bread & two types of potatoes, and the small sized portions of tasty cake came with plenty of fresh fruit salad. The coffee was freshly brewed and the milk was fresh and without lumps.

The private room was a bit small, which could cause problems with flexible numbers, but it is upstairs at the back of the building, well away from the noise of the Bar and quiet. The service was excellent and they even cleared the dirty dishes promptly!

Next week's meeting will again be held at The Hangar whilst we continue to contemplate the Stadium, and the new caterers, from afar.



Pleasant surroundings for a chat prior to our meeting



The private room. Not very large but sound-proof so we didn't hear the band



A well balanced excellent meal with lots of vegetables and a salad



Non-guilt sized portions of tasty cake with plenty of fruit



President Terry spreading the news



Theo and Beatriz returned from the ski field (note Theo's wrist)



A quiet drink afterwards



And more chat

2. Letter from Swanson School

Craiger has been doing some tricky maintenance work at the school for free. Rotary received a letter thanking us for his help

3. Summer Science Student

Rotary Admin asked us to support a student for a late application to Summer Science School. The committee very kindly allowed the late application so long as it was received before they had finished analysing the applicants this Friday. Jane Kasmara's application was posted on Tuesday morning. We hope to hear next week as to whether Jane is successful.

4. Truancy

Over the last few years we have provided several cars for the Truancy Service. This year they have said they don't need another car but have asked for help with printing costs for new entrant pamphlets and a photo frig magnet. The estimated cost for this is around \$10,000 and we have been asked if we would like to contribute towards it. Their request was tabled at our meeting for discussion and will be considered by the Board at our next meeting. Anyone with views on this (for, against, amount...) - please email Heather.

5. John Page Golf Tournament

In the past this has raised about 5 or 6 thousand dollars. We discussed whether or not to hold it again and decided we would.

The following people have offered to help with this:

Name	Organizing	Help on Day
Jill Jones	Yes	Yes
Bob Langlois	Yes	Yes
Mike Angland	Yes	Yes
Theo Van Lier	Yes	Yes
Bob Benzie	Yes	Yes
Terry Hodges	Yes	Yes
Craiger Hargesheimer	Yes – November!	(Yes) but may enter
Kerry McMillan	Some	Yes
Domenic Wood	Limited	Yes
Heather Pattison		Yes
Jim Annison		Yes
Alan Pattison		Yes
Peter Hatch		Yes
Derek Gee		Yes
Roger Froes		Yes

Anyone who was absent but would like to help – please contact Terry. Smith and Partners will provide a team and sponsor a hole.

6. Paul Harris Dinner

The new caterers at Waitakere Trust Stadium were asked to give a quote on a meal for 150 people. They have come back with \$49/head plus GST. The menu is... wait for it... stroganoff. Presumably it comes with an over rich dessert, small quantity of lettuce, multiple carbohydrates and will feed 120. Alternative venues are being investigated.

7. Christmas Puddings

Peter Smith will be sending out order forms for this shortly

Raffle Winner: Theo. This week had a variation. He has been PROMISED a prize... sometime... if he's lucky... (Alan, Craiger and Derek say "Yeah... Right!")

Other News:

Las Vegas Casino Night:

The Fire Brigade are holding a Casino night shortly
(I am told the hall will be full of Hot Firemen)

Date: Saturday 4th October 2008
Time: 7:30pm start
Where: Waitakere RSA Hall
Cost: \$25 / head
Book with: Tony Scott scottie@scottie.co.nz or text 0274 501-889

Tony's email follows:

Hi everyone,

So, How does the thought of playing with \$1,000,000 of casino chips, for a couple of hours, and at the end of the night using your winnings to buy great prizes?

if you purchase a ticket to the evening for \$25 this in turn gets you the one million on entry. Chip's are in values of \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. You are able to get more chips as the night goes on. Note: the evening runs from 7.30 pm until 10pm when the auction starts.

The event is being run by Las Vegas Functions, they have been running these nights for thirty years! The tables and games are all authentic. Check them out on www.lasvegas.co.nz

We are running the event at the Waitakere RSA on Oct the 4th at 7.30pm

Attached to the email is a poster if you wish to print it off to show friends.

If you and friends wish to join us for a great night, you can either book by emailing me or sending me a text on 0274 501-889.

Trains run from next door to the RSA until midnight.

This is a fundraiser for me to travel again to Seattle. It will also assist others in the NZ team with uniform.

Email from Denise Krum

(United Future President and speaker from last week):

Hi John:

On behalf of Peter Dunne and the United Future team, I would like to say thank you for an evening well organized and attended by Waitakere City Rotary Club. Thank you for extending the invitation to our party to attend, and we wish your club all the best.

Denise Krum

Email from Rotary Admin:

Invitation

We all know people or families affected by Huntington's Disease and Parkinson's Disease.

Professor Anne Young, the head of the Department of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School in Boston USA is visiting New Zealand as a guest of the Freemasons. Renowned as a researcher in the field of neurodegenerative diseases, Professor Young is monitoring interesting developments in research in New Zealand. During her visit she is delivering guest lectures on **Recent Advances in Huntington's Disease and Parkinson's Disease**. You are cordially invited to attend. No RSVP required, just turn up on the night.

**Auckland Tuesday October 7 at 3pm: The new business school – Owen Glenn Building,
University of Auckland, Grafton Rd**

OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER (#68)
October 1, 2008
<http://www.ourfoundation.info>
Please click on the OCTOBER 1, 2008 issue.

Dear Rotary Colleagues:

AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

NO ORGANIZATION DOES EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BETTER THAN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

If you must choose only one thing that will have the biggest impact in making this a better world, choose education. This October issue of *OUR FOUNDATION* celebrates Rotary's Ambassadorial, Peace and Cultural Scholarships/Fellowships, the Grants for University Teachers and Group Study Exchange programs. All of these educational programs are possible through the generosity of Rotarians contributing to the Annual Programs Fund and personal endowments.

Many Rotary scholarship recipients have accomplished great things and have helped to make our world a better place. Read on pages 2 - 3 that Rotary International President-Nominee-designate Ray Klinginsmith is the first Foundation alumnus to come full circle from Ambassadorial Scholar, through Rotary, to RI President. Ray Klinginsmith of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2010-11 and will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

There are additional stories of interest about *Our Foundation* in this OCTOBER 2008 issue.

Click here: <http://www.ourfoundation.info>
Then please click on the OCTOBER 1, 2008 issue.

Please pass this [FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER](#) onward to your clubs and districts.

Very truly yours,
Eddie

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Editor, Our Foundation Newsletter
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Remove or add addresses at www.historycomment.org
Please post your comments at <http://www.historycomment.org>

Meeting Times and Contact Details

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Duty Roster and Calendar:

Date	01 Oct	08 Oct	15 Oct	
Guest Speaker			Rotary Board Meeting ~ Rotary Education	
Grace	Derek	Steve	John Riddell	
Introduction	Craig	Kerry	John Ritchie	
Thanks	Peter H	Graham	Peter S	
Squire	Rosemary	Alan	Theo	
Squire	Bob L	Heather	Ross	
Parting thought	Jill	Jack	Domenic	

Date	22 Oct	29 Oct	05 Nov	12 Nov
Guest Speaker	Committee Meetings	Fellowship Night		
Grace	Roger	Jill	Jack	Domenic
Introduction	Kent	Bob L	Heather	Ross
Thanks	David	Rosemary	Alan	Theo
Squire	Jim B	Peter H	Graham	Peter S
Squire	Angela	Craig	Kerry	John Ritchie
Parting thought	Mike	Derek	Steve	John Riddell

Apologies:

You all know the drill:

Contact:

Ross Ward at
baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz or
837 0133

No later than **12 noon** on the **Monday** prior to the meeting

AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Ross know this also.