



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 5 th Nov 2008 6:30pm
Where:	Sunderland School and College
Guests:	Beatriz, several wives and children and a dog. Also our Summer Science student, Jane, with her mother and younger brother
Attendance:	19/29 66%
Make Ups:	
Absent:	
Apologies:	David Butler, Derek Gee, John Riddell
Guest Speaker:	None – we entertained ourselves with fireworks and fellowship.

Important Dates and Events

Thurs 6 th Nov 2008	Fire fighters' Casino Evening
Tues 11 th Nov 2008	NZ Sculpture Onshore Expo – Devonport (See 1 st Oct bulletin for details)
Wed 12 th Nov 2008	Speaker – Elena Keith. Topic: cochlear implants – an innovation that transforms the lives of the deaf (Elena has one). Venue: The Rugby Club - downstairs at the Stadium (Details repeated below)
25 th Nov 2008	Birkenhead meeting Guest: Ron Burton (Details Below)
26 th Nov 2008	Paul Harris Foundation Dinner
21 st & 22 nd Feb 2009	Devonport Food, Wine and Music Festival (See 15 th Oct bulletin for details)
17 th April 2009 to 19 th April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei

President's Messages:

- Terry will be away for the next week in the States – he has promised a report of his “Make Up” for the Bulletin on his return.
- Several items have been sold on Trade Me lately and Craiger presented a cheque for \$523 to the Club. This money will be used for our Vanuatu project
- Peter Smith is collecting money for Christmas puddings

Golf:

Present for meeting: Craiger Hargesheimer, Peter Smith, Bob Langlois, Mike Angland, Terry Hodges, Alan & Heather Pattison

Huapai Golf course are charging full green fees - \$50 plus \$20 for a meal. Craiger has been talking to a member of the Redwood Park who is willing to negotiate a reduced rate. As entry to play is \$75, and we still have extra expenses like prizes and advertising, Craiger is going to pursue this further (it would be quite handy to actually make a profit!).

Watch this space for a change of date and venue.

Terry has taken on the task of registration for teams so, if you know of anyone who wishes to put together a team, email Terry (but be aware he is away for the next week).

Craiger has been looking at the previous flier and will amend it once the details are finalized.

Golf Prizes are required – so if you have anything suitable to donate please bring it to a meeting and give it to Craiger to store.

Guy Fawkes Night:

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Following are the pictures for the evening:



Beatriz, our international student, chatting to Jane Kasmara, our summer science student, and Jane's mum



There's always one...
Bob on the phone



Rotarian wives catching up
Eunice, Vicki and Francis



Kerry, Terry and Bob B



Mike, Jim and Bob L



Roger, Domenic and John



Theo, Marcus, Monique and Angela with Biscuit



Theo and Kerry



A well-trained male – Alan on dishes...



... With Craiger and Peter giving him a hand



Outside to watch the fireworks



Theo and Kerry still talking



Sparkly things in the sky



The kids with sparklers on the ground



Our fireman, Scottie, showing his pyromaniac streak sorting out the fireworks



Our other pyromaniac, Ross, with the matches. First it's the BBQ, then the fireworks...

Our menu for the night: Steak, sausages and chicken kebab with salads. Followed by grapes, cheesecake, cheese and crackers. The kids had ice blocks. Ross did a great job of cooking the meat on the BBQ.

Waitakere Enterprise Dinner

This event was held on Friday 31st November at the Stadium. A bunch of us dragged out our best clothing and went to represent Waitakere City Rotary. An amazing number of Rotarians, both past and present, were actively involved in the night.

Others from our Club were there with their own parties. John Ritchie sat with the Ritchie Group, Peter Smith was there with Smith and Partners, and we also saw and spoke to Ivan Yukich.

Some of the speakers would also be a blast from the past for some of you. Douglas, Wickham and Wadsworth were names I recognized from before my time.

For some reason all of us were anticipating the food with a great deal of interest. Sero provided some rather delicious pre-dinner snacks (stuffed mushrooms and mussels in bacon) along with bubbly. The meal itself was 4-course – breads, a smoked salmon pate dish, rare (it may have briefly seen a candle) steak or chicken and dessert. There were also a few vegetables – no rice, noodles or potato salad.

Some of the photos from the night:



Note the Waitakere City Logo in the distance



Our happy group



Ross and Kent studying the program and menu with interest



The main course



Tucking in



Ross, eyes alight whilst talking to Craiger



Roger



Fellowship
(And Alan in a suit for a change. Ask him about his shoes...)



Peter offering wine to his imaginary friend



Terry with his new friend

Other News:

Our Guest Speaker for next week - 12th November:

Dear Terry

My name is Elena Keith, I'm 34, a mother of two preschoolers and after years of a progressive hearing loss, I'm now profoundly deaf (photo of me attached). Just over a year ago I got a cochlear implant which is like getting a bionic ear. Now I can hear everything that goes on around me and it has allowed me to rejoin the world as I knew it.



Very few people know about this life changing device and I'm keen to raise awareness so that others may benefit like I have. The CEO of the Pindrop Foundation, Lee Schoushokoff, who is also a Rotarian himself and I have talked to three Auckland Rotary clubs (Penrose, Ellerslie Sunrise and Mt Roskill) and in the last year and they all appeared to really enjoy our presentation.

The following comment was from David Thompson, Programme Chairman, of Mt Roskill

Hello Elena and Lee!

I know that Ken Winter said it all when he thanked Elena after the meeting last night, but for Lee's benefit I want to reiterate that the two of you provided one of the best presentations on fairly technical subject which we have had for a very long time. And what a success story was demonstrated to us by Elena! It took a while for you to be fitted into our programme, but I assure you that the wait was well worth while.

Very many thanks to you both - your visit was greatly appreciated.

Best wishes. David Thompson Programme Chairman

If you think that your members may be interested in finding out more about cochlear implants we would love the opportunity to present to your club should you have a gap in your calendar for us.

Many thanks and best wishes

Elena Keith

INVITATION FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF BIRKENHEAD

With the impending visit of Ron Burton, Dept. Chair of the Rotary Foundation to New Zealand. The Rotary Club of Birkenhead has invited him to address their Club on the 25th November. Ron will be accompanied by pwp Bill Boyd, who is a Trustee of the Foundation.

President John Wilson and the members of the Rotary Club of Birkenhead invites your members to join them and hear these interesting and informative speakers.

MEETING: Tuesday 25th Nov. 6:00 for 6.30 pm \$30.00 pp with a cash bar

VENUE: The Fairway Lodge, Silverfield, Porana Rd, Glenfield, AUCKLAND

Seating is limited, secure yours by contacting Ron. Telephone: (09) 480 6201 Email: crfsmn@xtra.co.nz
NOW!

All enquiries and bookings to the above

Council – Children's Gift Making Day

We received a letter from the Council asking for help - volunteers or spare materials - for a day of gift making for kids. If you can help – details follow:



Children's Christmas Gift making
Saturday, 6 December, 9am - 3pm
(2 sessions: 9.00 am – 11.30 am and 12.30 pm - 3pm)
West Wave Recreation Centre, Alderman Drive, Henderson

This is a FREE event and a chance for children to learn that Christmas doesn't have to come out of a store. Over 800 children will be coming to make gifts for their families. To make this all happen, we are seeking donated resources and volunteers.

Annual Call for Volunteers and Resources

Yes it's that time of the year again... time for the rummage thru' the wardrobes, drawers, cupboards, under beds...all those places you put stuff throughout the year thinking it will come in handy for something! Here's how it goes...

We are looking for...

- Any old (or new) terracotta pots and tiles
- Old closed in shoes and gumboots (yes, you read it right...)
- Collage items
 - Stickers
 - beads (from broken jewellery)
 - old lei's
 - coloured foil
 - ribbon
 - Christmas wrap
 - Cellophane
 - old Christmas decorations
 - twine
 - Leather pieces
 - acrylic paint
 - small paint canvasses
 - brushes
 - tarpaulins
 - soap
 - **and anything that might be useful for making simple gifts**

To **DONATE ITEMS** To **VOLUNTEER** for either one of the two sessions (9.00 am - 11.30 am and 12.30 pm – 3.00 pm) or to **REGISTER** your child for a morning or afternoon session, phone the WCC Call Centre on 839 0400 and the lovely ladies (and gentlemen) will take your details.

For further information on this event check out the Events page on www.waitakere.govt.nz

Meeting Times and Contact Details

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Duty Roster and Calendar:

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