



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 3 rd Dec 2008 6pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, lower ground floor at The Stadium
Guests:	Richard George
Attendance:	18/29 62%
Make Ups:	
Absent:	
Apologies:	Rosemary Langham, John Riddell, Steve Lewins (L), Kent Favel (L), Monique Mataga, David Butler
Guest Speaker:	Richard George

Important Dates and Events

5 th Dec 2008	National Jandals Day
7 th Dec 2008	Sunderland School Movie – Madagascar 2
10 th Dec 2008	AGM
17 th Dec 2008	End of Year Function – more preliminary details below
13 th Feb 2009	The 2009 Casino Royals night. 6:30 pm onwards. Great prizes. Supported by the Rotary Club of Waitakere City and Sunderland School and College.
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

Our Speaker:

Kirk Smith, of Soapbox Derby fame was due to speak tonight. His mum rang at 5:20 to say that Kirk had returned from the school Wider Living camp slightly injured from surfing, absolutely worn out and not well. They've postponed telling us about their trip till sometime in the New Year.

Our Alternative Speaker:

Just as we were discussing the shortage of a speaker Richard George, our GSE representative, walked in.

Richard immediately agreed to being put on the spot and gave us an update on their forthcoming trip.

- 6 people are going – 1 from Whangarei, 1 from Kerikeri, and the other 4 from Auckland
- He is the only male and expects to be welcomed as their leader with his harem in tow
- He leaves Auckland on the 13th December to visit family before flying to Mumbai
- His mother, who has been saying "Don't Go!" is planning on giving him his early Christmas present of full body armour
- Once they arrive in Mumbai they will be moving to Southern India
- They have spent the last few months meeting fortnightly to sort out their presentation, songs and uniform.
- Richard has also brushed up on a spot of Hindi, only to be told recently that Hindi isn't spoken in the area they are going to and they would be better off speaking English
- Whilst in India they will be visiting 15 to 20 Rotary Clubs
- At each Club they will give a 30 minute presentation – or about 4 minutes each
- Richard is expecting to return home with a new wife and a large herd of cows

End of Year Function: 17th December 2008



More preliminary details are:

The venue has been booked but Terry is still not taking bribes, or giving way to outright threats, to divulge its location.

He says he has booked a fantastic entertainer (and it is not David Butler singing Christmas carols)

JR had his arm twisted and is lending us a bus and has, reluctantly, agreed to drive it

- Pick up will be 6pm from Sunderland School.
- The venue is within a half hour drive
- Dinner will be served at 7:30pm.
- The evening finishes at 10pm

Partners and guests are very welcome.

Costs are \$30 per member, \$40 per spouse and \$50 for other guests

Also if everyone could please bring a \$5 gift to go under the tree (men a man's gift, women a woman's gift)

RSVP to Terry by 5th December so he can confirm numbers

President's Messages:

- Everyone seems very happy in our new home of the Rex Davy Lounge. The only fly in the ointment is that the caterer changes in the New Year - to the current bar manager who is doing an excellent job of looking after us. So long as her food is as good as her service we're staying here.
- Our first meeting in the New Year will be with West Harbour for a joint meeting. More details later
- After the recent news of a bogus Truancy Officer, Truancy Services have been contacted and asked to put a nice large Rotary logo on the cars. They say they've got them so photos have been requested to see if they are large enough.
- The accounts came back from the Accountant today. Peter thinks he's spotted an error so will be checking on this. They should be presented at next week's meeting – our AGM.

Soapbox Derby Update: Kerry

- Santa parades are underway and the first went well. We still need a volunteer, and a child, for West Harbour. It is a Monday night at 5:30pm. This should take around an hour and a half
- The organizers are looking forward to Mary's return ("The sooner the better", says Heather!)
- We have 6 sponsors signed up to date

Youth Update:

- The Board agreed at last week's Board meeting to fund Junior Neighbourhood Support for this coming year. We will see how it goes and reassess it at the end of the year
- Heather attended a Bluelight meeting on Tuesday night (flashing lights and sirens are not used in traffic jams to get the chicken and chips to the meeting in a hot state). The Police

team are having a day out with the kids who went to the Wahine Toa camp in a week or so. The contact so far has been very positive. They are now in the process of planning the Tane Toa camp (for abused boys) for next April. Bluelight are also planning a series of discos – one a month – next year. Police are paid to be at the events, but the organization is done largely in their own time.

Peter Smith:

- Presented a cheque for \$120 for the sale of Christmas puddings

Ross Ward:

- Ross was the unlucky owner of a car parked in the car park. Thieves broke in and stole a large quantity of tools from it. Ross left the meeting early to sort this out.

Photos from the Night:



Peter Hatch acting innocent over something



More of our happy group with warm summer air coming in through the open door



Mike Angland with Richard George – the athletics track in the background



Bob deserted by the Squires and Sergeant



Jack and JR doing Squire duty with our Sergeant prompting



Bob deep in discussion with Alan, Craiger and Kerry

Raffle Winner: Craiger – who supplied the prize and now has to eat it

Parting Thought: Peter Smith

Recessions present both problems and opportunities. There are more opportunities than problems. Go after the opportunities and get back into positive thinking

The Common Seal:



Terry said he hadn't seen it for three years, Bob Benzie said try Peter Smith, Peter said try Kerry's storeroom, Kerry said try Peter Smith or JR and word came down to try the cupboard upstairs. After checking the storeroom, twice, and harassing everyone in sight the answer magically appeared.

For anyone who is interested, or actually needs it – Peter Hatch, our treasurer, keeps it in his bag.

Bulletin Award:



This week's bulletin award, a wooden spoon, goes to Domenic Wood. He emailed me on receipt of the bulletin to ask where this week's meeting was to be held.

Soapbox Derby Update:

- The brochures have been printed so if anyone knows of a potential sponsor contact John Ritchie or Heather Pattison
- A newsletter has gone out to the schools listing our contact details and showing progress to date
- A grant application has gone to Massey Matters
- Kerry has been organizing Christmas Parades

Fund Raising Compost:

Theo - <http://vanlier.co.nz/> - has very kindly donated some compost for fund raising. This is listed on Trade Me but if you want some contact Theo now on 832 3044 (home) or 0275 485 951. Also, if you are capable with a tractor Theo may be interested in help on Saturday mornings loading it.

Details are:

<http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=190177242>

Pumice Compost for sale

- Excellent for planting and breaking up soil
- \$45 metre
- Tractor available to load
- Pick up only on Saturdays from 9 –12

- Over 70 cubic meters available

Compost is surplus to requirements and has been donated to Rotary by a leading West Auckland nursery.

Trade Me:

On the subject of Trade Me, Alan is still keen to list items that members wish to donate.

Editor's Note:

Alan and I are away for 10 days. Kerry will be doing next week's bulletin (unless he can talk Kent into it).

Rotary Challenge Camp:

Details available at: <http://www.rotarychallenge.co.nz/>

From: Frank Habrle [mailto:frankh@linkbusiness.co.nz]

Vaughan Park and MERC, Long Bay, 4 – 8 May 2009

District 9910 & 9920 Rotary Challenge Camp is one of our very worthwhile Rotary endeavours. District Governors Neil Reid and Jack Davies ask that your Club again give "Challenge Camp" your early and enthusiastic support.

Up to 25 physically disabled young people ("Campers" 16-24yo) are matched with our International Exchange Students as "Buddies" for five days at this live-in Camp. Facing the many "challenges" together proves to be a highly rewarding growth experience for participating Buddies, Campers, Rotarians, and their Clubs.

1. **Dates: Mon 4 May to Fri 8 May 2009.** Activities will follow very successful camp programmes from past years.
Venue: Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat, 1043 Beach Rd, Long Bay; <http://www.vaughanpark.org.nz/> and many activities are undertaken at Sir Peter Blake Marine Education Recreation Centre; <http://www.merc.org.nz/>
2. **Please advise by 6 February 2009 your Club's intention to sponsor a Camper.**
3. **Your Camper Nomination Options:** Your Club can choose to:
 - a. **Nominate your own physically disabled candidate/s, or**
 - b. **Accept an excellent candidate from one of the support agencies** that regularly provide applicants. Our Challenge committee will coordinate this with you.
4. **Applications close March 12th 2009** to allow time for assessment and final confirmation of accommodation and activities.
5. **If you wish to find you own applicant please appoint a club coordinator now** to liaise with the Challenge committee, and to begin your search early for a suitable candidate/s from your local community.
6. **Criteria for Camper applications is attached.** It is important for the success of the event and for enjoyment by IYE students and Campers that detailed & accurate information and medical statements are completed.

7. Financial Support Please:

All clubs donate \$150.00 for IYE Student sponsorship. The costs for International Exchange Students are spread across all clubs in districts 9910 & 9920 (An invoice will be emailed).

\$650.00 for each Camper Sponsorship – payable by the Clubs sponsoring physically disabled campers.

If your club cannot make a full sponsorship, a donation would be great, or, perhaps a shared sponsorship might be a possibility.

Summary:

We would appreciate an early indication from your club about:

- Your intention to sponsor a physically disabled youth to Challenge 2009

- The contact details of the person your club appoints to look you Camper selection and application.

We welcome any questions or comments, and look forward to working with you to ensure districts 9910 & 9920 make Challenge 2009 as memorable as past successful Camps.

Regards

Frank Habre

District 9910 & 9920 Challenge 2009 Coordinator

Rotary Club of One Tree Hill

Meeting Times and Contact Details

Where:	Trusts Stadium, Waitakere City		Committee Members:
President	Terry Hodges	838 3818 (home) 0274 312 374 (mob) terryh@unitedtravel.co.nz	Club Service: Theo Van Lier Jim Annison John Ritchie Mike Angland
Secretary	Kent Favel	Ph 849 5025(home) 0273 693 972(mob) kfavel@sunderlandcollege.school.nz	Vocational: Ross Ward Bob Langlois Roger Froes Kent Favel Peter Smith Angela Brown
Treasurer	Peter Hatch	Ph 027 203 3148(mob) hatchp@anz.com	Community: Steve Lewins Bob Benzie David Butler Derek Gee Monique Mataga Graham Nicholson
Sergeant	Jim Annison	837 7323(home) No mobile or email	International: Craiger Hargesheimer Peter Hatch Kerry McMillan Alan Pattison Ivan Yukich Jack Riddell Terry Hodges
President Elect / Club Service:	Theo Van Lier	832 3044 (home) 0275 485 951 theo@vanlier.co.nz	Youth: Heather Pattison Rosemary Langham John Riddell Tony Scott Domenic Wood Jim Brown
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Youth Director / Bulletin Editor:	Heather Pattison	8109 589 (home) 0274 719 569 heather@details.co.nz	

Duty Roster and Calendar:

Date	10 Dec
Guest Speaker	
Grace	John Riddell
Introduction	Theo
Thanks	Ross
Squire	Domenic
Squire	Mike A
Parting thought	Jim A

17th December 2008 – End of Year Function

2009

Date	21 Jan	28 Jan	04 Feb	11 Feb
Guest Speaker				
Grace	Bob B	Craiger	Heather	Domenic
Introduction	Jim B	Peter H	Jack	Mike A
Thanks	David	Bob L	John Ritchie	Jim A
Squire	Kent	Steve	Peter S	Bob B
Squire	Roger	Kerry	Theo	Jim B
Parting thought	Derek	Alan	Ross	David

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.

No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal!