



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 4 th Jan 2009 6:00pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive
Guests:	Patrick Howard, Nic Bennett, Terry's son Brendan
Attendance:	
Make Ups:	
No Shows:	
Apologies:	Mike Angland, David Butler, John Riddell, Peter Hatch (Late)
Guest Speaker:	

Important Dates and Events

11 th Feb 2009	Meeting at Rex Davy Lounge
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)
Saturday 14 th March	WCC Main Street Festival
Sunday 15 th March 2009	Soapbox Derby
17th April 2009 to 19th April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei Registrations are being taken now
Tuesday 28 th April 2009	12 th Annual Don Page Golf Tournament

President's Notices:

- We had a mystery guest speaker for tonight but they were unable to attend at last minute. Rescheduled for next week
- A reminder about our forthcoming events and dates – see dates in above chart
- RYLA – There are still vacancies. If you know of a kid between the ages of 18 and 24 who would benefit from the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – contact Heather URGENTLY. RYLA General Info available from <http://www.rotary.org.nz/committee.cfm?ID=467> Click the link on that page for RYLA District 9910 for specific details of our March camp.
- Three Kings Rotary have closed and have equipment available for other Clubs. Our Chief Squirrel, Craiger, will investigate to see if there is anything of use for us.
- Saturday 14th March: Waitakere City have a festival in the main street in Henderson 11am to 2pm
- Aqua Boxes. Roger Froes has offered to donate an extra box. Waitakere City Rotary will therefore be donating 3 of these (and Craiger's daughters have expressed great delight in being asked to fill these)

Nic Bennett:

- Nic is on a tour of the Antipodes for 4 months. He started with his son's wedding in Perth, stayed in Australia for a month, and came over here for a further 3 months.
- Nic is from the UK and a member of the first UK Rotary Club in District 1200. It was founded in 1921 and currently has 37 or 38 members
- Many of the stories he told us about his club rang distinct bells amongst our members
- This was his 3rd outing with Waitakere City Rotary. He joined us at The Brigham and also at the lunch earlier today



- He returns to the UK on 26th February but loves NZ and has been making enquiries about immigrating here.

John Key Economic Announcement Lunch:



Merv and Bill waiting, dictionary in hand, for the Prime Minister



A quick check of the car



Now time for the formal shot
John Key (Prime Minister) with a dictionary,
Merv Huxford and Bill Boyd



And again with the Soapbox Derby car
(Note how Kerry snuck into the background!)

- This lunch was organised by the Waitakere Business Club – Waitakere Enterprise
- Date was Wednesday 4th February
- Tickets cost \$65 each
- Waitakere Enterprise donated a portion of each ticket, about \$8, to Rotary for the Dictionaries in Schools project.
- There were pledge cards for dictionaries on all tables and a couple were filled in (more may come in later)
- 9 dictionaries were supposed to be signed by our Prime Minister, but whether or not this happened, thanks to his broken arm, I haven't heard
- Over 400 members of the community – business leaders and key community leaders – attended. (The donation towards the dictionaries will therefore be in the region of 3 to 4 thousand dollars)
- Waitakere City Rotary booked, and sold, 50 tickets to this event. Many Waitakere Rotary members, with or without partners, were there. I sat with several Henderson Rotary members, met with Merv Huxford and Bill Boyd, and believe there were other members from other clubs at our other tables.
- We also invited one or two of our potential sponsors for the SBD to join us as we had a couple of tickets available due to last minute cancellations

- Sero catered and their meal was close to the standard of the meal we had that evening downstairs in the Rugby Club
- John Key gave an excellent presentation of his economic announcements (TVNZ have a video of his speech at <http://tvnz.co.nz/business-news/smes-expected-benefit-tax-changes-2462173>)
- Bob, never one to let a promotion opportunity slip through his hands, had the Waitakere City Rotary banner up on stage alongside the Waitakere Enterprise and Council ones, and Rotary dictionary pledge cards on each table. A second banner was in the foyer.
- Kerry is another one with a flair for promotion (and, if you look closely at one of the photos, self promotion!). John Key fully sponsored one of our SBD cars a few years ago and gave us a small donation towards another one last year. Kerry managed to convince the organizers that the foyer was remarkably empty and really needed a soapbox car (with Mr Key's name on it) for decoration. We also put a small booklet on each table advertising the Derby and showing where the money raised goes.
- After the speech Bill, Merv, Bob, Kerry, Monique Mataga and I met John Key in the foyer for photos with the car. By that time the reporters had vanished to file their stories but at least WE got some family snaps (see above).

More photos of the lunch



Kerry with David retrieving the car after the lunch.
Note a certain sponsor's name in grey letters on the front



Bill Boyd



Bob making notes on attendance with Craiger and Theo's help



David and Kent



Who has Monique Van Lier seen?



Monique Mataga with Kerry



Roger and Domenic checking for vintages (and spillage)



Sunderland table. Rotary banner on stage obscured by a TV camera



Pre lunch chat



Checking out the car whilst waiting




Heather & Monique with John Key & Merv

SBD – Kerry

- We are at about the same point we were at last year. The difference is the economy - sponsors are harder to find. Both the Council and The Trusts have also restricted spending but we're working on it.
- We have, however, confirmed a new sponsor today. He saw the car in the Kumeu Santa Parade and approached us for details. Barry Clarke has kids at Taupaki School, is actively involved in the school and has recently started a new business "Airfoam" specializing in wall insulation. He will sponsor a second car for Taupaki. Barry also lives near JR. The next step is, of course, to get him to join Rotary (although his wife was heard to mutter "Barry who?" He is a tad busy.)
- If anyone knows of other potential sponsors – please contact the team urgently.
- JR is flat out with work and missed today's meeting due to a trip to the Chatham Islands (Ask him about crayfish. When seen on Thursday he was still drooling)
- Mary is back from holiday and now fairly full time on the SBD
- Update: JR, Kerry, Mary and I had a meeting Thursday morning to discuss sponsors and check all else was on schedule

Golf – Craiger

- Info has gone out to golfers.
- There are a large number of "maybe" teams but few confirmed applications yet
- We are still looking for sponsors of the holes. The intention is to do a really good advertising job for the sponsors – not just a banner on a hole. The cost for sponsorship is low to attract small businesses as well as the larger ones.
- Craiger noted an ambiguity in the ad. The team cost INCLUDES meals. The meal cost is for the non-golfers – like us.

	<p>Golf Details:</p> <p>12th Annual Don Page Memorial Golf Day Date: Tuesday 28th April Time: 12:30pm shotgun start, day finishing after dinner Venue: Redwood Golf Club Cost: \$300 plus GST per team (game plus on course drink and meal) Prizes for all golfers Meal cost for non-golfers: \$20 per head Golfers contact Terry Hodges: terryh@unitedtravel.co.nz Sponsors contact Bob Benzie: bob_suebenzie@clear.net.nz</p> <p>The Golf Day will REPLACE our normal meeting that week</p>
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Craiger's email to us:

A quick follow up on last meeting and bulletin.

We have dropped green sponsor fee to enable small companies more of a chance to put their name out there. I am encouraging sponsors to provide flyers and more info on who they are and what they do, not just a banner with name! I will send through a "sponsor" suggestion sheet soon. Very reasonable rate for everyone! Any contact for a sponsor should go to **Bob Benzie**. I am putting up notice at Redwood also, may get some bites!

Prize gathering needs to start now. Any new unwanted xmas gifts laying around?, A small freebie from someone you know who runs a business?, Anyone pulled off a burglary lately? I cannot do this alone, please spend 10 minutes and think of something, and no, the \$2 shop is not an option!!

Thanks

PS, Redwood dropped price by \$3 after I promised Derek Gee would dance on a table while reading a list of the top 100 jokes of all time!

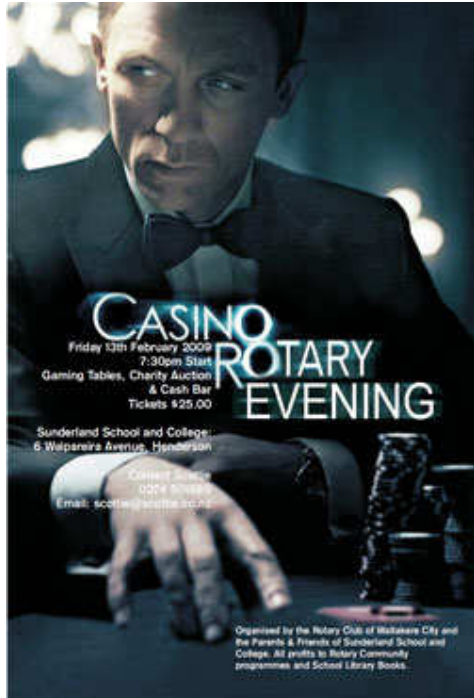
Youth Committee Update – Heather

- We applied to the Harvey's Stepping Stone Foundation to sponsor a SBD car. Regretfully they turned us down... but all is not lost.
- When completing the application I passed on the info to the Bluelight team and suggested they should apply for funding for the Tane Toa camp in April. They did – and received a cheque from the Trust for \$5,000 for their camp.
- Holly gave a presentation on the camp last week and received the cheque.

Casino Evening: Bob

This is at the end of next week. Can everyone please make a real effort to sell the tickets. If you are totally unable to sell the tickets, through no friends or other reasons, please return them to Bob or Derek ASAP

Waitakere Rotary Casino Evening



Friday 13th February 2009

7:30pm Start

Gaming Tables, Charity Auction
& Cash Bar

Tickets \$25.00

Venue: Sunderland School and College:
6 Waipareira Avenue, Henderson

Contact Scottie 0274 501889

Email: scottie@scottie.co.nz

Organized by the Rotary Club of Waitakere City and
the Parents & Friends of Sunderland School & College.

All profits to Rotary Community projects and School
Library books

Raffle winner: Terry Hodges. Prize a large gift-wrapped object

Parting Thought: Alan (who would have been fined for the long muddled story that went with this except he'd already spent his wife's money): "I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass."

Emails:

OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER (#75)

FEBRUARY 2009

<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/newsletter/index.htm>

Please click on the NEW FEBRUARY 2009 issue.

Dear Rotary Colleagues:

As preparations begin for the new Rotary year in July 2009, we were all stunned and delighted to learn that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged an additional \$255 million to the Rotary Foundation's Polio Eradication program. Rotary's response - to increase our challenge to \$200 million - will ensure between us more than half a billion dollars shall be raised in order to END POLIO NOW.

It has been reported that Mr Gates has lost millions during the economic meltdown that (most) of us are experiencing wherever we are in the world. But Mr. Bill Gates has responded to our economic woes as we should respond - in times of trouble don't give up on your dreams or your hopes.

Bill Gates recently said in an article in the New York Times: "The key thing is to pick a cause, whether it's crops or diseases or great high schools. Pick one and get some more in-depth knowledge. If possible, travel to see the problems firsthand, then pick an organization to support with donations or volunteer time."

That organization is ROTARY.

It is also that time of the year to begin finding applicants for our Foundation's educational programs. Yes - our future alumni are out there and all we need do is go find them!

The International assembly also saw the launch of our 2009/10 theme by RI President-elect John Kenny - The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands. Like all the best themes, it is one that states the obvious. It is the Rotarians and the Rotary Clubs that will determine our future and Rotarians that will carry out the service projects to help improve healthy, support education and alleviate poverty.

President-elect John has laid down the challenge to you and me and asks us to continue to work on Water, Literacy and Health and Hunger projects through which we lay the foundations for a peaceful world.

In Rotary Service,
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CLICK HERE: <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/newsletter/index.htm>

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Missing Rotary Banners

Hi Guys

Can you help? Richard George our outbound GSE person was given a number of Club banners prior his departure, late December, for India. Who has the remaining banners? They were in a large

plastic bag. Please contact me urgently as Jack Young our out-bound IYE student, being hosted in Sweden and he is after some banners.

Cheers

BOB

Meeting Times and Contact Details		
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Community:		
Steve Lewins Bob Benzie David Butler Derek Gee Monique Mataga Graham Nicholson		
International:		
Craig Hargesheimer Peter Hatch Kerry McMillan Alan Pattison Ivan Yukich Jack Riddell Terry Hodges		
Youth:		
Heather Pattison Rosemary Langham John Riddell Tony Scott Domenic Wood Jim Brown		

Duty Roster and Calendar:		
2009		
Date	11 Feb	18 Feb
Guest Speaker		
Grace	Heather	Domenic
Introduction	Jack	Mike A
Thanks	John Ritchie	Jim A
Squire	Peter S	Bob B
Squire	Theo	Jim B
Parting thought	Ross	David
Venue: Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson		
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!		