



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 18 th Feb 2009 6:00pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive
Guests:	Paul Young, Richard George, Barry Clarke and partner (prospective members), Darren Eckford (Outward Bound), Anna from Whangarei (possible transfer)
Attendance:	19/27 70%
Make Ups:	
No Shows:	Ivan and Jazz, Steve Lewins, Monique Mataga, Rosemary Langham
Apologies:	Mike Angland, Jack Riddell, Tony Scott, Patrick Howard
Guest Speaker:	Paul Young (Jack's Dad) and Richard George (GSE)

Important Dates and Events

21 st & 22 nd Feb 2009	Devonport Food, Wine and Music Festival <i>(See 15th Oct bulletin for details)</i>
12 noon Sat 21 st to 1:30pm Sun 22 nd Feb 2009	Inbound International Students at Sunderland School and College. Pop in visitors welcome Trivial Pursuit 8pm to 10pm Saturday night. Derek is Quiz Master. All welcome – see Bob
25 th Feb 2009	Committee Meetings
8 th March 2009 1pm onwards	Browns Bay Rotary – Great Gatsby Garden Party <i>(Details below)</i>
11 th March 2009	Guest speaker: John Wadsworth CEO Waitakere Enterprise
Saturday 14 th March	WCC Main Street Festival
Sunday 15 th March 2009	Soapbox Derby
18 th March 2009	5pm Board Meeting
Saturday 4 th April	Soapbox Derby Finals
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

A Reminder From Our President:

Please **APOLOGIZE** if you can't make the meeting. You **WILL** be charged for a No Show as your meal has been booked and paid for!

A member has made a suggestion that to discourage No Shows a fine of \$5 should be automatically added to the bill for discourtesy.

The Board are considering this suggestion.

NOTE: Meal fees are not charged for those with a really good late excuse – hospitalisation and death (yours) being the current favourites.

UPDATE TO ABOVE: Bob Langlois failed to apologize last week but his excuse was passable. A minor heart attack put him in hospital for a week. These sorts of excuses are accepted... just. Welcome back but don't do it again Bob!

Board News



Subscriptions

The Piggy Bank is empty... again.

Please pay your 6-monthly subs before we all get struck off for non-membership of Rotary.

Guests

- A reminder that our guest for the evening gets a free meal but extra support people are required to pay.
- Prospective members get one free meal, then pay for each subsequent meal

Meal Payments

The meal account has, once again, some arrears. Those who are not on auto payment will be required to clear their account and pay cash in advance prior to dining each night. Ross will sit by the door with register, cash box and cricket bat.



New Member Induction

Well I found our goat and he expressed interest in having a meal out for a change (after first trying to eat the camera). Unfortunately Patrick wasn't able to make the meeting so we'll try again next week.

Paul Young



Paul with Jack at our meeting on 26th November 2008

Jack is our outgoing exchange student currently residing in Sweden. Paul, Jack's Dad, came along to give us on an update on his travels

- Jack is 17, had a short stay Rotary exchange in Canada for 2 months last year and liked it so much he applied for a long term trip of 12 months
- Two groups left NZ on 21st Jan, one group went to South America, the other to Europe
- A husband and wife Rotarian team chaperoned them through their 3-day LA stop over (free day, Disneyland, Universal Studio) before dropping them off in Frankfurt
- Further flights took Jack to Boden at the north end of Sweden, 100km from the Artic Circle

- The snow is 1 to 1.5 metres deep, the temperature is -20° to -23° most days and his hair has a tendency to freeze
- His host family offered him a push bike to get to school but Jack decided it was safer to walk
- School started the day after he arrived. After a week of schooling he went on a one week Rotary language week. It took a 15 hour overnight train ride to get there
- Activities in the last 4 weeks have included soccer, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, and snow rugby. He is enjoying both school and all the activities on offer
- In March he will have a ski week with Rotary and in June there is a Rotary 21-day trip to Europe
- Paul is sending a steady stream of money to aid with all this.

Richard George



Richard with Bob's son Marcus at our 8th Oct 2008 meeting



And on his return from India. Hairstyle and clothes seem to have changed slightly

- Richard was one of the vocational/educational GSE (Group Study Exchange) team that went to India for 4-weeks
- They left NZ at 6:30am on 2nd Jan and returned at 10pm on 5th Feb
- Before he left he assured us that he planned on returning with an Indian wife and a herd of cows. When questioned on this he said the cows were turned back at the plane door so he also left the proposed wife behind.
- Richard was buzzing over it all and had difficulty stopping talking. He had, fortunately, edited his 4,000 photos down a bit otherwise we would probably still be there.
- Being a guest of Rotary they went to all sorts of amazing places that few tourists, if any, ever get to see. On a tour of a palace they were taken inside the tourist barriers and shown secure rooms of arms and animals that are NOT on the tourist itinerary. Photos were banned in these areas.
- In some towns they stood out as the only foreigners
- With three teachers in the group they visited many schools. Richard found the contrast with our schools very surprising. 74 kids to 1 teacher, bare, blank walls and rote learning. The upside is that they have a high percentage of university graduates in fields such as engineering and medicine.
- The downside is that many children can't afford schooling and work for 50c a day in the fields.
- They spoke to many Rotary groups ranging from Clubs of 60 members to the Conference of 3,000
- Home stays with Rotarians were interesting. Some dressed him in traditional clothes, others took him to cultural events, and all pressed local food on him (serious gym time coming up). He was given little time to explore on his own in case they lost him.
- He remembered a conversation with one home stay son, an Engineer, of his own age. The man was working 18-hour days and had delegated the job of finding a wife to his parents (Kent please note: Richard thought 17 hour work days with an hour wife hunting could be a bit more fun).

- He has come home with 3 close friends from the group and a strong desire to travel. Sunderland School have lost him for a year as he has taken leave of absence for a trip to the UK.

President's Report:

- Child cancer appeal coming up. Details attached
- Rotary Training 1st March. Suitable for those who want to take a more active part in Board and Rotary affairs. See Terry for details.
- Is anyone going to the District Conference? If so, register now

Soap Box Derby - JR:

- We have received a \$40,000 grant from The Licensing Trust to help run this event. This is not a general sum but broken down into specific amounts for specific tasks (porta-loos, barriers, bouncy castles, advertising etc). Full accounts at the end of event will be required to receive this money.
- Suggestions were made that a portion of the profits should go to Child Cancer, ISAP (Improving School Attendance Program) and our Youth projects
- We were 7 sponsors short at the start of the meeting but were down to 6 by the end of the meeting.



The latest sponsor, our very own Roger Froes, who scored a few cuddles from JR and Kerry whilst I sorted the flash out.

Golf Tournament – Craiger:

- Some teams and sponsors registered to date. More welcome
- Craiger has collected 13 prizes so far. Need 80 in total. Derek asked if he could donate a good once read book in excellent condition and the answer was “yes” (If one of my books doesn't sell on Trade Me this week then there will be a second one available)
- Many of us would have unused surplus items around our homes that would be suitable as prizes. If you would like to donate them, contact Craiger.

Aqua Boxes - Craiger:

- The girls had two replies from Rotarians for the request for items
- His daughters have spent two days on the task so far and are 70% of the way through the shopping spree
- Contents will cost a bit over \$100 per box
- Box contents details below

Casino Night – Bob:

- A great night with plenty of food etc consumed.
- Patrick, our newest due to be inducted member, was the grand winner with \$47 million.
- The night made a profit but accounts still have to be finalized to know the total.

New Waitakere City Rotary Marriage Guidance Policy: Fine guys for approaching wedding anniversaries. It may leave less in the pocket for flowers – but at least they'll remember the date. Peter Hatch has now remembered the date.

Raffle Winner: Peter Smith – chocolates

Parting Thought: Terry “What is bitter to endure may be sweet to remember”

Gatsby (1920's) Garden Party.



It's that time again, when Browns Bay Rotary are running the annual Gatsby (1920's) Garden Party. This year we've added many new things to enjoy. For example:

[Vintage Cars](#) - [Garden Games](#) - [Artisan Stalls](#) - [Jazz Band](#) - [Barbershop Quartet](#) - [Costume competition and more.](#)

The date is **Sunday, 8th March**, from 1pm until late afternoon.

The venue is the beautiful Waitoki Lodge, quite near to Kaukapakapa.

Here is a picture from last year's event, which was a gloriously sunny, very relaxing garden party.

Last year many came in 1920's style costumes which added a lot of fun to the day.

Guests are welcome to bring their own drinks & nibbles, seats, gazebo's for shade and sense of fun to celebrate 80 years ago.

The tickets are \$35 per person and all profits will go to the cause of the day - [North Shore Hospital Foundation](#).

Included in the price we are providing a dainty afternoon tea.

Helen and I would love it if you'd join us for a garden-party day, which is always a great day.

[Proceeds to the North Shore Hospital Foundation – Home Care for Kids](#)

Thanks

Robert Schroder
Gatsby Garden Party Organizing Committee
Rotary Club of Browns Bay

Tickets on Sale now at
Harvey World Travel
Birkenhead, Northcote, Glenfield, Milford,
Mairangi Bay and Browns Bay

Or contact any member of the Rotary Club of Browns Bay

Hi all,

Marisa and Caitie here, Craiger's daughters. The two of us have been coerced into gathering together the contents for the 3 Fiji relief boxes that the club is sending. We would ideally like to get the shopping done next week for the items that will need to be purchased. If anyone has any of the items on the following list

that they can provide (can be used if second hand but in excellent condition) could you please email me back letting me know what those items are.

Household

- Stainless Bombay Cooking Pot (round and no handles)
- 4 unbreakable soup bowls
- 4 unbreakable cups
- 1x5 litre bucket
- 1x 150mm hunting/carving knife
- Sealable plastic bags

Miscellaneous

- Packet candles
- Box waterproof matches
- Packet safety pins
- Ball of string
- Reel of cotton
- 1x rope clothesline and pegs (5mm OD x 20cm)
- 2 plastic sheets (lightweight trailer covers approx 2-4 metres)
- 2 blankets (cotton)
- 2 plastic bottles to hold drinking water
- Clothing
- Men 2 pair of shorts and 2 tee shirts (XL) and 2 sets of underwear
- Women 2 sets of underwear and 2 dresses
- Boys 2 pairs of shorts and 2 tee shirts (M)
- Girls 2 sets of underwear and 2 tee shirts (L)
- Babies 6 washable nappies, 2 singlets and 2 night dresses
- General 6-8 metres cotton/polyester plain cloth (i.e. dress fabric- non see through)

Tools

- Small folding shovel
- Machete and file to sharpen
- Hammer
- Assorted Nails (75mm x 100mm)
- Roofing Nails
- 2 fishing lines, hooks and sinkers

Toiletries and Medical

- 2 large towels
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Small mirror and comb
- 6 bars of sunlight soap
- Roll of waterproof sticking plaster
- Roll of dressing strip
- 5cm gauze bandage
- Tube if antiseptic cream
- Water treatment tablets
- Panadol
- Sewing needle
- Scissors

Thanks,
Marisa and Caitie

To all Rotary Clubs in District 9910.

THE AUSTRALIAN FIRES DISASTER

DISTRICT ADVICE ON THE SITUATION

The situation regarding need, is at present confusing, we know that almost everything we can think of is needed, what we don't know is who is doing what and what is the most needed. To avoid over supply in any area Rotary in Australia are reviewing the situation and will advise us one the review is completed.

Many Clubs in 9910 and others, on their own initiative, have donated in various forms, well done; your concern and generosity is appreciated by all. As far as a District combined operation is concerned, we await advice from our Rotary brothers and sisters in Australia.

Once we have established the greatest need, we, along with other Districts will respond, knowing full well that we will have your total support. In the meantime, those of you holding raffles, special sergeants sessions. and financial donations for this disaster may wish to wait until the situation becomes clear and the specific help needed is given to us by the Australians themselves.

Once the method of support is decided you will be advised immediately.

Any further questions should be directed to this office.

Ken

The Child Cancer Annual Appeal

runs **Monday 23 through to Sunday 29 March 2009, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday being our priority street collection days.** The Annual Appeal is our main source of funding as we do not receive funding assistance from the Government or other cancer agencies, such as the Cancer Society. Your volunteer help and donations received from our communities and businesses during Appeal week makes a significant difference for children with cancer.

We urgently need **2 hours** of your time to collect in a suburb close to home or work. So please complete and return the following information to us **0800 4 CHILD (0800 4 2445)** and thanks for your wonderful help:

YES I would like to collect, my name is: _____

My Home Address: _____

My Email: _____

My Mobile: _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____

I can collect in the following suburbs: _____

I can collect for 2 hrs (please select one or more): 8-10am, 10-12noon, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm

Our regional Appeal Coordinators will contact you soon and allocate a collection site in your chosen area. Generally allocations are to stationary spots outside high traffic stores i.e. supermarkets, or major pedestrian crossings or within a Mall. If you have further questions please do not hesitate to call us on **0800 4 CHILD (0800 4 2445)** or email **Maryanne** mthomson@childcancer.org.nz

Please circulate our call for help amongst your friends, work colleagues and family. Thanks once again for choosing to give The Child Cancer Foundation your support.

Kind regards

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Meeting Times and Contact Details

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Duty Roster and Calendar:

2009

Date	25 Feb	04 Mar	11 Mar	18 Mar
Guest Speaker	Committee Meetings			
Grace	Mike	Craiger	Heather	Domenic
Introduction	Jim B	Peter H	Jack	Roger
Thanks	David	Bob L	John Riddell	Kent
Squire	Kent	Steve	John Ritchie	David
Squire	Roger	Kerry	Peter S	Jim B
Parting thought	Derek	Alan	Ross	Mike

Date	25 Mar	01 Apr	08 Apr	15 Apr
Guest Speaker				
Grace	Bob L	Alan	John Ritchie	Roger
Introduction	Peter H	Kerry	John Riddell	Derek
Thanks	Craiger	Steve	Mike	Craiger
Squire	Derek	Domenic	Jim B	Peter H
Squire	Jack	Ross	David	Bob L
Parting thought	Heather	Peter S	Kent	Steve

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!