



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 25 th Feb 2009 6:00pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive
Guests:	Patrick and Joanne Howard, Roxie Pringle (from Waitakere Enterprise), Yeo Geok Ho
Attendance:	16/27 60%
Make Ups:	
No Shows:	Peter Smith, Jack Riddell, Ivan Yukich, Rosemary Langham, Tony Scott
Apologies:	Jim Annison, Kent Favel, Peter Hatch, Bob Langlois, John Riddell, Steve Lewins
Guest Speaker:	Derek Gee on Rotary Education

Important Dates and Events

4 th March 2009	Committee Meetings
8 th March 2009 1pm onwards	Browns Bay Rotary – Great Gatsby Garden Party (Details 18 th Feb Bulletin)
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
22 nd March 2009	East Auckland SBD – Stonefields Ave, Glen Innes
23 rd to 29 th March 09	Child Cancer Appeal
Saturday 4 th April	Soapbox Derby Finals
14 th April 2009	Incoming GSE team at New Lynn
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

New Member Induction

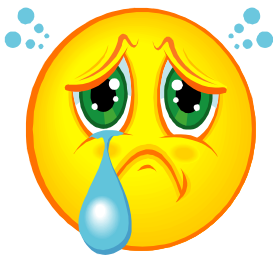
Patrick came with his wife Joanne and was duly welcomed into the Club.
Welcome Patrick, your life will never be the same again...



Terry welcoming Patrick to the Club (and explaining the absence of the goat)



Patrick being fitted by Craiger for the new compulsory Waitakere City Rotary uniform – island dresses from Vanuatu



Subscriptions

Peter is most unhappy. The Piggy Bank is empty... again.

If you haven't yet done so – please pay your 6 monthly subs.

Mike Angland: Acting Sergeant

Derek Gee:

Due to a large number of absentees Committee meetings have been postponed till next week. Derek instead stepped in to give another of his Rotary Education talks.

History:

- Last Monday, 23rd February 2009, was the 104th anniversary of the first Rotary meeting held in Chicago in 1905
- 16 years later the 1,000th Club opened in the UK
- Wellington was the home of the first club in NZ

Rotary Four Way Test: We all failed miserably. The answer is:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Youth Exchange:

- There are two types of youth exchange – 1 year and another of up to 2 months.
- Students are aged between 16 and 18
- Students, or more likely their parents, pay their airfares and activities at a cost of around \$10,000. Our obligation is to host them amongst our families and provide some spending money. This totals about \$3,000 to us over the course of a year
- Outward students don't cost us anything, we just nominate them
- Bob Benzie is the Inbound co-ordinator for Europe

GSE (Group Study Exchange)

- Richard George reported back to us last week about his trip to India so we should all be up-to-date with this one!
- They are people with no connection to Rotary other than being nominated by Rotarians
- A grant covers the cost of their travel
- A representative of the District Governor accompanies them
- The host country Rotarians provide food and shelter

Ambassadorial Scholarship:

- These started in 1947
- Student fees are paid for at an overseas university
- Since 1947 24,000 students have been recipients of these scholarships at a cost of \$US 2 million

Derek also let slip that he went to a make up once in Australia. It was held in a milk bar on a Monday night, as that was the quietest evening for sales, but there were still customers coming and going.

SBD News:

Keep an eye out for the SBD Newsletters. We are still short of sponsors so if you know of anyone who would like to be involved in this, let JR know urgently.

President's Messages:

- The new exchange students spent the weekend at Sunderland school. Bob was heavily involved in the organization, Derek ran a Trivial Pursuit evening on Saturday and Terry turned up for a couple of hours on Sunday. A good time had by all involved.
- 1st March is a Leadership seminar. Contact Terry if interested.
- The District Conference is fast approaching. Anyone going?
- Mike Angland is taking orders for the annual Entertainment booklets
- 14th April the incoming GSE team will be at New Lynn. We need to sort out whether it will clash with SBD thank you dinners and the like.

Ross Ward: Easter

Once again Ross has extended a welcome to Waitakere City Rotarians to join him and his family at his bach in Coromandel at Easter weekend.

For those who missed it last year Alan & Heather, Kerry & Jen took their buses and parked on the lawn, Craiger took his boat and slept in the garage, and Bob, Sue and Marcus went down and slept in the spare room.

The fishing was excellent, and the tall stories and fellowship were even better.

For non-golfers and non-fishermen other entertainment can be provided. I believe Ross has a small list of tasks that need doing... painting the garage... mowing the lawns...

Rules are: bring bedding, boats, fishing rods, golf clubs (or whatever), tents or motor homes (if you prefer them to the bunks in the garage) and food & drink for potluck meals.

Contact Ross if you are interested.

Photos from the night:



Bob kneeling before Roxie



Post meeting, meeting

Raffle Winner: Derek Gee – a bottle of wine

Parting Thought: Derek. First parting thought X rated. Thanks Derek.

Second attempt “Life is short, break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh unconditionally and never forget anything that made you smile.”

Other News:

- Craiger, with a spot of interference by Alan, has built a new cupboard in the storeroom round the corner for Rotary regalia. Some of our possessions have been moved downstairs from the old cupboards but a resort is required of the remainder – the new cupboard is smaller.

- Roger Froes has donated a few items for Trade Me. Craiger has grabbed a one or two of them for Golf prizes, the rest are being listed on Trade Me this week.

Emails Received:

I sent an article on the John Key Lunch to the NZ contact, Beryl Robinson, for Rotary Down Under. She approved it and forwarded it on to Bob at RDU. The following reply came from Australia:

Wow! That is an excellent Rotary story. What amazing cooperation from your Prime Minister.

Well done Heather. We are very grateful.

Best wishes,

Bob.

Bob Aitken AM
Managing Editor
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Apparently articles take a month or three before they are published so keep an eye out for it – and remind me if I forget about it
<Yeah... Right!>

The other Rotarian with a slightly swollen head at the moment is Craiger. With a bit (???) of encouragement he finished his article on Dining With Cannibals (it only took a year) and it has also been submitted to RDU. I received an email on Monday to say that too has been accepted for publication.

The reply was:

Good stuff. Thanks everyone ...
Bob Aitken AM

District Newsletters:

Club President & Editor,

From this month the District Governors Newsletter is sent to you only by a link to it on the District website. You are still requested to download and print off copies for your members without access to the website.

This new initiative is designed to reduce problems associated with dial-up access and for those that have requested a reduction in emails. You are asked to promote the newsletter by advertising its availability on <http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>

There are also two versions of the newsletter, a full version for those with broadband and a text only version for those with dial-up. One way of encouraging your members to read the Newsletter is to ask your sergeant to ask a question from its content each week in the fines session, doing this will also inform your members and keep them up to date with District events.

Should you have any problems associated with the Newsletter please drop me an email.
Ken

Rotary NZ website:

This has been recreated. The link is: <http://www.rotary.org.nz/site.cfm>

Check it out and see if you can spot some familiar faces.

Meeting Times and Contact Details

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Duty Roster and Calendar:

2009

Date	04 Mar	11 Mar	18 Mar
Guest Speaker			
Grace	Craiger	Heather	Domenic
Introduction	Peter H	Jack	Roger
Thanks	Bob L	John Riddell	Kent
Squire	Steve	John Ritchie	David
Squire	Kerry	Peter S	Jim B
Parting thought	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
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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!**