



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 3 rd June 2009 6:00pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trust Stadium
Guests:	Eunice Hatch, Toni Alexander and husband
Attendance:	15/27
Make Ups:	
No Shows:	Jim Brown, Steve Lewins, Tony Scott, Ivan Yukich
Apologies:	Bob Benzie, Roger Froes, Bob Langlois, Graham Nicholson, Jack Riddell, John Riddell, Ross Ward, Domenic Wood
Guest Speaker:	Went missing

Bulletin Editor's Note:

- No bulletin last week due to... ah, some strange reason. Not that anybody actually noticed.

Last Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 27 th May 2009 6:00pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, The Trust Stadium
Guests:	Eunice Hatch, Joseph
Attendance:	19/27
Make Ups:	
No Shows:	
Apologies:	Kent Favel, John Ritchie, Peter Smith, Domenic Wood
Guest Speaker:	Committee Meetings

Important Dates and Events

10 th June 2009	Speaker: Doug – re Matipo School Tree Planting
17 th June 2009	Trees for Survival – Matipo School
12 th to 21 st June 2009	Brain Injury Appeal Week – collectors required
5 th July 2009	District Changeover
13 th July 2009	Waitakere City Rollover – Langtons on Lincoln
5 th August 2009	Trees for Survival - Te Atatu

Last Week's Meeting:

Committee meetings. All committees met to discuss plans for the coming year. Directors are asked to submit plans, goals and budgets for the forthcoming Rotary year as soon as practicable please.

Note: Youth and International have already created draft plans.

If anyone has any projects they would like included in the coming year – please contact the appropriate director now.

The intention for next year is to take all budgets and assign dollar amounts from existing funds to each committee. If these plans fit the available funds then good – we can just get on with it. If there is a shortage – committees will either need to raise extra funds to cover their projects or reduce their goals to fit their budget.

This year the “Wish Lists” will become firm plans. If you feel that things may unexpectedly arise during the year – then document it now as “Other Projects as they arise” and put a dollar value next to it so that these can be included.

This Week's Meeting:

Guest Speaker:

Our guest speaker from Bluelight got lost. Dave arrived at The Stadium Reception, asked where to find us – and was told we don't exist. The receptionist got hold of the caterer, presumably Cero, who also denied any knowledge of our existence. Dave gave up and went home. We will try again in a couple of weeks.

Craiger:

- Presented his Trivial Pursuit idea for consideration.
- Kiva Project. If anyone, as an individual, wishes to help people in Third World countries start up a small business then there is a scheme for those in the First World to assist through small loans. <http://www.kiva.org/> The daughters of Craiger and Kerry have positive reports about this scheme.

Vanuatu Project:

Kerry gave an update on this.

As many of you are aware Craiger, Kerry, Alan and Heather are off to Tongoa on Wednesday 10th and returning on the 20th (No bulletin for two weeks but we intend to really bore you with photos on our return). The object of this trip is to finally complete the Aid Station.

However, there have been recent developments:

- Amanda, the Peace Corp worker in Bonga Bonga village let us know by text in the weekend that there was a major earthquake there last Friday.
- Research on the Internet shows that this was 5.7 magnitude and that after shocks in the islands are continuing. The epi-centre of the first one appears to have been under the Emae airport - 30 km from Tongoa. This earthquake has damaged the road and also cracked a number of the "wells" - open topped concrete watertanks half in and half out of the ground.
- To date info is sketchy but we are hearing more each day. A contact in the Vanuatu Government told us this morning that there has been major damage on the island and that Bonga Bonga and Meriu were amongst the worst hit. 14 tanks in the two villages have cracked, one house demolished and several buildings damaged. We believe that the 2 plastic tanks in Bonga Bonga that we installed on our last trip are OK. Meriu do not have plastic tanks and have a major crisis on their hands.
- We have also heard that the school has sustained some damage – Amanda says it has developed a ten-degree lean.
- The islanders are also living in fear that the earthquake could trigger their currently dormant volcano "Kuwae" into action. The last eruption was in 1980 and a search of the Net shows a 30-year pattern over the last century. Will this repeat? Who knows ... (An earthquake site suggests earthquakes and volcanoes are unrelated)
- The islanders have also been sleeping huddled together in groups jumping whenever there has been an aftershock and waiting for the next one to hit. These have struck randomly from 10 minutes to 10 hours apart over the last week.
- June is the start of the dry season in Vanuatu so losing stored water at this time of year could mean major problems in the next few months.

- Kerry has been in contact with our DG, Neil, who is currently in Fiji, Vanuatu Rotary and the Vanuatu Government to see how we can help with this crisis. Two plastic water tanks have been ordered and will be delivered early next week.
- We have debated whether this is the right time to go and feel that on balance the skills we can offer outweigh the burden of our presence. The Aid Station cannot be used until it is completed – and there may be extra need for it in coming months. Also we can help survey the water problem and may be able to assist with guttering (one of our tasks is to finish the gutters on the Aid Station and the tank has jumped and twisted meaning the spouting we connected no longer works).
- We intend to return to NZ on the 20th June - subject to earthquakes, tidal waves, undersea volcanoes bursting into life, erratic plane schedule etc - with an update

Toni Alexander:

- Toni is with Kumeu Rotary and is our incoming ADG. Toni worked for a while in administration for a plumber and is currently working as a Recruitment Agent. For some reason she is currently dealing with a large number of immigrant plumbers from South Africa who have recently been laid off due to the recession.
- Toni was telling us of plumbers who have sold up at home, come here on the skills shortage criteria, worked for a year, been laid off – and now told that if they can't find a job they should go home and start again there.
- Toni also told us that she might be able to assist us with finding funding for the Tongoa Island water crisis.

Raffle Winner: Kent – bottle of wine

Parting Thought: Terry: An elderly man takes his wife to Jerusalem – where she dies suddenly. He sees an undertaker who says “We can bury her here for \$100, or return her to your home country for \$5,000 for burial there”. The old man thinks for a minute and says, “I'd like to take her home”. The undertaker looks surprised and asks why he doesn't go for the cheaper option. The old man's reply was “2,000 years ago a man was buried here and returned from the dead. I can't take that risk!”

And now for the parting thought that Graham gave Terry to read:
 “The person who said love can't be bought has never been in a pet shop”

Other News:

Rotary Ski Weekend

Organised by the Harbour City Wellington and Raetihi-Ohakune Rotary Clubs

Ohakune: September 18,19 & 20

Come and join us. Ski and non -ski activities. Social events.
 Partners welcome.

Contact - Alastair Wilson akwilson@clear.net.nz or 04 233 9394

Important Police Notice:

Hi I found a neoprene beer holder on the 9th hole fairway [on the golf day]. I forgot to hand it in as lost property and found it in my golf bag the other day. Can you put a message out to everyone that I have it and will send it the owner. They must provide accurate discription.

Thanks
 Constable Luke Wilson

Rotary	Website
Rotary NZ	http://www.rotary.org.nz
Rotary NZ Promotions and Information District Governor's newsletter Admin page and information	www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364 http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10 http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180
Rotary International Future Vision	http://www.rotary.org/ www.rotary.org/future_vision

Meeting Times and Contact Details		
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		Vocational:
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		Steve Lewins Jim Annison Bob Benzie David Butler Derek Gee Patrick Howard Monique Mataga Graham Nicholson
		International:
		Craiger Hargesheimer Peter Hatch Kerry McMillan Alan Pattison Ivan Yukich Jack Riddell
		Youth:
		Heather Pattison John Riddell Tony Scott Domenic Wood Jim Brown

Duty Roster and Calendar:

2009

Date	10 June
Guest Speaker	
Grace	John Riddell
Introduction	Domenic
Thanks	John Ritchie
Squire	Peter S
Squire	Tony
Parting thought	Ross

Apologies:

You all know the drill:

Contact:

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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!**

Late apologies are an
appreciated courtesy