



This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 7 th April 2010
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Dr
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speaker:	Our very own Roger Froes

Visitors Welcome: Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.

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Important Dates and Events

Sunday 11 th Apr 7pm	TV1 Second Episode of Radar's Patch
Sunday 10 th April	GSE team from District 1760 (Marseille - South France) arrives at East Coast Bays
Monday 11 th April 6pm	Official welcome of the GSE team hosted by East Coast Bays Rotary Club - The Pupuke Golf Club. East Coast Road. Mairangi Bay
Wednesday 14 th April 5:45pm for 6pm	Guest Speakers: GSE Team At The Te Pai Centre, Te Pai Road, Henderson \$25 / head
Wed 14 th April to Sat 17 th April	GSE Team Waitakere City Rotary will host the team from Wednesday AM 14 th April - Saturday AM 17 th
Wednesday 21 st April	Guest Speaker: Ian Grant Founder of Parents Inc
Wednesday 28 th April	CAKE COUTURE - Partners' Invited evening
Thurs 29 th April	Milford Golf Tournament
7 th to 8 th May	District 9910 Conference - Noumea
Wed 12 th May	Davis Funeral Home - trends in the business (date to be confirmed)
Fri 28 th May	Waitakere City Rotary 40 th Birthday Party
Wed 16 th June	Trees for Survival - Matepo School. Rain date 23 rd
20 th to 23 rd June	Montreal Conference
Wed 11 th Aug	Trees for Survival - Te Atatu School. Rain date 18 th
This Week's Meeting:	
Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, JR, Peter S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Bob B, Jim B, David B, Terry H, Steve L, Graham N, Monique M, John R
Late Apologies:	
Missing in Action:	Kent F, Ross W
Guests:	
Attendance:	14/24 61%

Radar's Patch: screens on TV1 at 7pm on Sundays

Te Radar has taken himself off to Riverhead for 6 months to try a spot of garden transformation, self sufficiency and recycling. In Episode 1 he introduced the garden, filled up his gas guzzling jeep with recycled chip oil and met up with Shawn to convert a ride on mower into a mulcher. This mysterious beast was, of course, unveiled at our Soapbox Derby.

If you missed it you'll find it on the TVNZ website:

<http://tvnz.co.nz/radars-patch/index-group-3437785>

It is well worth watching - so we know in advance whether to duck and deny all knowledge, or take full credit when the Soapbox Derby episode comes on air in a few weeks.

German TV and Monique's Show

The German TV crew are back in the editing suite in Germany. They have promised Monique a copy of her show when it is finished. Monique in turn has promised to pass it on to us.

Rotary and I: Roger Froes



Roger, one of 7 children, was born in Maderia in 1937. When he was 13 his father died and Roger left school to help his mother, a dressmaker, feed the family. After work finished for the day at 6pm he went off to night school for 3 hours a night to first finish his schooling and then complete a course in book keeping.

In 1961 he emigrated to Johanesburg where he worked as a builder for 25 years. In 1996 he shifted once again, this time to NZ, where he set up a company Bearing Supplies (NZ) Ltd. His company now employs 14 people. They sell bearings for all sorts of uses – from sanders to concrete mixers to ...



Along the way he bred 4 children – 1 son who still lives in South Africa, a daughter who lives in the States and 2 further sons from a second marriage that he has brought up in New Zealand.

5 or 6 years ago he met Peter Smith at their joint accountants – and he joined Rotary. The rest, as they say, is history.



Soapbox Derby Finals

This event is on Saturday 10th April at Kaipatiki Road starting at 1pm. Kerry, Alan and Heather will be assisting with this and all Rotarians (and others) are welcome.

Five drivers from Waitakere City are competing – 3 from Riverhead and 2 from Waitakere Primary.

This year there is a rule stating no more than 2 drivers per car in the Finals. It therefore turned out to be remarkably fortunate that Metro Roofing sponsored two cars – Riverhead are borrowing the second car for the day.

Barry Clarke, the sponsor of the Airfoam car at Waitakere, has an interesting dilemma. He sponsored

this car although his son started at St Kents this year... and Joe won a place in the Finals at the Auckland East races.

SBD Project Plan

Heather has started the project planning for next year. First step was to draw up a personnel/tasks/equipment list incorporating various ideas from this year. It is a work in progress and will no doubt evolve over the next year or two.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this. After the latest amendments from tonight have been incorporated a copy will go to all Club members. It will then be filed ready to go in time for the races next year. Please check through it when it comes out – the more accurate we can get it now whilst the SBD is a fresh memory the easier it will be for everyone next year.

Kerry – Vanuatu Water Tank



The main water tank in Bonga Bonga Village cracked in the earthquake in May last year. It is 4 metres wide x 4 metres long x 4 metres deep and an essential resource for the village.

Chief Abed [in photo] has overseen the emptying and cleaning of it (and no doubt found the teapot I dropped in it 3 years ago whilst getting water) and attempted plastered repairs.

[Note: 3 years ago communication was literally by smoke signals, now they have a cellphone with camera. These photos came in a couple of weeks ago]

Kerry has worked with Engineers to design an external reinforcing system – metal strapping around the outside – and has priced a plastic tank liner.

Originally he wanted to acquire the Club's entire International budget for next year – plus bits from other budgets – to pay for all the materials. We suggested otherwise and for the first time since he joined Rotary 14 years ago he has been busy writing grant applications. Things are looking promising but still to be confirmed.

Kerry and Phillip MacFarlane, an Engineer from New Lynn Rotary, will be visiting the island on the 2nd May for a week to fix the tank and formally assess the earthquake damage to the school.

GSE – Patrick

The GSE team (amazing how often people accidentally say GST when talking about them) arrive from France this weekend. They will be coming to Waitakere on Wednesday morning and will stay till Saturday breakfast.

Bob is the Chief Organizer for this but, due to his operation, has passed much of the work to Patrick.

Wednesday night they will be coming to our Rotary meeting – to be held at the Te Pai Centre in Te Pai Place, Henderson (a brand new function centre at the Netball Courts)

Friday night will be a pot luck fellowship night at someone's house. All of our Rotary members invited. Details of who's house and who and what to bring are still being confirmed.

Bob's Corner



Bob and Patrick



Bob back on top of life



Patrick, Alan, Sue and Jo

Bob is Back!

He is home, recovering well and throwing himself into Rotary affairs between, or with, visitors.

Doctor's orders are another month off work so he has plenty of time to sort us all out.

Things he has asked me to pass on include:

- GSE Team meeting – next week at Te Pai Centre
- Host families are organized but if you can help with transport to different events or would like to be involved in other ways contact Bob or Patrick
- On the 14th we have top speaker Ian Grant coming to the Stadium
- Our 40th birthday is now Friday 28th May.

Details to come but the format will be based on last year's Christmas Party - although probably at the Te Pai Centre rather than the open air.

The goal is to have a relaxed fun time with friends, family and past members of our Club (and any stray Rotarians) rather than anything too highly formal.

PS: I'm told they didn't go looking for his heart through his leg – stretchy arteries were acquired from this area to replace the damaged ones in his chest.

Sunshine Fund:

This week's Raffles:	\$30.60
Sergeant's Fund:	\$39.10

Raffle statistics: H, T, H
Winner: Heather

Parting thought: A joke from Derek to cheer our day




Derek, Jim, Jack, Kerry and Alan testing our cosy lift capacity

Meeting Times and Contact Details	
Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson	
Board Members	
President	(Terry/Craiger)
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather
Treasurer	Alan
President Nominee / International Director:	Craiger
Club Service:	Bob
Community Director:	Patrick
Vocational Director:	John
Youth Director	Kent
Apologies	
Apologies: Contact: Heather at apology@details.co.nz Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569 No later than 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting	Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for! AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Heather know this also. Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy

The usual wild guess at who may be there for duties. And as usual it will probably be wrong. If you can't do a duty – please arrange a swap with someone who can!

Date	14-Apr
Event	GSE
Squire	Kerry M
Squire	Alan P
Greeter	Heather P
Grace	Jack R
Introduction	JR
Thanks	Peter S
Parting Thought	Domenic W



Rotary	Website
Waitakere City Rotary	http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/
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
Rotary E Club (for make ups)	http://www.rotaryclubone.org/