



This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 28 th April 2010
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, LG Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speaker:	Soapbox Derby Thank You Evening

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

For information contact: Kerry McMillan 832 3229 or Mobile 021 416 777

Important Dates and Events

Sunday 2 nd May 7pm	TV1 Fifth Episode of Radar's Patch
Wed 5 th May	Susan O'Meagher – Waitakere Enterprises
6 th May	Kumeu Rotary Golf Tournament Henderson meeting – John Banks (optional extra – refer details below)
7 th to 8 th May	District 9910 Conference – Noumea
Wed 12 th May	Davis Funeral Home – trends in the business
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:	Jim A, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Hew M, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, JR, Peter S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Phyllis A, Bob B, Jim B, David B, Terry H, Steve L, Monique M, Graham N, John R, Ross W
Late Apologies:	
Missing in Action:	
Guests:	Lots!
Attendance:	13/24



Soapbox Derby Thank You Evening

The newly painted car looked absolutely stunning; our caterers enjoyed the challenge of creating something different in the way of food and our choice of music... from the far end of the building... and we discovered that fitting around 70 people, 3 soapbox derby cars, a video projector with an amazing sound system along with tables of food into our Club Room is actually achievable. And we didn't deafen too many people in the process.



Kerry thanking Bob Stanic from The Trusts for their huge support for the Soapbox Derby



A few of the kids, parents, teachers, supporters and Rotarians watching the big screen



The winners of the Technology prize, Waitakere Primary, watching their 5 minute video on the wall



Luke, speed camera in hand

You Tube Video Note:

Due to a small technical issue involving "copywrite on music" the kids' video has had to have a change of soundtrack for You Tube. The music on my videos snuck through - but with ads showing. Music copyright is a minefield for videos that get uploaded to the web.

It was an evening for celebration and enjoyment.

Kerry borrowed a video projector, complete with powerful speakers, from his brother-in-law; the caterers put on a feast; Henry, our winner, got a taste of what is in store for him in the States; and the room hummed with chat and good cheer.

Luke came to represent the Police and gave out speed infringement notices to the kids. Amongst the various infringements listed were:

- No brake lights \$150
- No rego or warrant \$400
- No drivers licence \$150
- Sustained loss of traction \$400
- No emergency horn \$160
- Crazy driving \$200
- Exceeding speed limit (by not very much!) \$100
- Exceeding speed limit (by not enough!) \$250
- Exceeding speed limit (by a little tiny bit!) \$150
- No drivers license (very bad!) \$450
- Engine in poor shape - smoke coming out of the back!) \$200
- Driving on the wrong side of the road \$180
- Taking out innocent hay bales \$500
- Failing to stop \$350
- Very bad breaks \$200
- Boy racing \$500

Judging by the above, and the huge amount of work that went into this, I'd say our Friends in Blue thoroughly enjoyed themselves and met their goal of interacting with the local kids in a positive way.

Waitakere Primary made an excellent video of the event and were awarded the technology prize of a new video camera (this was very kindly donated to us by Panasonic).

For those who missed it the videos played are now on our website www.soapboxderby.co.nz



Vanuatu Update:

Kerry and Craiger are off to Vanuatu next week to repair the earthquake damaged water tank in Bonga Bonga Village on Tongoa Island. As per usual they will be paying their own airfares to get there – although Air NZ have helped with a waiver on excess baggage fees (handy if you want to carry a spare shirt and insect repellent in your luggage along with tools, a large water tank liner, a water pump and various other bits and pieces).

Funds for International projects being somewhat on the low side after our work on finishing the Aid

Station in the village last year Kerry has been applying for various grants to help out. (When we set out to finish the Aid Station we weren't actually expecting a large earthquake to come along and severely damage 80% of the water tanks on the island).

The Harold Thomas Trust have come forward with a very generous donation of \$1,500 towards this.

This Trust focuses on Youth projects, usually medical ones according to the Rotary website:

THE HAROLD THOMAS ROTARY TRUST

Purpose:

This Trust was established by RI Past President, the late Harold T Thomas (Rotary Club of Auckland), in 1973. In 1985 the Trust received a magnificent gift from the late Past District Governor Bernie Ross (Rotary Club of Manurewa), and his wife Mary, which added greatly to the capital of the Trust. The Trust has available approximately \$100,000 for distribution each year and meets bi-monthly to consider applications for grants. Assistance to Rotary Clubs is usually limited to 50% of the cost of the project. There is a maximum of \$5,000 for each project but may go to \$10,000 in suitable cases

Goals:

1. Assist financially any child resident in the Pacific Islands who is in need of medical treatment or care in New Zealand, including fares and requirements in New Zealand, where this is otherwise unobtainable.
2. Provide medical assistance for children in New Zealand or elsewhere.
3. For medical research.
4. For charitable purposes as defined in the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

The Trust have agreed to help us with this as the health of the children in the village is at risk due to the poor water situation caused by the quake.

This is the second time the Trust have helped us in the last couple of years – the first time was with funds for the Bluelight camps. We are extremely grateful for their help.

PROBUS CLUB OF WEST AUCKLAND CELEBRATES ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY



The Probus Club of West Auckland was chartered 25 years ago. Since then other clubs have been formed, mostly double gender Clubs. The West Auckland Club is an all male Club filling a gap for many retired men wishing to meet others of similar interests and age.

Probus clubs serve a growing population of retired leaders. They have no formal ties to Rotary International. But Probus clubs comprise the fastest-growing Rotary club-sponsored organization today, attracting a burgeoning population of retired and semi-retired business, trade and professional people.

The first Probus club was formed by an English Rotary Club in the mid-1960's to allow retired people to meet together for fellowship. The idea spread to other countries. Today, Probus clubs claim more than 300,000 members in thousands of clubs worldwide, the largest concentrations being in Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.

Although sponsored by Rotary clubs, Probus clubs enjoy autonomy once they have been established. Clubs meet monthly but have no attendance or service requirements, and membership fees are nominal. Members may and do belong to other organisations and other Probus Clubs. Some men join an all male Probus Club and a mixed Probus Club, while their partner joins an all female club and the same mixed club.

The mens Probus Club of West Auckland meets the first Friday of each month at the Kelston Community Centre. The meeting starts at 9.45am with a small business session and mini speaker followed by morning tea. The meeting concludes with a main speaker. The meeting ends by 12 noon. The cost is \$30.00 per annum with no extra charges. The club is totally social with no pressure to be involved in any activity outside of the meeting. The club does organise inexpensive outings and the occasional social meal. If you are interested in joining the Club just turn up and make yourself known. Should you require any further information contact president Graeme Tremain 836 4454, Arild Hansen 834 2181 or Ken Webster 817 6441.

The Rotary Club of Henderson extends an invitation for all Clubs including wives/partners in Zone 6 to come along and hear Mayor John Banks talk:

Guest Speaker: Mayor John Banks

Date: Thursday 6th May 2010

Venue: Lincoln Green Hotel, Conference Centre, 159 Lincoln Road, Henderson.

Time: 6.00pm for 6.15pm.

Cost: \$35.00 per person plus cash bar. Note, Wine will be on the table for the meal.

RSVP: By Monday 3 May 2010

To Malcolm Dean

Phone 447-3141

Email: malcolm@sonatec.co.nz

Payment on the night will be appreciated.

The Rotary Club of Henderson celebrates 50 years of service to Henderson and the Community.



Date: Saturday 26 June 2010

Venue: The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson.

Time: 5.00pm for 6.00pm

Cost; \$65.00per person.

Dress: Men a suit

5.00pm Social hour

6.00pm Dinner - Wine on the table

7.30pm - Proceedings - Music, speeches (a few), entertainment.

Cash Bar available.

We would love to have members from your club attend for this special occasion.


This week's Raffles: We had a few. All proceeds went to Shawn and Henry to help towards the costs associated with their trip to the States

(The SBD Trust pays flights, accommodation and entry fee to the finals. Food, spending money, additional family members etc is a cost to the winner. Winning the NZ Derby does not come cheap...)

Board Members		Meeting Venue and Time
President	(Terry/Craiger)	Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson Time: 6pm for 6:10pm
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek	
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather	
Treasurer	Alan	
President Elect / 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

Date	28-Apr
Event	Waitakere Enterprise
Squire	Mike A
Squire	Jim A
Greeter	Phyllis A
Grace	David B
Introduction	Kent F
Thanks	Roger F
Parting Thought	Terry H



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!

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 Downunder Magazine	www.rotarydownunder.com.au
Rotary International Future Vision	http://www.rotary.org/ www.rotary.org/future_vision
Rotary E Club (for make ups)	http://www.rotaryclubone.org/

Those of you who live in vaguely civilized surroundings and get the Western Leader hand delivered to your door may have spotted the following on the 22nd April:

milestones



Young racers: Here are the kids from Waitakere Primary School who competed in this year's Soapbox Derby. They are pictured with comedian Te Radar who lent his support to their efforts. The school went on to compete in the finals against racers from across the region on April 10. Carlos Clark, left, finished fifth, while Zach Hinton, second from left, came third. Next to Zach are Keiran Cant, Te Radar and Kate Greve. The soapbox heats out west were organised by the Waitakere City Rotary Club.

But what you may not have noticed was the photo next to it (I only saw it as I went to scan the above). My daughter and grandson are on the far left:



Team effort: They reckon it's something in the water. These Massey High School teachers have all had their babies over the past 18 months and all but three of the new arrivals are girls. Maths, science, and English departments are all represented.