



This Week's Meeting

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| When: | Wednesday 19 th May 2010 |
| Where: | Rex Davy Lounge, LG Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive |
| Web site: | www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz |
| Guest Speaker: | Rotary and I: Jim Annison |

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

Wed 26th May Meeting cancelled due to 40th Party

Fri 28th May **Waitakere City Rotary 40th Birthday Party**



Wed 16th June Trees for Survival – Matepo School. Rain date 23rd

20th to 23rd June **Montreal Conference**

Wed 11th Aug Trees for Survival – Te Atatu School. Rain date 18th

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| Present: | Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Kerry M, Hew M, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Domenic W |
| Apologies: | Bob B, Jim B, David B, Monique M, Graham N, Ross W |
| Late Apologies: | Patrick H, Peter S |
| Missing in Action: | Steve L, JR |
| Attendance: | 15/25 |



40 years ago Henderson Rotary figured that an extra Rotary Club was needed in West Auckland. Thus The Rotary Club of Te Atatu was born.

In time the Club name changed and we became The Rotary Club of Waitakere City

On Friday 28th May 2010 we will celebrate the 40 years of our history



1970: The Founding Members

BACK ROW: Lau Keene, Eric Moses, Alistair Morton, Viv Wilson, Maurie Allan, David Simmons, ?, Harry Boxall, Ken Pittman, John Brewer, Jim Wakeling, Doug Brownlees, Graham Douglas

FRONT ROW: Jack Macks, Kelvin Banton, Ted Hay, Warren Mee, Graham Laird, Bruce Coker, Don Page, Tom Pearce, Len Stannaway, Max Wiltshire

INSERTS: Left – Barry Wilson, Right – Eric Clark

(Thanks to Heather Mee for the names)

40th Birthday Party

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| DATE: | Friday 28 th May 2010 |
| TIMETABLE: | 6:00pm Start 6:45pm Dinner 7:30pm A few memories followed by a relaxed time to party and catch up with old friends |
| COST: | \$35 per head Cash bar |
| BRING: | Memories, Photos, Videos... |
| VENUE: | Langtons on Lincoln |
| RSVP: | To Phyllis 833 7672 by Mon 24 th May 2010 |
| Dress: | Formal – suit and tie |

Rotary and I

Jim Annison



Past President Jim Annison
2006 – 2007



Roger and Jim 2010

Jim's great-grandfather Thomas, a stone mason, left Copenhagen in 1833 for a new life in the UK. Once there he worked for Sir Henry Rolls – and married his daughter Lydia. Thomas and Lydia moved to New Zealand and raised a family here.

Jim's enterprenurial skills started at the age of four – finding golf balls at Chamberlain Park and selling them to American servicemen.

From there he progressed to school, a 2 month stint on a farm (with a sole diet of mutton) a builder's apprenticeship, building state houses and time in Australia as a chippie for a transmission company – all before the age of 21.

After that he followed a life of self employment in various fields. Amongst them selling cars with Bob Langlois, working in tyres, managing a motel, running a kiosk at the bus centre, bringing in American cars – converted in Hong Kong for our roads - and owning a glazing business.

In 2003 his wife died from cancer and a few months later his neighbour Jack dragged him out of the house and introduced him to Rotary.

This in turn led to a whole new interest – and a presidency in 2006.

Soapbox Derby and Te Radar

Hmm, well they did great coverage of the soapbox derby but forgot to mention one small word... Rotary! However they have added a link to www.soapboxderby.co.nz on the TVNZ website and our website has gained a few hits from it.

If you missed the show the link to the TV OnDemand show is on the website.

The Vanuatu Water Tank Project

Our website has been updated to include a small video of this project:
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/our-projects/international/bongabonga-water-tank>

Email from the GSE Team

Subject: GSE 1760 Thanks

Dear Governor,
Dear coordinators,

After a safe journey, we are back to France. We didn't any problems, all the connecting flights were on time and the volcano's ashes weren't in our way.

Après un voyage sans encombre, nous avons atterri en France. Le volcan n'a pas entravé notre plan de vol.

We do thank you for your reception, every club gave us so much. We learned a lot about your countries, the vocational visits were enriching and permitted us to discover the ways you were dealing in the realms we are much involved in, that opens up the mind .

Nous vous remercions de votre accueil, chaque club a tellement donné ! Nous avons appris bien des choses concernant vos pays, les visites professionnelles nous ont beaucoup apportées en nous permettant de voir et de comprendre comment vous faisiez dans des domaines qui nous ont familiers.

The touristic and cultural visits were really valuable, they gave us an insight of your countries and the long discussions which followed them deepened and emphasized our knowledge .

Nous avons fort apprécié les visites touristiques et culturelles, elles nous ont permis de mieux connaître vos pays et les discussions avec les personnes qui nous accompagnaient ou les familles d'accueil nous ont permis de mieux mettre en place ces acquisitions.

We do thank the host families for taking care of us and for their warm-hearted hospitality.

Du fond du coeur nous remercions les familles qui nous ont si bien accueillis

Kind Regards,

Amitiés,

Christiane BOURQUIN, Team Leader.

This week's Raffles:

Winner: Mike

(Statistics: T, T, T, T, T)

| Sergeant's Fund | |
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| Fines | \$25.30 |
| Raffle | \$30 |

Parting Thoughts:

John Riddell: "Accidents Hurt, Safety Doesn't"

Jack Riddell:

'Forward, the Light Brigade!'

Was there a man dismay'd ?

Not tho' the soldier knew

Some one had blunder'd:

Theirs not to make reply,

Theirs not to reason why,

Theirs but to do & die,


Into the valley of Death

Rode the six hundred.

| Board Members | | Meeting Venue and Time |
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| 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 | |
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| 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-May |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Event | 40 th Party |
| Squire | David B |
| Squire | Kent F |
| Greeter | Peter S |
| Grace | Terry H |
| Introduction | |
| Thanks | |
| Parting Thought | |



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 |
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| 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/ |

**From the Archives:
The Charter Night Dinner**

Please note that the 40th birthday will be a slightly different format. For one - there is no need to bring your slippers.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TE ATATU

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SECRETARY
Don Page
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NEWSBRIEF

CHARTER NIGHT

As all details for Charter Night had not been finalised before the meeting of 22nd July, this Newsbrief will give the answers to a number of queries that have been raised. Reference should also be made to the printed programme.

VISITORS Fellows who wish to invite guests to the Charter Night, please contact Gordon Shepherd of the Henderson Club (TAT 7534) before Monday evening (27 July) with info about number of guests.

COSTS \$ 7 per double. Fellows please pay Treasurer Ted Hay on Wed 5 Aug.

DRESS Lounge suit - not dinner suit.
Anns: 'Short' or semi-formal wear is possibly the most suitable.

PARKING Fellows are asked to use the area to the rear of Warren Mee's shop (Alley access between Warren's shop and Jenning's Chemist) or at Tom Pearce's garage (Taikata Motors - Taikata Rd). This will leave more obvious parking for out-of-district visitors.

ENTRANCE Use only the main entrance to the big hall, directly from Te Atatu Rd. There will be three Check-in tables. One for Te Atatu, the second for Henderson and the third for Visitors.

CHECK - IN Check-in as usual (and your guests). As the 'soup plates' will not be available until later in the programme, make out an Introduction stick-on for yourself and your Ann.

CLOAKROOM Ladies may leave their coats at the Ticket Office, for safe keeping.

FELLOWSHIP 6-15 - 7-00 This part of the evening will be held on the mezzanine floor. Sherries and chilled fruit juice will be available.
Henderson Fellows will be on duty as stewards,

DINNER 7-00 For details of the formal section refer to the Programme. Wines will be placed on the tables, but not served by wine stewards - this will be a 'serve yourself' system, with the Henderson stewards replenishing supplies as necessary.
There will be no set seating except for the head table. Sit at any table you please.

INTRODUCTION OF CHARTER MEMBERS

When President Bruce calls for Charter Members to come forward, please line up behind Vice-Pres. Graham in order of the list of charter members in the programme. Members will be introduced to the District Gov. who will formally present the Luncheon Badges ('Soup-plates'); members then move along in front of the main table, facing the Visitors and guests.

SERGEANT'S SESSION This is likely to take a different form, but will still be held.

FINISH Everything should be over by 9-45 pm

POST CHARTER NIGHT FELLOWSHIP Starting promptly at 10-00 pm. Venue: Pres Bruce's home, 15 Fairlie Ave, TeAtatu Sth. As there is a possibility of there being some sections of uncured concrete around, Fellows are warned it may be necessary to ask for removal of shoes. Bring your slippers!

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED A team of willing workers is needed **TUESDAY, 28 July** 5:30 - 6:00
to help set out tables and chairs **WEDNESDAY 29 Aug** 9:00 - 10:00
for the dinner. Rally, Rally.

Rotarian honoured for helping children

By LES WATKINS

Orewa Rotarian Bruce Davies has earned a distinctive honour for helping children – along with his puppet assistant.

Many children have enjoyed lessons with his assistant – a big-hearted giraffe puppet called Harold.

Bruce is the founding chairman of Life Education Trust Rodney which was launched two years ago. Its aim is to make youngsters aged from five to 13 aware of how they can live a fulfilling and healthy life.

On the recommendation of the Rotary Club, Bruce will be one of 12 people being presented with Rodney Community Service Awards by Rodney mayor Penny Webster tomorrow.

About 8000 youngsters have received guidance from Harold the giraffe, who travels in a special

mobile classroom to schools throughout Rodney.

He is accompanied by trust educator Ronnie Urquhart, a highly-qualified teacher, who passes on advice and suggestions whispered to her by the softly-spoken Harold.

“Many of the children we help come from single-parent homes – or ones where the influences are far from good – and they are happy to take notice of a great character like Harold,” says Bruce.

“He is someone they can look up to and respect in so many ways and they do respond to his thoughts on matters such as bullying and smoking or drug-taking.”

Ms Urquhart says: “There was one 12-year-old boy, for instance, who was starting to use drugs – which he didn’t particularly enjoy – only because he was being pressured to do so by two older brothers.

More award recipients

Other award recipients are: Leone Treadwell and Vicky Sheriff from Wellsford, Laurie and Margaret McEntee from Kumeu, David Poole and Matt Van Der Linde from Whangaparaoa,

Harry James of Taupaki, Graeme Ross of Leigh, Martin Duythoff of Kawau, Thomas Mayne of Orewa and Jim Dixon of Silverdale.

Details on other winners will be published next week.

“He asked a question about this and listened carefully when I repeated what had been whispered to me by Harold – about the bad things drugs could do to him and how he really did have a choice.

“In other words, he was an individual – someone Harold regarded as special – who was clever enough to make up his own mind.

“That’s exactly what the boy did. He stopped using drugs.”

The Life Education Trust was founded in New Zealand in 1988 by Trevor Grice who had spend 20 years helping drug addicts. He was following a programme from Sydney’s King’s Cross.

The operation in Rodney is spearheaded by Orewa Rotary, supported by the Rotary clubs of Whangaparaoa, Warkworth, Kumeu and Maungaturoto, and costs about \$100,000 a year to run.



Hidden help: Bruce Davies, right, the man behind Harold the giraffe whisperer, being congratulated by James Murray, president of Orewa Rotary.