



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

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Venue: Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

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1ST JUNE

Dave Carroll from the NZ Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team

8TH JUNE

Club Night

TUES 14TH JUNE

Trees for Survival planting day – Matipo Road School

15TH JUNE

Sandra and Grant Clendon from the Green Been Co

22ND JUNE

Guest Speaker (?)

29TH JUNE

Changeover

3RD JULY

District Changeover

MAY: ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

FUTURE EVENTS:

NEXT WEEK: DAVE CARROLL

Dave Carroll from the NZ Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team who has been involved in rescue missions recently in Christchurch and Japan

THIS WEEK

JOINT MEETING WITH THE TE ATATU LIONS



Rotarians and Lions have a lot in common – and a few differences.

Both groups contribute to the community, enjoy fellowship whilst doing so – and share a sense of humour (and their meeting ran in a very similar fashion to ours).

Amongst the differences spotted at the meeting:

- Flags of the countries that Lions inhabit displayed
- They pass the Lion for fines instead of a wooden box
- Their "Tail Twister" (Sergeant) dresses up



Karen Pocklington, the Owner/manager of House of Travel Henderson, spoke to us about the reasons to use a Travel Agent rather than book flights directly on line.

Amongst her points:

- Agents are trained and have many tools at their disposal so can usually put together packages far more efficiently than those who "go it alone"

- For many services Agents are paid commission by their suppliers rather than by a fee from their customers so the cost is often the same – and sometimes cheaper
- Where a booking fee is charged (due to lack of commissions) the fee is kept as competitive as possible – often no more than \$30 or \$50
- Overseas sites may “appear” to have cheaper prices but quite often the conversion calculators on the sites are wrong and they fail to add the conversion fees that the credit card companies charge
- These days International flights have a baggage allowance but domestic travel in the States don't - so booking fares individually entails baggage fees. If an agent books it as a round trip this fee is waived.
- Agents are available to haul the customer out of messes they get into (e.g. when we were stuck on Tongoa Island in the heavy rain Terry put pressure on Air Vanuatu to come and pick us up from the neighbouring Island with an unscheduled internal flight so that we could catch our International flight home)



Their Squire – with many Lion badges decorating his cap



The “Tail Twister” busy extracting cash out of the unwary as fines



Lions and Rotarians all contributing to the cause



Bob as at home in front of Lion flags as he is in front of our Rotarian ones.

CHALLENGE CAMP FEEDBACK

Email from Marilyn Page after last week's bulletin:

Hi Heather,

Great to see the photos from Challenge Camp - they brought back wonderful memories of the club's previous involvement in these.

Congratulations to all concerned.

Marilyn

<NOTE to newer members: Marilyn's husband Don was a founding member of our Club, a Past President and a member until he passed away in 1999>

CHALLENGE CAMP 2011

This year Waitakere Rotary organized the District 9910 / 9920 Challenge Camp.

Alan, Derek and Sheena spent the week up there and Graham "acquired" a bus from Ritchies to transport everyone to off-site events. The support from Ritchies was greatly appreciated. Various other people – Hilary Prior, Trevor Mosley, Jane Hooker (nurse), Brent Lindsay (teacher), Barry de Geest, Daniel from the Deaf School, generously offered their time and skills to help out.

Vaughan Park offered brilliant accommodation and meals and the MERC staff were fantastic with the kids. The kids also had a great time with the Wheel Blacks and having a turn in their \$8,000 chairs was a real highlight. Alan also wishes to thank the IYE students and Campers who really made the camp hum.

The team really appreciated seeing our Rotarians who went up for dinner on Wednesday night – and also having Craiger and Kerry doing a great job on the BBQ at the Hot Pools

Hilary Prior from Downtown Auckland Rotary; Alan and Sheena were all busy with their cameras and produced 745 great photos.

Looking through them the things that stands out are the grins on the faces of all the kids. It was a very happy and worthwhile camp and long may these continue.

Expect a slideshow of all the photos at a meeting sometime in the near future.







WAITAKERE PRIMARY FUNDRAISER FOR THE SBD TEAM

Waitakere Primary organized a Quiz Night on Saturday night to raise funds to help send extra members of their team to Akron to compete in the AASBD races.

Craig, Derek, Alan & Heather, Sheena, Patrick & Jo, Kerry & Jen & Fiona went. Kerry brought the hats



Hi Sheena

Thank you so much for gathering the troops and coming along to support our fundraiser on Saturday night - I hope you and your teams had a good time! I think Kerry did for one! ha ha

We raised just shy of 4k - so well worth the effort!

Enjoy your week - thanks again.

Kind regards

Louise

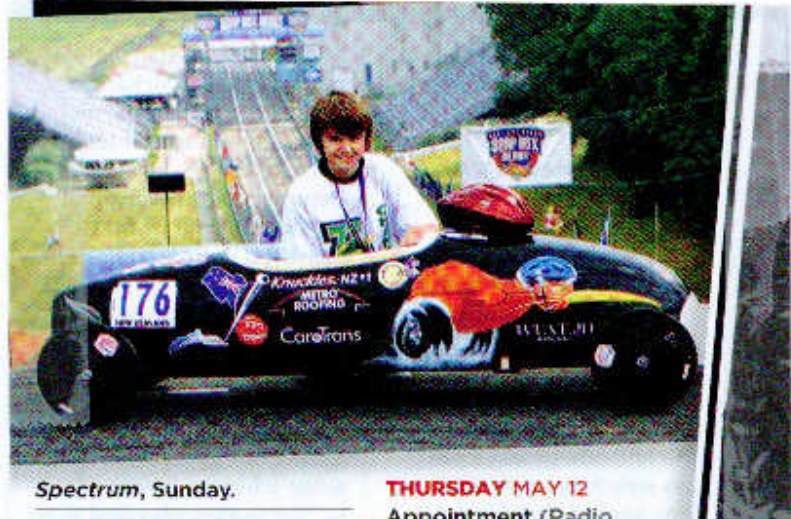
THE LOUNGE

Radio week

BY DIANA BALHAM

SUNDAY MAY 8

Spectrum (Radio New Zealand National, 12.15pm). Thirteen-year-old Henry Dyer regularly drives at 60km/h in a 50k zone but he manages to avoid speeding tickets and censure from the cops for driving as a minor. This is because Henry – the subject of this week's *Spectrum* documentary, *A Need for Speed* – is at the wheel of a soapbox derby car: a go-kart with extras, in the old parlance. Lisa Thompson meets the 2010 national champion, who has spent the past four years tearing down hills in West Auckland's Riverhead, helped by his father, Shawn. They are both huge motorsport fans and have hand built a number of cars; Shawn coaches his son's school team and has been involved in the nascent sport for eight years. There's an added incentive for Henry to retain his crown in the 2011 Soapbox Derby: the winner will race in the All-American Soap Box Derby (pictured right, Henry at the 2010 US event).



Spectrum, Sunday.

THURSDAY MAY 12
Appointment (Radio)

LISTENER MAY 7 2011

It is always interesting to read articles in papers and magazines – and to see just how many points the reporters get wrong.

Note to all those not in the know...

In the AASBD races those who race at Akron one year are unable to compete again in the same class of race in subsequent years. In NZ we race the Super Stock cars and our winner goes to Akron.

This year we also did a Demo race of the next class up – the Masters cars. But with only 5 or 6 of these cars in NZ we are unable to run an official race (and can't afford the fares for an extra winner to Akron anyway).

**RAFFLE
PARTING THOUGHT**

Winner:

Statistics:

ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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?

Cousin George: Why do we say "Ready... Aim... FIRE..." when aiming a WATER PISTOL?

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES:

Squire	Jim A
Squire	Phyllis A
Greeter	Bob B
Grace	David B
Introduction	Linda C
Thanks	Derek G
Parting Thought	Alan P
Dealer	Heather P
Joker	John R
Joker	Sheena S

BOARD MEMBERS:

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Derek G, Craiger H, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Sheena S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Mike A, Kent F, Roger F, Terry H, Graham N, Monique M, Peter S
Late Apologies:	Patrick H, Kerry M,
Missing in Action:	Cedric M, Jennice M,
Make Ups:	Patrick (President Elect Training)
Attendance:	14 /24 58%

SUNSHINE FUND:

Raffle	\$
Fines	\$

APOLOGIES AND RSVPS TO:

apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589
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!

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Rotary NZ
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<http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>
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