

# WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD**

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

**RWC Temporary Venue:** "The Den" Massey and Birdwood Settlers Hall - Corner Don Buck Road and Redhills Road

**Time:** 5:45pm for 6:10pm

**Address:** PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654  
[www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz) or [www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

**SEPTEMBER: NEW GENERATIONS MONTH**  
**NEXT WEEK: PIA WITTWER-BLASER**

**Pia Wittwer-Blaser:**

Osteopath. And training for the November 2011 New York marathon

**FREE FOOD! FREE DRINK!**

OK, with an announcement like that our Club members should come running!

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| What: | Kent's leaving party at AGC Sunderland (drinks & nibbles)                                                                              |
| When: | Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September                                                                                                    |
| Time: | 6pm to 7:30pm                                                                                                                          |
| Who:  | Staff, Parents, Friends and of course the Waitakere Rotary Club members                                                                |
| RSVP: | Kent's PA:<br>Catherine Ferguson - <a href="mailto:catherine.ferguson@acgedu.com">catherine.ferguson@acgedu.com</a><br>Phone: 838 7070 |

**THIS WEEK: TINY TOTS**

We had two guest speakers this week:

**Safena Te Nana-Williams**



Safena's Dad Peter is a former commonwealth boxer who sustained a brain injury in a major boxing match. He won the title and two hours later collapsed and was left a quadriplegic.

Safena is in Year 4 and won the AGC Sunderland School year 3 /4 Speech Competition with a speech titled "My Dad".

We were extremely privileged to hear her tell us, with pride, about her Dad.

An insight into Peter's life is on You Tube at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5kx-ZgAcj0>

Incidentally, Safena's mum runs a Home Based Rehabilitation business  
[www.whatevertakes.co.nz](http://www.whatevertakes.co.nz)



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**21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

**CALENDAR**

29<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

Kent's leaving do at AGC Sunderland

5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**Club Night**

12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Guest Speaker

18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**Fellowship Night at Graham's to meet his RWC guests**

19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

*No Meeting*

26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**Our IYE Student: Cecile**

**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?



### Chase Leathard

Chase is in year 5 and won the year 5/6 competition with his speech "If I was Prime Minister". Chase was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at a recent APPA speech zone final and was the youngest competitor there.

Amongst his ideas for the "Children's Party" are:

- No homework (kids are far too busy to do this)
- Smoke free NZ
- Raise the driving age to 18
- Put the country's criminals to work – starting by rebuilding Christchurch
- Lower Taxes
- Create a NZ Disneyland – and issue all new born babies with a voucher to it along with their birth certificate
- Bring in 3 day weekends <or was that working days in a week?>



Our two speech winners – and asked for a cuddle for the camera ☺



Peter with his family – Charmeyne and the twins



Although the wheelchair ramp worked to the hall – the internal door was too narrow for the chair.

## GRANDMA'S HOUSE

Taking on the job of painting the exterior of a house in winter does tend to prolong the task due to weather delays. It is nearly there and the Grandma's grandsons are waiting for a fine day - when they aren't at school, studying for exams or working – to finish the last wall. Alan still has a couple of the wooden windows to finish but the boys, thanks to Alan's training, now have the skills to paint walls.

The deck is now safe and unlikely to collapse suddenly thanks to Alan and Craiger (posts and handrails replaced).

Domenic recently replaced his kitchen and one of Craiger's workers replaced a stove. Both the kitchen and the stove were donated to the project. Alan painted the kitchen and he and Craiger have spent the last two days installing the kitchen. The only major problem they came up with was the sink tap had

rusted out badly. Craiger just happened to have a spare from his own renovations and donated it to the cause. Unfortunately... Craiger's tap is for a high pressure system and the HWC is a low pressure one. The plumber is coming to replace the blown ajax valve but in the meantime the boys should be able to cope with cold showers.

We tracked down a very nice floor sander through Carpet and Matland in Railside Avenue. Bernie has offered to sand the kitchen floor in the weekend for the cost of the sandpaper.

And Grandma? Very, very happy with the help our Club has given her and the boys. The house disintegrating around them was adding huge mental stress to the task of unexpectedly bringing up two grandchildren at the age of 75.

As for photos... Alan has been threatened with another dent to his dome if he fails to produce some soon!

## RYLA

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a 7 day residential course starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 for young people with leadership potential. The age band is 20 to 26. Bob has spoken to Nick at the Westie Trust and they have agreed to sponsor 4 students to this.

More info: <http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=790>

If you know of a suitable candidate – contact Bob [bob\\_suebenzie@clear.net.nz](mailto:bob_suebenzie@clear.net.nz)

## MEMBERS NEWS

### KERRY

In reply to my request of "Photos for the bulletin please" I received:

sorry cant do will have to wait until i get back <this Friday>  
k

### MIKE

Hi Heather,

Have to put in a late apology for tonight's meeting.  
We have Just become grandparents again, and there is too much to do.  
Wanted to hear those speeches too.

Cheers,  
Mike.

## WAITAKERE 2012 SOAPBOX DERBY



Sponsorship hunting for our 2012 Derby is well underway.

To date 2 organizations have signed up to join in the fun and help make this project really rock for the kids.



- The Henderson-Massey, Whau and Waitakere Ranges Events Funding Sub-committee from Auckland Council have approved our Grant application and come on board as a truly amazing Platinum Sponsor

- Our past Rotarian, Sir Graeme Douglas, still thinks fondly of us (David rang him and had a good chat). Douglas Pharmaceuticals are once again full sponsors of the "Hairy Lemon" car – and have paid for this now ☺

## PROMOTION OF THE DERBY

Let's all learn from the "Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy" and **NOT** do the following (for the Derby or for Rotary in general):

"But Mr Dent, the plans have been available in the local planning office for the last nine months."

"Oh yes, well as soon as I heard I went straight round to see them, yesterday afternoon. You hadn't exactly gone out of your way to call attention to them, had you? I mean, like actually telling anybody or anything."

"But the plans were on display ..."

"On display? I eventually had to go down to the cellar to find them."

"That's the display department."

"With a flashlight."

"Ah, well the lights had probably gone."

"So had the stairs."

"But look, you found the notice didn't you?"

"Yes," said Arthur, "yes I did. It was on display in the bottom of a locked filing cabinet stuck in a disused lavatory with a sign on the door saying '**Beware of the Leopard**'."

## WHANGAREI SUNRISE ROTARY SOAPBOX DERBY

Hmmmm.... Interesting...

For some reason NONE of you took up the challenge to head to Whangarei for the weekend armed with a camera. How do I know this? Well Alan and I decided that our motor home needed an outing - and as it is always great fun meeting other Rotarians, particularly those with a project in common - we went.

The Whangarei Sunrise Rotary Club usually race in February and join us for the Finals. This year they deferred their race till September and ran a race to celebrate the Rugby World Cup. Twenty schools took part – each of them representing one of the countries involved. Some of the cars had flags to represent their countries; others used face paint or big flags. A few photos of the day follow:

















As usual it was interesting seeing the similarities and differences between the various race centres.

The similarities? The smiles and the passion from all those involved.

The differences? Mainly at the finish. A different timing system involving a camera, and some loose sand to slow the kids who haven't braked well down <who gets to clean that one up?>.

### NZ SBD RACE DIRECTOR NEWS

Terry Clarkson, Rotarian with Whangaparaoa Rotary and our NZ Soapbox Derby Race Director, recently appeared in an article in the Electrical Technology magazine. In reply to my congratulatory email of taking SBD Promotion to a new level ☺ he replied:

Hi Heather,  
Not quite correct, it was on Hazardous Areas for Electrical installations.  
Regards,  
Terry Clarkson.

## DISTRICT NEWS

Hi All – Just our **regular update** with - some friendly reminders and general information for your attention – Links and information can also be found on [etcetera ...](#)  
<http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/information.cfm?ID=1364>

**Milford Rotary Musical Showcase 2011** - This is the 6th year of this show and it is a wonderful opportunity to see the best musical talent of the North Shore colleges. Tickets are only \$20 and there are discounts for groups and families. Tea, coffee and soft drinks and tasty refreshments are provided at interval and there is a lucky prize draw included. It will be held on **Sunday 18th September** at 2:30pm at Westlake Boys High School Auditorium. For tickets and information contact Clive on [clive.menkin@ocs.co.nz](mailto:clive.menkin@ocs.co.nz)

**Kerikeri New World Rotary Garden Safari** - The Rotary Club of Kerikeri proudly present the 24th annual Kerikeri New World Rotary Garden Safari. This is our major fundraiser for the year and this year twenty never-seen-before-gardens are being presented on the weekend of October 29th and 30th, 2011. Experience the subtropical splendour Northland has to offer and support your fellow Rotary Club. Tickets are only \$20 each and are available by phoning 09 401 6254; emailing to [info@gardensafari.co.nz](mailto:info@gardensafari.co.nz) or visit our website - [www.gardensafari.co.nz](http://www.gardensafari.co.nz)

**Plum Puddings** - Every year sales of Rotary Traditional Plum Puddings make a valuable donation to Rotary's charitable work through every participating Rotary club. The Rotary Club of Ellerslie Sunrise has been the national distributor of these puddings for many years now and to date, \$1.6 million dollars has been raised for charities supported by participating Rotary clubs. Each pudding sold at the retail price of \$20 delivers a \$5 margin into the selling club. Please contact Willard Martin - [www.rotarypuddings.co.nz](http://www.rotarypuddings.co.nz) - Contact Details: Ph. 09 576 6437, M. 029 576 6437, E. [4martins@clear.net.nz](mailto:4martins@clear.net.nz)

**Public Relations CD** - Rotary International's Club Leadership Plan supports public relations as one of the five standing committees. PR is important for the continued vitality and viability of clubs. These kits are on the way out via agreed means to the clubs in all districts. The purpose of this year placing the CD files onto the website is to make sure the contents are available as widely as possible but please note that it will always be preferable that clubs use the material straight from the CDs. The website access is either [www.prtoolkit.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.prtoolkit.rotarysouthpacific.org) or [www.ROSCOM.rotarysouthpacific.org](http://www.ROSCOM.rotarysouthpacific.org)

**New Caledonia Student Hosting required** – A student requires hosting and work experience for an 8 week period in an export orientated company. This student is in her first year studying for a degree in International Trade. A volunteer host family is required for the 8 weeks (24/10 to 16/12/2011) and a volunteer export-orientated company where the student can observe and participate in general export operations. The student remains under the responsibility of the Lycee in New Caledonia and is fully insured. The 8 weeks is without remuneration. CV, forms and details on [etcetera](#) ...For further details contact Tony Hornabrook on [tonyajh@canl.nc](mailto:tonyajh@canl.nc)

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ROTARY - Reaching Within to Embrace Humanity

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| <b>PARTING THOUGHT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Jim: Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to chop it up and add it to a fruit salad. |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>STATISTICS</b>                                                                                               | <b>RAFFLE TOTAL</b>                                                                                                                                       | <b>FINES</b>                                                                                                                                                         |
| Wayne Leathand                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | H, T, H                                                                                                         | \$28                                                                                                                                                      | \$20.30                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>APOLOGIES:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="mailto:apology@details.co.nz">apology@details.co.nz</a> or ph 8109 589 no later than <b>12 noon on the Monday</b> 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! |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                 | <b>ATTENDANCE</b>                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| President                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Craiger Hargesheimer                                                                                            | Present:                                                                                                                                                  | Jim A, Bob B, David B, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Sheena S, Domenic W                                                |
| President Elect / Sergeant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Patrick Howard                                                                                                  | Apologies:                                                                                                                                                | Phyllis A, Linda C, Terry H, Monique M, Kerry M, Graham N, John R,                                                                                                   |
| Vice President                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Derek Gee                                                                                                       | Guests:                                                                                                                                                   | Cecile Struvay, Safena Te Nana-Williams and parents Peter & Charmeyne, Aunt Leata, Fritz and sister; Chase Leathard and his parents Wayne & Vickie; Leanne Chartrand |
| Secretary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Bob Benzie                                                                                                      | Late Apology:                                                                                                                                             | Mike A (new grandparent)                                                                                                                                             |
| Treasurer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Alan Pattison                                                                                                   | Missing in Action:                                                                                                                                        | Peter S                                                                                                                                                              |
| Community Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Phyllis Ancombe                                                                                                 | Attendance:                                                                                                                                               | 13/22 59%                                                                                                                                                            |
| International Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Kerry McMillan                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Vocational Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | John Riddell                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Youth Director                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Sheena Spittles                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                 | <b>WEBSITE ADDRESSES</b>                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Squire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Sheena                                                                                                          | Waitakere Rotary<br><a href="http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/">http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/</a>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Squire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Heather                                                                                                         | Rotary International<br><a href="http://www.rotary.org/">http://www.rotary.org/</a>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Greeter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Alan                                                                                                            | Rotary NZ<br><a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz">http://www.rotary.org.nz</a>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Grace                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | David                                                                                                           | District Governor's newsletter<br><a href="http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10">http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10</a> |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Introduction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Derek                                                                                                           | Rotary Downunder Magazine<br><a href="http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au">www.rotarydownunder.com.au</a>                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Thanks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Jack                                                                                                            | Rotary NZ Promotions and Information<br><a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364">www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364</a>          |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Parting Thought                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Roger                                                                                                           | Admin page and information<br><a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180">http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180</a>               |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Dealer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Bob                                                                                                             | Future Vision<br><a href="http://www.rotary.org/future_vision">www.rotary.org/future_vision</a>                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Joker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Jim                                                                                                             | Rotary E Club (for make ups)<br><a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org/">http://www.rotaryclubone.org/</a>                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Joker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                 | Dare West<br><a href="http://darewest.org.nz/">http://darewest.org.nz/</a>                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>COUSIN GEORGE:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>A baby-sitter is a teenager acting like an adult while the adults are out acting like teenagers.</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>BULLETIN &amp; WEBSITE EDITOR</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                      |
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