

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
34 Glen Road
Ranui

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

Address: PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654
www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or www.soapboxderby.co.nz



FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

NEXT MEETING

Date: 29th February 2012
Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
Event: Karli – attended the Summer Science Forum in Otago

THIS WEEK: ROTARY 107TH BIRTHDAY JOINT MEETING WITH HENDERSON



The Operations Manager from Ritchies gave us an interesting insight to the transportation arrangements at the Rugby World Cup.

Planning the transportation for the Rugby World Cup started two years in advance and was a very significant and major undertaking. It also led to a whole new era of cooperation between the various bus companies in Auckland and Land Transport.

Buses were rounded up from all parts of the country and brought to Auckland along with their drivers. All drivers underwent new training in customer service and all buses were individually checked and certified prior to the event.

Come Opening Day hundreds of buses were parked in temporary depots ready for "Go"... and then it was all on.

The buses started running and the passengers started coming... and coming... and coming. Tens of thousands of people had heeded the warning to stay off the roads, take public transport and go early.

So... how do you increase the loading and turnaround time of 150 buses? Answer: stop charging fares and send the bill to RWC. This was quickly agreed and the loading time was reduced to 3 minutes per

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH
29/2/12

Karli
Summer Science forum in Otago

MARCH: LITERACY MONTH
SAT 3/3/12

Waitakere School Gala

7/3/12

Club Night

THURS 8/3/12

Kids SBD Safety Brief

MON 12/3/12

Board Meeting

14/3/12

Soapbox Derby Briefing

18/3/12

SOAPBOX DERBY!

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?

bus. The service was still under pressure but it worked.

The conclusion from all those involved was that the transport planning was well thought out and implemented but that no one in their wildest dreams expected anywhere near the numbers that attended the opening event. Despite that they coped.



Rotarians from the two Clubs



Craiger introducing Cecile to the members

Michael Hill also gave us a brief history of Rotary. For those who want to know more check out our website www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz in the "Rotary Basics" section.

NEW LYNN MEETINGS

We have received the following invitation from New Lynn Rotary. These are optional extra meetings for anyone who would like to go:

Good evening Craig, Luc, Craiger and Bob - and all your club members.

Rotary New Lynn has 2 events coming which we would like to invite you to.
Next Tuesday 28th Feb, our guest speaker is Graham Walton. He is speaking about the history of Eden Park, fascinating amount of historical knowledge to listen to!
Also on Saturday March 3rd we have a great Wine Tasting evening with Heather Battersby.
That is \$10 per head for each attendee, and well worth it !

Both events are at the Titirangi Golf Club; Links Road - 5.30 for 6.00 and our gourmet evening dinner (2 course), is \$30.00

Let me know ASAP which one event (or both) you would like to attend.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR PARTNERS.

Kind Regards
David Whitley
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VANUATU PROJECT

Kerry is firming up the plans to travel to Vanuatu to work on the school building on Malekula Island. If anyone has any queries, a great desire to go and help... the draft dates are:

Group of 6

Leave NZ **Sat 5th May** to Port Vila

Monday VanAir to Norsup Malekula

Friday 11th Norsup to Santo

Sunday 12th Santo to PortVila --to NZ

Second Group of 6

Leave NZ **Sat 12th May** to Port Vila --Vanair straight to Santo

Monday 14th Vanair to Norsup Malekula

Friday 18th Vanair to Santo

Sunday 20th Vanair to Port Vila --NZ

NOTE: Other dates on our calendar at this time are:

Wed 2/05/2012

SBD Thank You Night

Sun 6/05/2012 to Wed 9/05/2012

District 9910 / 9920 Challenge Camp

Mon 7/05/2012

Board Meeting

Wed 9/05/2012

Guest Speaker

Wed 16/05/2012

Hon Paula Bennett MP

INCOMING IYE STUDENT: GABRIEL ALMEIDA



We have a new Rotary International Youth Exchange student from Brazil coming shortly.

Gabriel flies in on the 3rd March, spends a night with the Benzies, then flies out to Norfolk Island on Sunday 4th March for 3 months.

He will be back in New Zealand in June and staying with our Club until returning home in January 2013.

Gabriel's Dad, Gilberto, is a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of St. Paul Park Continental in District 4610

I sent Gabriel and Gilberto the following email:

Hi Gabriel and Gilberto,

I heard from Bob Benzie that Gabriel will be joining our Club through the Exchange program in June with an overnight stay here in March before heading to Norfolk Island. Welcome aboard!

I have added you both to our Bulletin list. Our current IYE student, Cecile, has spoken to us 3 times about her activities whilst here and these bulletins are on our website:

<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/news/news-letters>

And received the following reply:

Dear Fellow Heather,

Thank you for receiving it,

Gabriel was selected to share in New Zealand and we are very happy for you to receive him at his club and also by the host family of Bob Benzie.

He arrives in Auckland on March 3 and embarks pair Norfolk Island on 04 March, he will stay for three months on the island, returning to Auckland on 03 June.

We are sure he will be welcomed by Waitakere Rotary Club.

Take this opportunity to congratulate you on the site very interactive.

Rotary greetings,

Gilberto Almeida

Rotary Club of St. Paul - Continental Park
district 4610

PAST MEMBERS NEWS

Speaking of our IYE students...



Warren Osborne

Marrea Osborne has been giving me a hand with the IYE page on our web site: <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/our-projects/youth/iye> A few names have been added and Marrea has promised some photos.

Warren Osborne was a member of our Club from April 1973 until he and Marrea retired to Whangaparaoa in 1992. I have also unearthed the fact that as well as holding the role of President of our Club in 1983 Warren has also held the following roles in our District:

- 1984 - 86 - "Handicamp" - now Rotary Challenge Camp Committee
- 1986 - 87 - Chairman of Handicamp Committee
- 1987 - 88 - IYE committee (Graham Hawkes was Chairman)
- 1988 - 92 - Chairman of IYE Committee
- 1992 - 93 - DG Area Rep for DG Roger Manuel
- 1993 - 98 - was on GSE, Alumni & Scholarships Committee

Both Warren and Marrea received PHF awards from our Club in the 90's - and have been spotted helping out at the Whangaparaoa Soapbox Derbies.

WAITAKERE PRIMARY SCHOOL GALA: 3RD MARCH

Two years ago, when Waitakere Primary was in the process of joining in the Soapbox Derby, Alan suggested to the teacher in charge that we have a "soapbox derby display". The gala organizer, Louise, told me later that the team went "Huh? Who are they?" and popped us down the far end.

This year Louise has asked us to do one again - and somehow I think we might be in a very central place with a lot of attention ☺

The car on display will of course be the Waitakere Primary NZ Champ car that went to Akron and the display will include our various Rotary display boards.

Heather will be at South Pacific PETS that weekend so if anyone would like to join Alan to run a Rotary SBD stand (to promote both the SBD and our Club) he would welcome the company!

TE ATATU PROBUS CLUB

Barbara Butler told me that this week is the 10th anniversary of the Te Atatu Peninsula Probus Club. Kon Kuiper from our Club was one of the people involved in forming this Club.

MEMBERS NEWS


Domenic is abandoning us. He is taking a year's sabbatical and has a class on Wednesday nights. He says that doing the class at somewhere like Otago on a Tuesday night and commuting is not an option. But he will appear when he can.

WHY THE BULLETIN IS LATE THIS WEEK



A spot of grandson sitting.

Liam was born at 1:50am on Rotary's birthday and his big brother kept his grandparents and aunt occupied for a few days.

PARTING THOUGHT			
RAFFLE WINNER		STATISTICS	RAFFLE & FINES
			\$
APOLOGIES:			
apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 no later than 5pm 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!			
BOARD MEMBERS		ATTENDANCE	
President	Craiger Hargesheimer	Present:	Bob B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S, Domenic W
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Apologies:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, David B, Terry H, Graham N, Jack R, John R,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Missing in Action:	Peter S,
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Cecile, Noel Cooper
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Attendance:	10/21 48%
International Director	Kerry McMillan		
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Squire	Mike A	Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/ Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/ Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Squire	Jim A	District Governor's newsletter http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10 Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Greeter	Phyllis A	Rotary NZ Promotions and Information www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364 Admin page and information http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180	
Grace	David B	Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/	
Introduction	Sheena S	Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/	
Thanks	Linda C		
Parting Thought	Bob B		
Dealer			
Joker	Roger F		
Joker	Derek G		
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
Buying your wife a matching belt and bag for Valentines Day is NOT a good idea if they fit the vacuum cleaner.			
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