

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: 28th March 2012
Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
Event: Rotary & I – Linda Cooper

THIS WEEK: PIA WITTEW-BLASER



Pia came to visit us last September to tell us about her intention to run in the New York Marathon to raise funds for Catwalk – the spinal cord injury trust.

This week she came to tell us that she survived it and to share her memories of the event.

The strange thing hanging over the lectern is a survival blanket. All participants received one and used them in the long cool down period after the race

Pia showing us photos of the trip on her laptop

<We need Patrick back! No one else has quite managed to get the overhead projector working successfully>



Pia, an Osteopath, has never claimed to be a runner and found training for the event to be a very interesting challenge!

After many months of pounding the pavements Pia headed off to New York in November to participate in the 42nd New York Marathon.

Her goal for this event was not to win it – but to complete it.

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CALENDAR

MARCH: LITERACY MONTH

SAT 24/3/12

Whangaparaoa SBD

SUN 25/3/12

Fellowship Event - Picnic in the Park

28/3/12

Rotary & I: Linda

SAT 31/3/12

Auckland East SBD
LETS

APRIL: MAGAZINE MONTH

1/4/12

NZ Finals SBD

4/4/12

Te Atatu Lions to join us: Bat Conservation

9/4/12

Board Meeting

11/4/12

Club Night

18/4/12

ROMAC: Leigh Kelly

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?

The New York Marathon is a little larger than Round the Bays. 47,000 people compete and 2 million people turn out to watch them run. Spotting supporters in the crowd is impossible with the spectators lined up 4 or 5 deep for the length of the course.

The course is 26.2 miles long and travels through all five boroughs of New York City: Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Manhattan. The course unites dozens of culturally and ethnically diverse neighbourhoods, crosses five bridges, and finishes in world-famous Central Park.

At the end of the race the participants drape their survival blankets over their shoulders and limp, hobble or crawl through Central Park to the dispersal area.

Pia showed us some great photos of her event and said it was a very worthwhile and unique experience.



The group session round the laptop

More information on this event at: www.nycmarathon.org

THIS WEEKEND

We have two events planned this weekend to keep everyone entertained:

SATURDAY 24TH MARCH - WHANGAPARAOA ROTARY SOAPBOX DERBY

Alan and Heather are heading there to help them with their timing and database. If anyone wants to join us, pop in for a look etc – we would all love to see you. A great chance to meet others in our Rotary Derby world.

The Derby will be held on Brightside Road, Whangaparaoa and starts at 9am

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH – FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Derek and Terry Hodges have come up with the following Fellowship Event:

SUNDAY PICNIC CORNWALL PARK

Bring your family and friends to Cornwall Park on Sunday the 25th of March for a picnic (bring your own) and enjoy a free concert, provided by the Auckland Council.

The Auckland Council have been running 'Music in Parks' for the past 18 years.

The band on the 25th of March is Ze Jazz, who perform hot jazz standards of the 20s, 30s & 40s also Tangos, French music and an eclectic mixture of well known tunes and songs from Beatles to Celtic.

The music will be performed from Band Rotunda from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, so bring your picnic rug, and chairs and enjoy some good music and good company.

Contact Derek if you plan on being there

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH

Originally the thought was to replace our meeting with the Sunday event but by popular demand we shall also have our regular meeting.

Linda has been talked into a "Rotary and I"...

OUR 9TH ANNUAL SOAPBOX DERBY

BREAKFAST TV



The derby started early with a number of those involved congregating at our practice track in Westgate Drive before dawn on Friday to meet Tamati Coffey and appear on Live TV.

The construction firm kindly diverted their trucks for a couple of hours so that soapbox cars and TV cameras could roam freely.

Large numbers of kids, parents and teachers braved the early morning and came to this. The focus was around the children so adults generally stayed well back and watched with interest.





Five of our Rotarians – Kerry, Sheena, Alan, Heather and John were the ones keen enough to roll out of bed early to go. Others may have lazed in bed and watched it all on TV. There's nothing quite like being there though and mingling with all the teams who went.

Amongst those we met was the mother of our 2005 NZ Champion Jarrod Ryder. His brother Jasper was in the Whenuapai team this year <but didn't quite make it to the Finalists>.

We recorded the program and it was great. The Breakfast Show runs for a couple of hours so sometime, when I find some time, I'll edit the segments that we were on and bring it to Rotary.

More photos of this day are on our website www.soapboxderby.co.nz

9TH ANNUAL SOAPBOX DERBY

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2012 West Auckland Champion
Campbell Harrop
Hobsonville School
Western Leader car

Noel Leeming very kindly donated an X box as the first prize and our Champion was positively jumping out of his skin with joy – first at winning and then at his prize!



An extra feature we added this year was the “corporate cars” designed to take adults. These, and particularly one of the sponsors, made a great talking point throughout the day

NOTE: The sponsorship of these two cars goes to the NZ SBD Trust to help towards the cost of holding the Final and sending the NZ Champ to Akron.



A minor crash. Josiah Brown from Henderson Intermediate hits the barrier on stopping <Right at my feet!>



Tony, the Matipo School teacher, had his team out with cameras



Our photographer, Terri Pattison, taking a break with her month old nephew. We start them young with soapbox

A major feature of the day was **the wind!** Although the day started fine and calm by 9am everyone was reaching for string, ropes, duct tape and rocks to hold everything down. Some of the teams may still be searching for the odd light person blown backwards up the track into the fields across the road.

We almost completed the first set of races before the rain hit but fortunately it cleared and racing resumed after lunch – although with a somewhat diminished audience. Despite the weather a great day was had by all and emails keep coming in from the schools thanking us for all our work in holding this event.

Western Leader car wins derby

Just like the top four finish by Formula One teams McLaren and Red Bull-Renault in the Australian Grand Prix over the weekend two west Auckland schools competed in a nail-biting finish at the west Auckland Soapbox Derby.

The annual event organised by the Waitakere Rotary Club at Westgate Drive in Massey saw Hobsonville Primary School and Whenuapai School fighting it out for victory.

Hobsonville's Campbell

Harrop, whose car was sponsored by the Western Leader, took line honours in 26.134 seconds.

He was just 0.015 of a second ahead of Whenuapai's Ethan Van Vugt.

Fellow Whenuapai pupil James Anderson came third while Hobsonville teammate Aaron Jackson finished fourth.

Riverhead Scouts Fairlane Welsh was fifth and Bruce McLaren Intermediate's George Prinsloo took sixth position.

The top six now qualify for the national soapbox derby event to be held in east Auckland on April 1.

Organiser Heather Pattison says the day went well and had a fun family atmosphere as hundreds turned up to watch the racing.

"The passion shown by the kids and parents was fantastic," she says. "And with the result you could probably race the top 12 drivers three times and get a different result each time because it was just that close."



<A copy of this and more photos of our day is, of course, on ... you guessed it... our website>

10TH ANNIVERSARY SBD CAPS AND TEE SHIRTS

For those who missed out on this excellent item of apparel to wear to conference – there are still available. Contact Heather for details.



Caps



Tee shirt front

OUTWARD BOUND STUDENT

Sheena received the following emails:

GEORGIE STONE

Dear Waitakere Rotary,

I recently completed my Outward Bound course that you very kindly financially helped me to attend. I had the most incredible experience, made some life-long friends and will never forget it. I am writing to you to thank you so much for your contribution, which allowed me to attend outward bound.

Completing the course was incredibly empowering and gave me a huge sense of self-belief that I can give anything a go. I realised it is not always all about achieving the best result but about doing the best I can and learning from my mistakes. I loved the physical challenge of the course and gave everything 100%. I found our final tramp incredibly rewarding as we conquered four peaks in three days and had a wonderful team bonding experience. I also was very proud of my effort in the half marathon on the final day as I came in 1st girl and 7th overall.

Not only did Outward Bound challenge me physically but it also helped me realise my emotional strengths and weaknesses. I spent a lot of time evaluating my personal goals and values and gained a lot of clarity in several aspects of my life.

I am currently studying to be a secondary school teacher and I feel I gained so much from my Outward Bound experience and learnt so much from my instructors that I will take with me into my teaching career.

I would like to thank you very much again for your support in helping me attend Outward Bound. I would not have been able to do the course without your help so thank you very much.

Kind regards,
Georgie Stone

LINDA GORDON

To Sheena

Outward Bound was fantastic, very challenging and very exciting, lots of highs and very few lows. I met thirteen wonder people that I would have never have meet and hopefully we will stay in touch.

This course for me was very challenging it took me right out of my comfort zone and made me participate as I have never had to do before.

I was hoping that my eight days at OWB would give me the courage and the confidence I need to overcome the anxiety I have, I think I expected this experience would have acted like a magical wand and make it disappear, of course it hasn't which I am coming to terms with.

I appreciate the opportunity and am 100% glad I attended the course and that this experience will stay with me forever.

Once again thank you and your organization for helping me to attend.

Yours faithfully

Linda Gordon

Thank you very much.

NEWS FROM ROUND THE DISTRICT

Eagle eyed Derek spotted the following in The Rodney Times:

RODNEY TIMES, MARCH 8, 2012 13

www.rodneymtimes.co.nz

NEWS

ShelterBoxes mean the world to people in need

In tsunamis, earthquakes, flooding, tornadoes and bush fires a Rotary ShelterBox can mean the world to people in need.

The boxes provide temporary shelter for up to two years and can house up to 10 people with vital supplies such as sleeping bags, cooking utensils, multifuel stoves and tools.

It also has children's school supplies and other items to meet immediate needs.

ShelterBox was founded in 2000 and since then more than 117,000 boxes have helped with 175 disasters in 80 countries.

In New Zealand ShelterBox was formed in 2006 and Kiwi Rotary Clubs have contributed more than \$2 million.

Six volunteer ShelterBox response team members in New Zealand have worked in more than 12 countries.

The Rotary Club of Orewa has supplied seven ShelterBoxes since 2006 and is working towards its eighth. Each ShelterBox costs \$1500.

On March 13 two ShelterBox Response Team members will talk about the scheme at a public evening at Orewa Rotary House, next to the Silverdale Rugby Club rooms from 5.45pm to 8.30pm.

Lyndon Tamblyn from Bulls will talk about being at the coalface after a disaster strikes.

Former Silverdale firefighter



Gimme shelter: Lyndon Tamblyn, right, and fellow Kiwi ShelterBox Response Team member Arnold Kelly with a group of children in the Philippines.

and ShelterBox team member Ross MacKenzie will talk on the project. They have considerable experience in disaster areas.

Drinks, nibbles and fellowship will be followed by a barbecue and dessert. Cost is \$20 with a cash bar operating.

■ Bookings essential because space is limited. Call Doug Parker on (09) 427-0456, email daandegparker@gmail.com, or Frank Emtage (09) 424-7661, email frankemt@gmail.com for information.



Ross MacKenzie

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| PARTING THOUGHT | | Roger: Don't judge life when you are stressed because it is not reality Sheena: You're never too old to dream a dream or set a new goal <CS Lewis> | |
| RAFFLE WINNER | STATISTICS | RAFFLE | FINES |
| Phyllis | H, H, T, H, T | \$28 | \$30.20 |
| 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: | Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S |
| President Elect | Heather Pattison | Apologies: | Mike A, David B, Terry H, |
| Vice President | Derek Gee | Late Apologies: | Peter S |
| Secretary | Bob Benzie | Missing in Action: | Jack R, John R (our sergeant!) |
| Treasurer | Alan Pattison | Guests: | Cecile, Pia, Bob Langlois |
| Community Director | Phyllis Anscombe | Leave: | Patrick H, Monique M, Domenic W |
| International Director | Kerry McMillan | Attendance: | 12/21 % |
| Vocational Director | John Riddell | | |
| Youth Director | Sheena Spittles | | |
| Sergeant | John Riddell | | |
| NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES | | WEBSITE ADDRESSES | |
| Squire | | Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/ | |
| Squire | | Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/ | |
| Greeter | | Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz | |
| Grace | | District Governor's newsletter http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10 | |
| Introduction | | Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au | |
| Thanks | | Rotary NZ Promotions and Information www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364 | |
| Parting Thought | | Admin page and information http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180 | |
| Dealer | | Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision | |
| Joker | | Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/ | |
| Joker | | Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/ | |
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| COUSIN GEORGE: | | | |
| To get even with a bear who raided your food bag, kick his favourite stump apart and eat all the ants. | | | |
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