

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

NOTE: NO meeting next week – 25/4/12 – ANZAC Day

NEXT MEETING:	2nd May 2012
Venue:	Starling Park Sports Club
Event:	Soapbox Derby Thank You night

THIS WEEKEND:

What:	9910 District Conference
When:	Friday night through to Sunday lunch
Where:	Orewa Arts and Events Centre, Riversdale Road, Orewa

THIS WEEK: ROMAC



Leigh Kelly is a nurse, a Henderson Rotarian and a member of the ROMAC team.

ROMAC stands for "Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children"

Here in New Zealand if a child is born with a deformity, a life threatening tumour or a child is injured in some way (e.g. major burns) our medical system deals with it promptly.

Those in the islands are less fortunate. Deformities remain for life – often a short one – and injuries such as major burns can lead to a life tucked away in a hospital basement.

Two organizations can step in to help. One is ROMAC and the other non-Rotary group is Interplast.

Geoff Dainty from New Lynn Rotary spearheads ROMAC in Australasia and he is gradually acquiring a team of willing helpers. Leigh is one of them. Leigh has been actively involved with two of the children that came to NZ with Henderson Rotary's sponsorship and is now fundraising to help support other children in need.

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CALENDAR

APRIL: MAGAZINE MONTH

20/4/12 TO 22/4/12

District Conference

21/4/12

24th Battalion Retreat

25/4/12

ANZAC Day <no meeting>

1/5/12

Trees for Survival Seedlings

Pickup

2/5/12

SBD Thank You night

SAT 5TH TO SAT 12/5/12

Vanuatu Trip 1

6/5/12 TO 9/5/12

Challenge Camp

9/5/12

Carissa San Diego – MUNA student returned from The Hague

12/5/12

Stroke Foundation Awareness Day

SAT 12TH TO SAT 20/5/12

Vanuatu Trip 2

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?

How ROMAC works:

- ROMAC is run by volunteers and local doctors are found who donate their time to perform needed operations.
- Referrals come in all sorts of ways – and there is a waiting list
- ROMAC seeks funding to help with costs. Everything from hospital costs through to air fares to bring the child and mother here.
- A sponsoring Rotary Club looks after them – and this may not necessarily include accommodation. When we hosted Litiana in 2010 she stayed with a Fijian family in Glen Innes but a few of us took her on some outings – and she and her Mum came to one of our Rotary meetings before returning home. Craiger also visited the Specialist with her.
- Other help the sponsoring Club can give is:
 - o ensuring they have warm clothes
 - o helping with dietary needs (perhaps trips to the markets to buy “known” food)
 - o if staying at Ronald McDonald house – help with learning about ovens, microwaves and other unknown technology



Emma and Liti at Kelly Taltons



Liti on a tour of Sky TV



Liti and her mum, Emma, came to a joint West Harbour / Waitakere Rotary Club meeting. Barry de Geest was the speaker.

Litiana is a Fijian child who was born with Cerebral Palsy. She came to New Zealand thanks to ROMAC with a foot facing the wrong way and had this reversed.

Waitakere Rotary was the host Club.

After Leigh finished her presentation Craiger presented her with a cheque for \$500 from our Speaker Donation fund.

MONIQUE'S PIZZA PARTY



Derek



Alan



Bob



Kerry



Mixing and Mingling



Jim



Domenic



Heather with grandson Xander



Cecile and Kara



The Studio



Monique



Kara and the German Shepherd racing each other round the pond. Who got tired first?



Monique



Domenic, Mike and Sue



Heather with grandson Liam



Derek



Kara with new best friend



Heather with Liam



OK boys, knock it off!!



Mike with Craiger



Bob



Terri and Jenny (Pattison children)



Kara with Phyllis – and Monique's dog



Alan, Layne and Martin



Sue





Xander



Liam



Jen with Liam



Kara, Xander and Heather

Many thanks to Monique for the great party – and excellent photos!

WHY KERRY WASN'T AT ROTARY



We drove by Kerry's building site at 5:20pm to see if he needed a ride to Rotary. The crane and a team of helpers were still in the process of erecting walls so we left them to it.

ROTARY ARTICLES

OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

The latest copy is available at <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/foundation/newsletter/index.htm>

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

SOAPBOX DERBY RIVERHEAD SCOUTS TEAM

We tripped over a great article on the Riverhead Scouts finalist to the NZ SBD Finals in the Nor-West News. A copy of this is on our Articles page <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/news/articles>

24 BATTALION RETREAT

Our Rotarian Jack Riddell appeared in Saturday's NZ Herald in an article on the 24 Battalion. If you missed it check it out on our article's page.

The Battalion Retreat and dinner will be held this Saturday. If you aren't planning on being at the District Conference Jack would welcome your support at this. See Jack for details.

Also spotted in Thursday's Western Leader:



Battalion brothers: World War II veterans Jack Riddell, left, and Arty Jonkers are ready to march the 24 Battalion out in style.

Photo: VANITA PRASAD

Battalion's Last Post

By VANITA PRASAD

At the setting of the sun this Saturday the last members of Auckland's 24 Battalion Association will march proudly to end the club's 65-year history.

The association was established in 1947 as a support network for battalion members and is now disbanding because of a declining number of soldiers.

Decorated veteran Jack Riddell, 91, says there are now only about 120 members and 160 wives and widows left of the 3500 original servicemen.

The battalion, pronounced two-four battalion, served in Greece, Italy and North Africa with 700 members

fighting at any one time.

The Te Atatu South resident fought with the battalion in Italy where the allies over-ran the German artillery lines along the Senio River.

Mr Riddell shot the horses Germans were using to shift Howitzer guns and they were quickly eaten by the hungry Italian villagers.

He was also responsible for capturing a German artillery spotter who was giving away the battalion's location.

In honour of these two episodes Mr Riddell was awarded one of 37 Military Medals that went to the battalion's members.

Arty Jonkers of Waitakere spent 14 months in the bat-

talion near the end of the war fighting in Italy.

"They trained me to pick up and detect landmines. When we'd do a big advance they would ask me to go forward as far as no-man's land to check for mines."

The 89-year-old says one of the battalion's most respected men Major Sam Lea was killed by a bus soon after the war.

At the funeral many members saw each other for the first time since coming home.

"That's when we decided to form the association so that we could all get together.

"It was a place that we mostly talked and caught up with friends we hadn't seen

for a while," he says.

Mr Jonkers says the idea of the group didn't appeal to many servicemen at first.

"A lot of people came home and wanted to forget the war and get as far away from it as they could.

"But we'd have some men who would join 30 to 40 years later and say they wished they had joined straight away because they really enjoyed it.

"It was quite a thrill to see people after a long time," he says.

Mr Riddell says the association took care of people who were wounded and widows.

"One time a bunch of us helped a fella who lost part of his arm to concrete his driveway. We also had a hol-

iday lodge where members could stay if they weren't feeling very well or even if they were."

The group also had a newsletter, bus trips and ensured its history was recorded and recognised.

"I personally researched the battles of the 24 and 21 battalions and we built and erected their signs in the Hall of Memory in Auckland Museum."

On Saturday night the battalion will mark the end of its association with a ceremony where their flag will be lowered at sunset. The public are invited to attend the memorial service. It begins on Saturday at 5pm on the Auckland War Memorial Museum cenotaph.

OUR GUESTS THIS EVENING:



Prospective Members: Virginia and Martin Mitchell

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE

April 15 2012

**R C Waitakere City
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NOMINATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2014-2015

It is with great pleasure that I confirm the selection of **Past President Bruce Rasmussen of the Rotary Club of Milford** as the nominee of D 9910 as District Governor for the 2014-2015 Rotary year.

Bruce and Christine are looking forward to the 2014-2015 year and we are confident that they will bring a new and exciting level of leadership to our District. Bruce has served the District in a number of roles including Assistant Governor, Chairman of the Conference Committee and Chairman of the Club Development Committee.

Our District By-laws provide for this appointment to be challenged by any Rotarian or Rotary Club within District 9910.

Objections, in writing, must lodged with the District Governor by Monday 30th April 2012, which is within fifteen (15) days of this notice.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee, chaired by PDG Keith Rogers, for their time and input into this very important selection process.

Yours in Rotary



*Brian Tuck
District Governor 2011-12
District 9910
New Zealand & Pacific Islands*

PARTING THOUGHT	Jim: Flour, salt and water make glue. If you add eggs and sultanas you get a cake. No wonder half the world is constipated.
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RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	FINES
Virginia	H, T, T, H, T	\$24	\$38.70

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

President	Craiger Hargesheimer
President Elect	Heather Pattison
Vice President	Derek Gee
Secretary	Bob Benzie
Treasurer	Alan Pattison
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe
International Director	Kerry McMillan
Vocational Director	John Riddell
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles
Sergeant	John Riddell

ATTENDANCE

Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Alan P, Heather P, John R, Sheena S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Linda C, Terry H, Graham N, Peter S,
Late Apologies:	Kerry M,
Missing in Action:	Jack R,
Guests:	Cecile, Kara Anscombe, Martin & Virginia Mitchell, Leigh Kelly [speaker]
Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M
Attendance:	13/21 62%

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES

Squire	
Squire	
Greeter	
Grace	
Introduction	
Thanks	
Parting Thought	
Dealer	
Joker	
Joker	

WEBSITE ADDRESSES

Waitakere Rotary
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/>
 Rotary International
<http://www.rotary.org/>
 Rotary NZ
<http://www.rotary.org.nz>

District Governor's newsletter
<http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>
 Rotary Downunder Magazine
www.rotarydownunder.com.au

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>

Future Vision
www.rotary.org/future_vision
 Rotary E Club (for make ups)
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

Dare West
<http://darewest.org.nz/>



COUSIN GEORGE:

"The plan for the paperless office looked good . . . on paper."

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