

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
34 Glen Road
Ranui

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

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www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or www.soapboxderby.co.nz



MAY: ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

NEXT MEETING

NEXT MEETING:	9th May 2012
Venue:	Starling Park Sports Club
Event:	Carissa San Diego - MUNA

THIS WEEK: SOAPBOX DERBY THANK YOU NIGHT



The soapbox season came to a close with our annual Soapbox Derby Thank You night.

Videos played (our various Rotary ones as well as Derby photos) and we showed the two derby ones created by Matipo and Waitakere Schools.

It was great to see everyone, including the children, enjoying themselves at a Rotary function.

Linda presented the various certificates and prizes and Kerry said a few words at the end.

Schools and sponsors were all given a disk of photos and various videos – including and edited version of Tamati and the soapbox cars on Breakfast TV

ALL AMERICAN SOAPBOX DERBY

Check out the following video (a copy is on the disk):

http://www.youtube.com/v/OHs2dpNKEyM&hl=en_US&feature=player_embedded&version=3

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

CARISSA SAN DIEGO - MUNA

Model United Nations Alfrink (MUNA) is an annual simulation of the United Nations. For three days, students from several countries in Europe gathered at Alfrink College in Zoetermeer (The Netherlands) to debate global issues. During the conference students were the delegates of the United Nations.

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CALENDAR

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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

16/5/12

Hon Paula Bennett MP

23/5/12

Guest Speaker

28/5/12

Board Meeting

29/5/12

Trees for Survival Seedling Pickup

30/5/12

Guest Speaker

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?

Kumeu, New Lynn and Waitakere Rotary sponsored Carissa to attend this – and she is coming to tell us about her experiences.

VANUATU



Over the next couple of weeks a few of our members won't be at Rotary but they will be doing Make Ups.

The first team of Alan and Craiger leave on Saturday for Orap School on Malekula Island to repair and complete the unfinished dining hall. They will be accompanied by Marie, an Auckland University student who has lived there in the past; and two Rotarians from Dunedin North Rotary.

The following week Craiger, Marie and the Dunedin Rotarians return and Kerry & Sheena depart – along with three more Rotarians from Dunedin North.

Other plans for the week include building a composting toilet and various water projects.

The Harold Thomas Rotary Trust was approached for help with funding and has very kindly donated \$10,000 towards the project.

The team are under strict instructions to not only take cameras – but to also use them!

TREES FOR SURVIVAL

MATIPO NEWS

This week Graham and Phyllis attended a meeting at Matipo School with the Trees for Survival organisers to talk about the school having more contact with our club members.

An invitation will be sent to the club to come to a morning tea at the school in the next month or so and members can walk around this beautiful school and see their love of trees and look at the new location for the growing unit which was bought through our club's contribution to the TfS programme.

Members are also warmly invited to the next planting day in June, even just to watch the kids at work would be much appreciated.

Thanks a lot
Phyllis

TREES FOR SURVIVAL PLANTING DATES

Just to advise Planting dates

- Matipo School 19th June
- TeAtatu Int. School 22nd June

Members are invited to join the children on these planting days. Assemble at the school for 0900 departure. We will be back at the school NO later than 1500. All you need to bring is a smile, stout shoes or gumboots, lunch will be provided by property owner.

Contact Graham Nicholson after his return from holiday on 12th June for any more info.

TREES FOR SURVIVAL NEWSLETTER

Graham has passed on a link to the April Newsletter. If you would like to find out more about this Rotary program... http://www.tfsnz.co.nz/docs/news/TfS_News_Apr12.pdf

Having a quiet read of this I think Graham may have overlooked the following article when sending me the link!

A TRUE ROTARIAN

Graham Nicholson is a star! He is a member of the Waitakere Rotary Club who has been involved with the *TfS* programme for 10 years. He began by supporting Jim Wakelin and after Jim's passing, he continued as the Rotary representative. His Rotary club supports Te Atatu Intermediate School and Matipo Road Primary School. Graham has made an amazing difference, becoming a well-loved and much respected partner in the programme.

Gail Farrell, a Field Officer with the Auckland Council, comments: "I have worked with Graham for 10 years; always brings his spade and quietly gets on with planting trees. Over the years he has planted many trees and we are very grateful for his contribution. He is the only bus driver I know who gets out of the bus and joins in".

A very humble man and extremely camera-shy, trying to find a photograph of Graham has been a mission. Paula McKean, the teacher at Te Atatu Intermediate states, "He detests having his photo taken. We do, however, have a few kept safely tucked away".

Graham is passionate about the *TfS* programme. Wanting to give something back to the community, he felt that *TfS* fitted perfectly, allowing him to assist with planting alongside helping with the deliveries of the seedlings. "Make no mistake," he says, "I've had a lot of pleasure over the years being involved with planting, watching the children and seeing how their efforts make a change to their world".

That enthusiasm and passion was acknowledged last year when Graham won the Auckland Council Ecowise Community Award for his volunteer work with *TfS*.

He is an amazing individual and his dedication to the kids he works alongside and the programme itself is inspiring. We are very lucky to have him.



Left: Te Atatu Intermediate: The 2011 team, from the left: Joshua, Petra, Esther, Stella, Emma, Angela and Zara. At rear; Mrs Paula McKean (Science Specialist Teacher), Sarah Brenchley (TfS Field Officer) and Graham Nicholson from Rotary.

ROTARY DOWNUNDER

Our Rotary magazine is now on-line at <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>

ROTARY CONVENTION

I take it, due to the lack of apologies for our meeting, that no one from our Club is planning on attending the 103rd Rotary Convention in Bangkok on 6th to 9th May?

Never fear, you can still take part!

This year, for the first time, a part of it will be live on the web: <http://rotary2012.sessionupload.com/>
The times for this viewing are: Tuesday 8th May 2:15pm to 4:45pm. This session will include, amongst other things, an address by the Rotary Foundation Chair, Bill Boyd, and an update on the Polio Program. It will be followed by an impressive laser light show.

CONVENTION HISTORY

HOW WE GOT TO ROTARY CONVENTIONS, 80 YEARS AGO.

An essay by RGHF secretary [Norm Winterbottom](#), New Zealand.



Travel to the 1930 Chicago Convention

..."Messages were conveyed by mail which could take more than 30 days to travel from one hemisphere to their destination in the other. The fastest means of communication was by telegraph. No internet, nor cell phones, nor Blackberries in those simpler times. Of necessity, letters were precise in their meaning and carefully phrased, although, reading them today we view them as stilted in their construction and grammar. How, one wonders, will future generations, accustomed to text messaging, and whatever yet to be devised electronic devices, adequately communicate across language barriers.

Before the advent of mass air travel, intense cross-border security, lengthy queues at airline terminals and the convenience of the ubiquitous credit card; travellers cheques or letters of credit issued by banks were the means of accessing foreign currency. Travel was by steamship and railroad. Journeys from countries such as Australia and New Zealand to the West Coast of the United States took eighteen days and to Great Britain thirty-one at best. The cost in time and money to those dedicated Rotarians who made the odysseys to Conventions was not inconsiderable as they were away from their businesses and professions for up to three months. It is documented that the British Rotarians attending the 1930 Convention in Chicago sailed from Southampton on June 7 and on arrival at New York then travelled to Chicago via Philadelphia and Washington, arriving in Chicago on June 22. Following the Convention they returned to Britain via Toronto and Montreal in Canada, eventually arriving in England on July 7. In many cases, those forays possibly constituted annual holidays, but they also were a valuable opportunity to establish friendships within the group as well as with Rotarians in other lands, thus establishing the firm bonds in Fellowship that is Rotary's strength...."



Window on Swanson

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Soapbox Derby expands



The annual West Auckland Soapbox Derby was held on Sunday, March 18 this year.

Waitakere Rotary, in conjunction with sponsors The Trusts Charitable Foundation and Auckland Council, also included specially built and

corporate sponsored cars in the lineup for the first time.

One of these was driven by Swanson School Principal Bruce McLachlan at the start of the day's events "to show how easy it was," according to organisers.

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Swanson School was once again a keen participant, this year fielding two cars sponsored by Future Cuisine and Ritchies Buses respectively. The six drivers were Wayde Anderson, Lara Mays, Ruby Jenkins, Trent Porter, Dylan Waite and Alex Watson.

Other Swanson-based sponsors included MD Aluminium supporting a Massey High School vehicle; Pinepac supporting Whenuapai School; and Swanson Medical Centre supporting a vehicle from Waitakere Primary.




No West Aucklanders remained in the last eight of the national finals on April 1st, but the winner going to Akron, Ohio later this year is Gemma McDougall of St Ignatius School in St Heliers.

Five vehicles represented us earlier in the day, and the Masters competition podium was comprised of exclusively West Auckland drivers. First was Henry Dyer, second was Zac Hinton and third was Aaron Kings, last year's national title holder.

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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:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Peter S, Sheena S,
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Apologies:	Mike A, Roger F, Terry H, Graham N, John R,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Late Apologies:	
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Cecile, too many to count
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Leave:	Monique M, Domenic W
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Attendance:	14/21 66%
International Director	Kerry McMillan		
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	
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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/	
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.			
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