

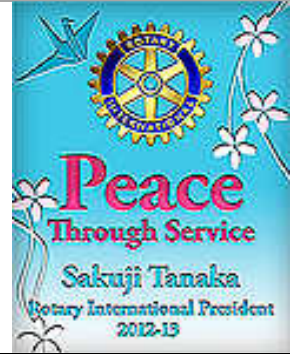
WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

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



AUGUST: MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Wed 8th August 2012
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	IYE Gabriel Alemeida Brazilian band... Brazilian food...
Who:	Guests welcome.

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CALENDAR

August: Membership & Extension Month

3/8/12
Trees for Survival Planting Day – Te Atatu Intermediate

8/8/12 IYE Gabriel Alemeida

*Sun 12/8/12
Brochure design
Bob's house – 1pm*

*Mon 13/8/12
Board Meeting 5:30pm
Sheena's house*

*Also:
Mayor Len Brown
Massey High 6:30pm*

15/8/12 Project Twin Streams: Mandy Patmore & Dot Dalziel from Auckland Council

22/8/12 Richard Clarke: Sky City Breakers

29/8/12 Fellowship Night – Movies

THIS WEEK: ROTARY NIGHT



THE "ROTARY COIN"

DG Lindsay Ford gave all Rotary Clubs a Rotary Coin <pictured left>

The idea behind this is that a member is given it to hold until:

- They bring a visitor to a Rotary meeting (a friend, family member or prospective member)
- On that night they speak for 2 to 3 minutes about what Rotary means to them
- They pass the coin to another member

Things you do **NOT** do with it:

- Lose it
- Sit on it for weeks
- Forget about it
- Put it in the Fines box...

OUR MEETING

We drew the tables together for a round table discussion of projects.

RAP HOUSE

- Exterior Painting will happen soon – if and when it stops raining!
- Zora from the Lions has a contact at Dulux who gives her surplus paint (mis-tinted, returned items) for community use. Alan and Heather visited her on Tuesday and Alan picked out 3 x 10 litre buckets that can be used for the interior walls. Ceiling paint is also required.

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?

STARLING PARK STREET LIGHTING AND DRIVE ENTRANCE

- I think we've all noticed that the entrance to Starling Park is a little hard to spot as it is a semi rural area with street lighting on the other side of the road. And judging by the marks on the drive more than one car has accidentally landed in the ditch on the way out.
- Bob and Heather contacted Judy Lawley about this to see if Council could "do something" about this. Judy has replied "I'm on to it!" so we hope to see improvements soon.



ROTARY SIGNS

- Bob is plotting on getting some Rotary signs in the community similar to this one.

DICTIONARIES IN SCHOOLS

Sheena has been busy (without a camera so is it real?) Dictionaries have been presented to:

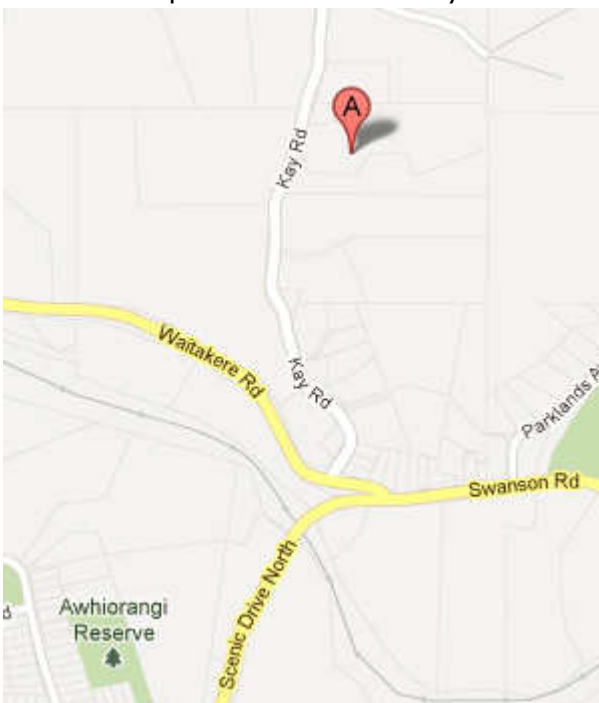
- Henderson Primary
- Pomaria School
- Henderson North
- Birdwood School

TREES FOR SURVIVAL - FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST 2012

Graham is once again involved with a Planting Day for Trees for Survival on Friday and would love some Rotarian company.

Choices are:

- Join Graham and the kids on the bus and spend the day there. The bus will leave Te Atatu Intermediate sometime after 9am and return by 3pm.
- Turn up on the site and stay for a while.



The address is **51 Kay Road, Swanson**

The program for the day is:

10am – the bus arrives on site and everyone starts with morning tea

10:30am – planting starts

1pm – planting finishes and the owners provide a lunch – probably something like sausages on a BBQ

After lunch the kids return to school

If you can spare half an hour or longer – drop in, say hello and see what everyone it up to.

The forecast for the day is "occasional shows" and, unless it worsens dramatically, planting will go ahead.

Tools and lunch will be provided so all you need is:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clothing that can survive a planting day - Jacket - Sturdy footwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gardening gloves - And, of course, a camera
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The goal of the day is to plant trees that have been grown at the school and to learn about erosion. For

some of the kids it will also be the first time they have visited the country and met stray things like "sheep"

ROTARACT


Plans are afoot to create a Rotaract club at Unitec in West Auckland.

Bob, Patrick and Derek are meeting with a few people from Henderson and New Lynn Rotary on Monday 6th July to discuss this further.

If you know of anyone aged between 18 and 30 who would like to join a Rotaract Club – contact Bob.

There is also talk of starting an Interact Club at one or more of our local high schools. These Clubs are Junior Rotary for Year 12 and 13 (6th and 7th form) students.

ROMAC

	<p>We have had a request from ROMAC to host a child from the islands who will be coming to NZ for an operation.</p> <p>This year ROMAC are looking to fund a number of cardiac operations and in each case the child and a parent will be in NZ for approx 4 to 5 weeks.</p>
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Those who have said they may be able to help with this are:

- Craiger
- Bob
- Linda
- Phyllis
- Graham
- Sheena (depending on dates)

Other helpers welcome!

How hosting works:

- The child and parent do not stay in Rotarians' houses but with friends or family of their own culture or, if this is not available, a motel

Rotarian involvement is as follows:

- A Rotarian meets them on arrival at the airport
- Accompanies them and provides transport to medical appointments
- Regularly checks that all is well. This may include providing some warm clothing, helping out with food shopping and appliance use (particularly if the parent is staying in a motel and they are used to an island diet and cooking over an open fire)
- Provides a spot of sightseeing when appropriate

Two years ago we hosted Litiana from Fiji. Liti was born with cerebral palsy, had a twisted leg with her foot facing backwards and surgery corrected this.

Liti and her mother stayed with a Fijian family (handy for language, food – and kids of the same age).

Craiger accompanied them to medical appointments and afterwards, once Liti was up and about we took her on a few trips – like to Kelly Taltons and a guided tour at Sky TV courtesy of Heather's brother. Liti and Emma also came to a Rotary meeting before they returned home.

IYE GABRIEL'S BIRTHDAY

Last weekend Gabriel turned 17. Saturday night saw a bunch of his friends from the IYE program and school invade Bob's house from 6pm to 3am. Then the Rotarians turned up for lunch on Sunday... A good time was had by all.

MASSEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Matt is looking for a tree that can be transplanted at the top of the garden to provide shade for workers.

Also on the wish list is

- Extra horizontal timber around the garden edges for seating
- A potting table

A planting day for the new season will be held in October.

SOAPBOX DERBY 2013

For the first few years the Finals of the Soapbox Derby were held in the afternoon after local races in the morning - usually at Kaipatiki Road in Glenfield (although Waitakere did it once in the early years).

Last year Terry Clarkson moved the Finals to the Sunday following a local race on a Saturday. Last year Whangaparaoa ran it, this year Auckland East ran it... and the boys then turned their swivelly eyes towards us for next year. For some obscure reason I haven't exactly been overjoyed by this idea (road closure for 2 days in a row would NOT be welcomed by the locals in Westgate Drive!)

HOWEVER... Guy to the rescue!

This week Guy Parkes from Northcote Rotary met with Mayor Len Brown at his North Shore community visit to talk about the possibility of holding a "Gravity Day" in Queen Street next April.

The idea being to close Queen Street for the day and hold various gravity events for young people - including the **NZ Finals of the Soapbox Derby**:

- **Benefits:** no fuelled vehicles environmentally friendly gets the "Green" tick
- **Gravity Games** suits a wide youth profile
- Other activities to be included in the day e.g.
 - long skate board racing and short skate boards competition
 - BMX Bikes
 - Trick BMX bikes (one with no seats that people jump over obstacles)
 - Scooters
 - Roller blading
 - Par Kour
 - Fun activities for the under 10's

Note we (NZSBD) & Rotary Clubs would only be responsible for the SBD component of the day council (Ateed) would co-ordinate other activities.

After meeting with the Mayor Guy sent through the following (abridged) email:

Just a quick note: Meeting with Mayor Len Brown went extremely well, he knew about soap box derby , thinks Rotary is a fantastic community organisation and thought the idea of a youth "gravity" day hosting national finals of SBD in central Auckland was a great idea.

Len said he would co-ordinate the approach to Auckland central through his own office to make this happen. I.E he didn't just pass us onto another part of council, he took it on getting this event approved through his office.

What he means by this is The Mayor's Office will approach Ateed and Heart of the City to co-ordinate and make this event happen. We (Rotary & NZSBD) would co-ordinate with the Mayor's Office.

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He even volunteered to drive one of the adult cars as long as we didn't tell his wife.

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Note: He was really excited to hear about the NZ winner of the international SBD and he thought it would be no problem closing Queen St!!!

More details to come

Yours in Rotary

Guy Parkes

MAYOR LEN BROWN WEST AUCKLAND VISIT

Speaking of the Mayor... John passed on a message to say he will shortly be in West Auckland for an "Informal Community Visit"

Date:	Monday 13 th August
Time:	6:30pm
Venue:	Massey High School's Performing Arts Centre
More info:	http://masseybirdwoodsettlers.org/the-mayor-is-coming-to-town/395/

IYE CECILE STRUVAY

Hi everybody !

Thought a little email could be welcomed in the Kiwi Land :))

So I'll say that right now I'm feeling good. I landed off back in my country but it took me a while : During all the way back, I didnt stop thinking of New Zealand. I read some letters that friends of mine wrote to me and the flag on which most of my friends wrote a little something.

Till the last second I didn't stop thinking: 'I don't wanna go home, I don't wanna see my family. I just wanna turn back to NZ and continue my life over there.' But all good things have an end and soon I found myself in front of my sister who hugged me. Suddenly tears came and i hugged back my sister.

At the airport my parents, my sister Sarah, my girlfriend and my godfather were waiting for me. I was very surprise to see my godfather there, because he's working in New York. He actually got some visa problems and had to stay for a few more days in Belgium.

The way back in the car went very fast for me. I couldn't stop talking. My sister got a present for me at the airport made of a pot of Nutella, some chocolate lollies (that I'm sure Linda will remember) and a few other Belgian sweets.

At home all my family and friends were there. I actually didn't know they were coming so it was a very great surprise. I met then all the exchange students who spent time at home while I wasn't there.

The first week went very fast. I went everyday to the german courses that I was supposed to take to pass the german exam and enter the uni. Except that I'm not going to that uni anymore. There was a deadline for the 15th of July for the architecture faculty and for that I already needed the german language diploma, which i still don't have.

The university told me they couldn't do anything for me. So because nothing was urgent anymore, I went on holiday with my family, the exchange student and a friend of my sister. We spent 2 weeks in the south of France, only region of France and Belgium where there's sun (we have a very bad sommer this year).

We visited lots of places like Grasse known for the parfum factories, Monaco, Saint Tropez, Nice and more. These holidays were very hard because I started to understand it was over, that I was really back at home. I had my computer and I was looking at pictures of Massey High School's ball and I thought: ' If only I knew I wouldn't be able to enter the german univeristy, I would have stayed a bit longer and enjoy this special moment with all my friends.'

Holidays are finished, I'm back home. I enrolled at the university in Brussels and at then end of the same week, i already found my student flat. We got afraid we could find anything, but we were wrong. My flat is located at 500m of the faculty ! I need to furnish it with a bed, working table and a wardrobe. I've my own kitchen and my own bathroom.

While I'm not at the courses I meet with my friends, trying to catch up with all of them, but it's very hard because everybody is very busy. Recently Annick, who was in Dubbo, in Australia, came back, so we partied and it's sure, we talked a lot.

August seems full of plans. I need to buy all the furniture for my flat, move in, prepare my courses and the material i'll need. I've also preparation courses at uni at the end of august, German courses and maybe the exam. My Rotary presentation is on the 10th. I've 10 to 15 minutes to talk about NZ... how short it is !

So i think that's it. Hopefully I'll give you more information in the next weeks :)

I hope that everybody feels great and enjoys life ! Life is such a beautiful present. Enjoy every moment spent with people that you love or every member of our awesome Rotary Club.

I'm following everything you're doing throught the bulletin. Great job guys ! Continue to be the most awesome Rotary Club ever met !

Kisses from Belgium,
your exchange student from Belgium, CC :)

P.S: I'm already trying to save money for my trip back to NZ :D

PAST MEMBERS NEWS

KENT FAVEL

An email from Wellington:

Thanks for the bulletins – love getting them and reading about what you are up to ☺
Cheers
Kent

ROTARY DOWNUNDER

August edition out now: <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>


OUR CALENDAR

For various reasons (start of year, a speaker with the flu...) we didn't have many guest speakers last month but we will do from now on. Our website calendar shows the Rotary theme for each month and, where appropriate, we're aiming for a speaker or three each month to match the theme. Check out the calendar <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/calendar> and if you have a good idea for the month contact Linda. Note that the calendar doesn't show any "pencil bookings"

MEETING SCHEDULE

Prior to taking on the role of President I consulted Derek and Craiger about how our program should run and made up a laminated sheet showing the schedule for the night so the sergeant and I can stay on track. At our members request I've included it here:

5:45pm	Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrives early • Checks that those with tasks are there – and remember they have a task: <div style="text-align: center;">Squires Greeter Grace Intro Thanks Parting Thought</div> • Organizes replacements if required • Ensures squires set up room • Checks that the meal will be on time • Checks with President to see if any significant housekeeping matters
6:10pm	Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls for order • Calls for Grace • Makes "Rotary Toast" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IF significant matters – calls for President to announce them
	President	IF - Any significant housekeeping matters
	Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announces meal: <div style="text-align: center;">Guests first</div>
6:45pm	Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rings bell • Calls members to order • Welcomes President
	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes Guests • Announcements and notices • Calls on Member to introduce speaker
6:50pm	Introducer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduces speaker
6:52pm	Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaks for 15 to 20 minutes
7:15pm	Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitors time • If long – may ask speaker to wrap it up • Calls for questions • Calls for Member to thank Speaker
7:28pm	Thanks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks speaker
7:30pm	President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Business
7:40pm	Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergeants session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raffle ○ Fines ○ Happy and Sad ○ Tasks for next week ○ Calls for parting thought
7:58pm	Parting thought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parting Thought
8pm	Sergeant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Closed...

PARTING THOUGHT		Derek: Life is short. Break the rules. Forgive quickly. Kiss slowly. Love Truly. Laugh uncontrollably. And never regret anything that made you smile.	
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	FINES
Linda	9 diamonds	\$25	\$27.20
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	Heather Pattison	Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Mark M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Sheena S,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	Mike A, Terry H, Kerry M, John R,
Secretary	Sheena Spittles	Missing:	Peter S,
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Guests:	Gabriel,
Club Service Director	Bob Benzie	Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M, Domenic W
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Attendance:	14/22 64%
International Director	Craiger Hargesheimer		
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Patrick Howard		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Sergeant	Roger	Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/ Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/ Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Squire	Linda	District Governor's newsletter http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10	
Squire	Derek	Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Greeter	David	Rotary NZ Promotions and Information www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364	
Grace	Gabriel	Admin page and information http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180	
Introduction	Bob	Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision	
Thanks	Sheena	Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/	
Parting Thought	Jim	Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/	
Dealer			
Joker			
Joker			
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
★ If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your wife told you to.			
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