

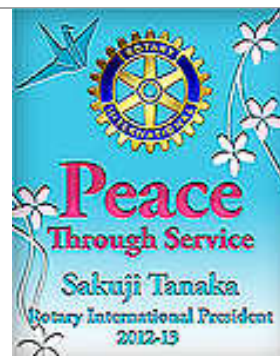
WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

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



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OCTOBER: VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Wed 17th October 2012 6pm
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	Massey High Trades Academy: - Principal Bruce Ritchie - Deputy Principal John Tining

THIS WEEK: VOCATIONAL VISIT – DAVIS FUNERAL HOMES



October is Vocational month so time for a vocational visit to a local company.

Who better to visit than the sponsors of our adult soapbox derby car – Davis Funeral Homes.

Davis Funerals, aside with their core business, are keen supporters of local community events and charities.

A recent cheque to Hospice was on display behind the car in their foyer.



An excellent meal was followed by an introduction by John and a video. The video started with a photo of their original premises in Dominion Road – a far different building than the ones in use today!

Then it was a two storey building containing other tenants, now it is spacious grounds and buildings with room to move.

Davis Funerals have three funeral homes across the Auckland Region to serve their client families' needs. Two of these premises have been purpose built; the other is an historic villa. All three are equipped with full audio and video capabilities, reception lounges and chapels.

www.davisfunerals.co.nz

Calendar

October – Vocational Service Month

*Sat 13/10/12
Jadewynn Garden Working
Bee
Mon 15/10/12
Board Meeting*

**17/10/12
Massey High Trades
Academy:
- Principal Bruce Ritchie
- Deputy Principal John
Tining**

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?

Our meal and the video were followed by a tour of the building – very interesting and informative.



Our Rotarians deep in discussion over dinner



Our chef for the evening.
Her company caters for groups, work functions to parties all around Auckland – and do a superb job.



Funeral Director John Schipper with the “glass ball” for miniature ashes



“Anybody there?”



After assessing the options (and prices) most of us seemed to prefer the cardboard option



Decals. They seem to be missing the “Rotary Wheel” option. But never fear, we have spare SBD Rotary stickers that can be used instead – or as well as the “Gone Fishing” ones.



The price of a small car – with built in glove box. Amazingly enough some of this quality and price have been through the crematorium



The letterbox version



State of the art crematorium installed a year ago. Run by computer it can be controlled from the room – or from elsewhere in the world



The final step before placing the ashes in a suitable container



Gabriel checking out our Soapbox Derby car for size. No, you can't have it Gabriel.

JADEWYNN GARDEN WORKING BEE

We are getting close to the garden working bee – it's this Saturday. As with other community projects and working bees we have done recently, we have the chance to finish off this project and make the community sit up and take notice of Waitakere Rotary. I figure we get lots of publicity for potential members from our community projects. Since it started off the garden, Rotary should make sure it looks like a successful project.

I have checked out the site this morning and these are things that still need to be done...

The plan for Saturday (9-1pm) is:

- Construct 3 garden beds from existing poles (4 people)
- Construct worm farm (2 people)
- Construct potting table
- Finish mowing strip – shift some edges and tidy up bark paths
- Move 2 fruit trees to new location (+ dig holes for it) – Matt has wrenched them already

Other things Matt and his volunteers will do:

- Turn over soil and prepare for planting
- Moving soil into the new beds (soil being delivered today<Wednesday>)
- Spraying excess grass
- Tidying up bark paths
- Planting etc

POTTING TABLE

After pricing out the "do-it-yourself" option Phyllis is arranging to have the potting table made by Rustic Furniture Creations in Massey.

Their website is <http://www.facebook.com/slabcreations>

Phyllis says:

If anyone else wants to get something for their backyard, I think it would be very good value (I have been pricing macrocarpa outdoor furniture on TradeMe for some time).

AND SPEAKING OF THE GARDEN...

Last week I included a photo taken from Kerry's digger. I thought it was just Kerry showing life through his eyes but he told me I was wrong.



Zoom in and you see what I missed
(Phyllis reading a book whilst Kerry worked)

BRIDGE AVENUE PROJECT

Ha! I have at least ONE regular reader of the bulletin!

Thanks Heather for the history lesson on "Rotary Park" in Bridge Ave – I live in Covil Ave and our lounge window views this park from an elevated position and across the upper reaches of the Waitemata Harbour with the city and Sky tower as a back drop.

We moved here in early 1984 (house now like us, old and tired !) and have watched the development of the Te Atatu Boat club from the small club house that would shake every Saturday night to the newer one which must have been built some 15 years ago.

The grassed area was a big " dump hole " which was filled in over a number of years and was surfaced

and planted out possibly about the same time

Roger Laloli
Henderson Rotary President

SOAPBOX DERBY AND THE WESTERN LEADER

The following went into the 9th October 2012 Western Leader:



Set wheels in motion for the Soap Box Derby

Every year in March Waitakere City Rotary holds an annual Soapbox Derby. This event has proven to be an overwhelming success on all levels, including fund raising, sponsor's satisfaction, schools participation and community entertainment.

Local businesses sponsor a kitset car into 20 nominated west Auckland schools. The school requirements are to provide a team of five to 10 students from year 6 to 10, and a teacher to oversee the project. The students then assemble the car, paint it in the sponsors and/or school colours and legos (with assistance from friendly panel beaters and signwriters), and race it on behalf of the sponsor.

The winner and the car of the National event, held in April, goes to America to race in the International event.

The Rotary Club of Waitakere City sees this project as an ideal opportunity to bring businesses and schools together, to the benefit of the local community. The funds raised from this event go towards supporting our current projects – many of them Youth



Soap Box thrills: The local derby winner represents Waitakere in the nationals.

Projects in Waitakere City.

Due to its success the Soap Box Derby attracts many enquiries from both schools and businesses wishing to participate each year and endeavour to include as many interested parties as possible. To avoid disappointment, make your interest known as early as possible.

■ For more information contact Kerry McMillan 832 3229. To continue reading more about the Soap Box Derby look up the All-American Soap Box Derby website www.aasbd.org.

Four times a year the Western Leader devote a significant section to "Focus on Education"

The Editorial staff gave us a great write up in this week's Term 4 edition.

The Ad is a click through one that takes clickers to our 2013 Soapbox page.

Law firm donates scholarships

Students enrolled in West Auckland secondary schools now have the opportunity to apply for over \$4000 in scholarship prizes being given away by the Henderson-based law firm, Smith and Partners.

The Smith and Partners Law Scholarships will provide financial assistance to West Auckland students to study law at a New Zealand university. Three scholarships of \$2000, \$1000 and \$500 will be given out every year.

A finalist will be selected from each of the West Auckland secondary schools, and every finalist will receive a \$50 book voucher.

"We're delighted to announce the inaugural Smith and Partners Law Scholarships as part of our dedication to helping to develop and grow West Auckland business and community," senior partner Peter Smith says.

"While we're looking at academic ability as a basis for the scholarships, we really want applicants who are as passionate about West Auckland as we are. We'd like to encourage these students to come back and practise law in West Auckland when they graduate. There is a plethora of talent out there, and we'd like to see that talent reinvested into West Auckland."

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be New Zealand residents and attend a West Auckland secondary school. The winners will be selected on the basis of their academic record, a short essay on why they want to become a lawyer and an essay on what makes West Auckland great.

Applications close Friday, September 19, 2012 and



Donating scholarships: Smith and Partners' Wade Hansen, Peter Smith, Greg Muller and Ruth Gregory.

entry details can be found on the Smith and Partners website: www.smithpartners.co.nz/lawscholarship.

About Smith and Partners

Smith and Partners is a full service law firm dedicated to helping develop and grow West Auckland business and community.

It provides counsel on property law, business law, employment law, wills and trusts, estate administration, family law and offers a full range of litigation services.

Formed in 1988, the firm represents private individuals, family trusts, businesses, charitable trusts and organisations.

And look what else I found in the same section. Rotarian Peter Smith is also busy with scholarships.

SOAPBOX FUNDING

I have just received an email from Auckland Council:

Hi Heather,

The Waitakere Ranges Local Board met yesterday afternoon to discuss funding applications received by them for Round One of the Local Event Support Fund.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Board resolved to support:

Waitakere Soapbox Derby	\$3,000
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The Whau and Henderson-Massey Local Boards are scheduled to meet next Thursday to confirm their funding support and I will email you immediately after those meetings.

Barbara Cade
Team Leader Events North West
Community Development Arts & Culture

MANGERE TROLLEY DERBY

Nelson is known as The NZ Trolley Derby Capital thanks to their Mayor and the Nelson "do-it-yourself" trolley people.

A new group is setting up the "Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby" here in Auckland and will be running their first race for home built carts in Mangere in November.

<http://www.mbtrolleyderby.co.nz> for details.

GSE

Elaine Mead, the Chairman of the GSE Committee, contacted me last week about a possible GSE candidate for the team going to South Korea next year.

Neil, a resident in Te Atatu, was given the application form by his Manager at the Heritage Hotel in town (the old Famers building) and submitted an application to Elaine. Neil works as a Duty Manager and helps train new staff.

GSE team members go as representatives of Rotary and Elaine asked if Waitakere Rotary would be his supporting Club. Not having submitted a candidate ourselves the answer was "Yes, of course – I will see what I can do"

After consulting the Board for approval I interviewed Neil on Tuesday. He is 31 and a very bright, intelligent young man who should represent New Zealand and Rotary well. Last heard of he was checking out our website and learning all about both us and Rotary.

The next step is a selection weekend in a few weeks where all potential candidates meet together to learn about what is required and for the organizers to pick out their selected team.

More on this once we know if Neil has been selected.

BOARD MEETING

Our next Board meeting is on Monday. If anyone has anything they would like to raise – contact me with the details.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT BOOK FAIR

For all those bookworms out there:


ANNUAL FUNDRAISER – 26 & 27 OCTOBER

Neighbourhood Support will be holding their Annual Book Fair Fundraiser on the 26 & 27 October

At Kelston Community Centre, Cnr Awaroa Rd & Great North Rd.

26 October 2012: 6pm – 8pm

27 October 2012: 9am – 4pm

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