

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

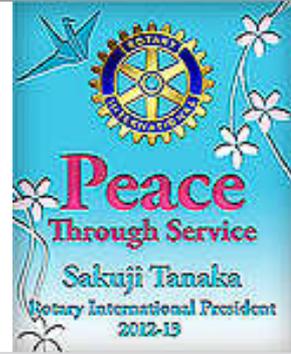
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

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



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Calendar

DECEMBER: ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Tuesday 22nd January 5:30 for 6pm
Venue:	Titirangi Golf Club - 11 Links Road, Titirangi
Speaker:	Joint Meeting with New Lynn Rotary

January – Rotary Awareness Month

Tuesday 22/1/13
Joint meeting at New Lynn Rotary

THIS WEEK: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wed 23/1/13
<no meeting>

Wed 30/1/13 Movie Night

February – World Understanding Month

Wed 6/2/13
Waitangi Day
<no meeting>

Wed 13/2/13 Rotary Projects

Sun 17/02/13 "Jazz in the Vines" Davis Funerals Vineyard

Mon 18/02/13
Board Meeting

Tues 19/02/13 Pomaria School Garden Blessing with New Lynn

Wed 20/02/13 Rotary Lunch: Reserve Bank Governor Graeme Wheeler

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?



Deck owner Helen

David very kindly offered his daughter's deck for our Christmas Party and our Rotarians turned out in force for an enjoyable afternoon



The IYEs

Gabriel, recently returned from the IYE South Island trip, brought some of his international friends



Santa with Pixie helper Mary

Mary, our volunteer bar tender at Starling Park, assisted Santa with presents for the kids.

After a number of years living in New Zealand next week Mary is returning to Australia to live



Brandon trying out the quad bike



The IYE's trying out the trampoline, the lolly scramble and playing ball



Derek with Joan and his daughter



Jack in his Santa hat



Rotarians and friends chatting on the deck



The lolly scramble

A great many thanks to Terry for doing a superb job of organizing the food (he was up at 6am cooking the hams) and David and his family for hosting us. Kerry was also up at David's at 7am setting up the spit for the chickens.

THE SECRET PROJECT



During the course of the afternoon the boys strolled across to David's carport to check progress on his "Secret Project".

For those who weren't there, or didn't go across, you'll have to wait till it's finished to find out what it is ☺

LOST PROPERTY



There's always something...

The items to the left are currently up in the hills of Waitakere. If you want 'em come and get 'em.

And Bob, the box of Rotary Christmas puddings that you have now forgotten 3 times **WILL** keep till next year!

ROBY STREET GIRL GUIDE HALL UPDATE

The inside of the hall now being ready for the painters (a good "wet weather" project for Mark and his team at Impact Painting. They started work on Monday) attention has now turned to the exterior



Thursday: Old style weatherboards are an interesting feature of this building – but a number have cracked and twisted over time. The worst ones are being replaced prior to painting.

Two of Craiger's experienced builders were hired for a day and a half to assist Alan in the work. Once the three of them identified the problem areas Alan set to and undercoated the new weatherboards whilst the boys hammered away.



Dave Forrester



Ross Williams

SALVATION ARMY AND ROTARY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

After a couple of false starts (their office is closed on Mondays) I finally delivered 10 Rotary Christmas puddings to our friends at the Salvation Army in Massey on Friday. Perfect timing. Saturday they were about to shop for food for a Christmas lunch so there were delighted cries of, "Excellent, remove puddings from the shopping list!"

The lady in the office, who I've met a couple of times thanks to their help with parking for our Soapbox Derby, was once a Girl Guide. And guess which hall her unit met in? Roby Street.

JADEWYNN GARDEN FUN DAY

The Fun Day at the garden was held on Saturday and community members turned out in force





JADEWYNN GARDEN DOES THE COMMUNITY PROUD

We know we've succeeded in our community projects when we see lots of positive feedback flowing around. I was rapt to be at the children's day on 15 December, and here's some of the feedback:

Matt wrote: At last I've been able to find time and thank you all for a fantastic day yesterday. The sun shone everyone was smiling and laughing, it was exactly why I created the garden! I would like to offer a collective thank you to everyone who took the time and effort to make the day so successful, however the day would not have been the success it was without the children. You guys are truly blessed to know these children, what a great bunch of kids. I would like to thank Lidwine for the wonderful birthday cake. Thanks for the happy birthday anthem it was a lovely surprise.

So the guys that couldn't make it, you may find one or two additional veggies planted in your plots. We hope you don't mind, it's just that we had so many seedlings to plant we just had to put them somewhere. I've never seen the garden looking so grand and full of life, and just love it when I see the children involved. If I don't see you before Xmas have a great time and don't forget to eat what you have grown!!!

Mary Nichols from Massey Matters wrote: It was certainly a most enjoyable day Matt and wonderful to meet new people and put faces to names. Here are some of the photos that I took



and if no-one minds I would like to post it on Massey Matters Facebook page. The paintings the children did look so wonderful bringing the fence to life, well done.

Look forward to bumping into you all again at the garden or in the community.

Phyllis

More of Mary's photos at <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/uploads/Community/JADEWYNN-GARDEN-COMMUNITY-FUN-DAY.pdf>

RAP HOUSE SIGN

The RAP House has changed its name to "Ranui House" and had a new updated sign made. Alan went to install it and Linda stopped by to help. Note the new Waitakere Rotary sign on the bottom ☺



The existing sign at our first working bee



Alan installing the new sign



Linda assisting



The "Ranui House" with its new sign

<NOTE: Whilst stuck at the <inevitable!> red traffic light on this main road it was interesting to see how well our Rotary sign stood out ☺>

EMAIL FROM THE RAP RANUI HOUSE

Hi Alan,

Sign looks great. Thank you so much for your commitment to RAP. I wish you and Heather a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2013.

Cheers

Verle Cahill

POMARIA SCHOOL GARDEN

Hi Heather, thanks for the excellent pictorial.

The school has confirmed a date for the blessing with us as the Tuesday 19th Feb. 2013

We would be pleased if your helpers would attend or alternatively your club could join with ours for that evening in 'blessing' the corner stones and thanking the helpers and sponsors.

Regards Nigel

TYPHOONS

There have been two major typhoons in the last couple of weeks

- Philippines
- Samoa

As usual Rotary is racing to the rescue with pre-packed supplies of Emergency Response Kits and Shelter Boxes. More are still required and spares will be kept in stock for the next inevitable disaster.

We received a request from District to help with supplies of one or the other (or both). The Board has been consulted and our Treasurer has been instructed to send off a cheque for \$600 for an Emergency Response Kit.

If any individual would also like to assist with these:



<http://www.rnzwcs.org/emergency.php>



ROTARY UPDATE ON TYPHOON

Sent: Monday, 17 December 2012 8:52 AM

Subject: RNZWCS Limited - Samoa and Fiji Update

Fellows,

Very hectic weekend.

Good initial response to appeal. Trust the release was forwarded by all 6 Governors.

ZB network recorded an interview yesterday. Have had positive comments from Rotarians in Auckland and Rotorua who heard. Rotary's response has appeared in a number of daily's and is referred to in Herald and Scoop online sites. < <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/CU1212/S00232/cyclone-evan-appeal-for-funds.htm> >

Samoa

40 pre-positioned ERK's are being distributed, a further 100 are on today's Air New Zealand flight.

A request has come to supply water tanks to evacuation centres and approved as expenditure from the appeal. No need for food or clothing.

Apia Rotarians working in collaboration with Red Cross and Samoa Government Disaster Management Committee.

Fiji

Taveuni, Savusavu and Lambasa – advised worst over – just heavy rain and strong wind – no response needed to date at this stage.

Suva – current estimate is that they will escape relatively unscathed.

Western Region – Ba, Lautoka, Nadi, Sigatoka – expecting the worst. Rotary mobilised to commence distribution of ERKs as soon as conditions allow. Will work in collaboration with DISMAC. Trucks on standby.

Once position becomes clearer, further response may be necessary – food, water, clothing etc.. approved appeal expenditure for what is required.

In constant contact by email and SKYPE.

Best wishes
Stuart

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ROMAC

See ROMAC in action on
"UNSUNG HEROES",

- Wed 9th JAN and Wed 13th FEB
- at 7.30pm on TV 1

AND

Check out ROMAC's latest news and events on
www.romac.org.nz

We have received one application for RYLA – and John is following up on this.

Anyone know of others who would benefit from this? If so, forward details to either John or me (and I will pass them on to him).

HOSPICE

In 2003 and 2004 our Presidents John Ritchie and Derek Gee made the new Hospice at Te Atatu their major Rotary Centennial project and donated over \$100,000 towards it.

The original intention was for beds to be installed in the new premises – and this is finally happening:

Western Leader

www.aucklandnow.co.nz

Friday, December 14, 2012

YOUR PLACE, YOUR PAPER

Hospice expands

By CIARA PRATT

PATIENTS and families dealing with serious and terminal illnesses will no longer have to travel far for specialist care.

Hospice West Auckland will get a two-bed specialised care unit early next year, allowing the medical facility to help treat seriously ill patients on site.

Patients and families have had to travel to the North Shore and Hibiscus Coast for hospice care because there are no urgent respite or specialist facilities in Waitakere.

Hospice West Auckland chief executive Barbara Williams says the new two-bed unit is a positive development for the hospice.

"The aim has always been

to have a specialised care unit in West Auckland," she says.

"While this has been difficult for us to achieve for many reasons, we think the two-bed facility is a great step towards our goal of a bigger purpose-built unit in the future."

West Auckland Hospice house on Beach Rd facility in Te Atatu Peninsula is used for day programmes, clinics, support therapies and community palliative care.

Judy Boon experienced hospice services first-hand when her daughter Anita Boon was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2008.

Ms Boon's daughter was only 36 years old when she died from the aggressive cancer in September 2009.

Anita was a well-known

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Anita had built up a lovely relationship with a hospice nurse and wanted her to be with her at the end.

– Mother Judy Boon

professional golf player in New Zealand.

"Hospice gave us counselling and any support we wanted. Without them we would have been lost and had no-one to turn to."

During her illness Anita spent time in both North Shore and Auckland hospitals – where she later died.

There were no hospice inpatient bed services in West Auckland at that time and Ms Boon says her daughter did not want to die in a hospital.

"Anita had built up a lovely relationship with a hospice nurse and wanted her to be with her at the end.

"If you have got hospice beds where hospice nurses can work with the same person, then you have that same familiar person caring for you which gives you continuity and makes you feel secure."

The Massey resident says the 24-hour care and support was invaluable for Anita and for the family after her

death. "They were there with us right to the end," Ms Boon says.

"I don't know how I would have coped if I had to travel to North Shore all the time – you want to spend the maximum time with your person."

Mrs Williams says the new unit will not take long to set up.

"The renovations in the building for our two-bed unit are due to commence early in the new year. It is proposed that the building will take four to six weeks to complete," she says.

Eventually Hospice West Auckland plans to build a dedicated 10-bed inpatient unit.

The first step will be to find and secure two hectares of land in the area.

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