

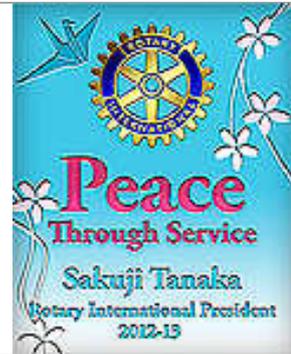
WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

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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JANUARY: ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Wednesday 13th February
Venue:	Starling Park Club Rooms
Speaker:	Rotary Projects

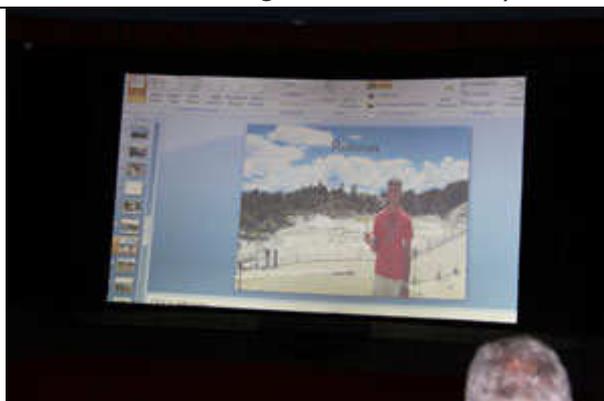
THIS WEEK: THE MOVIES AND GABRIEL'S FINAL PRESENTATION



Gabriel with Alison and DG Lindsay Ford



Gabriel telling us about his stay



Gabriel having spent a year away from home (3 months with Norfolk Island Rotary followed by 9 months with Waitakere Rotary) he is now heading home to Brazil.

His last night here being "Movie night" he gave his presentation with the aid of the big screen.

A number of people in the IYE world – committee members, students and a ROTEX (returned NZ student) and her mum joined us for the evening.

And, of course, some of our Club friends joined us as well.

The experiences these students have whilst on the program is truly amazing and life changing.

Calendar

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

*Sat 23/02/13
Rotary Birthday
Rotaract Swimathon*

27/02/13 Mark Bentley, Helena Francis: Auckland Communities Foundation

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?



Happy campers



Neil Murray – Chairman of the IYE committee



Alison Ford



Alan with "The Boss" – DG Lindsay



Rotex mum with two IYE students



DG Lindsay



Gabriel with host brother Marcus



Craiger



Jill & Jack Watkins with Francis & Domenic



Noel – who came "to represent the Cooper family"



John

GABRIEL'S LEAVING PARTY

On Sunday Bob held a party for Gabriel prior to his departure. The huge crowd of attendees included a number of Gabriel's IYE friends - many of whom were staying the night scattered around Bob's floor; a few school friends; Rotarians involved in the IYE program; a returned NZ IYE student (who spent a year in Germany) and a couple of Rotarians from Waitakere.



The IYEs with Barbara from Northcote (IYE committee) and Bob



The boys spent the afternoon and evening with a soccer ball



Soccer or dancing?



Two of the IYEs with a recently returned NZ IYE



Two of the boys



Two IYEs with the mother of the recently returned New Zealand IYE student

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING OVER CHRISTMAS

UNSUNG HEROES

Who read the bulletin and remembered to watch the TV program "Unsung Heroes" on the 9th January? Geoff Dainty and ROMAC appeared on it and in either that program or the following week an article appeared on one or two Rotary Clubs helping out at the Auckland City Mission Christmas Party.

Well a week ago Kerry got a text from a local mum who had been referred to Rotary by the Auckland City Mission (me thinks there must have been some talking going on over the Christmas pud). Solo Mum, 4 kids, a move, school starting and no spare cash for uniforms. As she is living in our area could we help by approaching the JR McKenzie Education Trust on her behalf?

Patrick has followed up on this with the result being that we are buying the essentials with the help of a matching grant from the JR McKenzie Trust.

ROTARY SUMMER SCIENCE FORUM

This was held a week or so ago and the students are now back – and will come to tell us all about it in March. Utsav sent through the following:

Hi Patrick,
Could you forward to the rotary club and extend my thanks to them.
It was an amazing time.
Utsav



Forum 2013, what a journey. It was everything I had hoped for and more. Before this forum, I wished to do a bachelor of science degree, however, with no idea of what majors I'll do. My career was definitely going to be in the sciences, though.

In this forum, I was exposed to all aspects of science and not just the core sciences (physics, chemistry and biology). Some things I didn't even consider to be sciences (for example, nutrition and mathematics which I thought were separate fields). Furthermore, the technical options visit add the technological aspect of science into this forum. The companies that I went to have a profound impact on the world (like Rakon which makes frequency oscillators for mobiles and GPS's) and they highlight the

increasing importance of science and technology on our world today, a point I mentioned in my Baseline report.

Through the academic modules, I have solidified my want of doing a BSc and I am definitely doing majors in physics, chemistry and mathematics. This forum has cleared up any doubts about my future studies. The most significant impact, though, is the reassurance that scientific research will be a plausible career. I've always wanted to contribute to the scientific community to raise the bar of knowledge of mankind and talking to the scientists who are currently doing research, it has made me pursue my dream.

I would like to thank the Rotary Club for giving me a second chance. For giving me a chance to correct my eventually successful application. I have met Mr Merv Tait at the Formal Science Dinner and I extended my thanks to him for the second chance. These were the two best weeks of my life.

Yours sincerely
Utsav Patel



GIRL GUIDE HALL

Mark and his merry band of painters from Impact Painting finished painting the Guide Hall in early January.

Mark, Jen, Alan and I then met on site to check it out and the change is stunning. From the new grills on the windows (thanks to Kerry and Alan); the various repairs; the major clean out of junk; the new colour scheme... it is a huge change. Even the neighbours have dropped by at intervals to congratulate the workers on the transformation!



Before. Blue, graffiti, obvious damage in places



Fresh and clean



Inside – ancient yellow walls, major smoke marks on the ceilings (there was a wall fire a few years back and no one every fully cleaned up the smoke)



A light beige and white. It looks very fresh and inviting

By the way - has anyone checked out Mark's new website? <http://www.impactpainting.co.nz/> Mark, my camera and I wandered round some of his paint jobs in Auckland one day late last year and the website was then created.

MENS SHED



As many of you know Kerry's latest building project is a large "shed" on Waitakere Road. The photo was taken a few months ago but it is now complete with a roof, walls – and, of course, an internal, expensive, composting toilet.

Throughout the building process he has been contemplating various uses for the building (apparently the neighbours vetoed the idea of it being a gang headquarters) and in recent months has been seriously contemplating setting it up as a "Men's Shed".

Kerry has now drawn up a 4 page draft document for this and is floating it around a few people for input. If you have ideas – see Kerry. Otherwise Watch This Space...

MEMBERS NEWS

As everyone is aware Linda is currently in Europe as parent helper on the Massey High Music Trip. Ever so often she sends me an email about Rotary business – book a speaker etc. And she always mentions where she is. Last week it was Switzerland, today she is off to Paris.

And before anyone gets to violently jealous – think of the nice hot summer weather she is missing 😊

DISTRICT NEWS



Breakfast with Rowing Olympic Medallists Mahe Drysdale & Juliette Haigh



Thursday 14 Feb. 7-9am for breakfast

Fairway Lodge
Silverfield Takapuna (off Porana Road)
Behind the NS Events Centre

Tickets \$30
Any profit to Rotary projects
Limited to 160 tickets

Auction for an oar signed by all NZ Rowing Gold Medallists

Contact: Murray Allison, President, Rotary Browns Bay 021 631 662 or 473 6418, allisons@xtra.co.nz

PARTING THOUGHT	
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RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	DONATIONS
		\$	\$

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!

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★ Apparently, "Vegetarian" is an old Indian word for "Bad Hunter."

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