

# 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](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz) or [www.soapboxderby.co.nz](http://www.soapboxderby.co.nz)

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## JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
Venue:	<b>Starling Park</b>
Speaker:	<b>Rotary Projects</b>

## THIS WEEK: CHANGEOVER



Our two newest Paul Harris Fellows: Linda Cooper and new President Sheena Spittles

Changeover, a chance to summarize the year, celebrate what we have accomplished and welcome in a new President and Board who will no doubt build on the past to create an even better future!

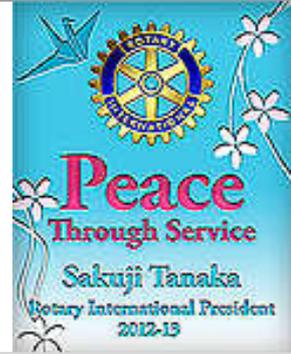
Rotarians, partners and friends turned out in force to an evening at Soljans Winery in Kumeu.

We started with a chance to talk and catch up with our many friends before sitting down to an excellent meal.

Meal over our MC Derek Gee took the floor.



Derek started the evening with one of his "World Famous in Waitakere Rotary" poems



## Calendar

### June - Rotary Fellowship Month

Sat 29/6/13  
10:30am to 1pm  
Massey Birdwood Hall  
"Paint NZ Beautiful" launch

### July – New Rotary Officers begin their year of service

**3/7/13**  
**Rotary Projects Night**

7/7/13  
District Changeover  
8/7/13  
Board Meeting

**10/7/12**  
**Sharon Davies QSO,**  
**Attitude Award Winner**  
**2012**

**17/7/13**  
**ROMAC - Geoff Pownall**

## 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?

Mike Angland was inducted over 20 years ago  
Whenever there's a job to do he'll always have a go  
Except at being President, he always answers "No  
And if you keep insisting then I'll really have to go"

Roger comes from Portugal, his dress is always classy  
But when you mention President his eyes become all glassy  
He had a go at Sergeant and did that really well  
But when you mention President it doesn't ring his bell

Graham has for years now been planting lots of trees  
But when you mention President his legs begin to freeze  
I've never heard him swear or cuss, he'd probably just smile  
But if his legs weren't frozen then I think he'd run a mile

David Butler had a go but that was many years ago  
The club was then a happy throng and Dave would lead them all in song  
But then, I hear, he had more locks and didn't put washers in the box

I don't know much about young Jack,  
I know he gave the job a crack  
An army sergeant must be quick  
At finding out what makes men tick  
I think he'd lead the members well  
But only Butler's left to tell

Bob Benzie gave the job a shot  
And in his year we did a lot  
At breakfast, lunch and even tea  
You'll hear him talking Rotary  
There's lots that you can say about him  
We'd be much less a club without him

Jim Annison the man of glass  
Brought to our club a touch of class  
With super creases in his trow  
He needs another challenge now

When Domenic took up the reins it happened as I feared  
Each time the school had holidays he always disappeared  
He missed our Christmas party do which was a main event  
He never left a message so we don't know where he went

Next one up is Kerry Mac  
For years and years he put it back  
And then wife Jenny said OK  
Allowing Kerry out to play  
And those who are around to tell  
Will say he did it very well

Craiger had to take the job six months into the year  
And when that lot was over he went up another gear  
A further 12 month stretch he did  
And then he thought he'd go  
But when the end of June arrived  
He said the answer's "NO!"  
I really, really like it so I'll do another term"  
You could tell the way he said it  
He was very, very firm  
He went on to break the record  
For the longest one to reign

And I think that if we asked him  
He would do it all again

The greatest of the Presidents that there has ever been  
Was born across the ocean in a place called Norris Green  
So fine of figure, Handsome too  
With piercing eyes of steely blue  
No compromise in dress would do  
The women warmed as women do  
Whenever he came into view  
The ones who know him will agree  
My modesty inhibits me  
But in the mirror there I see

Now Sheena's waiting in the wings  
I know that she'll be grand  
And she'll be asking all of us  
To lend a helping hand  
She's been on all the courses  
Her planning is quite clear  
So let's all get behind her  
And make this a vintage year

And now we come to Heather  
Who's giving up the throne  
The hardest working President  
This Club has ever known  
She's been at every function  
With her camera in her hand  
And some of us would even say  
She's like a one man band  
Her bulletins the best  
That any Club has ever seen  
And she's become what I would call  
The Soapbox Derby Queen  
She's been to Vanuatu where our club has made things hum  
She even shot a video of Kerry's chubby bum

I have to mention Alan who's been with her all the way  
He's what they call a tower of strength with not a lot to say  
And for the contribution that the two of them have made  
I think the club should offer them a standing accolade

Derek having reduced everyone to tears of laughter it was then time for Heather to take the floor to welcome all our guests and summarize our year.



Our guests for the evening were:

Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse  
ADG Pene Burrige  
ADGE Bruce Dale  
Henderson President Roger & Jewel Laloli  
Kumeu President Les & Julie Barber  
Kumeu Pres Elect Warren Sly  
Rotaract President Thomas Porteous  
Selena (IYE and Rotaract)  
Catherine & Mark Mckenzie-Simpson

Noel and Simone Cooper  
Jo Howard  
Jen McMillan  
Joan Pegrume  
Vivian Mallabar  
Winky Foley

### **Year Summary:**

Waitakere Rotary has made a very significant difference in our world. Small things, big things – as a Club we have achieved a lot.

In the past year we have supported many Rotary programs including:

- Challenge Camp
- An Emergency Response Kit for the next international disaster
- International Youth Exchange – 2 students
- MUNA – 2 students
- RYLA
- Summer Science – THREE students
- Trees for Survival – 2 schools
- The Rotary Foundation – both through a sizable donation from our Club and with many members contributing individually through the Centurion program.

We have

- Joined with the other Area 6 Clubs in helping fund the Summer Reading program in our local libraries
- Joined with New Lynn Rotary to build a garden at Pomaria School
- Joined with Henderson Rotary in setting up the new Rotaract Club
- Supplied dictionaries to 9 year olds in 5 local schools – and contributed more dictionaries to local school classrooms through the soapbox derby

Within our own area we have:

- Given scholarships to 3 local students
- Assisted with requests for donations for local causes
  - Christmas dinner at our local camp ground
  - Food for a street BBQ
  - Christmas puddings for the Salvation Army
  - An exercycle for a disabled child
  - Applying for a matching grant from the JR McKenzie Trust to help with school uniforms
  - A donation to the Life Education Trust
  - And many more...
- We helped establish the Jadewynn Garden
- Helped with the renovations of the RAP House in Ranui
- Won a small tree at the Ecowise Community Awards – which was promptly donated to the RAP house
- Organized and supervised the renovations at the Te Atatu Peninsula Girl Guide Hall thanks to a grant from TTCF through the Licensing Trust
- Held our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Soapbox Derby (despite the National Drought breaking on our day!). At

this annual event huge numbers of local children have gained in confidence and skills over the years. Thanks to a TTCF grant, an Auckland Council grant and various sponsors this was an economic success allowing us to do all our other projects

- With contributions from 3 other Rotary Clubs and a matching grant from The Rotary Foundation Alan built 2 super kids cars for the soapbox derbies. Each car has an able driver with a less able passenger and, along with attracting great interest, the kids love them.

And then there is our International project – the Dining Hall at Orap School in Vanuatu. With this project, with the help of a matching grant from the Harold Thomas Trust, we not only made a valued contribution to a school but also introduced a group of Dunedin Rotarians to overseas hands on projects.

This list only skims the surface! It has been a most impressive year and I should like to thank all our members and our Board for setting to and making it all happen.

On the Club Service side we have:

- Obtained the services of an excellent chef in an excellent venue at Starling Park
- Won the District Bulletin Editors Award
- Added one or two extra signs around the neighbourhood promoting our Club (the big one at the RAP house is a real bonus)
- Managed to get ourselves on Breakfast TV thanks to the Soapbox Derby
- And who can forget the train ride to the Nihotupu Dam?

In May 2013 I was delighted to award a Paul Harris Fellow to Shawn Dyer, the Riverhead School Caretaker, Riverhead Scouts Leader and passionate supporter of the soapbox derby who has contributed a huge amount to the soapbox sport not only in our Club but all the New Zealand teams.

I understand from Bob that this is the second time in our Club history that a PHF has been awarded to a member of the community rather than to a member of our Club.

Having summarized our year I then went on to say what The Rotary Foundation does and welcome two new well deserving members as Paul Harris Fellows:

**LINDA COOPER:** For major contributions to the community over a large number of years and somehow, although I'm not at all sure how, finding time to make a valued contribution to Rotary as well.

The current roles that I know about are: Hands on Rotarian in our Rotary projects, despite lack of time doing an excellent job as our Programme Chair, hosting IYE students and, in the community working extremely hard in the following roles: Justice of the Peace, Chairman of Hospice, Chairman of the Licensing Trust, Joint chair of the Ranui Action Project House, a member of Electricity and Gas Complaints, involved with Massey High School...

**SHEENA SPITTLES:** Again this is to a relative newcomer to the Club but one who rapidly immersed herself into the Rotary World.

Board member, Hands on role in our Rotary projects, Hosting Rotarians and an IYE student, Attending Trainings and Conferences, joining the District Literacy Committee, joining in a Rotary Friendship Exchange – and now taking on the role of President

# CHANGEOVER!



The chains of office were then ceremoniously handed over to Sheena who took the floor and introduced us to her plans for the coming year.

Having attended PETS, South Pacific PETS, meetings with the other incoming Presidents in our District and held a Club Visioning night with follow up Sheena has come up with well thought out plans. She mentioned them briefly (with more to come in coming weeks) and introduced us to her new Board - Domenic, Kerry, Alan and Craiger



Our Rotarians and friends





## ROTARY DOWN UNDER

The July issue is out now at <http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>

## APOLOGIES

Please note that there are a number of changes this year and one includes **APOLOGIES**

Alan and Heather will no longer be taking apologies as Domenic has volunteered to do this.

Can all apologies now go to Domenic please at one of the following

Email: [domenicots@hotmail.com](mailto:domenicots@hotmail.com)

Phone: 813 0522

Cell phone: 021 37 66 47

## BULLETIN EDITOR

After 5 years of annoying everyone with my long and wordy bulletins it is time to devote energy into other projects.

Alan and I are heading out of town for a month to continue work on a family project so look forward to hearing of the Club doings whilst we are away from the new Bulletin Editor.

Please note that I am still website editor and will be updating our Club calendar on a regular basis: <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/calendar>

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