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In light of there still being no Bulletin Editor, this is a brief account of what we've been up to this week:

Sheena presented the new banner for the 2012/4 year, and also the Presidents' Citation which we were awarded for all our hard work last year. Hopefully we'll do well enough to get another one this year!



Our guest speaker was Sharon Davies QSM and winner of the "Supreme Attitude" award for 2013. Sharon spoke of challenges she faced growing up with Spina Bifida, and some of her achievements of which she is justly proud. The first of these was getting her driving licence while still living at the Wilson Home ... which allowed her a greater sense of independence. Later she purchased some land in Swanson,



and had her own house built. And following this, began her deep involvement in her community, local government and many other charitable organisations. Her commitment to her community has seen her take on many different roles, while working full time. She was judged the supreme winner by the "Attitude" programme for people living with disabilities earlier this year, and will receive her QSM award later this year.

Following our guest speaker, Phyllis advised the club of her need to take nine months leave of absence in order to complete her PhD this year, and Sheena also advised that John has asked for six months leave.



We were pleased to welcome Rob Langlois back to the club after a long absence ... and we let him win the raffle, so maybe we'll see more of him in the future! Our new 50:50 Raffle proved very popular, with \$20 going into the Sunshine Fund, and \$10 going to this week's winner, Roger. The "kitty" now has \$10 which goes forward to next week's draw.



Our new Sergeant, Mike, kept us on our toes ... we'll make sure we all read the Rotary Down Under next month!

Terry produced another thought provoking 'Parting Thought'

And then it was a competition to see how many Rotarians it takes to fix a lectern ...



A correction from Patrick, he's in Florida to 'catch up with some people' and will commence his treatment on his return to Auckland in a few weeks - either way, we all wish him well.



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You may remember our RYLA Student, who spoke so eloquently a couple of weeks ago - we've just received a letter from his month:

Hello

I am finally sitting down to send you a huge THANK YOU for getting my boy to challenge camp. It was exactly what he needed and he is even more confident than before....a little too confident if you ask me :)

It was an experience that he would not have had without outside support and I'm quite grateful.

Some of Jeremy's older friends in his wheelchair basketball team had been to Challenge camp as teenagers and had the same wonderful opinion and really encouraged Jeremy to build on that confidence and independence.

Again, thank you and God bless

Yazmin

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 23rd - Joint Meeting with Kumeu (at Kumeu)

Wednesday 30th - Bowling at Westgate followed by dinner for those who wish.

August 22nd and 29th Trees For Survival Planting Days

August 31st - Sept 1st Eden Gardens Tulip Festival - maybe a fellowship event with lunch/afternoon tea??

And please remember if you're 'on duty' next week

**** Please note there have been some alterations due to absences:**

Date: Tuesday 17th July Geoff Pownall ROMAC (Please arrange your own replacement if you're not going to be available)	
Meeting Manager	Derek
Sergeant	Mike
Speaker	Geoff Pownall
Greeter	Sheena
Grace	**Kerry
Squire 1	Graham
Squire 2	Roger
Thanker	**Domenic
Parting Thought	Jack

Have a great week everyone.....