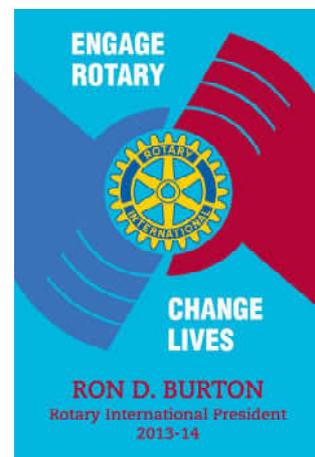


Rotary



Waitakere News

16th October 2013

This week our IYE Student Vincent was our speaker. He shared lots of information about his family and his life style in Switzerland, before showing us photos of some of the things he's done in NZ since his arrival. He's certainly been busy, with trips to the snow, and Lake Taupo, his Inducation Weekend in Northland, and various sporting events around Auckland. He's also been keen to participate in Rotary community events, helping to plant in the community garden in Massey, demolish a playground in Swanson, and planting trees in Waitoki with Trees For Survival. We look forward to his next presentation ... and seeing what else he can fit into his year with us!



It was good to have some 'partners' join us for the evening ... Karen Nicholson, Sue Benzie and Jo Howard.



We also welcomed AG Bruce Dale, and another potential member, Community Constable Luke Wilson.

KUMEU ROTARY are holding their major fundraiser, a Garden Festival on November 2nd (10.00 - 4.00) and extend "an invitation to all keen Rotary and Rotaract Gardeners and Music Lovers". Tickets are \$15 each if we book ten tickets. Please think about this, and we'll take numbers next week.

EPSOM ROTARY are again selling their Political Cartoon Annual, for \$20 - they're an ideal Christmas present, and each sale makes \$10 for the club ... Numbers taken next Wednesday.

Waitakere Rotary Presents... Saturday 16th November

Riddled with Trivia!

Just when you thought Trivia night was fun & easy... We decided to play unfairly!! Time to start studying again because its not all just Trivia!

WHERE: THE BEAUTIFUL STARLING PARK SPORTS CLUB: 34-44 Glen Road,

TIME: 6PM UNTIL WE FIND A WINNER!

COST: \$20 PER PERSON, Tables of 8.

TRIVIA HOST WITH BIG SCREEN! BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, WELL PRICED BAR OPEN

Limit of 100 people, be quick, email now and then start re-programming your Trivial Mind!

Money to go to community Projects in West Auckland. You can help us to help those in need!

Craiger has been very busy and has created a wonderful poster advertising our Trivia Night - please try to get a table together and support this event.

**** PLEASE** ensure you advise Terry if you're not going to be present on a Wednesday - last week we had to pay for at least four meals that were not needed. As a club we can't afford to keep doing this, so please let us know your plans well in advance.

In light of Sergeant Mike's question about the most common disability in Australia being as a result of Polio, I thought this recent news release was timely

Rotarians fight for a polio free world

Thursday the 24th of October 2013 is an important day in the history of a disease that has crippled millions, but its complete elimination is now in sight.

The 24th of October is the birth date of Joseph Salk, the leader of the team that developed the first successful polio vaccine in 1955. It is also the date adopted by Rotary International to acknowledge this amazing breakthrough.

In New Zealand Rotarians across the country will be raising funds by all manner and means that will include approaching schools to participate in contributing \$ coins through a 'Purple Pinky Day' or 'Purple Clothes Day', selling insulated coffee cups and shaking buckets in street appeals.

Polio, an incurable disease attacks the nervous system and can kill, but usually leaves its victims with various degrees of paralysis for the rest of their life. Disfigured legs of persons depicted on archaeological sites indicate that polio has probably been around for centuries.

It was ended in New Zealand through immunising children at primary school, initially by injections and later by the children swallowing a vaccine solution.

In 1985 when there were over half a million cases of polio each year, Rotary made a promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio by supporting mass immunisation programmes.

Rotary's partners now include UNESCO and the World Health Organisation, and more recently the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, so that now there has been just 285 new cases reported this year (to 8th October).

"We are so close to ending polio as a disease," says Ken Linkhorn, Rotary's End Polio Now Zone Coordinator for New Zealand and part of Australia. "Our goal is to see our promise fulfilled and see a polio free world."

"Even in countries that have been polio free for many years such as New Zealand, it is hugely important to continue with immunisation of young children. Success cannot be certain until the whole world has been polio free for two years.

Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria are the last polio 'endemic' countries, but Somalia, which had been polio free since 2007, incurred an unfortunate 'bump' in recent polio cases reported, when it experienced an outbreak of 174 cases in this year to date."

Mr Linkhorn says this shows the importance of getting to the 'carriers' who can unknowingly take the disease from one country to another. With millions of immunisation doses still to be administered the anticipated cost to complete eradication is estimated at US\$5 billion, most of which has already been pledged by the major private and public organisations involved.

New Zealand Rotarians together with their compatriots from around the world have raised US\$1.260 billion to eradicate polio over the last thirty years and teams of volunteers have regularly visited countries like India to dispense polio vaccine.

On 24th October Rotary clubs up and down New Zealand will be raising money from their members and their communities to help achieve the goal of a polio free world within five years.

As you will have realised, our weekly 50:50 Raffle is raising funds for Polio Plus, and I'm pleased to advise that our first \$250.00 has just been raised. We've not organised any other 'purple' fundraising events for this worthy cause, so I'm hoping all members will 'dig deep' next Wednesday so we can add to this figure.

As an added incentive, you will have a 1:5 chance of taking home the 'kitty' (\$100+) should you be successful in 'finding that winning ball'!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 2nd: Kumeu Garden Festival

November 16th: Our 'Riddled With Trivia Night'

Date: Wednesday 23rd October	"The Waterview Tunnel Project"
Meeting Manager	Derek
Sergeant	Mike
Speaker	Gez Johns (Communications Manager)
Greeter	Bob
Grace	Jim
Squire 1	Patrick
Squire 2	Terry
Thanker	Kerry
Parting Thought	Graham

Have a great week everyone!

Sheena