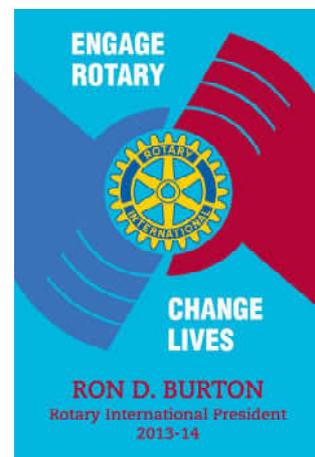


Rotary



Waitakere News

30th October 2013

Our Rotary Meeting this week was a Vocational Visit to Van Lier's Nursery in Riverhead. As past members of Waitakere Rotary, Theo and Monique are well known to members, so it was great to be able to visit their property and find out all about the 'ins and outs' of flower growing. Van Lier Nurseries are the second largest rose growers in NZ, with properties in Massey and Riverhead. The Riverhead Nursery is the more recent and more modern site, with approximately three and a half acres of glasshouses.



Monique and Joanne Hargesheimer explained a little about the history of the business and the hardships endured by the original Van Liers, who came to NZ from Holland. They also talked of the more recent difficulties the business has suffered since the economic downturn, and now, when faced with competition from cheap rose importers, whose roses are often much 'older' and laced

with a variety of chemicals to preserve them! We then toured the glasshouse, learnt a little about the different diversifications being explored by the family and all the automated systems within the business, before enjoyed a meal in the beautiful new lunch room.



CHRISTMAS PARTY:

On Wednesday we suggested that we might have our Christmas Party at The Brigham on Sunday 15th December. (This would be in lieu of a meeting on Weds 11th). Unlike recent Christmas Parties, this would obviously involve more expense, with invited guests (partners and family) having to pay for their meals. As this may well preclude some members from attending, we'll discuss all options at our meeting on Wednesday evening, when we'll have more opportunity to give more specific details about food, costs etc. Please give some thought to what you'd prefer to do.

'RIDDLED WITH TRIVIA:

This evening is promising to be full of fun and laughter (not to mention some healthy competition) . Tickets (\$20 each), will be on sale on Wednesday evening - hopefully you have arranged your 'table of eight' and are busy planning your 'Theme' for the dress-up competition already! A flyer is attached for you to print and place somewhere appropriate to advertise this event.

ATTACHMENTS:

I have attached information about Walking holidays from the South Island Milton Club, and also the latest Polio Update. (We have banked \$250 for Polio Plus from our 50:50 raffle so far this Rotary year)

REMINDER:

If you have a role to play in next Wednesday's meeting please remember to do it! Squires, please arrive early enough to set up the room and put out the banners. (And clear the room at the end of the meeting)

Date: Wednesday 6th November	"Waitakere Projects Night"
Meeting Manager	Derek
Sergeant	Mike
Speaker	Directors: Alan, Kerry, Craiger
Greeter	
Grace	Alan
Squire 1	Graham
Squire 2	Roger
Thanker	
Parting Thought	Craiger

Have a great week everyone!

Sheena