



Waitakere News

December 4th

We had a very busy Rotary Meeting this week. We began by inducting another new member, Ross Dallow. Ross was a member of Panmure Rotary in 1972, but due to moving home, and career commitments, had to resign. Now he has a little more time on his hands he's decided to join Rotary again, and we're very pleased to be able to welcome him to Waitakere Rotary!



It was then the turn of two of our Directors to bring us up to date with what the club's been doing, and our goals for the new year. Kerry told the members about the work we've done so far this year with Trees For Survival, supporting individual and small groups within the community in different ways, helping the Swanson School to relocate their Junior playground, helping with planting at the Massey Community Garden, the grant application made for oxygen monitors for the premature baby unit at Waitakere Hospital, and the on-going work being done to establish the "Shed Co-operative" in Waitakere. He also spoke about upcoming possibilities for volunteers to work in Vanuatu next year.

Craig then spoke about other sponsorship and projects we've undertaken, such as sponsoring a student to MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly) in The Hague, another student to the Summer Science Forum at Auckland University, and one to Outward Bound. We've also assisted with the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, donated to the Philippine Emergency Fund, the Monte Cecelia Trust Christmas Party in Ranui, and will be helping at the Massey Community Christmas Party as well as presenting three scholarships to local High Schools and Unitech.



We also welcomed back John Riddell and Domenic Woods who have been on leave, and welcome potential new members Monique Van Lier and Husain Rampurwala.



At the conclusion of our regular meeting we opened the Annual Meeting. Past President Heather presented her Annual Report, and spoke to it, explaining some of the work done by members during the year, and our club's achievements. She explained that no matter how large the task, much can be achieved by everyone

pulling together to support the community or complete larger goals. The Annual Report was accepted and the Financial Report was presented and accepted. Honorary Members were then decided upon.



Following his earlier nomination Patrick Howard was elected unopposed as President for the 2014/5 year. Following the election of Treasurer and Secretary for 2014/5, (Heather and Alan Pattison respectively) Patrick explained briefly his vision for his year, with his main goals being to revitalise the club, and develop strong links with the business community.

We have received another photo from our IYE student Vincent, who is having a great time with all the other International Students in South Island.

** I have attached a flyer for the District Conference next April - please consider coming along to this - they're always so inspiring!



REMINDER: This was our last meeting at Starling Park for the year - next event is our Christmas Lunch at The Brigham - 11.30 Fellowship, Lunch at 12.00

Please advise Alan if you will be attending (and if you're bringing a guest)

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Dates to remember this year:

Friday 13th December: Massey Community Christmas Party - Triangle Road 4-7pm. Help to cook on the BBQs please. **** NB New Date due to rain!**

Tuesday 17th December: Ranui Christmas Party (Monte Cecilia Trust) More details as they come to hand.

RATHER A LOT OF DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR: If you put them in your diary now, we will hopefully be able to get more support for all the exciting events coming up in our area.

February 10th - Rotoract Training Evening (President, Treasurer and Secretary) Starling Park. Time tba

February 15th - Henderson Rotary "Great Western Hold-Up" - we will be manning the Te Atatu area.

21st, 29th February (and 29th March) - Child Cancer Foundation "Beads of Courage" Collection days

23rd February - Rotoract Pancake Breakfast - people power required to support them.

13th March: - Henderson Rotary's Golf Tournament at Huapai - teams of four golfers.

March 16th: - Waitakere Rotary's Soap Box Derby at Westgate.

March 22nd: - New Lynn Rotary's "International Walk For Water Day" at Unitech. (Help needed)

And all that remains is for me to wish everyone the compliments of the season - may you have a Happy Christmas, and a year ahead full of sunshine and smiles!

Sheena

