



Waitakere News

February 7th, 2014

Nice to See You

On the eve of Waitangi Day twenty one of us assembled at Starling Park to complete our four page 'Membership Satisfaction Survey'. Our President Sheena did say it was a short one. (Collated results below)

Wednesday evening was also a 'Projects Night' where Directors and (and any other members) were able to talk about what we as a club have been doing recently, and upcoming events.

Left at place of work was one camera, so for the photo break this week a photographic reminder of a forth coming event, our main fundraiser, the Soapbox Derby



Waitakere Rotary on your Smartphone

The 21st century has arrived at Waitakere Rotary thanks to The Web Company - we now have a mobile version of our website. Check out the site on your mobile phone and you will see a site designed for this technology.

www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or, if you find that hard to spell, www.soapboxderby.co.nz

MEMBERSHIP SATISFACTION SURVEY

Thank you all for completing this at our last meeting, (we had 21 responses) it's been very informative and will give us direction for the future. The good news is that we appear to be on the right track, with some very positive feedback! The bad news is that we have two members who do not feel welcome at the club, one of whom gave no suggestions for improvement, the other of whom gave lots of suggestions (thank you) but commented that no-one makes an effort to interact with them. Conversely we received comments that said, "a nice group of members - works" and "a homogenous, jovial group."

Luckily most of our members feel comfortable sharing concerns with club leaders, with only a couple who feel that "club leaders have their own agenda and aren't interested in other ideas" ... we'll address this issue/perception at a later date. Positive comments were: "A very open friendly, approachable bunch" and "Good esprit de corps".

To summarise the other questions:

- Most people feel our member development, orientation and education is adequate, as is our club 'public relations'. Our local and international projects, fundraising, Rotary Foundation and Fellowship are deemed to be excellent.
- Everyone has participated in a club service project, with the exception of one new member, and most volunteered rather than being asked.
- Regarding our weekly meetings, the division between excellent and adequate was very close, with 'Amount of Rotary Content' being excellent overall, the other aspects (length, organisation, fellowship and networking) adequate. One person found content, fellowship and networking to be insufficient.
- There were three concerns about meal quality, and two each about décor/atmosphere and costs.
- Five people felt that 'better speakers' would improve our meetings, four increased variety of programme topics, and three each would like to see more focus on fellowship, vocational information, and leadership opportunities, two people wanted more family involvement, better time management and more service opportunities.
- Club Fellowship activities were voted the 'right amount' by all but one person who felt they were 'too few'.
- Rotary Information via our website and newsletters was deemed adequate by almost everyone, but one person felt it was 'excessive' and one 'insufficient'.
- Almost all members are currently involved in most of our activities, with four or five wanting to become involved with member orientation and education, local service projects, and international service projects, and a few others wanting to be involved with fundraising and Foundation. (Your turn will come!!)
- We have twelve people who are 'satisfied' with their participation in our activities and projects, seven who are 'very satisfied' and one who is 'dissatisfied' due to 'lack of support from other members'.
- Regarding costs associated with membership, one person felt weekly meetings were excessive, and one 'club fines', but everyone else felt costs were reasonable.
- Our club website and newsletter were deemed informative, useful and interesting by all but the one person who feels the newsletter is boring, limited and uninformative.
- Suggested changes were few: 'More community projects' from one member, and 'first drink free' from another!
- Responses from partners and family to involvement in Rotary were generally that they were 'proud of my involvement' with two whose partners feel they 'spend too much time on Rotary'.

And that my friends, is a summary of how our current members see Waitakere Rotary at present ... as I said, we're obviously on the right track! Thanks again for taking the time to share your views. (If anyone who was not present would like to have their views considered please email me and I'll send you the survey) Sheena

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: The latest DG Newsletter is attached.

Next Meeting - 12th February at the club's home Starling Park Ranui.

Date: Wednesday 12th February		Peter Wilson: Vanuatu School Rebuild	
Meeting Manager		Derek	
Sergeant		Mike	
Speakers		Peter Wilson	
Greeter		Kerry	
Grace		Sheena	
Squire 1		Alan	
Squire 2		Roger	
Thanker		Craiger	
Parting Thought		John	

Apologies

Please advise Alan if you will not be attending (or if you're bringing a guest)
apology@details.co.nz Members not submitting an apology will be charged the full meal price.

Dates to remember in 2014

February 10th – Rotoract Training Evening (President, Treasurer and Secretary) Starling Park.
Time 7pm

February 15th – Henderson Rotary "Great Western Hold-Up" – we may be manning the Te Atatu area (Details on Wednesday night)

21st, 28th February (and 29th March) - Child Cancer Foundation "Beads of Courage"
Collection days – volunteers needed – our date to be finalised.

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

2nd March – Fellowship Picnic, Coopers Creek, 1 to 4pm. Please can you indicate your attendance to either Terry by e-mail (tmhodes@vodafone.co.nz) or to Derek by telephone (09) 4127904. We will maintain contact with the confirmed attendees on the day for weather cancellations.

13th March: - Henderson Rotary's Golf Tournament at Huapai – teams of four golfers – can we field a team??

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 on the day