



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting	
When:	Wednesday 30 th July 2008 6pm
Where:	Trust Stadium, Waitakere City
Attendance:	16/31 – 51%. Plus 3 guests: Barbi Attwood, Beatriz, Terri Pattison
Make Ups:	
Apologies:	It was a dark and stormy night... David Butler (returned from his hurricane to a dose of the flu), Dominique Wood, Peter Smith, Monique Mataga, Bob Langlois, Theo Van Lier (Gone to Vanuatu on holiday. He was unco-operative when asked to carry 3 bags of cement in his hand luggage), Jim Brown, Kent Favel (suffering lack of sleep due to the baby), Tony Scott, Graham Nicholson, Rosemary Langham, Angela Brown
Guest Speaker:	Barbi Attwood - Parachute Instructor, Warrant Officer and Operations Officer for 40 Squadron - RNZAF -Whenuapai

Important Dates and Events	
1 st August 2008	Probus Club West Auckland Speaker: United States Consular Chief who will explain the Presidential election process Where: Kelston Community Centre Time: 9:30 to 10:45
6 th August 2008	Speaker: Darian Smith - Arthritis Institute, Waitakere
7 th August 2008	Planting: Te Atatu School. Going to Wairere Road Waitakere.
13 th August 2008 6:30 start for 7pm	The District Governor is visiting our Club Partners' night – please bring your partner
End of August (Date to be confirmed)	John Key will be speaking at a breakfast on the topic of "Business in the 21 st Century". Tickets will cost around \$50

Guest Speaker: Barbi Attwood

Barbi spoke about her early life, introduction to the Air Force and her career. Parachuting is a male dominated activity and she is the only woman instructor in the New Zealand Air Force – and in most Forces in the World.

One of the things she is passionate about is providing youth development by helping disadvantaged kids. At various times the Air Force have run short courses for them. In

the early days the Government provided funding for them, more recently it has been a base initiative.

The recipe:

- Take 6 or 8 disadvantaged kids
- Aged between about 13 and 17
- Once a week for 6 weeks
- For 3 ½ hours a day (usually on a Wednesday afternoon)
- Start with a BBQ
- Progress through a mud course
- Fly in an aeroplane – with the kids in harnesses by an open ramp looking down on Auckland.
- Jump out of a plane and talk to the kids about it afterwards

The course is about defining boundaries, providing discipline and also rewards.

Barbi said the transformation in the kids is amazing and hugely rewarding for the volunteers who run it. For many of the kids a distrust of anyone in uniform has changed to one of trust, questions and a complete change of attitude. Some have also turned their lives around and gone on to join the Forces themselves at a later date.

Barbi has given me her card and said that if we know of kids who could benefit from this program to call her. If anyone does know of kids who would benefit contact Heather.



Many thanks are due to Jill for bringing such an interesting speaker to our meeting (and best wishes in trying to convince Barbi to become a Rotarian).

President's Messages:

13th August: Our District Governor is coming to our meeting. It is a partners' night so all welcome. Apologies to Ross please if you, or your partner, are unable to attend.

One group managed an 89% attendance. Can we do better?

August Month: This month is membership and retention. We have been challenged to gain 7 more members this year.

Peter Hatch



The piggy bank's empty. Please pay your subs.

Raffle Winner: Bob Benzies

Parting Word: Roger Froes "Why have a fear of mice when everyone loves Mickey Mouse?"

Meeting closed: 7:35pm

OTHER NEWS:

Soapbox Derby Update:



From: Kirk and Marie Smith
Sent: Sunday, 27 July 2008 9:30 a.m.
To: Paul OBrien
Subject: Team Smith

Hi Papa Bear

Have just got back from Race Day. Kirk was eliminated in the first round but was beaten by a guy that finished 8th, so not too unhappy about that. Canada took the International. Kirk was beaten by her in the heat and they had to go to the photo to determine the result. Not really the result we were looking for, but came up against some tough competition and the wheels and lane selection didn't help.

Kirk selected a box of wheels that had 2 x 700's 1 x 1300 and 1 x 200 needless to say we weren't too happy about that. Lane 1 won probably 95% of the days racers and we selected lane 3.

A lot of previous winners and people considered to continue beyond the first round were eliminated first race because of lane 1. A bit of discord about it. However, we had a great day.

We had the crowd cheering for us and chanting Kiwi Kirk and we loved every minute of it. Just disappointed we won't be bringing back the hardware.

Will catch up with you when we get back to New Zealand.

The Cubs

Youth Committee:

John Riddell is on the Board of Don Buck School and has passed on the following message from the school:

Reading Tutors Needed

Have you got 1/2 hour or more a week? A little person would love you for a reading tutor. It's a matter of sitting and listening to them read to you - please let us know if you can help - we need you.

Note from Heather: An elderly neighbour of my parents did this for a number of years at Selwyn College. She told me about it and said that it was an incredibly rewarding experience – for both her and the students she helped. Many schools are now asking for this help.

BRAS WANTED



Now that I have your attention... we received the following email about...

Project Uplift

Dear President/Secretary

I am writing to you regarding a project that the Rotary Club Of Western Springs is supporting and would like to offer you the opportunity to aid us in our endeavors. The project in question was featured in the most recent Rotary DownUnder, entitled 'Project Uplift', which helps women in the Pacific Islands tackle health problems such as breast abscesses and fungal infections by the simple gift of a bra. I am now the NZ co-ordinator for the project and would like to offer this challenge....

Western Springs Rotary Club collected 92 BRAS on just one night, from their members, friends and family...CAN YOU DO BETTER????

I will be available to come and talk to clubs (within Auckland initially) with a brief presentation in the not too distant future, so as I work 12 hour shifts, get your secretaries to contact me ASAP, if you are interested. I promise a little light heartedness to address a serious issue...we can make a difference.

For more information on the project, the website is www.upliftbras.org

Yours Sincerely

Rachel Kitayama-Moore

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Meeting Times and Contact Details		
Where:	Trusts Stadium, Waitakere City	
When:	Wednesday evening, Start: 5.45pm for 6.10pm	
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Committee Members:

Club Service:	Vocational:	Community:	International:	Youth:
Theo Van Lier	Ross Ward	Steve Lewins	Craiger Hargesheimer	Heather Pattison
Jim Annison	Paul Edley	Bob Benzie	Peter Hatch	Rosemary
Jill Jones	Bob Langlois	David Butler	Kerry McMillan	Langham
John Ritchie	Roger Froes	Derek Gee	Alan Pattison	John Riddell
Mike Angland	Kent Favel	Monique Mataga	Ivan Yukich	Tony Scott
Tom Pearce	Peter Smith	Graham Nicholson	Jack Riddell	Domenic Wood
	Angela Brown		Terry Hodge	Jim Brown

Duty Roster and Calendar:

Date	06 Aug	13 Aug	20 Aug
Guest Speaker	Darian Smith	DG Visit	
Grace	Derek	Steve	John Riddell
Introduction	Craiger	Kerry	John Ritchie
Thanks	Peter H	Graham	Peter S
Squire	Jill	Alan	Theo
Squire	Rosemary	Heather	Ross
Parting thought	Robert	Jack	Domenic

Date	27 Aug	03 Sep	10 Sep	17 Sep
Guest Speaker				
Grace	Ivan	Roger	Robert	Jack
Introduction	Mike	Derek	Steve	John Riddell
Thanks	Bob B	Craiger	Kerry	John Ritchie
Squire	Angela	Peter H	Graham	Peter S
Squire	David	Jill	Alan	Theo
Parting thought	Kent	Rosemary	Heather	Ross

IMPORTANT MEETING REQUIREMENTS

Apologies

Please note that all apologies are to be received by Ross Ward no later than **noon** on the Monday prior to a normal meeting, and **noon** on the Monday prior for a special meeting

Please note that if you are rostered to perform a duty and you are unable to do so, it is your responsibility to arrange a replacement.

Meals

A reminder please that if you are bringing a guest/partner, can you advise the Club Administrator, Terry Hodges, so that sufficient catering and seating is available in the Heron Lounge at the Trust Stadium. Please can you assist Terry by ensuring that he be advised by the Friday prior to our club meeting.

Squires

Please note that Squires are responsible for setting up our room with the appropriate Rotary regalia, and for putting the regalia away!!