



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 8th Oct 2008 6pm
Where:	Trust Stadium, Waitakere City
Guests:	Sue & Marcus Benzie, Beatriz, Tricia Hodgson, Richard George, Chris & Nicola Reid
Attendance:	14/30 47%
Make Ups:	
Apologies:	Terry Hodges (our beloved leader), Ross Ward (attendance officer who is playing truant and gone fishing) - and the apologies list also apologizes
Absent:	
Guest Speaker:	Chris Reid – world champion sailor

Important Dates and Events

15 th October 2008	Venue: Waitakere Stadium 5pm Rotary Board Meeting Rotary Education Night Also... Adrienne Wigmore from Devonport Rotary giving a brief talk about the upcoming Food Wine and Music Festival in Feb run by the Devonport Rotary
22 nd October 2008	5pm Golf Meeting Venue Change – The Hangar (The Stadium is fully booked)
29 th October 2008	Fellowship night – RSVP now please to Terry Dinner and movie Westwind Theatre 6:30pm British Movie: “Run, Fat Boy, Run”
4 th November 2008	Melbourne Cup Day. Jill is planning an event at her place starting at noon (dogs supplied, no need to take our own)
5th November 2008	Paul Harris Foundation Dinner
Tues 11 th Nov 2008	NZ Sculpture Onshore Expo - Devonport
17 th April 2009 to 19 th April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei

Bob Benzie's Messages:

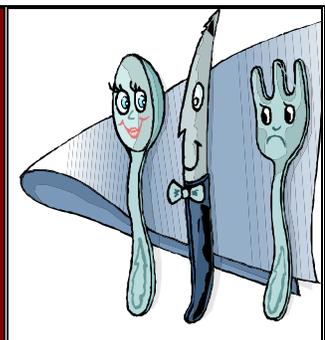
- Terry is away and Bob was asked to fill in for him

Paul Harris Foundation Dinner

An invitation is extended to all Rotarians in Area 6

Date: Wednesday 5th November 2008
 Venue: Waitakere Trust Stadium
 Cost: \$50 per head
 Cash bar

Require a minimum of 100 people



Tricia Hodgson:

- Tricia is a member of Waipapa Rotary. She is the co-ordinator for the forthcoming GSE trip to India in January. She came with Richard to introduce herself and talk briefly about the trip.

Craiger's Update:

- Craiger has been continuing donating his time at Swanson School. He called on Alan to give him a hand installing some windows.
- Craiger and Joanne met up with Chris Carter last weekend at a birthday party and had a discussion about funding for Vanuatu. More news when it becomes available.
- A few items sold on Trade Me in the last week. Profit to date a bit over \$150 (once the last two items have been picked up)

Chris Reid:

- Chris started sailing at the age of five and progressed through the various classes of boats.
- At the age of eighteen he moved to Auckland and spent a year in an intensive sailing scheme where he was racing every weekend and meeting all the influential people of the yachting world
- He got into boat building and at 25 was second in charge building a maxi boat - a major racing boat can be built in 16 weeks although weekends off don't exist during this time.
- From this he progressed to Project Manager for the Illbruck Challenge Team's "Mean Machine" boat. The first test of the boat was the scariest event of his life. Fortunately, much to his intense relief, it didn't sink or break in half and went on to win the 2002 – 2003 Volvo Round The World Race.
- Chris has a video slideshow of photos with background music (created by Sarah, their cook) that shows the construction of the boat and the exotic lifestyle the guys lead travelling with races around the world.
- He currently lives in the Waitakeres with his wife and dog (Trevor goes to Jill's Holiday Camp for Dogs whenever his parents are away)

- Chris has very kindly donated a set of Foul Weather Gear to Rotary for fund raising. This outfit was worn by Juan Vila, the navigator for the Illbruck Challenge boat. Juan is the current navigator for Alingi in the America's Cup.
- This may be listed on Trade Me in the next day or so (once I've thought up a suitable ad - or figured out a better way of maximizing profit)

Trade Me:

- Alan and Heather have set up a Trade Me account for fundraising purposes.
- **waitakererotary** - <http://www.trademe.co.nz/Members/Listings.aspx?member=2677283>
- Profits will go to Vanuatu projects
- If you have any surplus items you would like to donate please give Alan a ring on 8109 589

Self appointed Food Critic's Comments:

- The food is well cooked, there was enough of it and the service is fine but... they still have an over-reliance on carbohydrates, very sweet desserts (without healthy alternatives) and a limited supply of cooked green vegetables.
- Rabbits like lettuce





Rotary's 1kg Christmas Plum Puddings are made with only the best fruit, spices and wholesome ingredients to a time-proven recipe that everyone loves year after year.

Christmas Puddings:

Peter sent round a piece of paper for orders. If you would like one (or two or more...) please email Peter pws@smithpartners.co.nz



Raffle Winner: Craiger, who, having supplied the prize, donated it to our visiting Rotarian

Parting Thought: Jill – “There’s no fool like an old fool”

Photos From The Night:



Pre dinner chat



Dinner is served



There still seems to be a slight over-reliance on carbohydrates



A few cooked vegetables hiding in there by the lettuce



Richard chatting with Marcus



Chris Reid with his donation of the Foul Weather Gear

Other News:

A few emails have come in from Rotary Admin

1. Puns
2. Wanted Sci-Tech Administrator
3. Help Wanted in Tonga
4. A Dodgy Rotary website (Not ours, I haven't finished it yet!)
5. US financial crisis affect on Rotary funds
6. Chair for MUNA (repeated from last week)

1. PUNS

- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian
- She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, 'You stay here; I'll go on a-head.'
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'
- The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

- When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- Don't join dangerous cults, practice safe sects!

2. WANTED: SCI-TECH ADMINISTRATOR

Sci-Tech is a registered charity, supported by Rotary Districts 9910 and 9920, that runs an exciting 3 day science programme for year 11 students. Rotary together with the Auckland University of Technology, Manukau Institute of Technology and Unitec run this every July school holidays to encourage students to pursue a science based career.

The Administrators role is active from March to August each year and requires doing all mailouts to schools and Rotary clubs, correspondence, handling student registrations and payment of their fees (approx 250 students) attending the Organising Committee and Trust meetings and producing agendas and meeting minutes (meetings currently held at Unitec) All key records(except finance) are held by the Administrator. This role does not include the treasury function)

The Administrator needs to have an interest in the programme's objective, be reasonably organized and computer literate and be available during the March to August period.

The current remuneration for this role is a lump sum of \$2,500 per year.

This is a role that could interest someone related to Rotary that has recently retired or is a fulltime mother with older children.

We are looking for someone to start in 2009 and can provide a good handover and initial support.

If you are interested please contact the Trust Chairman David Hansen on (09)418 2015 or 021 938 002.

3. HELP WANTED IN TONGA

We are forming a combined group of Rotaractors from Rotaract University of Auckland, Pakuranga and non-Rotaractors to carry out the following projects for Rotary Club of Tonga and Women Children Center in Tonga in Feb 2009 for 3 weeks. The team consists of multidisciplinary students from engineering, law, architecture, commerce and health science. I will be the coordinator of the trip and thought it would be helpful if we could get a Rotarian who is experienced in the project areas to come with us as a mentor. Do you know of anyone who would be interested?

The flight tickets to Tonga during Feb is \$320 return as at today. The plan is to finalise the team and book the ticket asap and then do fundraising for the team to reimburse the cost later on after the exams in Nov.

Below is the project descriptions provided by the Tonga Woman Children Center:

- 1. Legal assistance** - we want to look at developing legislation that directly has an impact on the work we carry out here at the centre, for example - currently child abuse cases it depends on the mother if she wants to make charges against the perpetrator - so if she decides not to the child usually returns the same home that the abuse occurred - we had one case with a 3 year old (and several rape cases that follow the same pattern) where we needed the consent of the parent to move it forward....it would be great if you have someone familiar with law in your team who could assist us in legislation that would support our work...perhaps a Family Law Act as in Fiji??? Child Protection Act etc etc.
- 2. Centre building plan** - perhaps you could also assist us in drawing up a building plan with both the centre and the safe house co-location with specific requirements for SAFE HOUSE security and counselling / therapy requirements for building etc. We are also looking for help with demolition and construction plan of our new premise granted by the government.
- 3. Health:** Observe operation of health clinics that work closely with the Center and suggest way to improve their operational efficiency. Assist the center with drawing up code of ethics in working with victims and also local village clinics.

And we may be able to sort out some billeting with the locals to reduce the accommodation cost, which would otherwise be about \$20 per night.

Kind regards,

Jenny Chu

021 831 281

4. Dodgy Website:

If you open the website in question wide open they are asking for a lot of information that a kosher RI or RDU site would not do. A couple of my Rotary mates overseas are also of the opinion that it is a commercial site. <http://www.rotarynews.info/r.i>

Ken

5. RI general secretary addresses the impact of the U.S. financial crisis on Rotary International.

Dear Rotarians,

Given the troubling news from Wall Street over the past several weeks, we have received many inquiries about the impact these events will have on Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Although our investments have lost value in the short term, we believe they will recover when the financial markets stabilize. In addition, Rotary maintains a diversified portfolio that includes investments outside of the markets that were adversely impacted by recent events. Rotary's investment policies have proven to be sound through past down markets. This prudent management should allow our programs and projects to continue as planned.

Many Rotarians have asked specifically about our investment holdings, insurance coverage, and reserves, so I would like to note the following:

- Both The Rotary Foundation's and RI's investment portfolios have only minor exposure to the companies that were taken over by the U.S. government (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and AIG), purchased by other financial institutions (Merrill Lynch and WaMu), or declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy (Lehman).
- Although RI has some insurance coverage placed with AIG, AIG's insurance businesses are safe in that they are separate legal entities closely regulated by both state and federal agencies.
- Both RI and the Foundation have strong cash balances, and year-to-date revenues from sources other than investments are ahead of last year.
- All money in the PolioPlus Fund is invested in U.S. treasuries, the safest securities available.
- Both RI and the Foundation have adequate reserves to operate without having to sell investment securities at a loss.

Last week, The Rotary Foundation Investment Advisory Committee met with Rotary's independent investment consultant and several money managers for its regular investment review. The committee confirmed that the current investment policies set by the RI Board and Foundation Trustees continue to be appropriate for the long term. The committee advised the Trustees to continue diversifying the portfolio to further mitigate the impact of losses in any particular market.

You can be assured that Rotary's senior leaders, the general secretary, the Financial Services staff, and Rotary's investment consultant are monitoring this situation very closely. We are confident our investment and reserve policies will allow the good work of Rotary to continue around the world.

Sincerely,
Ed Futa, RI general secretary

6. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

District Governor Elect Georges requires a Chair for MUNA 2009-2010

The position requires a Rotarian interested in Young People to develop bridges of good will and the furtherance of world peace and understanding through knowledge of the United Nations and its operations.

The participants are in teams of three secondary school students in the fourth and fifth forms nominated by the schools. Each team is allocated a country to represent. The main organiser of the event is the Auckland Girls Grammar School which is also the venue.

The position requires a Rotarian to promote and coordinate the event, and liaise with the main organiser. The Chair works with Clubs in Districts 9910 and 9920. Further information is on page 80 of the District Directory.

For further information and expressions of interest Email districtadmin@slingshot.co.nz or call 09 810 8135 Mail. P.O. Box 110, Waitakere 0660, Waitakere City.

Meeting Times and Contact Details

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Duty Roster and Calendar:

Date	15 Oct			
Guest Speaker	Rotary Board Meeting ~ Rotary Education			
Grace	John Riddell			
Introduction	John Ritchie			
Thanks	Peter S			
Squire	Theo			
Squire	Ross			
Parting thought	Domenic			

Date	22 Oct	29 Oct	05 Nov	12 Nov
Guest Speaker	Committee Meetings	Fellowship Night		
Grace	Roger	Jill	Jack	Domenic
Introduction	Kent	Bob L	Heather	Ross
Thanks	David	Rosemary	Alan	Theo
Squire	Jim B	Peter H	Graham	Peter S
Squire	Angela	Craig	Kerry	John Ritchie
Parting thought	Mike	Derek	Steve	John Riddell

Apologies:
You all know the drill:

Contact:
Ross Ward at
baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz or
837 0133

No later than **12 noon** on the **Monday** prior to the meeting

AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Ross know this also.