



# Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

## This Week's Meeting

<b>When:</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008 6pm
<b>Where:</b>	Rex Davy Lounge – Waitakere City Rugby Club at The Stadium
<b>Guests:</b>	Elena Keith, Lee Schoushkoff, Beatriz
<b>Attendance:</b>	16/29
<b>Make Ups:</b>	None... Absolutely none... Zilch.
<b>Absent:</b>	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Angela Brown, Kent Favel, Derek Gee, Terry Hodges, Monique Mataga, Peter Smith, Theo Van Lier, Tony Scott, Steve Lewins, Bob Langlois (Late)
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Elena and Lee. Topic: cochlear implants

## Important Dates and Events

Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	Weed spraying on John Ritchies' riverbank – 9am to 10:30am Helpers required. Ring David Butler if you can help
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	5pm Board Meeting Blood bank at Stadium from 7am to 7pm Venue: The Rex Davy Lounge at The Stadium Speaker: None. A discussion on the venue and other Club affairs
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	Birkenhead meeting Guest: Ron Burton (See 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov bulletin for details)
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2008	Paul Harris Foundation Dinner
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2009	Devonport Food, Wine and Music Festival (See 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct bulletin for details)
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2009 to 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei

### President's Messages:

- Terry is still in the States so Domenic acted on his behalf
- A reminder that the venue is not BYO
- Domenic welcomed and thanked our guests

### Elena and Lee – Cochlear implants

- Elena's Mum had Rubella whilst pregnant and Elena suffered from deafness as a result
- She started going deaf at the age of four and was profoundly deaf prior to the implant
- 18 months ago she received the implant and can now hear extremely well (so long as the batteries don't go flat)
- The implanted electrode costs \$14,000, the external bits \$10,000 to \$11,000
- The electrode lasts for life, the external bits are replaced every 5 to 8 years and there are on-going costs for batteries.
- The external parts aren't waterproof so are removed for swimming and bathing
- Having a mother who was half deaf from the age of 10 (thanks to measles) and profoundly deaf for the last 20 years (when the other eardrum went) I was extremely impressed with how well Elena could hear me and I can relate to the social and isolation problems she described that are caused by deafness
- There are about 400,000 hearing impaired people in the county of whom about 4,000 could benefit from the implant
- In the last year there were 78 implants done through the public system, 96 implants in total

- Of the 65,000 births in this country every year around 1 in 3,000 babies are born severely deaf (22 kids a year)
- The greatest success for the implants is in people under the age of three, or those who have gone deaf in later years. Language knowledge, which is gained in the first few years of life, is essential for them to work.
- The total cost of an implant over a person's life (age 3 to 83) is estimated to be around \$280,000. This sounds a huge amount but when speech therapists, special schooling, lack of well paying jobs etc are taken into account, it is quite cost effective. The cost benefit ratio is estimated to be 1:32
- The three medical technological devices that have the most impact on peoples' lives are Pacemakers, Insulin Pumps and Cochlear implants
- The DHBs provided special funding for two years for the implants but there is doubt over future funding
- Pindrop have two Trusts, one for adults the other for kids, to help with funding

Elena and Lee gave a very interesting and lively talk on the subject.

### **The Magical Mystery Tour of Venues:**

It looks like our tour may be over – and the answer was right below our feet the entire time. The only snag is we each need to join the Rugby Club to dine there – for all of \$5 each per year.

In preparation for this I have finally shown some interest in Rugby and asked Alan for a quick lesson on the game.

Apparently there are 11 players in a team, they ride horses, use a round ball that is aimed at a hoop up a pole and wear flippers. Players hug a lot.

Next week's meeting will once again be held in the Rex Davy Lounge. The topic for discussion will be the Venue and other Club affairs.

### **Community Update: David Butler**

- David has been busy battling giant opossums and hungry rabbits that seem determined to eat the new trees at the river bank planting (Kerry has offered to bring down his Uzi – now that he has found his magazine it is useable)
- Unfortunately David hasn't been able to train them to eat the grass around the trees so this has needed to be sprayed
- Alan has given him a hand with this and there will be another spray on Saturday between 9am and 10:30am if anyone can help.
- Contact David

### **Beatriz:**

- Is off to the South Island next week for a spot of outdoor exercise – canoeing, tramping etc

### **Trade Me:**

- If anyone has items they would like to dispose of for fundraising purposes – ring Alan

### **Soapbox Derby:**

Although this event is in March planning is already well underway.

- Schools have been contacted and asked if they want to participate next year. One school has declined and will return the pieces of the car in several boxes – they weren't too successful this year. The other schools are far more enthusiastic

- Negotiations have been entered into with the key sponsors - those who give us the most money and support and without whom the event can't proceed
- Plans have been drawn up listing everything from brochures to sound systems and Mary has been getting quotes for these for our grant application
- The brochure has been edited for this year and is currently being printed
- If anyone has a brilliant idea for improvements, or things that have been overlooked in the past, please contact Heather now. We need to finalize the budget and also add them to the plans now to avoid last minute panics
- If you know of anyone who would love to sponsor a car – contact either Heather or John

**Santa Parades:**



- Part of the ongoing jobs with the Soapbox Derby is promotion of it
- In the past Kerry or Lynn have displayed one or more of the cars in the “Big Boys Toys” show and in Santa parades
- This year he is calling for volunteers to do this (using his truck with an SBD car and small child on the back)
- Santa parades that are coming up are: Henderson, North Harbour, Swanson and Kumeu
- If you can help with one or more of these – give Kerry a call

Also... Mentors for schools. If you can help mentor a school over the SBD please contact Kerry

**Photos from the Night:**



John and Graham contemplating how to get a bus into a rugby club



Ross and Peter busy with the finances



Ross, Beatriz and Domenic chatting



Roast pork with trimmings



A choice of vegetables



And plenty of food



A great selection and very tasty



Afterwards straight out the door into the evening

**Raffle Winner** (and a fine as we actually had a prize – a Tin of Biscuits): Mike Angland

**Parting Thought:** John Riddell

“Winners are patient. They know a goal is only worth the effort it took to achieve it”

**A Thank You:**

Received last week at our BBQ from a Langlois child (Bob's grand daughter?)



**Also, an invitation from the West Auckland Hospice:**



Come and 'light up' West Auckland Hospice this Christmas

- sausage sizzle
- face painting
- Santa
- Christmas carols
- remembrance candles
- Lighting up Xmas trees

Sunday December 7  
7.30pm-9.30pm  
52 Beach Rd,  
Te Atatu Peninsula



West Auckland  
**HOSPICE**

If you would like to donate some lights, please call Margaret on 834-9252

## Christmas Gift Idea:

November 2008

Hi to Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Club of Papamoa (NZ Newest Club) has an offer for you this Christmas, to send overseas to your friends or business acquaintances.

Even Handy as a gift if you are travelling overseas, on holiday, business or representing our wonderful country

In association with a local production company we are selling a 2009 version professionally made DVD titled "Kiwi Country New Zealand", which includes 3 Videos on one DVD.

This DVD is in Open Zone Format so can be viewed throughout the world. Money Back Guarantee if it does not work.

The price that we are charging for this excellent DVD includes postage to anywhere in the world.

Please go to [nzvideo.co.nz/rotary.htm](http://nzvideo.co.nz/rotary.htm) to view a 3 min promotional run of "Kiwi Country New Zealand, you can also place your order on this website.

Order quickly so we can get it away for Christmas.

[nzvideo.co.nz/rotary.htm](http://nzvideo.co.nz/rotary.htm)

All the Best for the Festive Season

Fraser McCullough  
Co Convener DVD Sales  
The Rotary Club of Papamoa  
Phone 021879979



Muriwai Volunteer Lifeguard Service  
P.O. Box 526,  
Kumeu



Dear friends and supporters

## National Jandal Day

Celebrate summer and show your support for Surf Lifesaving by joining us on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Each year more than 2.3 million people enjoy NZ's favourite playground at least once during summer, either with friends, a family day out or the iconic kiwi holiday.

But beaches can be treacherous places and **MURIWAI** is no different so support us and in so doing you will be helping to equip our lifeguards with essential rescue skills and equipment.

How to register your workplace/school or community group to support Surf lifesaving on jandal day

- [www.nationaljandalday.co.nz](http://www.nationaljandalday.co.nz)
- Chose which club you would like your donation to go to (we hope you choose **MURIWAI**)
- There's heaps of fun ideas for schools and workplaces to get behind jandal day so check out that website!
- Show your support for SLS by wearing jandals or supporters stickers.
- Got a few hours to spare then register to collect for **MURIWAI** on jandal day – contact Pauline [buttfem@xtra.co.nz](mailto:buttfem@xtra.co.nz)

The club would like to thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Butt  
Secretary

## Meeting Times and Contact Details

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### Duty Roster and Calendar:

Date	19 Nov	26 Nov	03 Dec	10 Dec
<b>Guest Speaker</b>		PHF Dinner		
<b>Grace</b>	Mike A	Roger	Kerry	John Riddell
<b>Introduction</b>	Jim A	Derek	Alan	Theo
<b>Thanks</b>	Bob B	Craig	Heather	Ross
<b>Squire</b>	Jim B	Peter H	Jack	Domenic
<b>Squire</b>	David	Bob L	John Ritchie	Mike A
<b>Parting thought</b>	Kent	Steve	Peter S	Jim A

17<sup>th</sup> December 2008 – Christmas Party

2009

Date	21 Jan	28 Jan	04 Feb	11 Feb
<b>Guest Speaker</b>				
<b>Grace</b>	Bob B	Craig	Heather	Domenic
<b>Introduction</b>	Jim B	Peter H	Jack	Mike A
<b>Thanks</b>	David	Bob L	John Ritchie	Jim A
<b>Squire</b>	Kent	Steve	Peter S	Bob B
<b>Squire</b>	Roger	Kerry	Theo	Jim B
<b>Parting thought</b>	Derek	Alan	Ross	David

### Apologies:

You all know the drill:

#### Contact:

Ross Ward at  
[baywest.plumbing@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.

**No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal!**