



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

Making A Difference In Our World

This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 23 rd September 2009 5:45pm
Where:	Rex Davy Lounge, LG Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speaker:	Jim Hainey

Visitors Welcome: Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.

For information contact: Kerry McMillan 832 3229 or Mobile 021 416 777

Important Dates and Events

Saturday 26 th Sept	West Harbour Beerfest <i>info Bulletin 9th Sept</i>
Wednesday 30 th Sept	Fellowship night – Dinner at the Pattisons
Wed 14 th Oct	Meeting Cancelled
Thurs 15 th Oct	Joint meeting – Henderson HEB Project – <i>details below</i>
7 th to 8 th May 2010	District 9910 Conference – Noumea
20 th to 23 rd June 2010	Montreal Conference

Fellowship Night Wednesday 30th September



What: Dinner

Where: At the Pattison's – 367 Wairere Road, Waitakere

When: Wednesday 30th September 2009, 5:30pm

Who: Members with Partners and Guests. Stray kids (and well behaved dogs) welcome

Cost: \$25 per member/potential member/stray Rotarian to cover the cost of food. Family guests free

Bring: BYO drinks

RSVP: With numbers to apologies@details.co.nz by midday Monday (so we know how many pizzas, ice creams etc to buy... and how many chairs to find).

Dictionaries:

We thought we'd done really well on our Dictionary presentations and my photos were going to feature near the top of this week's bulletin. However Winky, Peter's wife, came to talk to us about her amazing time in Ruatoria giving dictionaries to 4 of the local schools.

Ruatoria is an isolated town, an hour and a half from Gisborne - the home of the nearest Rotary Club - and is invariably overlooked in Rotary projects. For many of the kids there the dictionary will be one of the few books, or in some cases the only book, that they or their family own.

Winky gave a very passionate speech about her amazing time there and our Guest speaker - Jim Hainey - stated quite firmly that he was all set to drive straight to Ruatoria after the meeting armed with a dictionary to experience it himself.

Te Kura O Makarika

Kia Ora Winky

Many thanks for your patience, we got the students to write you letters as part of their Literacy studies and the results are delightful.

Rarely do these students either send or receive letters so your wonderful donation gave them a "life" situation to use it for.

We covered the dictionaries with special library seal so they will last and the students proudly carry them back and forth from home and also share them with their friends.

Once again, thanks so much, our Tamariki are often the last in line for so much and for a big organization like Rotary to remember us is very special.

Don't forget to call in when you are down this way.

Yours sincerely
Beris J Brew
Principal



The children's letters follow:

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Thank you for the beautiful illustrated dictionary.

This beautiful dictionary helps me learn big words and the meaning of the words like, ill, worse, worst.

1. (adj) Sick, ill ness (n)
2. (adj) bad. Did you suffer any ill effects after your accident?

Thank you for your generosity.
Yours faithfully
Zanthyr

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Thank you for giving us these colourful dictionaries with lots of ideas in them. It makes us think about topics, photographs and all other things that we learn.

Thank you again for giving illustrated dictionaries to us.

Yours faithfully

Te Aungira

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Thank you for giving the dictionary to us it is cool to use when I am writing a story.

Thank you so much.

Yours faithfully

Joseph

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Thank you for giving us these learning dictionaries.

They have lovely covers, they're colourful. The pictures help us know what the words mean.

The first picture is an aardvark. I did not know what this was until I looked at the picture.



Thank you once again.

Yours faithfully

Sharla-Rose

[Bulletin Editor's Note: Not having an illustrated dictionary I had to resort to Google for a photo and description so that we can keep up with the kids' learning:

Aardvarks live throughout Africa, south of the Sahara. Their name comes from South Africa's Afrikaans language and means "earth pig." A glimpse of the aardvark's body and long snout brings the pig to mind. On closer inspection, the aardvark appears to include other animal features as well. It boasts rabbit-like ears and a kangaroo tail—yet the aardvark is related to none of these animals.]

Dear Rotary Club Members,

Thank you Rotary club Members for sending the dictionary to me and the other kids. We really like them because the pictures help us understand the words.

Yours faithfully,

Jaden

Te Kura o Hiruharama



Extract from Principal's letter:

"Many of the families of our children do not have the financial means to purchase dictionaries for their children so they are a valued resource in the home as well as at school."

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Te Waiu O Ngati Porou

Extract from Principal's letter:

"For some of our students, these dictionaries would be just one of a few books that their household would see."



Ngata Memorial College

No photos but some great Thank You letters.

Guest Speaker - Jim Hainey:

Due to the fact that we didn't actually have a spare dictionary at the meeting for Jim to grab and immediately race off to Ruatoria Jim kindly stayed to talk to us. (Jim, if you are reading this – Bob is the one storing the as yet un-presented dictionaries if you need a few).

Jim's message was that motivation comes from within. Fear is known as the greatest motivator, and incentives can also help, but no action will be taken unless you, yourself, do it.

We were also told that for most people Fear of Public Speaking tops the charts at number 1. Fear of death comes in at a lowly 4. When you consider these two rankings it actually means that most people at a funeral would prefer to be in the coffin rather at the rostrum. (A bit of food for thought there).

Jim was brought up in a large blue collar Catholic family in Australia. University was for "others" and the goal for the kids was a safe trade.

These days he is a businessman, member of Rotary and a public speaker. He forgot to tell us how this came about, probably due to the fact that his heart by that stage was in Ruatoria, but he did have a few key messages for us:

- Event + Reaction = Outcome (The Outcome of any Event is how we React to it)
- We may not be able to take responsibility for an event but we can take responsibility for our reaction to it and
- It is up to the individual to handle an event in a better way than those around them do

If other Clubs are in need of an excellent speaker – call Jim (but hide the dictionaries and his car keys first).

Bill Potter:

Bill came along with Jim for support – and also to present a copy of his book for the best new Club motto.

He also had a piece of advice for us. "Get a portfolio file ... with a Zip." The reason, aside from the fact that it looks pretty cool, is that it makes you Look Important.

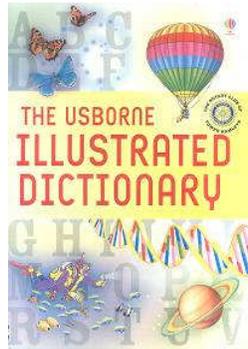
Now, back to **Dictionaries**:

We have had two presentations of Dictionaries in West Auckland in the last week.

- Patrick overcame his fear of public speaking and presented them at Pomaria
- Derek presented them at Henderson North

- Alan and Heather went along to both to avoid public speaking and take photos. They were really fantastic experiences, particularly as we didn't have to speak, and something that we heartily recommend all our Rotarians be involved in.

**Pomaria School Dictionary Presentation
Friday 18th September 2009**



The Dictionaries. Made by Usborne with Rotary acknowledgement



Patrick, presenting 11 boxes of dictionaries to representatives of the 65 Children who will receive them



School assembly with dictionary presentation in progress



Part of last week's Art Expo on the walls with the Junior band entertaining us all



The Band at work



And a chance to check out the Dictionaries after Assembly



**Henderson North School Dictionary Presentation
Monday 21st September 2009**



Derek, comparing dictionaries of today to the parchment scrolls of his youth



Checking out the dictionary



Found some fascinating information...



... And reading on oblivious to other sounds



The kids pointing things out to their teacher



And still absorbed in them on the way out of the library

Club Motto:

Bill Potter last week challenged us to think up a motto for our Club – the winner to receive a copy of his BANNED Book “Mind Your Own Damn Business! Having a laugh whilst making a dollar”. He received 3 entries and passed them to Jim, without the names of the authors, for judging.

The three entries were:

Patrick: Business for the people

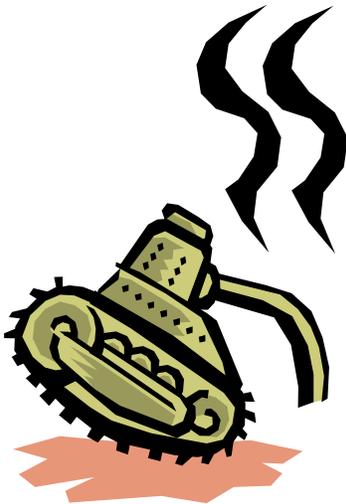
Bob: Small enough to care, big enough to matter

Heather: Making a Difference in our World.

The winning entry is shown in the heading of this bulletin

(And guys, whilst I’m normally happy to share books – signed copies are an exception! You’ll have to figure out a new way of winning your own.)

Now let’s get our small team of caring people onto the business of making a big difference to the people in our world.



HEB Construction and Rotary Fundraiser

HEB are in the process of constructing the Hobsonville Deviation and SH16 Brigham Creek Extension (The building works at the end of the North Western Motorway)

Construction began in Sept 2008 and is due for completion in 2012 so work is well underway.

Recently they approached one of our local Rotary groups and asked if they would like to use the new roads for a fundraiser on Saturday 20th February 2010. Possibly with a follow up event prior to opening in 2012.

(Think Tunnel Dinner, Walk on Hillsborough Extension, then think West Auckland – a walk along a partially complete motorway with all sorts of big machines in place, demonstrations, displays, food stalls, raffles...)

To arrange something this big is more than one Club can handle on it’s own so West Harbour approached Henderson and ourselves to see if we would be interested in joining in.

The idea is still in its infancy and brainstorming sessions are underway. Kerry’s thoughts include:

- Seeing if he can create a major display by getting a tank to crush a boy racer’s car – he thinks a huge number of people would like to pay to watch this happen.
- Asking a few of our local politicians along to wave them on – this could appeal to TV stations
- Buses to return walkers to their cars
- Mountain bike ride
- BBQ’s – maybe run by local schools
- (And we can all avoid long walks by offering to be marshals in dedicated areas)

Done well this has the potential to raise some serious money for causes in our local community.

Henderson have asked us to join them at a meeting to hear HEB speak:

Henderson Rotary Joint Club Meeting:

When: Thursday 15th October

Time: 6.00pm for 6.15pm

	<p>Venue: Lincoln Green Hotel Conference centre Cost: \$30.00pp. Includes wine on the table with your meal. RSPVs: By 12-noon Tuesday 13th October to apologies@details.co.nz</p> <p>Info on the project at: http://www.heb.co.nz/projects.asp?projectID=159&serviceID=0</p>
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President's News:

Terry's family and business commitments have forced Rotary to take a back seat in his life at the moment. For these reasons, and after a lot of thought, he has stepped down as President. He is on leave for a few weeks but will be back with us shortly.

Senior members of our Club feel that asking Craiger, as President Elect, to take on the role this early and prior to Rotary Training is a bit much to ask of him so two of our Past Presidents have stepped in to help out.

Our solution is a rolling block Presidency:

Derek/Bob till 14th Oct (when Derek goes on holiday for a month)

Bob till 16th Nov

Derek till 1st week after Christmas

All with Craiger as trainee in the background

New year: To Be Advised

Until the end of the year Terry will remain on the books as "President" for RI purposes. He has agreed to forward all mail, emails and enquiries to the relevant President of the Week.

Secretary's News:

There are so many interesting things happening in our Club at the moment that it is hard to keep up. Amongst the news are some changes of Board members for various reasons. The names and roles are listed in the Directors list.

Treasurer's News:

Meal refunds for those on Direct Debit who overpaid last year is underway. Alan is contacting each person individually to confirm refunds (and a letter about meals will go our separately – when his secretary finds the time)

Community News:

Steve resigned as Community Director and Patrick has taken this role.

Current projects are:

- Sorting out the scholarship award for Rutherford
- Looking for a trailer and goods for a raffle for selected local causes
- Dictionaries – contacting local lower decile schools and arranging presentation of the dictionaries

International News:

Our International Director has gone International. Craiger is in Thailand for a week or so with his family so Kerry stood in for him with a report.

- An application has gone to District to help fund the water tanks that we installed on Tongoa in June after the major earthquake. We are waiting to hear back
- Other local Clubs have been approached about helping to fix the big tank at Bongabonga that was damaged in the earthquake
- Craiger has organized a penpal scheme between the Hiwalo School and a local Brownie pack. There are a number of items ready to go to the island – letters, cards, donated books - once we find a cheap way of shipping them

Vocational News:

Ross, being really busy with business at the moment, and a Plumber's conference in Vietnam, has resigned as Vocational Director. He is on leave for 7 weeks but will return to Rotary in due course.

John Riddell stepped up as the new Director for Vocational. His current plans include:

- Finding 10 people aged between 18 and 25 who wish to attend RYLA in March next year and asking local businesses to sponsor them with the cost. If you know of a suitable candidate, or business who would like to sponsor them, or both – contact John.
- A Vocational Trip to Civil Defence on a Wednesday night. Dinner would be an Emergency Meal with our normal meal fee being donated to Civil Defence

Youth News:

Kent has received two applications for funding – an Outward Bound candidate and a team of dancers going to a competition in the States who need help with airfares. He will talk to the Youth Committee about these.

Raffle Winner: Graham Foden. Apparently he has just used his fire extinguisher so was happy to win a replacement.

(And for the coin statistics: Tails, Tails, Heads)

Parting Thought: John Riddell

Sunshine Fund:	
• This week's Raffles:	\$37.50
• This week's Sergeant's Fines:	\$48.60

Other News:

The Kelston Boys High Volleyball team helped out at the Soapbox Derby in exchange for the promise of a donation. This was part of our philosophy of "Rotary helping those who help themselves" (and besides which it was thoroughly beneficial to us to have young, fit helpers loading the cars onto the back of a truck!)

We recently, somewhat late, sent them through a donation for their help. We received the following reply:

Kia ora!

Thanks so much for the \$500 donation to our Volleyball team. We always struggle to cover our costs during the year, and your help is invaluable. Not only do the boys work to earn this money, they also had a fantastic day. I hope we can be of use to you next year as well.

Noho ora mai

Sharon Mackey

Lead Facilitator

Te Kotahitanga

Kelston Boys High School

**Youth Committee:
The Dancing Kids**

A few months ago we gave two girls, Natalie and Melissa Smith, \$1,000 to help with their dancing competition in the States.

We have just received an email via Bob from their Grandmother, who has paid for much of their dancing careers, telling us how they got on.

(Bob hasn't yet told me who in the photos are Natalie and Melissa. But my guess would be Natalie in the middle with her little clone, Melissa, in the front row)



Hi Bob

Thought it about time I dropped you a line, now that we are back to normality with America behind us, but certainly not forgotten. Am sure we will be reminiscing over our escapade for a long time.

The competition was held at Long Beach California in a fabulous theatre was something truly fantastic.

A well organised and friendly comp with lots of encouragement and positivity

There were 641 acts divided into 5 categories, petite, junior, intermediate, seniors and troupes.

Melissa danced her three dances and was placed with one high gold (marks of 90 to 94) and two platinum (marks of 95 to 100)Trophies to keep

Natalie won two high gold's and one platinum

We were more than delighted with these results.

Melissa competed in the junior section which consisted of 158 routines, Natalie the seniors of 124 and from these sections the top ten were awarded a special trophy.

Melissa came in at 9th placing, a terrific achievement being the only one from Team New Zealand to be placed in the Juniors and a Westie to boot!

They then announced the top 10 routines from each country to participate in the Worlds Melissa was number two and Natalie at number ten.....yea both girls in.

However ..not complaining... but to have a solo act competing against those absolutely incredible troupes is no match, so, needless to say, no one from Team New Zealand came into the top ten.

It was a fantastic competition, one that we would repeat, an expensive but well worth while experience.

Now aiming for 2011 as the worlds are held bi-annually

With the comp out of the way, look out LA ...We tried to do most of the touristy thing, Queen Mary, Universal Studios, Sea-world , The walk of Fame, ,Hollywood and of-course Disneyland which saw us there for 5 days and still the girls hadn't had enough of the rides, or as a point of interest, didn't do every thing...like missing out some shows. We walked miles over those days,. Saw the fireworks display twice, the lights parade and the character parade all so very fascinating and entertaining.

So Bob a huge thanks to you and Rotary for sponsorship of both girls. It enabled them to experience so much extra through your generosity , which they will never forget for the rest of their lives. Thank you just doesnt seem to be enough.

Regards

Margaret, Natalie & Melissa Smith



Bluelight News

Bluelight held their monthly meeting on Tues 22nd at 3pm.

Their Big News is that the Freemasons have donated a very flash sound system with integrated lights to them for use at their discos.

A sound system and lights have been on their wish list for some months now as they have always had to hire them. One of the constables has a grandfather in the Masons so she went to him to see if he could help – and they did.

The Henderson branch asked their other Lodges for help and as a result they were able to donate a bigger and better system than that originally asked for. Bluelight are busy learning how to use the mixers and are looking forward to trying it out at their next disco on Friday.

Bluelight have been asked to the Freemason's next meeting to demonstrate it to them and I was asked if, as part of the Bluelight team, I would like to go.

Is there a protocol for visiting Rotarians at a Freemason's Lodge??

Incidentally, I mentioned the HEB project and one police officer said, with a grin, that if we were looking for a boy racer car to crush – she could recommend one for us!

Meeting Times and Contact Details

Rex Davy Lounge,
Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium,
Central Park Drive, Henderson

Board Members

President	Terry
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather
Treasurer	Alan
President Nominee / International Director:	Craig
Club Service:	Bob
Community Director:	Patrick
Vocational Director:	John
Youth Director	Kent

Apologies

Apologies:

Contact:

Heather at apology@details.co.nz
Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569

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

Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for!

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

Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy

Duty Roster

Date	30-Sep	
Event	Fellowship Night	
Squire	n/a	
Squire	n/a	
Greeter	n/a	
Grace		
Introduction	n/a	
Thanks	n/a	
Parting Thought	n/a	
Rotary		Website
Waitakere City Rotary		http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/
Rotary NZ		http://www.rotary.org.nz
Rotary NZ Promotions and Information District Governor's newsletter Admin page and information		www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364 http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10 http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180
Rotary International Future Vision		http://www.rotary.org/ www.rotary.org/future_vision
Rotary E Club (for make ups)		http://www.rotaryclubone.org/

September

Date	23/09/2009		30/09/2009	
Speaker	Jim Hainey		Fellowship	
Meal Cost		\$25		\$20
Meal Levy				\$ 5
Apology Levy				
Members	25		25	
Attendance	14	19	0	1
Percentage	56%		0%	
Guests	5		1	
Members	Guests		Guests	
Mike A	1	\$25		\$ -
Jim A	1	\$25		\$ -
Bob B	1	\$25		\$ -
David B	1	\$25		\$ -
Kent F	1	\$25		\$ -
Roger F	Apology	\$ -		\$ -
Derek G	1	\$25		\$ -
Craiger H	Apology	\$ -	Apology	\$ -
Terry H	Apology	\$ -	Apology	\$ -
Patrick H	1	\$25		\$ -
Steve L	Late Apology	\$25		\$ -
Monique M	Apology	\$ -		\$ -
Kerry M	1	\$25		\$ -
Alan P	1	\$25		\$ -
Heather P	1	\$25		\$ -
Jack R	1	\$25		\$ -
John R	1	\$25	Apology	\$ -
JR	1	\$25	Apology	\$ -
Peter S	Apology	1	\$25	\$ -
Ross W	Apology		\$ -	Apology
Domenic W	Apology		\$ -	Apology
Friends of Rotary				
Graham N	Apology		\$ -	Apology
Non Attending Members				
Jim B			\$ -	\$ -
Tony S			\$ -	\$ -
Ivan Y	1	1	\$50	\$ -
Speaker		1	\$25	\$ -
Paying Guests		2	\$50	\$ -
Prospective Members			\$ -	1
Club Guests			\$ -	\$20
			\$ -	\$ -

Guest Speaker Jjm Haney

Paying Guests Graham Foden
Bill Potter
Tim Hayter

Club Guests John Skipper