



THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAITAKERE CITY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

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Venue: Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor, The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson
Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm
www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz



FUTURE EVENTS

NEXT WEEK – WED 28TH JULY 2010

Phyllis has organized a series of speakers over the next few weeks to talk about Building Communities (more details at end of bulletin). Next week’s speaker is:

Pat Watson – Community Waitakere:

Pat was appointed Manager of Community Waitakere in January 2008. This followed a long career with Barnardos which started in Waitakere City in 1983 and led on to regional and then national positions in strategic policy and senior management.

She is a community development champion with a proven record of making things happen, through collaboration, strategic relationships, vision and enthusiasm.

Pat was one of the founders of the West Auckland District Council of Social Services in 1983 and the original secretary for several years. In 2007, WADCOS changed its name to Community Waitakere, and changed legal status from an Incorporated Society to a Charitable Trust.

Pat is mother to three adult sons and nana to five grandchildren. She has been a resident of Henderson Valley since 1970, living on a lifestyle block where she and her husband currently breed alpacas.

28TH JULY 10

Pat Watson – Community Waitakere:

Background to the organisation - where it came from, where it’s going

Richelle Kahui-McConnell:

Some examples and stories to capture what it is CW does and what they see in communities

30TH JULY 10

Ross leaving party
The Hangar Bar
6pm

4TH AUGUST 10

Community Speaker: Charlie Inggs, WCC Strategic Advisor on new ward boundaries – talking about how the communities were sorted into wards for the new Auckland Council

11 AUGUST 10

Trees for Survival
- Te Atatu School
- Rain date 18th
Community Speaker: Di Jennings
presenting some exciting community

CURRENT EVENTS

FRANCES MURPHY – OUTWARD BOUND



Linda, Frances and Frances’ Mother

A few months ago Frances went to Outward Bound and Linda Cooper, John Ritchie, West Harbour Rotary and Waitakere City Rotary all helped with the costs of transport. Frances came to Rotary to say “Thank You” and to tell us of her experience.

As none of us thought to ask Patrick to bring his video projector Frances had to fly solo – without the aid of photos. A decidedly scary experience standing there without useful things like photos talking to a bunch of Rotarians, but she survived and imparted her passion for the trip extremely well.

A few tales of the trip included:

- There were 10 people in the team aged between 18 and 62. Sleeping in a mixed dorm – with people who snore, grunt and make strange sounds in the night - was an unexpected experience that led to a

economic development and social innovation ideas

18TH AUGUST 10

Community Mapping Workshop – all members to participate.
Facilitator: Martin Anscombe.

25TH AUGUST 10

Fellowship Night

28TH AUGUST 10

West Harbour Book Fair

number of grizzles. But when they all did their solo nights out they all missed each other and the complaints stopped on their return

- Eyeballing an opossum standing a metre from your head whilst trapped in a sleeping bag isn't a daily experience for those who live in the city. Frances survived that encounter - although sleep was in short supply that night – and now remembers it with humour (but would possibly choose not to repeat that particular experience).
- Every day brought new challenges – from high ropes, to swimming, to walking the Charlotte Track. All participants learnt the meaning of the Outward Bound motto – “There’s more in you”

We got the distinct impression that Frances found Outward Bound a truly life changing experience, thoroughly enjoyed it and returned with a lot more confidence than she went with.

ROMAC

Heather dropped in to see Litanian (the young Fijian girl who has undergone a foot straightening operation through ROMAC) on Friday. She is currently spending most of her time tucked up in bed under a pile of blankets watching a small TV.

Her host family were contemplating taking the family to the movies as a holiday treat but opted instead to hire a movie so as to include “Liti”. At Craiger’s suggestion we have given the family \$100 on their video account to help with entertainment whilst she is house bound.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Fundraisers:

Mike gave Alan a cheque tonight for \$130 – the profit from the sale of the Entertainment Books.

International:

New Lynn Rotary will be undertaking the repairs to the school on Tongoa Island in August or September. Kerry is helping organize the materials. If anyone wants to go – contact Kerry

Community / Youth:

Patrick organized 70 tickets for 10 pin bowling through The Web Company and these were given to Henderson Intermediate

MEMBERS’ NEWS

Ross Ward



Ross has sold his house and is off to Christchurch next month once settlement has gone through.

He is having a leaving party at The Hangar Bar on Friday 30th July at 6pm.

Monique

Monique has had a chemo free week but is now onto her next course of treatment. Healthy visitors welcome – and also phone calls from the less healthy.

Rachel Ritchie

A message from Peter Smith received Wed 21st:

I am going to be a late apology again [wrong... he turned up]. Please tell the members that Winky and I have had the last 2 evenings with Rachel Ritchie. She is handling things well, but we are sure she would appreciate a visit from other friendly faces

JOHN RITCHIE (R.I.P.)

Waitakere City Rotary Member
11th December 1996 to 14th July 2010

Craiger, before disappearing on holiday, left instructions that we should buy a HUGE bunch of flowers for JR when the time came. However the death notice in the Herald said:

RITCHIE

John Maurice Cameron (JR). Passed away 14 July, 2010 peacefully at home. Most dearly loved husband of Rachel, much loved father of Andrew, Belinda, and Simon. Adored and inspirational poppa to Benjamin, MARRISA, and William. He will be sadly missed. Special thanks to the surgical team at North Shore Hospital and a very special thanks to doctor Russell Walmsley.

A service to celebrate John's life will be held at the Central Park Chapel of Davis Funerals, 150 Central Park Drive, Henderson on Monday 19 July at 12 noon followed by a private interment. In lieu of flowers donations to West Auckland Hospice, PO Box 45181, Te Atatu Peninsula, Waitakere 0651 would be appreciated.



Tonight's Sergeant session was combined with some other funds and Derek presented Linda Cooper with a cheque for \$1,500 to pass on to Hospice.

We feel sure that JR would have approved.

...nails them" Mr Wansbrough says

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Bus boss to drive Rotary

John Ritchie, who heads the Swanson-based Ritchies Bus Company, is Rotary Waitakere's new president.

He replaces Henderson Baptist Church pastor Darcy Haliday.


Mr Ritchie has lived in Waitakere City for 21 years.

He is entering his eighth year as a Rotarian and is enthusiastic about several projects the organisation is working on as it approaches its centenary year in 2004.

Among them is a major hospice fundraiser, which is being carried out with other west Auckland branches.

"As a club we intend to grow and become stronger, increasing our membership base and raising our profile" Mr Ritchie says.

"The flow-on effect will be more resources enabling our club to make more contributions to the community."



JOHN RITCHIE





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

73RD ALL AMERICAN SOAPBOX DERBY

Henry Dyer along with parents Shawn and Debbie and Debbie's mother are currently in Akron at the All American Soapbox Derby Finals. Terry Clarkson, the new New Zealand SBD Race Director has also gone to find out all about it.

Race week started on Monday 19th July and is building up to the 73rd Finals races on Saturday 24th July 2010.

500 kids from 43 states and 3 foreign countries (New Zealand, Germany and Japan) are competing in the races.

Germany has entries in all three races – Masters, Super Stock and Stock; Japan and ourselves are competing in the Super Stock race only.

Henry is one of 119 competitors in the Super Stock Division.

Info on Race Week is available at:
<http://aasbd.net/webdev/aasbd73/index.html>

From the Website:

All-American Soap Box Derby Race Week

Local champions from each of the Stock, Super Stock and Masters division Soap Box Derby races throughout the world come to Akron, Ohio, in July each year to compete for scholarships and merchandise prizes in the All-American Soap Box Derby.

Upon their arrival, each of the young champions are whisked into Akron with a police escort. As the young boy or girl arrives at the site of the welcoming ceremonies, the Derby band strikes up a tune and an announcer introduces the champion to the crowd. After signing in on the official entry board, receive their official racing clothing for the week along with various other gifts from the AASBD and its sponsors.

As the week progresses, the young champions are reunited with their racers which have been shipped from home. The cars are weighed and thoroughly inspected to make certain they meet all the safety regulations. The champs get their first look at Derby Downs, a 954 foot racing track designed specifically for Soap Box Derby competition. Each of the contestants gets a trial run down the course to become familiar with the track. Parents and families of the Derby champs, as well as local Derby officials and fans who visit the All-American, also have a busy week. There are special entertainment programs for champions, families, and friends, while Derby officials attend meetings concerning rules and workshops on how to improve their racing programs.

Celebrities from the sports and entertainment world come to Akron to visit the

champs and take part in the Derby parade and other festivities.

The week's festivities lead up to Race Day when the anxious champions prime their racers for a chance at the winner's circle. Race Day activities kick off with a spectacular opening ceremonies, followed by the traditional Oil Can Trophy Race which celebrities compete in oversized Derby Cars.

There will be three divisions at the All-American in the Local Championship and three divisions in the Rally Championship. By the afternoon's end, six new winners emerge to wear the traditional gold jackets (local champions) and scarlet jackets (rally champions) signifying they are the world champions of the Stock, Super Stock and Masters divisions of the All-American Soap Box Derby.

All awards are presented on Saturday evening as the champions, their families and friends, Derby officials and business and civic leaders gather to pay tribute to all the contestants in the All-American Soap Box Derby and to present the awards to the winners. In Derby circles, all contestants in the All-American are considered champions because it is believed they all have greatly enriched their lives through the experience they have had in Akron during Derby Week and the lessons they have learned while building their cars and racing them in local Derby programs back home.

DISTRICT NEWS

West Harbour Rotary Book Fair

Date: 28th August

Venue: Greenhithe Hall

WANTED: Books, CDs, DVDs, Games, Jigsaw Puzzles

See attached flier for details

Assistant Governor

Pene Burrige from Henderson Rotary has stepped in as the new Assistant Governor for our area (Area 6)

RAFFLE

Winner: Frances Murphy

Statistics: H, H, H, H

PARTING THOUGHT

Jim: How come the young man who wants to stay out all night was only recently a small child afraid of the dark?

ROTARY 4 WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Terry H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, John R, Peter S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Jim B, Craiger H, Steve L, Monique M, Jack R
Make Up:	Graham N – delivering seedlings for Trees for Survival
Missing in Action:	JR (R.I.P.)
Guests:	Linda Cooper, Frances Murphy and her mother
Attendance:	18/22 82%

SUNSHINE FUND:

Raffle:	\$35.00
Fines:	\$71.10

NEXT WEEK'S DUTIES:

Deputy Sergeant	Kerry
Squire	Patrick
Squire	Jim
Greeter	Phyllis
Grace	Bob
Introduction	Roger
Thanks	Mike
Parting Thought	Domenic
Dealer	Peter
Joker	Alan
Joker	

BOARD MEMBERS:

President / International	Craiger Hargesheimer
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek Gee
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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!

WEB SITE ADDRESSES:

Waitakere City Rotary
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/>
Rotary International
<http://www.rotary.org/>
Rotary NZ
<http://www.rotary.org.nz>

District Governor's newsletter
<http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>

Rotary Downunder Magazine
www.rotarydownunder.com.au

Rotary NZ Promotions and Information
www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364
Admin page and information
<http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180>
Future Vision
www.rotary.org/future_vision
Rotary E Club (for make ups)
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

News Articles from John Ritchie's year as President:

The West Auckland Hospice – John continued his involvement with the Hospice as a member of the Hospice Board. Linda Cooper says he was ringing her from his hospital bed prior to his operation giving advice and stating his views.

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NEWS

Rotary groups mark centenary by supporting hospice project

West Auckland Rotary clubs are already preparing for Rotary's centennial in February, 2005.

To mark the occasion, the six west Auckland clubs, Waitakere, Kumeu, New Lynn, Avondale, West Harbour and Henderson, are supporting the new West Auckland Hospice House.

Building will soon begin on the purpose-built centre in the grounds of St Margaret's Hospital, Te Atatu Peninsula.

The Kumeu Rotary Club proposes a gateway entry feature across SH16 by the eastern bridge into Kumeu.

Henderson Rotary is working towards a children's rehabilitation courtyard at Waitakere Hospital, while New Lynn is supporting the Hippy preschool project in the Keston Community Centre.

Rotary International was founded by Paul Harris in Chicago, on February 23, 1905.

Mr Harris was a lawyer whose clients were business friends, not social friends, and he resolved to organise a club that would band together a group of representative business and professionals in friendship and fellowship.

The club was named Rotary because the members met in rotation in various places of business, and membership grew rapidly.

The emphasis was on developing friendships and business networks, having fun and carrying out projects that would improve the living conditions of the local community.

Rotary International operates the largest charitable trust organisation in the world.

It is the largest service club, with about 1.3 million members participating in nearly every country. Huge projects have been undertaken, including polio eradication worldwide, and malaria control in the Pacific.

Rotarians are a group of like-minded men and women from a broad range of professional, managerial or business backgrounds.

Rotarians devote their skills and a small amount of their time to serve in their own communities and internationally through emphasis on activities that help in alleviating poverty, tackling health concerns and promoting literacy and education.

They are ordinary people doing good things in their community.

West Auckland Rotary clubs are staunch campaigners for children and young people in the local community.

They support literacy programmes, Junior Neighbourhood Watch, Barnardos, Books for Keeps, Keeping

Kids in Schools anti-truancy, Drug Resistance Education (DARE), primary, bursary and tertiary scholarships, youth exchange, computers in schools, Outward Bound, and Genesis Science Forum, to name a few.

In the wider community they support Christmas parades, park clean-ups, provide tea and biscuits for the blood donor service, help the Bethells Beach surf patrol, Rotary Park, Trees for Survival, Waitakere peace garden, Epilepsy Association, St John, Plunket, Fire Service, community constables and many more.

Contact and meeting details.

- KUMEU: Allely House, Tuesday 6.30pm, Graham Cato, phone: wk 412-9040, hm 411-8352.
- AVONDALE: Portage Peninsula Hotel, Monday, 5.30pm, Gaylene Harvey, phone: wk 373-6210, hm 378-7182.
- HENDERSON: Lincoln Green Hotel, Thursday, 6pm, Wayne Simpson, phone: wk 631-1236, hm 834-4308.
- NEW LYNN: Bill Bates Lounge, Tuesday, 5.30 pm, Clive North, phone: 820-3550, hm 817-8664.
- WAITAKERE: Lincoln Green Hotel, Wednesday, 6pm, John Ritchie, phone: wk 833-6053, hm 810-9353.
- WEST HARBOUR: Livingstons Licensed Cafe and Bar, Monday, 6.15 pm, Beverley Revell, phone: hm 416-7164.

March 2004 saw the inaugural race of the All American Soapbox Derby in West Auckland:

Waitakere City News
MARCH 2004

Soap Box Derby comes to Waitakere

Westgate Drive will be buzzing with race fever on March 21 for Waitakere's inaugural Soap Box Derby.

Twenty schools (each with a team of up to 10 pupils) will be vying for racing glory and the chance to compete for a spot in the New Zealand championship at the end of the month. The country's top driver will travel to the 2004 world championship finals in Akron, Ohio - the birthplace of the All-American Soap Box Derby in 1933.

Marlflight International transported 30 kiset Super Stock derby cars from the United States, free of charge, for the event - which is to be run by the Rotary Club of Waitakere with support from The Trusts and Waitakere City Council. The kiset were then distributed to the participating schools so construction could begin.

"Each school provides a team of enthusiastic students, who are required to assemble the kiset car themselves and fine-tune it to get the best performance for their sponsor," says Councillor Judy Lawley, who assisted Rotary with promoting the project in Waitakere.

"Some of the competing schools are using the Derby as a practical science and technology project. It teaches basic physics and the value of great teamwork and offers the thrill and enjoyment of representing their school in a unique event."

The project is aimed at young people between 9 and 16 years - an age group that needs greater attention in terms of providing constructive recreational activities - and may appeal to children whose light-weight discourages them from some of the more popular contact sports.

Council staff are also getting behind the event, with Waitakere Vehicle Testing Station inspectors undertaking the safety checks and road safety officers helping with road closure and crowd safety.

Funds raised from the event will go towards youth development projects and the new West Auckland Hospice community house.

© Judy Lawley and Sonia Lakeman of Rotary with one of the cars.

WITH OUR
Sympathy

*To the Rotary family of
John Ritchie*

*May our sympathy
and thoughts comfort you
in your time of sorrow.*

*We know you will miss John,
his generosity was huge.
We would just like to let
you know that we do share
this huge loss with you.
Condolences from us all at
West Harbour Rotary Club*

Waitakere City Rotary Club's "Building Communities Programme 2010"

The "Building Communities Programme 2010" is about increasing our understanding of the communities we serve. A community is a group of people who have something in common – a shared place or shared interests. In this Programme, we are focusing on geographic communities.

The Programme includes speakers from Community Waitakere and Waitakere City Council, who will provide an overview of community activity and contribute their perspectives to how communities are developing. The main result of the Programme is to come up with our own information on what makes our communities great – and how they could be built up. This will take place through a workshop using a tool called "community mapping". *See calendar for details.*

This tool is one of the eight tools recommended by Rotary International for "Community Assessment", and the "Communities in Action" guide provided the base for this club Programme. Community mapping involves marking the places and resources that are important to people on a map. The map can be updated on a regular basis and could serve as a reference for considering which service projects to support.

In preparation for this community mapping workshop, club members could:

- Think about the places and resources (see note below) that are important to them and how often they are used
- Think about how these important resources and places are connected and whether some places/resources are dependent on other places/resources being provided

The important aspect of this Programme is that it takes a positive approach – a 'glass half full' rather than a 'glass half empty'.

Other club members and partners of Waitakere City Rotary Club are welcome to participate in this programme and add their perspectives to what makes our communities great and how they can be built on.

* *Resources – people, leaders, organisations, partnerships, programmes, buildings, etc.*

Some thoughts:

"We can't do well serving communities... if we believe that we, the givers, are the only ones that are half-full, and that everybody we're serving is half-empty... there are assets and gifts out there in communities, and our job as good servants and as good leaders... [is] having the ability to recognise those gifts in others, and help them put those gifts into action."

First Lady Michelle Obama

www.abcdinstitute.org/faculty/obama

"Communities have never been built upon their deficiencies. Building communities has always depended on mobilising the capacity and assets of people and place."

Kretzman & McKnight (1993) Building Communities from the Inside Out

Ask "What's possible?" not "What's wrong?"

- Keep asking.
- Notice what you care about.
- Assume that many others share your dreams.
- Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters.
- Talk to people you know.
- Talk to people you don't know.
- Talk to people you never talk to.
- Be intrigued by the differences you hear.
- Expect to be surprised.
- Treasure curiosity more than certainty.
- Invite in everybody who cares to work on what's possible.
- Acknowledge that everyone is an expert about something.

- Know that creative solutions come from new connections.
- Remember, you don't fear people whose story you know.
- Real listening always brings people closer together.
- Trust that meaningful conversations can change your world.
- Rely on human goodness.
- Stay together

There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about.
Turning to One Another (By Margaret Wheatley)

The Rotary Club of West Harbour Book Fair:

Anyone got any spare books etc they want to donate?

Rotary Club of
West Harbour

**BOOKS
WANTED**
FOR *BOOK FAIR*

28th August 2010
Greenhithe Hall

Organised by West Harbour Rotary
Proceeds to Local Rotary Projects

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Drop off books now to:
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