



# 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](http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz)



3<sup>RD</sup> SEPT 10

Sunderland School  
Trivial Pursuit

8<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10

David Thornton –  
Super City and  
Local Boards

**MONDAY**

13<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10

Joint meeting at West  
Harbour Rotary to  
hear Barry de Geust

15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 10

NO MEETING (due to  
joint meeting)

22<sup>ND</sup> SEPT 10

Dick Berry – AA  
Driving Defensively on  
Behalf of ACC

West Harbour Rotary  
to join us

29<sup>TH</sup> OCT TO 1<sup>ST</sup>  
NOV

Blind Week Appeal

6<sup>TH</sup> TO 7<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Kumeu Art in the  
Garden

## FUTURE EVENTS

### NEXT WEEK – DAVID THORNTON

David will speak on Super City and Local Boards

## CURRENT EVENTS

### DG VISIT AND USA SOAPBOX DERBY FINALS



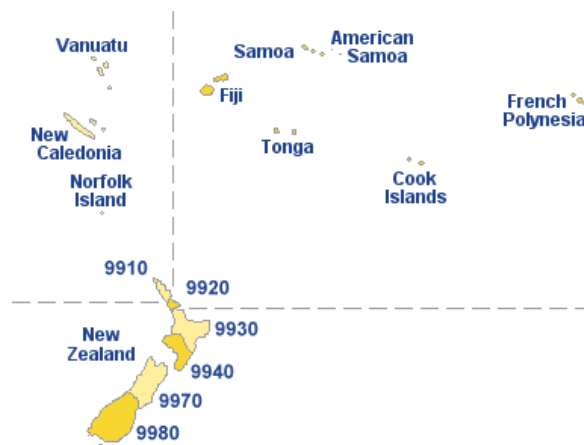
Henry Dyer with DG Maxine Neighbour

Maxine and husband Murray came as guests – and we also had our returning Soapbox Derby Champion Henry and his family talk about their time in Akron at the AASBD finals.

Maxine is a Rotarian with Whangarei South and is the 9910 District Governor for the July 2010 to June 2011 year. Our District consists of 41 Clubs in 9 areas – with an Assistant Governor in each area. Pene, our AG from the Henderson Club, also attended our meeting.

When the Rotary District Governor comes to visit it is traditional that the DG be the only speaker for the evening.

Here in Waitakere we prefer to do things slightly differently.



Maxine - along with all the other District Governors in the Rotary World - met with the Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith, and came back with a message:

**Look at the traditions in your Club – and if they don't work, change them.**

(Too late Maxine – we've already changed things ☺ ... but it is nice to have official approval...)

It was great to meet Maxine – and we should meet her again next year as she has offered to help with the Soapbox Derby and also has high interest in the Challenge Camp.



Henry and his parents Shawn and Debbie recently returned from the AASBD finals in Akron and came to tell us all about it.

Shawn has managed the Riverhead team entry for 7 years and Henry met his first SBD car at the age of 5 (and got a few sneaky rides in tucked in behind the bigger drivers on the practice track).

This early exposure to racing paid off. He came second in the International Race (behind Alaska) and is seen in the above photo carrying his trophy and wearing a medal.

The family had a great time over there and have come back armed with a huge amount of knowledge and specialized tools. Shawn has offered to help with scrutineering at our races next year – and help with setting up the cars.

The photos helped bring the event to life and give us a greater understanding of what is involved in the races.

## CLUB NEWS

### CHALLENGE CAMP

This is a joint district (9910 and 9920) camp to be held in May next year. The Rotary International Youth Exchange (IYE) students pair up with disabled kids for 5 days to do all sorts of amazing activities.

The District sent out an SOS asking for help to run it and Craiger answered the call. He and Alan spoke with last year's organizers, have agreed that we shall do it and Alan has taken on the role of Project Manager. Once he has his head around all that is involved he will be asking for help from our members (and Rotarians in the two Districts).

Beatriz (the South American IYE student hosted by Waitakere a year ago) went on the camp and came back absolutely buzzing about it.

Preliminary details about the camp from the District Website follow:

#### **CHALLENGE CAMP**

**Date TBA but in May. Venue TBA**

#### **Purpose**

To promote understanding and goodwill by planning and administering a camp for physically challenged young people from 16 to 24 years, within the 9910 and 9920 Rotary Districts. Participants may include those in wheelchairs, those with impaired speech, hearing or sight, or those with muscular and neurological disorders. The camp is not designed for intellectually handicapped or the physically disabled who are in need of constant attention and unable to attend their own personal needs such as toileting.

#### **Goals**

1. To encourage participation in a five day program of social and educational activity.

2. To utilize the skills of International Youth Exchange students within D9910 and D9920, who act as buddies for the participants.

### Information

This week-long live-in Challenge Camp matches approx 25 physically disabled young people 16-24 years, with our International Exchange Students as caregivers and buddies for the week (numbers depend on how many exchange students are here in NZ). Facing the many challenges together proves to be a highly rewarding growth experience for all.

For the 2010-2011 Rotary year District 9910 (Waitakere City Rotary) is organizing the event on behalf of Districts 9910 and 9920.

It is important for the success of the event for both campers and their student buddies that detailed and accurate medical statements are completed.

1. [Applications](#): Will close early in March to allow time for assessment and final confirmation of accommodation and activities.

If clubs wish to sponsor a camper but are unable to find a local candidate the organizing committee (us) may be able to find a suitable person.

2. [Financial Support](#)

(1) Indicative (2010) sponsorship costs are \$650 GST inclusive per physically handicapped participant (the camper)

(2) As in previous years, ALL Clubs contribute an amount to help defray costs of the International Exchange Students (the buddies) at CHALLENGE. The indicative (2011) amount is \$300 GST inclusive per club and the organizing committee will invoice the club

### Summary

The District Committee would appreciate an early indication from Rotary clubs of the following:

Their plans to sponsor a physically disabled youth to Challenge (if you need assistance please contact us)

The name of the person the club appoints to look after the selection and application.

We welcome any questions or comments. Our organizing committees look forward to working with you to ensure D9910 & D9920 make Challenge truly memorable.

## OTHER CLUB NEWS

**Trees for Survival:** Te Atatu Intermediate went to Wairere Road and planted 400 odd plants as a continuation of the last two years planting on this property. 35 Children, two parents, one teacher and one Rotarian attended. We looked at the great success of planting in the last two years which is looking very smart. Graham N

**ROMAC:** Litiana is now in a walking cast and walking without crutches. It is possible that she will return to Fiji shortly. Craiger is taking her to the museum on Friday.

**Tongoa Island, Vanuatu:** Kerry has been busy organizing the materials for the repair to the earthquake damaged school and has shipped them this week. The materials should reach the village in around a month (or so). It looks like the trip to do the repairs will happen in October.

**Dictionaries:** Patrick presented 60 Rotary dictionaries to Holy Cross School a week ago.

**Sunderland Trivial Pursuit:** This is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept and Bob has organized a Rotary Team to attend.

**Monique:** Is about to enter a chemo free week (which should make her feel better). Visitors and phone calls are welcome. In the weekend she will be visiting David to check out his new multi-coloured lambs for a photo shoot.

## POSSIBLE FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**Victory:** Domenic has suggested a night out at the movies on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The Italian Film Festival is in town and the movie "Victory" is playing at 6:30pm. The proposal is to watch the film and have an Italian meal in town. Domenic has suggested one of three Italian restaurants (with varying prices) Have a think about it and we can discuss it next week.

Info on the film:

Cannes Film Festival 2009: Nominee Golden Palm; 2010 David Di Donatello: Best Director, Best Cinematography plus 6 more; 2009 Italian Golden Globes: Winner Best Actress plus 2 more.

There are secrets in the life of Mussolini: namely Benito Albino - son to first wife Ida Dalsler, who was born, acknowledged, and then swiftly denied.

It is a dark page in history, one ignored in the official biography of the Duce. When Ida meets Mussolini in Milan, he is the editor of Avanti and an ardent Socialist who intends to guide the masses towards an anti-clerical, anti-monarchical, socially emancipated future. Ida, still reeling from a fleeting encounter with him in Trento, truly believes in the man and his ideas.

In order to finance Popolo d'Italia, a newspaper he had founded and the nucleus of the forthcoming Fascist Party, Ida sells everything she has. When the First World War erupts, Benito Mussolini enrolls in the army and disappears. When Ida finds him again in a military hospital, he is tended to by Rachele whom he has just married. Ida demands her rights as Mussolini's true wife and the mother of his first-born son. She is led away by force; physically restrained and tortured for eleven years. But Ida will not give up without a fight.

While the history is fascinating, it's the film's mesmerising style that takes the breath away, alternately theatrical, spectacular, intimate and resounding. 'Vincere' is a gripping film that combines drama, archive footage, and music creating a highly cinematic oratorio of enormous rhetorical force.

*It is in Italian with English Subtitles*

More info at: [http://www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz/cinemas/auckland\\_newmarket.html](http://www.italianfilmfestival.co.nz/cinemas/auckland_newmarket.html)

## DISTRICT NEWS

It is with deep regret that District advises of the sad passing of a very well known and highly respected Rotarian Tom McKay. Tom was a member of Dargaville club and was our oldest Rotarian. Tom was 103 years old.

The District advises there will be a private family service for Tom.

## AUCKLAND NEWS



### **Newmarket Viaduct Update:**

Auckland should be well and truly grid locked this weekend thanks to the Southern Motorway closure. Stay home!

**RAFFLE**  
**PARTING THOUGHT**

Winner: Maxine  
The more birthdays you have the older you get

Statistics: H, T, H, T

**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?

**NEXT WEEK'S DUTIES:**

Deputy Sergeant	Domenic
Squire	Phyllis
Squire	Mike
Greeter	Bob
Grace	Jim
Introduction	Jack
Thanks	David
Parting Thought	Alan
Dealer	Jim
Joker	Heather
Joker	Patrick

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

President / International	Craig Hargesheimer
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek Gee
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather Pattison
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Community/Youth Director	Patrick Howard
Vocational Director	John Riddell

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**THIS WEEK'S MEETING:**

Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Kent F, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Domenic W
Apologies:	Jim B, Derek G, Roger F, Steve L, Monique M, Graham N, Terry H, John R, Peter S
Make Ups:	Graham N (Trees for survival)
Guests:	DG Maxine Neighbour and Murray, AG Pene Burrige, Sheena Spittles, Debbie, Shawn and Henry Dyer, Frances
Attendance:	14/22 64%

**SUNSHINE FUND:**

Raffle:	\$35.00
Fines:	\$19.70

**APOLOGIES AND RSVPS TO:**

[apology@details.co.nz](mailto:apology@details.co.nz) or ph 8109 589  
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](http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au)

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



Sir Graeme Douglas – founding member of the Rotary Club of Waitakere City and current Honorary Member

Lucy Riddell – wife of current member Jack Riddell

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**Big gift:** Sir Graeme and Lady Ngaire Douglas in front of the new Starship MRI machine.

## Generous gift helps Starship

The largest personal donation to the national children's hospital has kick-started the Starship Radiology MRI Service.

The Starship Foundation says recently knighted Sir Graeme Douglas and his wife Lady Ngaire have donated "an extraordinary \$3 million" for the machine.

"It gives us great pleasure to ensure Starship hospital has its own MRI to avoid delays and discomfort experienced by young patients," Sir Graeme says.

Children needing an MRI scan had to be transported from Starship under sedation, with their families and teams of medical specialists to the adult hospital – a frightening experience for young patients,

the foundation says.

The MRI machine will treat around 2000 children each year within the hospital's child-friendly environment.

Sir Graeme established his pharmaceutical business more than 40 years ago in Te Atatu.

His recent knighthood was in part to honour his commitment to philanthropic causes, which include the Waitakere City Athletics club, several charities, community groups and children's healthcare.

The new Starship Radiology MRI Service starts seeing patients this month.

"A donation of this size is unprecedented in our charity's 18-year history," says Starship Foundation chief executive Andrew Young.

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## A full and busy life

By NICOLA MURPHY

Lucy Riddell lived life to the full.

The 79-year-old was diagnosed with motor neuron disease in January and died on August 7, after spending the last three months of her life at On's Dorp Care Centre in Henderson.

Her three children used to joke that their mother was so busy they needed to make an appointment to visit.

She was born Lucy Ann Babich in Henderson in 1931 to Dalmatian immigrant parents.

She left Avondale College early to look after her three younger siblings and soon after met Roy Garea.

The couple married in November 1951 and had three children together, Steven and twins Suzanne and Chris.

Eldest son Steven Garea says his parents were very generous.

"No one ever went without a meal or a drink if they needed it," he says.

"You didn't even notice the extra person at the table."

Roy was struck with a form of blood cancer and died in 1972.

"Mum told me she didn't like being widowed," Steven says.

"She felt like a bit of a pariah around other married women."

A few years later an old family friend Jack Riddell lost his wife.

Jack and Roy had been friends since returning from World War Two. They had helped form a group of men who had served in the 24th Infantry Battalion.

Jack and Lucy got married and Mrs Riddell was heavily involved in her community and lived in west Auckland all her life.

She was past president of the Te Atatu Floral and Garden Circle and Henderson Ladies Probus Club, as well as being a member of the West Auckland U3A Rotary Club and the 24th Infantry Battalion Association.

"She just loved life," Steven says.

Motor neuron disease attacked her



**Gone:** Lucy Riddell was struck down with motor neuron disease.



**Early on:** Lucy at the age of 15.

throat muscles and she gradually lost her voice.

Her daughter Sue came over from Australia to care for her until it became too difficult to do so.

Mrs Riddell's life was celebrated at Holy Cross Church in Henderson on August 10.

She is survived by husband Jack, who just turned 90, her three children and three grandchildren.



# Join George Collecting for the Blind Week Appeal

26 Oct – 1 Nov 2010



**“ Just two hours  
120 minutes to  
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Foundation of the Blind”**

George, Volunteer Collector.  
Foundation Member since 1933



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