



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



22ND OCT 2010
East Auckland
Bluelight Trolley Derby
10am to 4pm
McLeans Reserve

29TH OCT TO 1ST NOV

Blind Week Appeal

6TH TO 7TH NOV

Kumeu Art in the Garden

27TH NOV

Henderson Santa Parade

10TH DEC

Swanson Santa Parade

Te Pai Christmas event

12TH DEC

David's Christmas Party

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH 2011

Our 8th Annual Soapbox Derby

8TH TO 10TH APRIL 2011

District Conference - at The Trusts Stadium, Henderson

FUTURE EVENTS

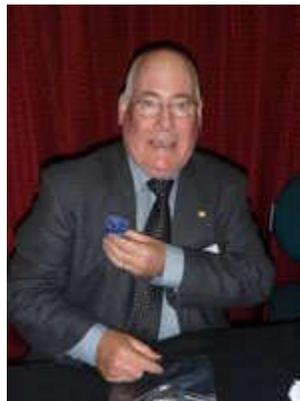
NEXT WEEK



Kent, our Programme Coordinator is arranging a surprise Mystery Guest for next week's meeting.

CURRENT EVENT

ROTARY & I: BOB BENZIE



Bob was born in 1953, brought up in Ellerslie, attended Penrose High and left school at 15 to do a Fisher and Paykel Air Conditioning apprenticeship. He spent the next few years working for first Fisher and Paykel then Carrier.

In 1983 he made the life changing decision to join Rotary and being over in the east Pakuranga Rotary was the Club of choice.

He was there for the introduction to New Zealand of the Trees For Survival program (Pakuranga brought this one into the country) and a highlight was attending RYLA in Fiji with Bill Boyd and co. He was also involved in District 9920 Rotaract

In 1993 Bob made a significant move out to the West and went in search of a small but friendly Rotary Club. He found us.

Since then he has had his fingers in many Rotary pies including the IYE program and RYLA and was President of our Club in the 1999 to 2000 year. He's also a mine of information on all things Rotary and provides great guidance to those in search of information.

Work wise he started his own business, Air Conditioning Services, in 1994.

Sue is Bob's second wife and they have one child - but he also has 3



children from his previous marriage.

A health scare earlier this year taught him that men need to look after their health better.

With his various life experiences Bob reckons his motto is: "Believe in things with enthusiasm and humour".



Bob does seem to have a thing with ties!



... and his diary...



He is always there to offer help...



... and can be relied on to know the answers



Sorting out Rotary affairs with different members



Multi-tasking – setting up and on the stage



Receiving awards and dressed to kill



The tie remains immaculate at all times – including Guy Fawkes



And he is there for all fellowship events

CLUB UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S NEWS

Craiger welcomed our AG Pene to our meeting and then called for updates from various members

SUMMER SCIENCE FORUM

We submitted 5 students for this. To date 3 have been accepted – and the organizers are still working through their standby list so the other 2 still have a chance.

SOAPBOX DERBY

This will be held on Sunday 20th March.

The brochure for the 2011 event went on our website some weeks ago and both it and the news of this year's event generate a large amount of our web traffic. In September alone the new brochure was viewed 75 times.

Shortly we shall be contacting all schools to establish their interest for next year – and we need your help.

It has been suggested that each Rotarian is assigned as liaison for one school. For some schools this may take one or two phone calls to ensure all is on track. For others it may mean help finding sponsors, seeing if the school is advertising it through their newsletters – or calling on Lyn, Alan or Kerry for help with car construction. More details once we've thought it all through.

SANTA PARADES

Come December there are 5 Santa Parades in our area:

- Henderson
- Kumeu
- Swanson
- Te Atatu
- West Harbour

To date we have received info on two and a half of them and details are being added to our calendar as the dates are known.

Every year we submit an entry to these parades consisting of... wait for it... a soapbox derby car on the back of Kerry's small truck decorated up with Christmas cheer and Rotary banners. Ideally we use a cart with a full sponsor appropriate to the area – e.g. MD Aluminium for the Swanson one (Swanson School also enter their Future Cuisine one).

Volunteers are needed to drive the truck and also sit on the back with a child or two waving at the crowds. Kerry would be delighted to hear from volunteers. Anyone with kids (Kent? Terry? ...), Grandchildren (Peter? David? ...), borrowed children (Derek? ...) who would like to volunteer? It could be a great family event that your kids would thoroughly enjoy. John has already offered his family for the Henderson one.

VANUATU

6 Clubs are now involved in repairs to the school with 6 to 8 people going. They leave New Zealand on Saturday 16th October.

CHALLENGE CAMP

Alan has been hard at work sorting the details for the camp.

Money:

- Invoices were sent out to all Clubs in Districts 9910 and 9920 on 12th Sept
- A new cheque account has been opened for the Camp – 06 on the Trust account (to keep our funds completely separate from the camp)
- Two cheques have come in – Us and Takapuna

Programme:

- The programme is complete – other than the odd tweak as experienced people make suggestions (E.g. last year's nurse suggested Rock Climbing on the first day to help the kids bond; our Guide Leader daughter suggested games, balls etc for free time – and made a comment about how we will get at least one "Energizer Bunny" along with those who will need the relaxation time)

Bookings:

- Vaughn Park, MERC and the rock climbing have been booked
- Barry de Geest has been booked as the motivational speaker
- The Nurse from last year wants to return and has been booked

Other:

- Our Website has been updated
- The Rotary Insurance Cover Note has been received

Campers:

- We have received expressions of interest from:
 - Howick (x1)
 - Takapuna (x1)
 - Western Springs (x2)

DEREK'S NEWS

THE **BIG** NEWS OF THE YEAR!!

Derek **sent** an email!!

In reply to notification of a Board meeting he replied, "Im O.K. for that Luv Derek"

He has finally joined the 21st Century in not just reading emails but also sending them...

NOTE to Mike: Do not add him to your jokes list – due to location he's on dial up!

CHRISTMAS



This year we are spoilt for choice. We have had two very good offers for a Christmas Party and it is hard to choose.

The answer is therefore to accept both (as one does).

Event Number 1:

A dress up occasion with great food and live band

Date: Friday 10th December
Time: 7:30pm to 12:30am
Venue: Te Pai Court
Live band: The Rumour
Cost: \$35 per head and cash bar

This event is open to businesses and organizations within West Auckland so is a chance to mix and mingle with others in our community. Flier at end of bulletin.

RSVP to Craiger in the next week please so he can pre-book a table or two.

Event Number 2:

Last year we twisted David's arm to have a family Christmas Party on his deck. This year no arm twisting was required. His family enjoyed themselves so much that they have not only asked us back but demanded our presence!

Date: Sunday 12th December
Time: 2pm till whenever
Cost: \$25 per family
Who: Rotarians and their families. Bring the kids, the grandkids, the odd stray...
Format: Similar to last year. We'll sort out food and some drinks

This is a great opportunity for a relaxed afternoon sitting on the deck chatting whilst the Rotarian kids play and get to know each other.

OTHER NEWS

START WITH WATER



Phil McFarlane from New Lynn has sent us a link to a Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Start-With-Water/149815148374061>

Check it out and, if you have a Facebook account, become a fan of it by clicking the "Like" button. All sorts of info – including photos etc from our various trips to Tongoa.

DISTRICT NEWS

Hi All – Just our **regular update** with - some friendly reminders and general information for your attention (again, quite a lot this email – busy time of year!) –

Devonport "Special Rotary Only" Invite to New Zealand Sculpture on Shore - Devonport Rotary invites all Clubs in 9910/20 to attend a "Special Rotary Only" evening at NZSoS on 8th November, 6pm till dark. All proceeds from this Biennial Event go to NZ Women's Refuges. Cost \$25 instead of \$35 - for further details see [etcetera](#)

GSE Hosting opportunities - There is an opportunity for clubs to host some of the incoming GSE team from Iowa, USA. The team will be in Auckland from 18 March to 15 April 2011. If your club can help or would like to be involved please download the information, contact and form – for details see [etcetera](#) ...

URGENT NOTICE Assistance in building an International Christmas Tree - The Rotary Club of North Fort Myers, FL, USA, is looking for your assistance in building an International Christmas Tree for a local Festival of Trees. The Festival of Trees is an annual fundraiser in their community for Goodwill Industries. Artificial trees are donated, area businesses or organizations decorate the trees, the trees are displayed for public viewing and then auctioned off at a Tux and Trees Gala. Pictures of the event can be viewed at www.tuxandtrees.com. The Rotary Club of North Fort Myers, FL will be decorating a tree for the 2010 Festival of Trees. They would like your help. They are looking for ornaments and houses from around the world to decorate their tree. The ornament should have the city or countries name on it. If you or your club could help by donating an ornament and or a house for their International Tree, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be mail to: Rotary of North Fort Myers, 4141 Orange Grove Blvd, North Fort Myers, FL 33903-4933 - **Please send items by Oct. 30, 2010**. Ornaments are typically between 2-7 inches, round and made of glass, ceramic or plastic; however, shaped ornaments and small stuffed animals are acceptable. Thank you in advance for your help and participation, Danielle Hall, PT - Vice President North Fort Myers, FL, USA Rotary Club

New Orleans Convention 2011 – Neil Reid has a small supply of brochures and registration forms for the Convention in New Orleans 21/25 May 2011. Could anyone who may be interested in attending please drop Neil an email with a postal address and he will send details to you. You can contact Neil on muriwai43@xtra.co.nz

Invite to tour Traffic Operations Centre at Smales Farm - All clubs in District 9910 have been extended an invitation to visit the Traffic Operations Centre at Smales Farm. The new \$6.5m Traffic Operations Centre will monitor and manage what's happening on Auckland's 8,000km of roads and motorways 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. The Smales Farm site contains New Zealand's largest video wall. More than 200 closed circuit cameras transmit live images into the control

room ... If you think your club could be interested please read the attached invite and media release on [etcetera](#)

International Committees support please for school rebuild ... The Rotary Clubs of Waitakere and New Lynn are looking for support to help rebuild a school severely damaged in the earthquake in May 2009 and unable to get funding from the Vanuatu Education services. Please help - for further details see [etcetera](#) ...

REMINDER – SEND REPORTS FOR DG NEWSLETTER – If you would like details about forthcoming events or reports on club activities to be included in the DG newsletter please make sure you send details through to the DG Newsletter Editor Dave on rotary.infobook@xtra.co.nz – there are lots of great things happening between now and the end of the year as well as the Sculpture on Shore event above including the **Coatesville Garden Ramble** on Sunday 7 November, the **Kerikeri Rotary Garden Safari** from 30-31 October, the **Whangaparaoa Golf Day** on Friday 8 October (***last chance to book and play Ph 09 424 3071***), the **North Harbour Golf Day** on Thursday 21 October, the **Albany Rotary Fun Teams Event** on 9 December and lots more – links and details for these can be found on [etcetera](#) ...

REMINDER - RYLA 2011 – Now is the time to be seeking candidates and thinking about getting your applications in for RYLA 2011 – relevant documentation is now available to download from our District website – [CLICK HERE](#).

Photo comp, golf days, garden tours, ...

Rotary exchange rates - New Zealand NZD 1.40 - 0.71428571 - Australia AUD 1.14 - 0.87719298

Sarah Carr
District 9910 - District Administrator

ROTARY DOWNUNDER

The online issue of the October magazine is now on line at:
<http://flipflashpages.uniflip.com/2/26587/49598/pub/>

RAFFLE**PARTING THOUGHT**

Winners: 1. Heather (bottle of wine), Statistics: 1. (H, T, H) 2. T, T
2. Pene (bunch of flowers)

Derek: Blessed are the ones who are cracked for they are the ones who let in the light

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 HOME MEETING'S DUTIES:

Deputy Sergeant	Mike
Squire	Kerry
Squire	Bob
Greeter	David
Grace	Phyllis
Introduction	John
Thanks	Sheena
Parting Thought	Patrick
Dealer	Alan
Joker	Heather
Joker	Roger

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

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INFORMATION

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THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Present:	Mike A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Roger F, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S
Apologies:	Jim A, Jim B, Terry H, Steve L, Monique M, Graham N, Jack R, John R, Peter S, Domenic W
Late Apologies:	Kent F (family from Christchurch), Derek G (recovering from Dentist)
Guests:	AG Pene Burridge (make up)
Attendance:	11/23 48%

SUNSHINE FUND:

Raffle:	\$
Fines:	\$

APOLOGIES AND RSVPS TO:

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

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/>

Dare West
<http://darewest.org.nz/>



Come join our
COMBINED CHRISTMAS PARTY
to celebrate the festive season

Friday 10th December
7.30pm until 12.30am

With legendary live band
The Rumour playing those great songs
from the 60s & 70s

Get a group together of your work colleagues and
friends, enjoy a delicious Xmas buffet dinner,
a few drinks and dance the night away
Prizes for the best dressed Guy & Girl + spot prizes

\$35 per person
incl GST (cash bar)

Te Pai Centre
31-35 Te Pai Place
Henderson

Bookings limited & essential
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