



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



6TH TO 7TH NOV

Kumeu Art in the Garden

27TH NOV

Henderson Santa Parade

1ST DEC

David Slinger an experienced speaker on the increasingly topical subject of EMF radiation.

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: **YVONNE JELLIE - WONS**

Yvonne is the fundraising manager for WONS, met Craiger at a Rugby match recently and asked if she could come and speak at Rotary.

WONS: Nursing, Education and Health Promotion Service is committed to working with and assisting the community, other service providers and government to keep our women and their families well.

The four core service areas of WONS:

- Health professional training and education
- Provision of clinical services
- Health promotion services in the community and
- Provision of consultancy, advisory and research services

www.wons.org.nz

ALSO: **SUMMER SCIENCE FORUM STUDENTS**

The Rutherford students who have been selected for the Summer Science Forum along with the HOD of the Gifted and Talented Program will be joining us for dinner.

THIS WEEK – THE MOVIES

We had a great turn out for this with our members and guests totally enjoying themselves. Once again the dinner was excellent and the dining room was buzzing with chat. Amongst our guests were a few past members, West Harbour Rotary members and other friends.

Over the weekend Derek finally abandoned his three headed coin, made a decision and settled on "My Life in Ruins" – an entertaining Romantic Comedy set in Greece.

A great night and thanks to Derek for organizing it.

BOARD MEETING

Monday 8th November 5pm Craiger's office

CHALLENGE CAMP

Meeting Sunday 14th November 2pm to 4pm at the Pattisons' house. Craiger, Alan and Derek are in need of help to organize this so if anyone CAN help it would be much appreciated

OTHER NEWS

BLUELIGHT NEWS

Our local Bluelight team held their Hine Toa camp a couple of weeks ago. (For those who are confused as to the name it used to be known as the Wahine Toa camp but someone pointed out that Wahine is woman whilst Hine is girl – and the camp is for seriously abused girls).

Once again the cops have come back absolutely buzzing about its success and the stunning difference in the kids by the end of the week.

At our last Board meeting it was agreed to give them a cheque for \$1,000 to help with the costs. An application to the Harold Thomas Trust for a matching grant was successful and a cheque of a similar amount has arrived from them. A cheque for \$2,000 has been forwarded to Bluelight.

The Harold Thomas Trust also asked that we mention them in any publicity material “as we find many clubs and many new members are not aware of our Trust”. The following comes from our District website:

This trust was established by Rotary International Past President Harold Thomas, (Rotary Club of Auckland) in 1973. In 1985 the trust received a magnificent gift from Past District Governor Bernie Ross (Rotary Club of Manurewa) and his wife, which added greatly to the capital of the trust. The Trust has available approximately \$100,000 for distribution in each year and meets bimonthly to consider applications for grants. Assistance to Rotary clubs is usually limited to 50% of the cost of the project up to a maximum of \$10,000 for each project.

The objects of the trust are to:

- Assist financially any child Resident in the Pacific Islands who is in need of medical treatment or care in New Zealand, including fares. and requirements in New Zealand, where this is otherwise unobtainable
- Provide medical assistance for children in New Zealand or elsewhere.
- For medical research
- For charitable purposes as defined in the Charitable Trusts Act 1957.

ELISE – OUR OUTWARD BOUND IYE STUDENT

Elise pointed out that I made a small but significant error in last week’s bulletin. She is off to **CHILE**, not Brazil. I did, of course, ask her if she would like to change her destination so that I could cover up my error... but apparently this isn’t an option.

Her alternative and preferred solution is for us to send her to Chile... and Brazil the year after. I’ve said we’ll look into it 😊

NZ POST COMMUNITY ENVELOPES

A few weeks ago we once again we applied for Community Post Envelopes to help with our Soapbox Derby. On Friday I was delighted to find a small parcel filling the box. Many thanks to NZ Post for the 200 envelopes, they will be put to good use 😊

JOHN RITCHIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship was formally offered to Massey High School and John Riddell is going to their prize giving next week.

The Principal replied as follows:

Thank you for your kind offer of a \$500 scholarship. This is very gratefully received. I knew John well and he was a great community man and this generous offer is symbolic of his community values.

I will pass it onto our Prize Giving coordinator.

Many thanks, Bruce Ritchie

We have asked if they can read the following (and the prize coordinator has said she will try to fit it in):

John Ritchie Memorial Scholarship

To: A Year 13 student:
Why: In recognition of their achievements at school
What: To help with further studies
Amount: \$500

John Ritchie

John Ritchie, the owner of Ritchies Buses, passed away in July 2010. John was a valued member of The Rotary Club of Waitakere City and this scholarship is in place to honour his memory.

John was born in a small South Island town and when he left school his first jobs were as a wool classer and later a sales rep. When he was 29 he and his brother inherited three buses based in Temuka from his Dad. Over the next 40 years they turned Ritchies into the largest bus and tourist coach fleet in New Zealand with over 900 buses.

John was very active in community affairs and was on the board of the Waitakere Hospice, a sponsor of Rugby Clubs and also an active member and past-president of the Waitakere City Rotary Club.

He was awarded a Rotary Paul Harris medal for his work in the community and Waitakere Enterprise inducted him into the West Auckland Business Hall of Fame as a business leader in 2009.

John brought the All American Soapbox Derby to West Auckland and Ritchies Buses sponsored the Massey High School entry into this race for a number of years.

PROBUS

The Waitakere City Ladies Probus Club had a birthday. They were started 17 years ago by our Club and sent an invite to either the President or Secretary of our Club to their party. Heather opted to go.

A month later I was asked to "give a few words on our role in sponsoring their Club". <Hmmm, OK I guess I can do that...> On the day I was then introduced as the "Guest Speaker who would speak on the role of Rotary in the Community"! <Yeah... Right! Rotary may have increased my speaking abilities dramatically – but not to a complete change of topic! I added a bit to my written speech about what our Club is involved in but this had to be the shortest speech ever. The meeting finished early.>

There was one well known face in the crowd – Jill Watkins. Jill told me that Derek first press-ganged her into going to the first few meetings to make the tea. 17 years later she is still a member. (And the reason the Watkins missed our movie night is that they had already seen the movie... with Probus).



Their President with Probus regalia



A Club members and Doug Lilly from the Probus Committee cutting the cake



Entertainment by "Dad's Army" song group



Some of the 92 members

Derek was asked for info for the "Few Words" and told me the following:

Many years ago the Probus Committee approached our Club saying a new Probus Club was needed in Waitakere as there was a large waiting list for membership. They asked if we could create one. Derek, ever eager to try something new, accepted the challenge on our behalf with Jack Riddell assisting.

Derek organized a meeting and contacted all those on the waiting list. 24 people turned up and expressed interest.

Shortly afterwards a second preliminary meeting was held – and 36 people attended.

In December a third meeting was held at which there was a formal handing over of regalia. 45 people attended this one.

The first formal meeting of the new Probus Club was held after Christmas on the 8th February. 90 people came and the membership was closed! We've heard that the Club has been a huge success ever since.

The Probus Committee were delighted with our first effort at setting up a Club and approached us again... and again... and...

Four more Probus Clubs were created, the next one by Jack – who at 90 is still an active member of our Club – and the following three by a now past member of our Club - Con Kuyper. Con was once the General Manager at Wellington Zoo.

The Probus Clubs that were originally sponsored by Waitakere City Rotary are:

- Henderson Falls Combined Probus
- Te Atatu Ladies Probus
- Te Atatu Peninsula Combined Probus
- Waitakere City Ladies Probus
- Waitakere City Combined Probus

And info from the Probus Website follows:



PROBUS Clubs are a world-wide Rotary Community Service project. The word PROBUS is an abbreviation of the words PROfessional and BUSiness but membership is not limited to these two groups. A PROBUS Club is open to any person who has had some measure of responsibility in any field of endeavour.

PURPOSE

To provide regular friendship and fellowship for those in retirement or semi-retirement, who appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances. To meet regularly once per month 10 am to 12 noon to hear a guest speaker, arrange outings for members to places of interest and to join with

others to participate in interest groups.

ROTARY CLUBS

Rotary Clubs are urged to form new PROBUS clubs in their localities. Clubs can be provided with all necessary information and documentation to form these new PROBUS Clubs. Clubs requiring more information should consult the following Rotary District committee members.

OUTWARD BOUND

We had a request to help fund a shortfall for a young man who is going to Outward Bound and have helped with part of it. His mother's reply is:

My very grateful thanks to you and your organisation Patrick - it is so very much appreciated.

Thanks for helping to make this possible for Daniel.

Warm regards

Hilary Jackson

DISTRICT NEWS

ROTARY ONLY NIGHT: DEVONPORT SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

Just a reminder to all clubs about the Devonport Sculpture OnShore **Rotary Only** night - this means you, your partner, friends, children, cousins are all welcome to come along with you, it doesn't have to be club groups. Costs as below at **\$25 PP** - children are a gold coin donation only. This is an event really worth getting out to and enjoying - ***please pass this on to all your club members it would be a shame for anyone to miss out just by not hearing about it.*** Please do respond by Thursday 4 November for catering purposes. All proceeds to yet another excellent cause in all our regions.

President John Triggs and the Rotary Club of Devonport invite all Rotary Clubs to a very special ROTARY ONLY evening.

Monday 8th November

You're invited to an exclusive preview evening of NZ Sculpture OnShore, Monday 8th November from 6pm. A wonderful opportunity to bring partners, friends and family along for a sunset viewing of the exhibitions, a picnic and a glass of wine at this beautiful clifftop location.

The Rotary package is \$25 (usually \$35) per person including:

entry, catalogue, picnic box, wine glass (BYO wine)

All proceeds to NZ Women's Refuges.

RSVP by 4 November to: DevonportRotary@gmail.com

About the exhibition:

NZ Sculpture OnShore's biennial sculpture exhibition has become recognised as one of New Zealand's leading exhibitions. Our connection with the spectacular cliff-top Fort Takapuna site overlooking the Hauraki Gulf, the breadth and diversity of our exhibition which allows us to take some artistic risks whilst still undertaking that there is "something for everybody" and particularly our support of New Zealand Women's Refuges, set us apart from other exhibitions and are points of differentiation we proudly promote. The works of over 100 New Zealand artists are on public view and for sale during the 11-day exhibition at Fort Takapuna Historic Reserve.

OUR WEBSITE UPDATE - ARTICLES

A new section has been created on our website – "**Articles**"

Every time I come across articles about our Club and members a copy will be posted here (keeps them all together to make them easy to find).

If anyone sees an article – particularly in the Western Leader – please let me know and/or give me a copy. We're in the Rodney Times circulation area so miss out on these. If I don't know about it then it

won't be added!

Check it out: <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/news/articles>

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

It's that time of year again.

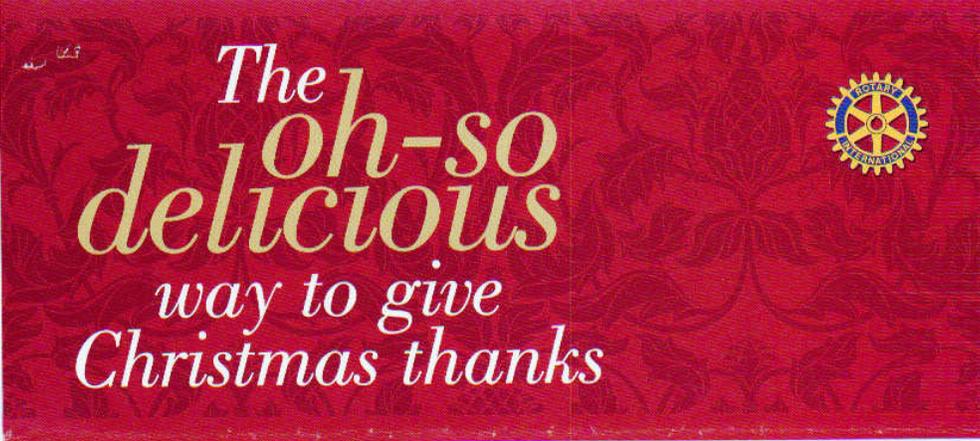
Once again we have been offered the opportunity to buy Rotary Christmas Puddings.

For those who don't know about them they are an annual offering, come in a tin with a Rotary logo – and are very, very popular.

A great Christmas gift for the "hard to buy for", clients, staff and friends.

They retail for \$20 – and \$5 of this is returned to our Club as a fund raiser for us.

Mike is taking orders now.



The oh-so delicious way to give Christmas thanks



Rotary Traditional Plum Puddings are the most delicious way to complete the year. Say thank you to your clients, staff, family and friends. Gift them, share them or hide them until you're alone - they're just so good! Whatever you do, make sure you order your supply today. Each one you buy includes a substantial donation to Rotary projects and local charities. Proceeds from sales, shared with participating Rotary clubs throughout New Zealand, exceed \$1 million since the project's commencement. Rotary Traditional Plum Puddings are vacuum packed in a tin for superb freshness.



ENQUIRIES AND ORDERS TO:



Rotary's 890g Traditional Plum Puddings are made from only the best fruit, spices and wholesome ingredients to a time-proven recipe that everyone loves year after year.

NEWSLETTER

ROMAC NZ Charitable Trust/ROMAC NZ Ltd and charitable status

Swift progress has been made and our Trust now has charitable status. This gives us more scope for receiving charitable donations from individuals and larger organisations.

Update on Litiana

Litiana made very good progress following surgery in Auckland and was able to return home sooner than anticipated. She was eager to ditch her leg brace and thrilled to be able to walk in her new shoes. She will require review in NZ again in 12 months. The Rotary Club of Waitakere as sponsoring club, provided wonderful support,



transportation and outings whilst Litiana was rehabilitating. Well done to everyone involved in Litiana's journey. Another example of caring people who have generously donated their time, resources, and expertise.



Introducing Shifaaz

ROMAC recently flew Shifaaz and his father from Fiji to Auckland. He had orthopaedic surgery on October 13th and is now recuperating at the home of his host family. His metal splint will be in place for about three months and although he finds it difficult to sit, he doesn't complain. His father is full of

gratitude for the help that Shifaaz has received. The Rotary Club of Mt Roskill kindly offered to help with sponsorship and transport.



Prospective patients

Several children are waiting for our help. Although we'd all like to help them all, we need to plan methodically to ensure we don't overload those who provide their services and support.

Many host families are not Rotarians. ROMAC works with the sponsoring Rotary Club to find a host family with a similar ethnic background to the sponsored child where possible, and where a common language is spoken. This makes it easier for the child and his/her support person to feel at ease, as they may be in New Zealand for several months. It also means clubs can contribute in a variety of other ways if hosting is not an option. Sponsoring, providing health professional services, transportation, arranging outings and treats are all ways that you as a Rotarian can contribute and feel great about making a difference in that child's life.

Marketing and Promotion

Bev Pownall recently made a presentation on ROMAC at Wanganui Daybreak Club. Willingness to be involved in various ways is heartening.

Eric Horne and Geoff Dainty made a presentation at Mt Roskill Club. Coincidentally they were also able to inform Mt Roskill members that the Club had just won a five day luxury holiday at Peppers Holiday Resort in Australia. The prize was drawn from a list of clubs which had recently donated \$1,000 or more to ROMAC. There are still two more draws in this fundraiser – in February and August 2011 - be in to win.



We are currently arranging "roll up" banner stands which can be used to promote ROMAC throughout Districts. We'll be contacting clubs in the Auckland area to offer presentations and will be discussing how we can assist you to get the message out in other Districts.

We're also planning a major fundraising activity to take place around April 2011. Watch this space!

**RAFFLE
PARTING THOUGHT**

Winner: No Raffle
No parting thought

Statistics:

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	John R
Squire	Sheena S
Squire	Peter S
Greeter	Domenic W
Grace	Mike A
Introduction	David B
Thanks	Kerry M
Parting Thought	Alan P
Dealer	Heather P
Joker	Jack R
Joker	

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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THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Present:	Mike A, David B, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Sheena S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, Jim B, Kent F, Terry H, Patrick H, Steve L, Monique M, Peter S,
Guests:	Jack – 2 guests, Sheena – 1 guest, Derek – 1 guest, Pat Beale, Marilyn Page and guest, Toni & Don Alexander and West Harbour x 9
Attendance:	13/23 57%

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/>