

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
34 Glen Road
Ranui

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

Address: PO Box 104 017, Lincoln North, Auckland, 0654
www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz or www.soapboxderby.co.nz

DECEMBER: ROTARY FAMILY MONTH NEXT WEEK: CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CECILE'S BIRTHDAY

Next week's Wednesday meeting is **CANCELLED** and is replaced by our **Christmas Party** on Saturday 17th December.

This party is a special one as it is also our IYE student Cecile's 18th Birthday.



Date: Saturday 17th December
Time: 4:00pm Drinks and nibbles
6:00pm Dinner

Venue: Linda's home
41 Renoir Street
West Harbour

Theme: "Kiwianna Xmas Theme"

Bring: BYO alcohol and a salad

Cost: \$25 per Rotarian. Family and guests free
Partners, children, grandchildren... all welcome

RSVP: By Saturday 10th December to
Bob Benzie 021 434 611 or
bob_suebenzie@clear.net.nz

NOTE: It is Cecile's birthday – and she does not know what a chocolate fish is!



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CALENDAR

9TH DEC

Trees for Survival – Matipo
School

14TH DEC

<No Meeting>

17TH DEC

Christmas and Cecile's
Birthday Party
Venue: Linda's

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:



5pm a minor disaster hit.

Our caterer, Filly, rang to say that after an afternoon working at another function secure in the knowledge that her staff were busy preparing ham and various salads for us, she arrived at the stadium to discover a message – her staff had found other ways of occupying the afternoon and the food hadn't been touched.

With only an hour to go there was no way she could prepare it and get it to us. Filly was really, really apologetic but just couldn't do it.

Plan B therefore went straight into action. A phone call to Dominos requesting 9 pizzas, garlic bread and chips... and all was solved. Craiger also came up with a few bottles of wine.

AGM

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Our President Elect, Patrick, has for unforeseen circumstances had to withdraw as President for the 2012 to 2013 year. He is still extremely keen to take on this role in the future... but not next year.

A nominating committee has therefore been formed to accept nominations for all Board positions – including President.

This committee consists of 3 Past Presidents and one other Rotarian

- Bob Benzie
- Derek Gee
- Jim Annison
- Linda Cooper

If anyone would like to stand for any role on the Board please contact Bob within the next two weeks. Elections will be held at our 2nd week back in the new year – 25th January 2011.

HONORARY MEMBERS

The following Honorary members of our Club were confirmed:

- Sir Graeme Douglas - 31/12/1997
- Penny Hulse - 30/3/2011
- Judy Lawley - 30/6/2002
- John Watkins - 1/7/2003
- Marilyn Page – 1/12/2000
- Tom Pearce - 30/6/2008
- Ken Labrum – 13/6/2004
- John Tamihere – 30/6/2007
- Kon Kuyper – 20/12/2005
- Rachel Ritchie – 7/12/2011

MOVED: Derek

SECONDED: Alan



Jadewynn Drive Community Garden
Started on the 9th April 2011 at the 9910 District Conference
Community / Waitakere Rotary Working Bee 3rd December 2011



The timber was bought by Waitakere Rotary.

Matt and Kerry “acquired” the garden soil from Nga Rakau Nurseries in Massey. Nga Rakau Nurseries is owned by the family of the late Henderson Rotarian Bill Struthers



The garden from below.

The community are in the process of completing bark paths. The two existing gardens, built at conference, are out of view in the upper left.



Our Past District Governor Maxine Neighbour still reads our bulletin. Her husband Murray stopped by on the way to PETS to say hello and take a few photos



A large pile of wood chips ready to go on the paths and a few of the many bags of donated compost being unloaded

The wood chips were donated by Auckland Tree Services www.aucklandtreeservices.co.nz



Auckland Council Parks Department swung by with the loan of spades, forks and wheelbarrows. Matt and Kerry also acquired a large number of donated seedlings from Nga Rakau Nurseries



A few paintings decorate the fence



A neighbour bringing over an essential tool – his BBQ



The two completed gardens being in use a couple of temporary beds had been installed. At the working bee this was edged, the plants removed, soil topped up – and the plants returned to their new home



Craiger cutting the timber to size



The timber is held together with metal rods inserted through drilled holes in the timber.

Tip for Bob: Next time Alan says “Where should I hit this metal rod with my sledge hammer?” Don’t put your finger on the spot you want him to hit!



New edges installed around an existing bed with Lyn drilling holes for the rods. The plants were removed and replaced in the new soil



Matt offered Kerry a spade and showed him where to dig



Kerry stuck the spade in the ground – then went home and got his digger. Far more fun than turning the soil over by hand!



Lyn tidying up after Kerry



Noel and Craiger lining up the timber



Craiger and Noel at work



Multiple bags of donated compost from Kings Plant Barn. 3 bags went into each garden before the top soil was wheel- barrowed in.



Kerry instructing Lyn in the art of drilling holes



Phyllis and Alan at work on the edges



Matt lining the gardens with plastic



Matt returning the plants to their new home



The local kids helping out



Our "Rotadog" Caza with **another** new friend. As usual she got a lot of cuddles.



Alan and Phyllis carrying the timber to the garden



Heather put down her camera long enough to move a few wheel barrows of soil to a garden



Craiger, Linda and some locals hard at work



Boys being boys...



Matt's wife Jane busy with the planting



The locals from the community at work



The gardens taking shape



Adults and children at work planting out the seedlings



The gardens



Locals pleased with the results of the hard work



A hose borrowed from the neighbours to water the plants in



Six new garden beds installed

Thanks to Linda and Phyllis for sending through some photos – it helped make the record complete.

EMAILS

FROM PHYLLIS

Hi there

Just a quick note to say thanks for helping with the community garden today. Matt appreciated it and as Community Director, I am very grateful for all your efforts. It made our Club's contribution to that community outstanding –we produced a fast, effective and very good looking result, and showed how Rotary works as a team. Overall, a very successful morning.

I took some photos at the end to show those who didn't get there today what they missed out on (also Heather's photos are in demand by Matt etc). Hope there are no pulled muscles or strained backs.

Many thanks again,
Phyllis

FROM MATT

Hi Linda

Many thanks for you and the team for turning out yesterday and working so hard. We have been blest with all your support and hard work since the start of the garden. Would you please pass on my sincere thanks to all the team at the next Rotary club meeting. Thank you also for the photos, it shows the history of the garden from start to who knows when? It's great to be part of it's birth and it's future.

Keep in touch

Kind regards
Matt

SBD CORPORATE CARS

Alan has been given some free spells in the last week (between mowing lawns, putting out the rubbish, a spot of work, Rotary accounts and jumping to his wife's commands) to retreat to his Man Cave to continue work on the adult version of a Soapbox Derby car. Photos to date:



ALISTAIR MORTON RUTHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP

Once again we gave a scholarship to a Rutherford Student at their prize giving last month. John went as our representative and has now told me that the winner was Chahat Chawla. The school have now sent on some details about the recipient:

Chahat Chawla has been an outstanding student. She is an active member of the cohort and is a competent academic. She has committed herself to the wider school in areas such as Peer mentoring, the languages committee, organizing our celebration of international culture in the school and The Environmental group amongst others.

She has competed in the international Science Award and is a well respected member of the year group, both amongst her peers and her teachers. She has been appointed to a prefect role, above some outstanding candidates. She is always reliable and is utterly committed to her ongoing success and works very hard to achieve her goals.

Darren White

ROTARY DOWNUNDER

The November/December issue of our Rotary magazine is now on line at:
<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/>

MEMBERS NEWS

Hi Heather,
Sorry, I have been out of touch. Things have not been good for me in every respect this year. I hope that the new year is getting better and I will be able to come back at least part time. I guess the new venue will make it a bit easier for me to get there. Please tell everyone hi from me and a very lovely Christmas.

Kind Regards,
Monique

TREES FOR SURVIVAL – TE ATATU INTERMEDIATE



Heather this was my efforts at photos while at Te Atatu School on Friday for the T F S presentation and weeding after.

Yours in Rotary & TFS
Graham N



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTERS

It occurred to me the other day that I hadn't received one of these in a while to pass on so I went hunting on the Net. Sure enough the editor is still producing them – but seems to have taken Bulletin Editors off the list of those who get them. The November issue – plus others -are on the website at:

RANGEVIEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL AND DARE WEST'S DARE ACTIVITY DAY

Patrick and Heather are on the DARE West committee. DARE having completed their DARE program at Rangeview the school, with funding assistance from the DARE committee, put on a Fun Day for the kids.

Amanda from Rangeview Intermediate sent through the following:

On Wednesday, 30 November, all 440, Year 7 students participated in an afternoon of team building activities at school for their DARE WEST FUN DAY. The students were divided into groups and each group was led by a teacher around a series of team building activities and inflatable obstacle courses. Several Year 8 students manned the activities and gave instructions to the eager Year 7s.

As part of the rotation, a rest stop was included and the students were given a sausage in bread and a much needed break to eat their lunch and take a break.

This day was in recognition of their participation in the DARE WEST - Dare to Make a Choice programme. The objective was to recognise the appropriate choices the students have made this year and to encourage them to continue to make those choices in the future.

Constable Rick Cash of the New Zealand Police attended and was involved with a group of students throughout the afternoon. This also supported a further goal for the day to develop a positive relationship between the students and our New Zealand Police.

Our sincere thanks go to the DARE WEST Committee for fully funding The Fun Day and we also need to recognise Jolly Jumps for a very competitive price for the inflatable obstacle course hire.

Costs

Inflatables	1000.00
Sausages, Bread and Sauce	257.70
Vegetarian Sausages	61.20
Total	<u>\$1318.90</u>

This averages out to approximately \$3.00 per student. We were very pleased with the per head cost that we managed to achieve for such a large group of students.

Logistically, holding the event at school was more practical and involved much less organisation than the previous year's fun day. Because we already had the activities from last year, there was less involved on that front too. The sausage sizzle worked well as there was a steady stream of students throughout the afternoon and we did not have to feed the two large groups of students in one lot as we did last year. The downside was that some students had not brought their lunch and therefore did not have food to supplement the sausage sizzle. Also the groups who went through later were very hungry by the time it was their turn for a break.

In terms of the funding, it was very helpful for me to go to the DARE WEST committee meeting and submit our proposal in person. The funding could be confirmed at the meeting and we were able to confirm bookings straight away.

Changes that we would look at making next time are time tabling changes and considering the length of time on each activity and whether a lunch break needs to be factored into the day and how that break would work.

The highlights of the day for the students were:

- The team building activities
- Sausage Sizzle

- Inflatable obstacle courses

Special thanks need to go to:

- Olwyn Grant for her support with organisation and her liaison with the DARE WEST Committee
- The organisation of team building activities and tabloid sports by Katie Hodgeson and Toby Dickens
- The support of Constable Rick
- Matua Russell who helped with the sausage sizzle
- Maureen Fleet for the photographs
- All teachers who came on the day for ensuring the day ran smoothly, and the support of other teachers

Our children were extremely well behaved. The activities and organisation kept all students engaged with positive attitudes. The day was a great success!

Amanda Bennett
Rangeview Intermediate




PARTING THOUGHT	Derek: Put on the glasses of optimism and you will see a world of potential
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RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE TOTAL	FINES
John	H, H, T, H	\$34.20	\$38.60

APOLOGIES:
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!

BOARD MEMBERS		ATTENDANCE	
President	Craiger Hargesheimer	Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P, John R, Sheena S, Domenic W
President Elect / Sergeant	Patrick Howard	Apologies:	Mike A, Roger F, Terry H, Monique M, Graham N, Jack R,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Guests:	Cecile Struvay, Pene Burridge, Robson Tavita
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Missing in Action:	Peter S,
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Make Ups	
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Attendance:	14/21 66%
International Director	Kerry McMillan		
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES	
Squire	
Squire	
Greeter	
Grace	
Introduction	
Thanks	
Parting Thought	
Dealer	
Joker	
Joker	



WEBSITE ADDRESSES

Waitakere 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/>

COUSIN GEORGE:

"Human Relations: For every action, there is a corresponding overreaction."

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