

# WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

**Venue:** Starling Park Sports Club  
34 Glen Road  
Ranui

**Time:** 5:45pm for 6:10pm

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## FEBRUARY: WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

### NEXT MEETING

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
**Venue:** Starling Park Sports Club  
**Event:** Te Atatu Lions to join us  
**Speaker:** Bat Conservation

## THIS WEEK: ROTARY & I: LINDA COOPER



Linda joined our happy group a year ago on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011. This week we talked her into a "Rotary & I" to tell us about herself and the path that led to Rotary.

(We get everyone eventually – so if you haven't had a turn... watch this space!)

We all know that Linda is a past City Councillor, has her fingers in many community organizations (The Waitakere Licensing Trust, the Ranui community centre and others) and that she stood for Parliament as a List MP this year as well.

Also that Linda runs, cycles, generally shows us all up in the fitness stakes and has time for family activities.

I guess we all wonder how she finds time for Rotary and her current role as Program Organizer on top of all this.

Somehow in her "Rotary & I" she failed to give us a current CV of the roles she is involved in (probably to stop us hiding under the tables in awe) but she did give us an insight into her early life.

Born in Auckland, in Fiji till aged 3 as a member of an Air Force family, back to Auckland, off to the UK for a year aged 11 and back to Auckland for schooling at Massey High.

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### CALENDAR

**MARCH: LITERACY MONTH**  
SAT 31/3/12

*Auckland East SBD  
LETS*

**APRIL: MAGAZINE MONTH**  
1/4/12

*NZ Finals SBD*

4/4/12

**Te Atatu Lions to join us:  
Bat Conservation**

9/4/12

*Board Meeting*

11/4/12

**Club Night**

SUN 15/4/12

Pizza lunch at Monique's

18/4/12

**ROMAC: Leigh Kelly**

## 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 was followed by a career in Nursing, 3 marriages (!) and now an extremely active role in the community.

Thank you Linda for sharing your life with us.

## **NEXT WEEK: PROJECT ECHO - BAT CONSERVATION IN FULL FLIGHT!**

Speaker: Ben Paris, Senior Natural Heritage Advisor, Biodiversity Group, Auckland Council.

Ben is a BSc(Tech) graduate of the University of Waikato. For five years he was at Environment Waikato Regional Council working to bring Tui back to urban Hamilton as part of the Hamilton Halo Project.

This created a spin-off of Project Echo around the long-tailed bat populations in the city. Ben moved to Auckland and started working for the new Council 12 months ago where he enjoys speaking to people to get them excited about bats within the Auckland region.

## **COMPUTERS AND THE VIDEO PROJECTOR**

We now have this sorted.

In case those in the know aren't around the answer is on the computer.

- Plug the computer into the wall socket  
(The cable to connect into the system is held by our caterer)
- Turn computer on
- If you have already opened any programs <Windows Key> D to minimize all running programs to the task bar
- Right click anywhere on the desktop to bring up a menu
- Look for something like "Properties" or "Display Adaptor" (varies from computer to computer)
- Change the monitor setting to "Dual monitor" or similar

## **LETS**

This Rotary Leadership will be held at Henderson Intermediate on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Normally your President-Elect and many of the incoming board would attend this. This year your President-Elect and Treasurer are "otherwise occupied" with soapbox derby matters (a day when both Alan and I should be in 4 different places at once!)

If anyone would like to attend this – either as an incoming board member or thinking of the future – contact our Secretary Bob for details.

Rotary trainings are highly informative and a great way to meet others in our Rotary world.

## **24<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION**

As we all know Jack Riddell served during World War II in the 24<sup>th</sup> battalion and has been an active member of the Battalion Association since it was formed in 1947.

Membership having dropped from 3,000 at its height in 1962 to a committee of three now – The President, Jack and "one other bloke" - the time has come to beat a retreat.

The colours will be formally lowered on the 21<sup>st</sup> April at the Cenotaph at the Auckland Museum and will then be held at the Army Headquarters in Grey Lynn.

After the colours are lowered there will be a formal lunch with the Governor General in attendance.

Lunch costs \$80 per head. All those who would like to attend this function with Jack – please contact him. I’m sure he could do with some Rotary support.

### SOAPBOX DERBY FINALS

These will be held at Stonefields Avenue, St Johns on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.

Auckland East Rotary is providing the venue but all 4 of the Race Centres are asked to provide the manpower for the day. Alan and Heather are taking their motor home over on Friday night (Alan will run the corporate cars on Saturday and Heather will take photos and give a hand as needed).

If anyone can join us on Sunday to give a hand with running the Finals it would be greatly appreciated.

### CORPORATE CAR SPONSORS

Davis Funerals came on board as sponsors of the Soapbox Derby adult cars two days before our race. For that race they quickly added a sponsor sticker and away we raced.

Over the next few days they put their thinking caps on, consulted their sign writers, and dreamed up some very impressive decorations.

Alan dropped it off to the sign writers and picked it up on Friday. A “grill” on the front, Rolls Royce sticker – and it even had dials painted on the dash! The whole thing is done as a vinyl wrap that can be peeled off. Very impressive!



John Schipper, Manager of the West Auckland branch



Neil Little, Director of the company and incoming Epsom Rotary President

### WHANGAPARAOA SBD



Go help to set up a SBD and what happens? Peter and Alan end up deep in discussions about Vanuatu. A few members from Whangaparaoa are returning to Tongoa Island in September to do various tasks.



Terry Clarkson, NZ Race Director and Whangaparaoa Rotarian came down the track in the Davis Funeral car. What happened to the Clarkson car Terry? Not pretty enough for you?



Last week Zach had an incident in his master's car when the helmet slipped.



This week he had an incident when Aaron's steering cable snapped and they collided at speed.

Aaron walked away without injury, Zach sustained a bump on his head – but was seen later racing his repaired car and walking around eating candyfloss.



Some people really take soapbox racing seriously!



Alan bowing before the Spade Master as they buried a cable



## RADIO NZ INTERVIEW

Whilst we had the Soapbox cars on Breakfast TV Terry Clarkson had an interview on the subject on Radio NZ on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. For those who missed it:  
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/nights/audio/2513393/soapbox-derby-hibiscus-style>

## CHALLENGE CAMP 2012

We have had notification from the Newmarket Rotary Club that this year they have seven applications from the Kelston Deaf Centre – and we will be sponsoring one of these students.

## CECILE – OUR IYE STUDENT

Cecile, having spent 3 months with the Benzies, will be moving to Sheena's next week for 3 months of country air.

## SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – PIZZA AT MONIQUE'S

Monique, after a year of battling various ills, is now feeling sufficiently better to ask us all to lunch. With a new pizza oven in the back yard the menu will be... pizza.

Everyone welcome. Derek will ask for numbers who would like to attend next week.

<b>PARTING THOUGHT</b>	Jack: We all know that Temper gets us into trouble. It is pride that keeps us there.		
<b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>	<b>STATISTICS</b>	<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>FINES</b>
		\$32.00	\$38.30
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>			
<a href="mailto:apology@details.co.nz">apology@details.co.nz</a> or ph 8109 589 no later than <b>5pm on the Monday</b> 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!			
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
President	Craiger Hargesheimer	Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Sheena S
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Apologies:	Terry H, Peter S
Vice President	Derek Gee	Late Apologies:	Phyllis A, Kerry M (exhausted after rolling his roller on his building site)
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Missing in Action:	
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Guests:	Cecile, Alana
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M, Domenic W
International Director	Kerry McMillan	Attendance:	14/21 66%
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
<b>NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES</b>		<b>WEBSITE ADDRESSES</b>	
Squire	Mike A	Waitakere Rotary <a href="http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/">http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/</a>	
Squire	Jim A	Rotary International <a href="http://www.rotary.org/">http://www.rotary.org/</a>	
Greeter	Phyllis A	Rotary NZ <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz">http://www.rotary.org.nz</a>	
Grace	Derek G	District Governor's newsletter <a href="http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10">http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10</a>	
Introduction	Bob B	Rotary Downunder Magazine <a href="http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au">www.rotarydownunder.com.au</a>	
Thanks	John R	Rotary NZ Promotions and Information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364">www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364</a>	
Parting Thought	Kerry M	Admin page and information <a href="http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180">http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180</a>	
Dealer		Future Vision <a href="http://www.rotary.org/future_vision">www.rotary.org/future_vision</a>	
Joker		Rotary E Club (for make ups) <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org/">http://www.rotaryclubone.org/</a>	
Joker		Dare West <a href="http://darewest.org.nz/">http://darewest.org.nz/</a>	
			
<b>COUSIN GEORGE:</b>			
<b>"The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker...."</b>			
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