

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



MAY: ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

NEXT MEETING

NEXT MEETING:	23rd May 2012
Venue:	Starling Park Sports Club
Event:	Club Night

THIS WEEK: THE HON PAULA BENNETT MP



When Paula comes to town everyone turns up in force to hear her (hey, the volunteer bar staff quickly booked themselves on the bar when they heard who our speaker was!)

Down to earth, practical, and able to relate to problems in the community – Paula is an incredibly interesting speaker.

Whilst our Clubs tend to have the odd joint meeting this week actually saw all 4 West Auckland Area 6 Clubs at a meeting in one room. We were delighted to welcome Kumeu, Henderson and New Lynn Rotary to our venue – along with lots of other special guests.



Cecile giving an update on Challenge Camp – and how great it was.

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CALENDAR

MAY: ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH

23/5/12

Club Night

28/5/12

Board Meeting

29/5/12

Trees for Survival Seedling Pickup

30/5/12

RYLA students

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

JUNE: ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

6/6/12

Club Night

11/6/12

Board Meeting

13/6/12

Guest Speaker

19/6/12

Trees for Survival

20/6/12

Guest Speaker

22/6/12

Trees for Survival

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?



Craiger flew back to New Zealand from Vanuatu on Wednesday afternoon to attend our meeting – and to discover a surprise waiting for him.

Whilst he wasn't looking the Board had quietly arranged a Paul Harris sapphire pin as an award for all his hard work in recent years. 3 years as President is dedication! DG Brian Tuck took great pleasure in awarding this to Craiger.



Craiger with his daughter



Paula with Linda



Craiger wearing his new award

Guests for this evening included:

- Henderson Rotary
- Kumeu Rotary
- New Lynn Rotary
- DG Brian Tuck & Glenna; DGE Lindsay Ford
- ADG Pene Burridge

Elizabeth Grimmer, Georgia Ball, Beverly Revell, Erica Lamb & Kate Hutchinson (Rotaract), Terry & Irene Clarkson (Whangaparaoa Rotary), Mark Malander, Monique Van Lier, Rachel & Belinda Richie, Sue & Marcus Benzie, Noel Cooper, Joanne, Caitlin & Marisa Hargesheimer, Brandon Hodges, Cecile – and, of course, Paula Bennett



Cecile explaining to our District Governor why she wasn't at school on Wednesday.

Cecile spent the day at Auckland University with an ex-Massey student who is studying Engineering. She found the lectures very interesting and is totally looking forward to starting University to study Architecture in Germany in July.

Her home is on the Belgian/German border and the university is half an hour from home.



Two Rotaract students with Paula and Cecile. Both Kate and Erica, the Rotaract students, are past outgoing IYE students who spent their year in Sweden.



The dining room was a very vibrant place to be with 86 members and guests in attendance

OUR CATERING STAFF

Our regular caterer, Sandra, left the Starling Park Club rooms rather suddenly a couple of weeks ago. Our first thought was "Oops, what is the pizza place phone number again?" but they rallied round and quickly found a replacement - Wesley.

Wes is a chef who has taken time out to be the stay home parent to their toddlers whilst his wife worked but was quite keen to get back into some part time work.

Last week was his first night in the new job – and then this week we dropped him right in the deep end with a major night.

Being a Club house rather than a restaurant they rely to a large extent on volunteers to run the bar and help out in the kitchen. This leads to lower prices for us but, as we know being a volunteer organization ourselves, can lead to one or two issues. Like people failing to show up. Despite all this they coped extremely well and have learnt a few lessons for the future.

Wes had catered for 100 but as the food was rather tasty it went quicker than expected. He'll take this into consideration in the future (hopefully by increasing the quantities rather than reducing the tastiness!)

STARLING PARK CLUB ROOMS

One of the volunteers behind the bar was Tracee – the Starling Park Club Secretary. She filled me in on a few details.

After arson destroyed their original building the new one was built and opened just over a year ago. They completed most of their goals but ran short of money to completely finish everything. Unlike Vanuatu buildings where they just cut down on the structural elements (!) the building was completed but a few of the finishing touches had to be sliced from the budget. Amongst these were:

- Blinds for the end walls
- An ice machine on the bar counter (apparently if you look closely there is a space for one built into the counter)
- A second deep fryer
- And... The sound cable in the wall. The video cable is there, the plugs are there, a draw wire is in place – but the sound cable is missing <which explains why I couldn't get it to work!>

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

VANUATU – ORAP SCHOOL

Craiger is back and full of enthusiasm for how much they accomplished on the trip. He flew back in time for our meeting leaving Alan, Kerry and Sheena there (with a couple of Dunedin North Rotarians and Kerry's son-in-law Emil) to finish up.

Apparently Alan took my Very Strict Instructions to heart and has been taking lots of photos so we should have a very interesting "Show and Tell" at our Rotary Club Night next week.

CHALLENGE CAMP



Cecile came back from camp exhausted but full of enthusiasm for it. She claimed it to be the best week of the entire exchange program.

This year the IYE students gathered at Willowpark on Sunday for a day to catch up with each other and the campers arrived on Monday. Cecile's buddy for the week, Elaine, came from the Kelston Deaf Centre and the pair of them got on extremely well.

Last year's camp was very full on with activities filling the days. This year they reduced the activities slightly giving the students more free time to generally hang out with each other. The end result of this is that our Tri-lingual exchange student has returned to us as a Quad-lingual exchange student. With Elaine's guidance Cecile has learnt how to sign and by the end of the week was communicating very well with the Deaf students.

Hilary has added photos to the Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Challenge-Camp-New-Zealand/189898491057755>

I've also had a couple of emails from Hilary who said:

Whilst saying goodbye to the Kick Start campers this year, I caught up with Daniel who was on

the Challenge Camp last year. He gave me an enormous cuddle and said how much he had loved the Camp and how it had really helped to change his life. He was looking great and has not had any hospital stays in the last year. They were about to drive off when he opened the door again, jumped out and gave me another big cuddle!

It's great to know the affect the Camp has on these youngsters.

And...

Cecile did an amazing job with the deaf campers....she was incredible to watch. She spent her week so focused on her camper and those other campers who were deaf. A very beautiful young lady.

SOAPBOX DERBY NEWS

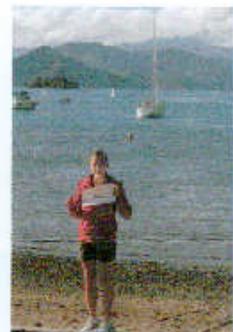
Our incoming District Governor, Lindsay Ford, is really keen to import the soapbox derby to Norfolk Island as an educational activity for the local kids and was talking to me about it at Rotary. He's looking to run a race during conference week next year with the help of keen volunteers from New Zealand.

There is only one major hitch. Finding 420 road barriers might be problematic. The alternative is over 1,000 hay bales...

Watch this space.

OUTWARD BOUND

We received the following letters in this week's mail:



Helen Nobilo
62 Divich Ave
Te Atatu South
Auckland 0610
11th May 2012

Rotary
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Lincoln North
Waitakere 0654

Dear Rotary,

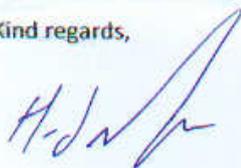
I'd just like to convey my sincere gratitude for your organisations financial assistance which enabled my daughter and I to attend a Parent and Teen Outward Bound course. We both spent an incredibly challenging 8 days in the beautiful Marlborough Sounds with twelve others. Sleep deprivation, fear and constantly wet clothing were second to the sense of achievement and camaraderie we all shared. Personally I found the experience hugely rewarding, my daughter and I spent some quality and productive time together and as a student teacher in my final year I am excited to find ways I can replicate some of the team-building and personal-growth strategies I learnt at Outward Bound inside the classroom.

I participated in and completed every challenge including the high-ropes activity despite my mortal fear of heights. Perhaps my most enjoyable challenge was the sea-kayaking adventure – I felt a real sense of achievement as I pushed beyond my fear and not only made it down a waterfall upright but was able to extract myself from my kayak when I tipped upside down further down the rapids.

As part of 'paying-it-forward' this experience has convinced me 'there is more in me' (a catch phrase used by Outward Bound instructors to push us further) and I have set myself 2 new goals; to complete post-grad study connected to education and to return to Outward Bound as a volunteer helper to assist with a special needs course.

Thank you so much for your generous support.

Kind regards,



Helen Nobilo

Outward Bound Survivor

Chloe Nobilo
62 Divich Ave
Te Atatu South
Auckland 0610
11th May 2012

Rotary
PO Box 104 017
Lincoln North
Waitakere, 0654

Dear Rotary,

This is a letter expressing to you my deepest thanks for your funding to support My Mum, Helen, & I on our Outward Bound experience. Though-out the course I was really challenged and everyday there was an opportunity where you would be pushed beyond your suspected limits!

My scariest activity was surprisingly to me the kayaking. After experiencing a not so nice tip over a rapid in a sea-skirted kayak and not being able to pull myself out twice, the third time became petrifying but I achieved the drop down the rapid staying upright!

We participated in so many things over those 8 days including sailing, high ropes, rock climbing, hiking, running, & a solo out in the bush for two days and two nights on our own.

One of the phrases constantly used by our instructors was 'don't look at the frog too long, just eat it!' It was a form of encouragement to push us beyond our fear and to achieve. We faced and conquered many challenges which showed us there was always more in us & I learnt that I can overcome my fears by facing them with a positive attitude and giving them my best shot.

One thing I'd like to share with others is that being an encouragement, keeping positive & working together will help them to achieve much more.

Thanks again for your support, it was much appreciated.



Chloe Nobilo.



D9910 Conference 2013 for



"Rotarians With Conviction"

We invite you to join us for a week of fun, friendship and learning on Norfolk Island.

Dates – 21-28 April 2013

Web Site – the web site is already available and has a heap of information about travel, accommodation, the Programme etc. So have a look at the site on

www.rotaryconference.co.nz

Flights – The Conference Committee has pre-booked the scheduled service, and arranged a charter flight direct to Norfolk. The cost for the charter and the scheduled service is NZ\$695 pp return. The charter flight cost is more than is normally available as specials on the scheduled service because it has an empty leg to add on to each of the travel days. The Conference Committee can not commit to the charter until there are sufficient bookings to warrant the flight, and the airline requires a commitment before September. So there is urgency to get "bums onto seats" quickly. We suggest you organise a block plane booking through our preferred travel agent on Norfolk Island "The Travel Centre". When you do this you will need to supply full names and passport numbers so you need to be as accurate with numbers as possible.

Accommodation – There is a full range of accommodation available on Norfolk as it is a tourist destination. You can either book this direct with the various accommodation providers (many of whom have links on the web site) or you can arrange a package through our preferred agent on Norfolk "The Travel Centre" which also has a link on the web site.

Club Bookings – in the past it used to be the custom to make combined Club bookings and we are encouraging you to do this for the Norfolk Conference. It will be a great way to get your Club members enjoying a week of fun and friendship together and is a great opportunity to strengthen your Club spirit.

Registration – there are already a number of registrations. Bail for your Conference attendance has been set at \$275. It is the same price for Rotarians and Partners as your registration fee includes high tea with the Island Governor, 2 dinners, a couple of BBQ's and breakfast following the ANZAC Day dawn service, plus morning teas.

Programme – The Conference will be on 3 mornings, and we have a number of activities available in the afternoons and evenings. We also have some excellent and inspirational speakers who we know will make this Conference very special.

Visas – There is no visa requirement for either New Zealand or Australian Passport holders. However please note that an Australian multiple entry visa is required for passports other than Australian and NZ. The Travel Centre can assist or go to Australian High Commission website and apply on line.

So don't just think about it – go ahead and book with Conviction

PARTING THOUGHT			
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	FINES
		\$304	
APOLOGIES:			
apology@details.co.nz or ph 8109 589 no later than 5pm 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:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H Terry H, Heather P, Jack R, John R, Peter S,
President Elect	Heather Pattison	Make ups:	Kerry M, Alan P, Sheena S (Vanuatu project)
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	Patrick H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Sheena S,
Secretary	Bob Benzie	Late Apologies:	
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Guests:	
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Leave:	Monique M, Domenic W
International Director	Kerry McMillan	Attendance:	17/21 81%
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Sheena Spittles		
Sergeant	John Riddell		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Squire	Jack R	Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/ Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/ Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Squire	Sheena S	District Governor's newsletter http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10	
Greeter		Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Grace	Peter S	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	
Introduction		Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/	
Thanks		Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/	
Parting Thought	Mike A		
Dealer	Jim A		
Joker			
Joker			
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
All of us could take a lesson from the weather - it pays No Attention to criticism!			
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