

# WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

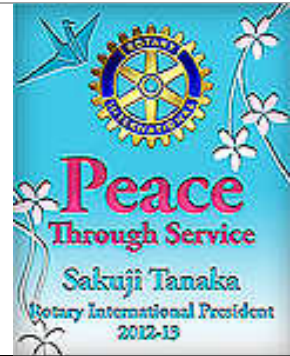
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

**Venue:** Starling Park Sports Club  
34 Glen Road  
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**Time:** 5:45pm for 6:10pm

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### NOVEMBER: ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

<b>NEXT MEETING:</b>	<b>21st November</b>
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	Ginny Harwood - Glaucoma

### THIS WEEK: GABRIEL, SHEENA

#### GABRIEL



Gabriel with Selena

3 months ago Gabriel spoke about his stay here through the International Youth Exchange program.

This week he updated us on his trip to date and Selena, hosted by Henderson Rotary, came along for support.



Gabriel with school report and Bob

Three host families – at Norfolk Island, the Benzies and now the Coopers, have made his stay very interesting and enjoyable.

In Brazil he is the youngest son and here there have been changes.

In Norfolk Island he was the “only son”; at Bob’s he was “big brother to Marcus”; and now at Linda’s he has a whole new and interesting challenge...“sisters”

Recent events have included

- The IYE Marae weekend where he was elected Chief
- Building the chicken house with Noel
- Pig hunting with Noel (he seemed extraordinarily relieved that they didn’t catch a pig)
- Fishing (what is it with fish instead of pigs? He liked catching these)
- School (he put a few photos in to show he goes)

In a few days he will be off to the South Island for a few weeks on the annual IYE trip

## Calendar

### November – Rotary Foundation Month

*16th to 4<sup>th</sup> Dec  
IYE South Island trip*

**21/11/12  
Ginny Harwood  
Glaucoma NZ**

*24/11/12  
Henderson Rotary Santa  
Parade*

*Lake Taupo Cycling  
Challenge*

**28/11/12  
Wolfgang Wolf**

## 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?

One Rotary project that he has been involved with – the RAP House renovations – has stood out. This is a totally different project to any he has been involved with through his father's Brazilian Club.

Gabriel asked us if we had seen any changes in him since he had arrived. Oh yes we have.

From a quiet young man more than happy to stay in the background and watch he is now an active member of our club able to communicate far more easily in English.

His confidence and humour really came to the fore in his presentation.

After his presentation Bob shared Gabriel's school report with his Rotary Family before allowing Gabriel to look at it himself. A very good report with a note from the International Dean that Gabriel does extremely well as an ambassador for Rotary.

## MATCHING GRANTS

The Rotary Foundation is undergoing a major upheaval in the way it allocates grants with the new system starting next year.

Small amounts will be available through the District for local projects and much larger sums will also be available for big projects. To access these bigger funds Clubs will require alliances with other Clubs – both here and overseas.

We, of course, are involved in big projects in Vanuatu so this is highly relevant for us.

DG Lindsay gave us an update at the RAP House meeting and I suggested that our IYE students may be able to link us to overseas clubs for these sorts of projects. Gabriel has spoken to his father who is keen.

## SHEENA – ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

A couple of months ago Sheena headed overseas for a holiday. The first two weeks were with the Rotary Friendship Exchange, the other 4 weeks with friends.

Sheena was absolutely thrilled with the exchange and couldn't speak highly enough of it.

Over half the Districts in the world participate in this program.

This year District 9910 organized an exchange with a District in the UK. Seven New Zealanders were hosted in the UK – and a similar number make a return visit here.

Sheena stayed with two host families during her two weeks. During that time she, and the other team members, made presentations to both their host Clubs and had a fantastic time seeing various sights.

Highlights included:

- Meeting the Mayor of Durham and his bodyguard. The Mayor is a Rotarian (does his bodyguard go to Rotary meetings too?)
- A lunchtime cruise
- Visiting an "All things James Cook" display
- Many "Rotary talks" – talking to both the hosts and the other New Zealanders about the differences in the way Clubs are run, what Rotary does in the world and what projects we are all involved in.

Sheena also had lots of photos and shared a few of them with us.

Her recommendation? If you get the opportunity to go on one or to host team members from another country – embrace it. The learning experience is incredible and it was a major highlight of her trip.

## PRE-PRESIDENT ELECT TRAINING - SHEENA



I attended the Presidents Elect Kaiwaka Challenge on Saturday..... I met lots of new people, learnt lots about how the other Rotary Clubs in the District are structured, and learnt a couple of new skills along the way!

We discussed lots of things which were common interests or concerns across a number of clubs (increasing membership, fundraising ideas, guidelines / job descriptions for each director, RYPEN, projects, resources, vocational initiatives, Foundation etc)

We had two physical challenges during the day – constructing a structure from pieces of pipe, then managing to throw and hang two golf balls from it (trickier than it sounds) in the morning, and flax weaving, which was a lovely social way to start the afternoon. Now I have to do the written challenge, which is to reflect on lots of questions they've posed to us ..... and send in the answers.

Next session next Saturday ... busy times!  
Sheena

### SUNSHINE FUND

The Kaiwaka Playcentre is in a rundown condition and those at the training were asked if their Clubs could help out.

Sheena has some surplus toys that she has recently removed from her Day Care that she will donate and we will also send a Sunshine Fund cheque for \$200.

## ROTARY TRAININGS

Rotary are providing some very interesting trainings for Rotarians to enhance our leadership skills. The skills we learn not only enhance our leadership abilities as Rotarians but also translate nicely to life and business.

When these opportunities arise it is a great idea to embrace them rather than sit there like stunned rabbits waiting for others to take the plunge.

## RAP HOUSE NIGHT FEEDBACK

Hi Linda

Ann, Papi, Louise and I enjoyed the hospitality from the Rotary Club and RAP last evening & were thrilled to receive the very generous cheque from your members. It will really make a difference to our planning for this important event in the festive season for the residents & their children at the park. Thank you so much for organising this through your group.

Thank you also for the offer of some books & the computers as well, they will be well utilised by the residents.

On our way out one of your members (Lynn) offered for her Girl Guides to make up some lolly packs for the children at Christmas - so we have done very well.

The Hub Steering Group really appreciates the support given by Rotary to our project.

Many thanks & Best wishes

Jeanne on behalf of the Steering group - Ann, Cissy, Louise, Graham, Nicki, Niusulu, Sharyn - and Papi.

## LIFE EDUCATION FEEDBACK

Remember our donation a couple of weeks back to the Life Education Caravan to assist kids who can't afford the \$4 to do the course? We provided \$600 and they were going to seek an extra \$600 from elsewhere to enable children from two local schools to take part.

Hi Phyllis

I just got a phone call from Mike Carswell - Birdwood School to say that they would love to have Life Education.

I shall start on getting the extra funding now, exciting

Murielle and I handed out Rotary leaflets on Sunday at Carl Jrs, boy that place was busy. Brought back many memories of when I used to run a Pizza Hut. It was fun.

Thanks for all your help  
Hope your trip to Taupo went well.

Cheers Cat

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## GSE TEAM – SOUTH KOREA

A month or two back District asked us to support a nomination for a young man living in Te Atatu to apply for the GSE Team who are heading to South Korea next year.

The GSE Selection weekend has been held, the candidates selected and we received an email from Elaine. Extract from this below:

The energy and balance was good and it made the selection panel's task very difficult to choose four team members from an eligible candidate pool of 9.

We spent the rest of the afternoon at Vaughan Park discussing who to place in the team.

However, as we mentioned on several occasions, we can only take four people.

The D9910 GSE team heading to D3730, gangwon province, South Korea during April/May 2013 will be:

Peter Garnett	Rotary Club of East Coast Bays	Team Leader
Bill Wiessing	presented by RC Kaitaia	Team Member
Gavin Kouwenhoven	presented by RC Henderson	Team Member
Karen Stimson	presented by RC Albany	Team Member
Kristin Edge	presented by RC Whangarei City	Team Member

As you can see how nomination, Neil, was not selected. However he will have learnt a lot about Rotary over the weekend ☺

#### EMAIL FROM NEIL

Dear Heather,

I wanted to thank you so much for your support regarding the GSE programme. I really appreciate it. I was really disappointed hearing that I had not made it through but I do wish the team all the best.

It was a sad ending to an enjoyable weekend.

Regards  
Neil

#### ROTARY SUMMER SCIENCE FORUM

The Summer Science Forum attracts huge interest from students and demand far exceeds the available places (at least twice as many apply than there are places for).

We submitted three students for this and originally two of them were selected. We have now heard that our third student, on the waiting list short list, has also been selected and can go.

A bunch of very bright kids out here in the West...

#### POMARIA SCHOOL GARDEN

New Lynn Rotarians are experts in school gardens.

Recently they approached us about helping them in a joint project for a new garden at Pomaria School with a tentative date for a working bee on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

More on this as we know more.

#### ALL AMERICAN SOAPBOX DERBY

This year's New Zealand winner came from East Auckland and Gemma was accompanied to Akron by her Mum along with Shawn and Debbie from West Auckland.

The AASBD November newsletter has a front page article about their experiences. A copy is, of course, available on our Articles page on our website:

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

<And for those who belong to the Flat Earth Society – a printed copy is available for viewing at Rotary>



## OUR SOAPBOX DERBY

On Tuesday Alan and I went to the NZ International SBD Trust meeting (Alan is our club's representative and Heather is secretary).

Guy from Northcote Rotary has been in talks with the Mayor of Auckland and Auckland Council about holding next year's NZ Finals in Queen Street. This hasn't worked due to a clash of events but Council have suggested holding it in The Domain instead.

Thoughts are continuing on this one. To hold it as a separate race on a separate weekend turns it into a whole new event with full costs to cover. Without a major naming rights sponsor the costs of this need to be divided between the clubs that participate.

The current ideas are:

1. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at Whangaparaoa (barriers etc will be in place from their event the day before)  
or
2. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April in The Domain

Whichever venue is chosen all Clubs are asked to provide manpower to run this. Two full days of racing is exhausting and unfair on the host Club.

NOTE: Originally it was suggested that we should host the Finals in Westgate next year. Road closure for two days was an issue so we were unable to do it. But just think how exhausted you would be if we were left to do a two day event on our own...

## TERTIARY BURSARY SCHOLARSHIP

Suzy applied to us for funds to help with her Midwifery placement at Port Vila Hospital and we awarded her our \$500 Tertiary Bursary. She emailed me on Wednesday:

Hi Heather,

Sorry about the delayed reply! The past weeks have been extremely busy with organising the trip, University assignments etc. But we are now in Vanuatu! It's been great so far! We're starting at the hospital today which we're looking forward to.

Saskia had tried the Kerikeri Rotary Club but was unsuccessful.

<we were unable to help Suzy's friend with funds as she lives outside our area>

I'll send some pics of our trip a a couple of weeks once we've been working for a bit longer.

Thanks again,  
Suzy Van Lier

## GUIDE HALL

A few months ago the West Auckland Girl Guides asked us for help renovating their Roby Street Hall in Te Atatu.

It turned out to be a major undertaking that is beyond volunteer working bees so Alan helped the West Auckland Girl Guide District Coordinator with a grant application to The Trusts (identifying the work needed, helping find people to quote etc)

Jenny rang to say that she has received a letter from The Trusts – and that they were successful. Soon the graffiti covered rundown building will return to being a real asset to the community.

## ROTARY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Mike is taking orders for these.

## RYLA

We are seeking candidates for next year now – potential leaders aged between 18 and 24.

## NZ POST COMMUNITY ENVELOPES

We recently applied to NZ Post for Community Post for envelopes for the Soapbox Derby. We are pleased to report that we were successful in our application.

Many thanks to NZ Post for this. It does make a difference.

## ROTARY COMMUNITIES IN ACTION BOOK

Australia Rotary has a "Humanity in Motion" book and Hutt City Rotary will shortly produce a "Communities in Action Book". 60 Rotary projects from round New Zealand will be included with 2 pages per project. The Waitakere Soapbox Derby has been selected as a suitable project for inclusion <now I have to write it...>. Sometime next year copies will be available for \$5 each.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE – NORFOLK ISLAND

20<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013

Our DG has sent another reminder about this. As usual they are expecting lots of people to think about this at the last minute and panic. They are requesting that those who are planning on going book now <http://rotaryconference.co.nz/>

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

The November issue is on-line at <http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10>

In it there is a short write up on the recent Rotary Friendship exchange to the UK that Sheena went on.

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

A copy of the latest issue was forwarded to all of you with email addresses <and for the Flat Earth people – see note above>  
It is well worth a read.

## ROTARY RADIO ADS

Keep your ears open over the next few weeks - Rotary has some ads playing. A couple of the scripts are:

Client	Rotary NZ ROZCOM
Job	Radio Commercial #1
On Air	Oct/Nov 2012
Job No.	4747 30sec
Date	6 September 2012
Key #	Rot 30 4747

*30s FVO and MVO: Questioning tone with warmth becoming more authoritative towards the end.*

Did you know that Rotary played a leading role setting up:

- Outward Bound,
- Crippled Children's Society,
- Meals on Wheels,
- Starship Ronald McDonald House,
- Defensive Driving...to name a few?

	<p>These organisations highlight the Rotary Way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to recognise a need</li> <li>- rally resources...and implement a solution.</li> </ul> <p>If you want to play a part in Rotary and help your community...</p> <p>go to <a href="http://rotarysouthpacific.org">rotarysouthpacific dot org</a></p> <p>Rotary...people like you and me achieving extraordinary things.</p> <p>Call 0800, numeral 4...Rotary</p> <p>(77 words)</p>	
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Client	Rotary NZ ROZCOM
Job	Radio Commercial #2
On Air	Oct/Nov 2012
Job No.	4848
Date	6 September 2012
Key #	Rot 30 4848

<p><i>30s FVO and MVO:</i></p> <p>Question answer tone becoming more authoritative towards the end.</p>	<p>Do you want to make your community a better place to live in and be part of a fun organisation that achieves extraordinary things?</p> <p>Rotary is for people just like you and me and the way Rotary works is to recognise a need and rally its resources.</p> <p>Does this sound like you?</p> <p>If you want to be a part of Rotary and help your community...go to <a href="http://rotarysouthpacific.org">rotarysouthpacific dot org</a></p> <p>Rotary...people like you and me achieving extraordinary things.</p> <p>Call 0800, numeral 4... Rotary</p> <p>(82 words)</p>
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**ROTARY MEETING**

If somebody falls asleep in a meeting, have everyone else leave the room. Then collect a group of total strangers, right off the street, and have them sit around the sleeping person until he wakes up.

Then have one of them say to him, "Bob, your plan is very, very risky. However, you've given us no choice but to try it. I only hope, for your sake, that you know what you're getting yourself into."

Then they should file quietly out of the room.




<b>PARTING THOUGHT</b>	Graham: Light travels faster than sound. That means that some people appear brighter before they speak Terry: Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege that has been denied to many
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<b>RAFFLE WINNER</b>	<b>STATISTICS</b>	<b>RAFFLE</b>	<b>DONATIONS</b>
No winner	H, T, T	\$31.20	\$42.70

**APOLOGIES:**  
[apology@details.co.nz](mailto: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!

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
President	Heather Pattison	Present:	Jim A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Terry H, Patrick H, Mark M, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Sheena S, Jack R, John R,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	Mike A, Phyllis A
Secretary	Sheena Spittles	Late Apologies:	Craiger H,
President Elect	Sheena Spittles	Missing in Action:	
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Make ups:	
Club Service Director	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Gabriel, Selena
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Leave:	Monique M, Peter S, Domenic W
International Director	Craiger Hargesheimer	Attendance:	16/22 73%
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Patrick Howard		

<b>NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES</b>	<b>WEBSITE ADDRESSES</b>
Meeting Manager	Craiger
Sunshine Manager	Derek
Greeter	Alan
Grace	Terry
Squire 1	Mark
Squire 2	Peter
Thank You	Kerry
Parting Thought	Heather
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<b>COUSIN GEORGE:</b>	
★ "I have not yet begun to procrastinate."	
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