

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:	Wednesday 13th March
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	Summer Science Students

THIS WEEK: SOAPBOX DERBY PLANNING

www.soapboxderby.co.nz

Join the Thrill of the Soap Box Derby Trolley Racing

The West Auckland Regional Championships organised by Waitakere Rotary

Auckland Council
THE TRUSTS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
WAITAKERE ROTARY

WESTGATE DRIVE SUNDAY 17 MARCH RACING STARTS AT 9AM

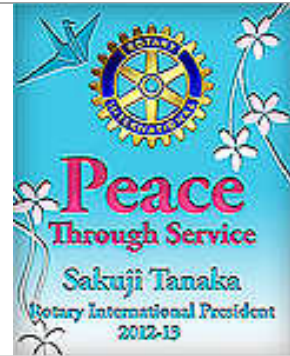
Jeff Harness, from Mint Signs, has turned his creative talents to our soapbox street signs <above>. Alan, Kerry and Lyn will shortly be taking to our West Auckland streets to install them.

OUR MEETING

The objective of the evening was to bring memories of "what worked / what didn't work as well as it should" back to the forefront of everyone's minds so that this year we run an even better Soapbox than in the past.

Members were seated at three tables for dinner – with checklists for their areas to discuss. One table was for those in the "Start" area; a second for the "Track/Finish" area; and the third for "Other"

After dinner we had a group discussion and question time followed by a Health and Safety presentation (and no Morgan, you may **NOT** sit on the barriers <shakes head in disbelief!> ☺ LOL)



Calendar

March – Soapbox Derby season starts (Rotary Literacy Month)

8/03/13 to 10/03/12
South Pacific PETS
(Sheena)

Sun 10/03/13
Auckland East SBD

Mon 11/03/13
Board Meeting

Wed 13/03/13
Summer Science
Students: Caitlin Smart,
Ustav and Neil

Sun 17/03/13
Waitakere 10th annual
Soapbox Derby

Wed 20/03/13
GSE Visit – Birkenhead
Rotary

Thurs 21/3/13
Life Education
Alan Gibbs Sculpture visit

Sat 23/03/13
Northcote Rotary SBD
Walk for Water

Riserra Drive Street Party
22nd & 23rd DARE
National Conference

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?

SCHOOL SOAPBOX DERBY PASSION

Waitakere Primary are all set to go and sent through the following that they were including in the school's newsletter this week:

Chequered flags are waving, brakes are smoking and video cameras are rolling, while the pit crew and drivers take to the tarmac for their practice sessions!

Rotary Waitakere Soap Box Derby 2013 is looming and our team is getting ready to race - we would like to acknowledge the Steed, Allen and Fong families for allowing the team to practice in their driveway.

A HUGE thanks goes out to our fabulous sponsors: Autex Industries Ltd, Industrial Processors Ltd, Waitakere R&R, Kumeu Computers and Carters for their sponsorship support, it is truly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you are interested in sponsoring the school team. Roll on race day!

AUCKLAND EAST SOAPBOX DERBY

This was on Sunday 10th March. Alan and I went over in the motor home on Saturday night all ready for an early start in the morning.

On Friday Alan picked up our usual timing gear from Rally NZ. We have 3 sets for the month and each Club will only be charged for what they use. Auckland East built their own set of wireless timing gear and Alan was asked to bring the Rally NZ sets "just in case". He ran the cable down the track in the morning then set out to enjoy the day.

The day was very hot and by 2pm the new gear appeared to suffer from a major dose of heat stroke with random signals all over the place. Our Super Hero leapt into action and had the backup system running in 5 minutes flat.



Our new "Super Kids" cars for a driver plus special needs passenger



Driver Fairlane from Riverhead Scouts with her "special" passenger – NZ Race Director Terry Clarkson



The bonnet lifts up to allow very easy access for the less agile



Cheerleaders



The West Aucklanders were out in force. Henry Dyer, our past NZ Champ from Riverhead, was racing in the Masters car race – and also helping with jobs such as moving the corporate cars up the path to the start area



Rotarian aerobics at the start



A couple of the teams at the start. High enthusiasm from all involved



Backup timing in operation – Alan with Michael from Auckland East

WALK FOR WATER

Date: Saturday 23rd March – 10am onwards

New Lynn Rotary is seeking helpers with running this.

- Linda will be running a neighbourhood street BBQ in Ranui
- Alan and I will be at the Northcote SBD
- Phyllis will be helping at Walk for Water

Is there anyone who can assist Phyllis with this?

The graphic features a blue circular background on the left with the text "WALK FOR WATER" in white. Below this, there are several smaller circular elements: a logo for "World Water Day" and "International Year of Water Cooperation", an orange circle with "10am Saturday 23 March", and the Rotary International logo. A central image shows a woman in a blue patterned dress holding a white water container, with two children in orange shirts walking alongside her. A green circle contains the text "A walk and a donation is all it takes to make a difference to people's lives." To the right, the text "And stand up for the right to clean water" is written in a light blue font. At the bottom left is the Unitec logo, and at the bottom right is the website "www.unitec.ac.nz/water".

WALK FOR WATER

World Water Day
International Year of Water Cooperation

10am
Saturday
23 March

And stand up for the right to clean water

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Te Kōwhiri o Te Aroha

www.unitec.ac.nz/water

This March Unitec and Rotary are challenging you to walk 6km for UN World Water Day. It's the distance millions of people around the world have to walk for clean water every day. So put your best foot forward and stand up for the right to clean water and sanitation for everyone.



THE RIGHT TO CLEAN WATER

One in ten of the world's population does not have access to clean water or safe sanitation. Because of this, more than two million people die from water related diseases every year. Walking long distances to find clean water stops children going to school, affects jobs and livelihoods, and dramatically reduces the life expectancy for elderly, sick and disabled people.

Access to clean water and safe sanitation would help break the poverty cycle, improve education and save lives all over the world. Walk for Water this year and stand up for the right to clean water for everyone.

WORLD WATER DAY

The first World Water Day took place in March 1993. Now International World Water Day takes place every year to highlight the importance of clean water and managing our freshwater resources effectively.

TEAM CHALLENGE

Walking together is more fun, so why not enter as a team? Get your family, friends, work mates or school mates on board and come up with a great team name. The Watery Warriors or the Well Wishers may be!

To add to the challenge, you'll each need to carry some water of your own. That's the reality of life for millions of adults and children who have to carry clean water back to their homes.

RAISE MONEY

As well as raising awareness about the importance of clean water and sanitation, you can also raise money. The event is free to enter, but if you'd like to make a donation, it will be used to buy water tanks for villages in the Pacific that can't easily access clean water.

WHEN AND WHERE

Organised by Unitec and Rotary, Walk for Water takes place on **Saturday 23 March at 10am**. You can choose from one of the following start locations:

- **Kan Mound Park in New Lynn**
- **Coi's Bay Reserve in Coi's Bay**
- **Potters Park on the corner of Dominion and Balmora Roads**

The Walk finishes up at Unitec Mt Albert campus where you can kick back and relax with family friendly games, activities, and of course some well-deserved food from a range of different stalls.

So what are you waiting for?

Put on your trainers, grab your family and friends and make a day out of it. Enter online now and make a difference. www.unitec.org/water

MEMBERS NEWS

PATRICK

We have heard that his operation was successful and all is well.

THE SMALL WORLD


PAST PRESIDENT HANS VAN BECK



In between soapbox derby planning we have squeezed in a little time to seek out Trade Me deals for our Christmas purchase "the bach to be in need of MAJOR renovations"

Having demolished the kitchen a few weeks ago a new second hand kitchen was on the list. We bought one – and guess who was the seller? None other than a former president of Waitakere City Rotary. A small world.

Hans was president in 1998-1999 and left to join Probus 10 years ago. He and his wife live in Hobsonville – and are about to modernise their kitchen.

PARTING THOUGHT	Sheena: It is nice to be important, but more important to be nic		
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	DONATIONS
Jack	H,H,H	\$25.30	\$41.70
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	Heather Pattison	Present:	Jim A, Phyllis A Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Sheena S,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	Mike A, Mark M,
Secretary	Sheena Spittles	Late Apologies:	John R,
President Elect	Sheena Spittles	Missing in Action:	Domenic W
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Make ups:	John R,
Club Service Director	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Morgan Lester (USA IYE Student)
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Leave:	Patrick H, Monique M, Peter S
International Director	Craiger Hargesheimer	Attendance:	15/22 68%
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Patrick Howard		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Meeting Manager		Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/	
Sunshine Manager		Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/	
Greeter		Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Grace		District Governor's newsletter http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10	
Squire 1		Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Squire 2		Rotary NZ Promotions and Information www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364	
Thank You		Admin page and information http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180	
Parting Thought		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:			
<p>★ My high-speed internet connection went down for 4 straight minutes today... I'm OK now, but the 111 operator was a total jerk about it...</p>			
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