

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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APRIL: ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Wednesday 24th April
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	Suzy Van Lier

THIS WEEK: COMMUNITY CONSTABLE LUKE WILSON



This evening our guest speaker was 'Constable Luke' – known to many of us from his support for our SBD days and also to some members from their association with Dare.

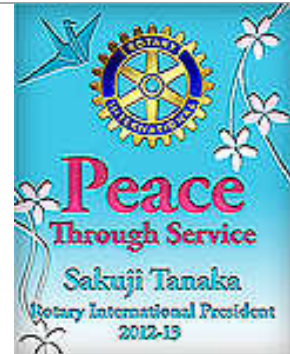
Luke is currently a Community Police Officer, based at Massey.

He began his talk by telling us about his reason for joining the Police – although he had a relatively safe and 'well protected' upbringing, he was aware of the activities of some members of his extended family who were not so fortunate, and the criminal activities of wider family members.

This made him keen to protect the youth in the community as they are the more vulnerable members of society.

After some years travelling the world, (he was too young to join the Police when he first applied) he returned to NZ to join the Police, and was soon working in Youth Education, where he stayed for five years. Sharing personal experiences from his youth gave him 'street cred' amongst some of the less fortunate young people he taught, and enabled him to build a rapport with them.

His current Community role's primary focus is on 'prevention', allowing him to share strategies to prevent people becoming victims.



Calendar

April – Rotary Magazine Month

*20th to 28th April
District Conference*

24/4/13

Suzy Van Lier

Suzy, our Tertiary Bursary Awardee, spent a month on mid-wife placement at Port Vila Hospital

1/5/13

Rotary Projects

6/5/13

Board Meeting

7/5/13

*Trees for Survival
Seedlings Pick Up*

8/5/13

Soapbox Derby Thank You night

Tues 14/5/13

West Auckland Rotaract Charter Night

Wed 15/5/13

<no meeting>

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?

Recent projects he has initiated include checking child safety restraints and helping families to install anchor bolts correctly in their cars. (As well as allowing parents with unrestrained children to attend workshops on Child Safety in lieu of fines)

He has also initiated a project to install Safety Bolts on cars – thus preventing criminals from stealing number plates to try to evade capture when engaged in criminal activity.

This more positive approach to policing suits his style, and support from the police hierarchy as well as adequate resourcing should help to make people more aware about safety and make it harder for criminals to be successful.

Luke also explained how DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) has developed and evolved over the past few years. Currently there is a move to merge DARE with Bluelight with Police formally running the DARE programs.

This will lead to a stronger programme with good relationships with the Police and more manpower available for projects.

The DARE programme has a number of different components, delivered by the Youth Education people, covering younger school age children (Dare to be you) through at risk youth (Dare to move on) to a three lesson programme for all students (Dare to Step up) with 'Dare to reach your potential for older students and 'Dare to support your kids' for parents.

The overall Police goal is crime prevention, with a target of a 19% less cases going through the courts.

By emphasising that 'everyone counts' in keeping ourselves and other safe, and encouraging each and every one of us to 'encourage others to do the right thing' we can have a society where crime is reduced and everyone feels safer.

<Thank you to Sheena for the above report>

DARE MEETING

There are currently 15 people on the DARE committee – although few actually attend DARE meetings.

Prior to our meeting Luke, Patrick (Chairman) and I (Treasurer) met for a short DARE meeting to discuss the current proposed changes.

4 or 5 years ago the West Auckland DARE and Bluelight teams met for joint meetings. DARE was community run (with their own cheque book that our Rotary Club held for them), whilst Bluelight was Police run (with their accounts held in Police hands).

Each did their own programs – Bluelight the camps, school discos and BBQs; DARE the educational programs. The joint meetings were convenient in that it was Police Education Officers and Youth Aid staff that had interests in both programs.

2 or 3 years ago the orders came down from on high that as one was run by Police whilst the other by the community (with Police Education Officers generally teaching the programs) the two needed

to be separated. This resulted in a completely new DARE committee being formed. Patrick and Kent took on the role of joint chair; Olwyn from Rangeview Intermediate was Secretary and I volunteered as Treasurer (a sensible move as Alan holds the cheque book along with our Rotary ones and our Rotary Board signatories also sign the DARE cheques).

A year or so ago the DARE program was on shaky ground with major changes needed. A new national manager was elected and she worked with others to redefine the future.

In late March, at the National DARE conference, the proposed plans were discussed. On 4th April a letter went to all DARE committees proposing the formal merger of DARE with Bluelight. All DARE committees now need to hold an AGM to ratify this.

Luke's opinion? It is a win/win situation. Continuation of the programs by Police is now assured and Bluelight, who receive good support from Police management, gain a very worthwhile program to run.



The Waitakere Rotary sponsored DARE Soapbox Derby car

Whilst we usually try to extract maximum cash from our sponsors for the derby cars this one is different. We sponsor it.

Last year Luke, who was running DARE programs at Rangeview Intermediate, also managed the soapbox team.

The year before when Henderson Intermediate had the DARE program – the car was there.

This year Rangeview pulled out of the derby and, as the DARE program hadn't run in any of our soapbox schools, we shifted the car to Swanson who had requested a second car.

The car is great promotion for the Police.

DARE VERSUS THE LIFE EDUCATION TRUST

A while back I asked Olwyn, a senior teacher at Rangeview Intermediate (a school that runs both programs) whether or not the two programs duplicated each other.

Olwyn gave it some thought and replied that no, they were quite different and complemented each other. Having both programs in a school was an ideal situation.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKING NEWS

Whilst members have heard that 4 members of our International team (Craig, Kerry, Alan and Sheena), along with 4 members from Dunedin Rotary Clubs are setting forth on 25th May to Vanuatu to continue work on the school there is **Breaking News**.

Both Kerry and Alan have been seeking funding for the project and Alan has now received an email from Graeme of the **Harold Thomas Rotary Trust** to say they have agreed to donate a matching grant of \$6,000 towards the project.

The Harold Thomas Trust was established in 1973 by past Rotary International President Harold Thomas (the first New Zealander to hold this top position in Rotary). The focus of the Trust is on child health in both NZ and the Pacific.

Providing a safe water supply and sanitary toilet to an island school is a major step towards child health (believe me, you do not want to walk anywhere near a pit toilet at a school in the islands. The boys sent me to photograph one on Tongoa Island and the smell was indescribable, even with a telescopic lens! Completely rusty roofs supplying a water supply isn't such a hot idea either)

DICTIONARIES FOR 9 YEAR OLDS



John with the 29 children at Don Buck Primary

March is Literacy month so an ideal time to give dictionaries to 9-year olds in our local schools.

The following schools received (or will receive shortly when the last 3 boxes on back order arrive) dictionaries:

Sheena:

- Henderson (35),
- Henderson North (86)
- Pomaria (85)

John:

- Birdwood (27)
- Don Buck (29)

MAY 3RD PARTING THOUGHT



Sheena has asked that on May 3rd instead of a parting thought everyone is to contribute an 'elevator speech' – a pithy phrase that encapsulates our club.

These will then be collated by Phyllis and Dominic into one or two or three for the club to vote on

'Elevator speech?' Think Parting Thought

BULLETIN EDITOR WANTED

After five years as bulletin editor as of 1st July it is time to step down and allow others to do this job. Any volunteers?

(Note: No volunteer = No bulletin)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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

WEBSITE

A few changes lately.

- We have 3 You Tube videos of the soapbox derby from local schools (links to these added on the current derby page – www.soapboxderby.co.nz)
- Mainfreight, who have supported the derby for 11 years with finalist car and part shipping, have been added as major sponsors to our pages.
- The "Latest News" section and one or two other pages have also been updated.

The site has had over 1,000 visitors in the last month – mainly due to soapbox derby. They come, find the information they are looking for – and some of the visitors check out our other Rotary pages whilst there.

STARLING PARK CHEF

As all those who were there on Wednesday night noticed – Starling Park has a new chef who started this week. Steve originally set up the kitchen then moved to other things. Sandra took over for a while, then Wes, and now Steve is back to where he started. Running the kitchen.

His menu of roast beef, vegetables with a mushroom/onion gravy followed by carrot cake was truly superb. Even with a couple of unexpected extras there were a lot of leftovers.

<Memory Add. Adjust diet to include seriously overeating on Wednesday nights at Starling Park>

MEMBER NEWS

DEREK

Derek has Man Flu so badly that he has missed not one, but two Rotary meetings. His friends and family are either phoning (from disinfected phones) or leaving groceries at the bottom of his steps and sending up smoke signals to tell him to come and get them after they have left.

When he rang with his second apology he said that he has been so sick that he thought the end was nigh. This, of course, brought the response of, "We haven't had a Rotary funeral lately – so what do you want on your coffin?"

After due thought he came up with the following:

- Axles and soapbox car wheels (to make it easier for us to push)
- A grill, with red nose on the front
- Rotary soapbox derby stickers on the side
- A stabilizer fin, like a shark's fin, on the back (he feels that this would give the coffin an element of class without overdoing it)
- A black soapbox derby drivers cap sitting on top
- And the required sponsor? Z petrol

Music requests are:

- Liverpool anthem
- Queen "We'll walk the lane together"
- Sarah Brightman, but not "time to say goodbye" as that one has been done to death

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

This being a five Wednesday month the next fellowship night is on the 29th May (whilst the Vanuatu team are away). Two options were presented and voted on. The answer was "no" to a mystery dinner with train ride; "yes" to the movies.

Terry has sent the following:

Westwind has been booked and confirmed for May 29.

We have the choice of the following movies:

(recommended by John Ryder and subject to availability)

1. Quartet
2. An Angels Share
3. Murder by death (1975 retro movie remade)
4. Carry me back (1982 retro NZ movie)

Derek wants to see a movie called 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen', but I think that many may have seen it.

CPR TRAINING

There is a St John's CPR training at the Birdwood Early Settlers Hall on Monday 20th May. If you are interested in gaining a CPR certificate – contact John ASAP

GIRL GUIDES AND SCOUTS

4 NOR-WEST NEWS, APRIL 11, 2013

Book sale to aid Scouts to attend jamboree

Scouts from Riverhead and their supporters will be amid the volunteers helping at the Huapai-Kumeu Lions book fair on Saturday.

Some of the proceeds will go towards 43 scouts going to this year's jamboree in Feilding along with tents and other equipment. The book fair will be in the Kumeu Community Centre from 9am till 2.30pm. A record number of books has been donated this time with books just \$1 for soft-cover and \$2 for hard-cover. Donate your unwanted books at the Kumeu


Information Centre, Sunnyview Orchards on Highway 16 or at Huapai Hardware in Waimauku.

As you know for the last 100 years Rotary has worked well with the Scouting movement.

One of our highlights this year was to help the Girl Guides with the renovation of the Girl Guide Hall at Te Atatu Peninsula.

For the past couple of years the Riverhead Scouts have had a team in our Soapbox Derby and their Scout Leader, Shawn Dyer, has been an invaluable helper to all the race centres.

Naturally when I see a headline in our local papers featuring either the Scouts or Girl Guides it gets my attention so I thought you may be interested in this article.

PARTING THOUGHT	Heather: The key to a good BBQ is having a sauce that can cover up your mistakes.		
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	DONATIONS
Sheena	T, H, T	\$30.30	\$46.70
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:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Bob B, David B, Linda C, Roger F, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Mark M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Sheena S, Domenic W
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	
Secretary	Sheena Spittles	Late Apologies:	
President Elect	Sheena Spittles	Missing in Action:	Derek G, John R,
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Make ups:	
Club Service Director	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Morgan Lester (USA IYE Student), Noel Cooper, Luke Wilson (speaker)
Community Director	Phyllis Anscombe	Leave:	Monique M, Peter S
International Director	Craiger Hargesheimer	Attendance:	18/22 82%
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Patrick Howard		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Meeting Manager	Derek	Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/	
Sunshine Manager	Craiger	Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/	
Speaker	Suzie van Lier	Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Greeter	Bob	District Governor's newsletter http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10	
Grace	Graham	Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Squire 1	Mark	Rotary NZ Promotions and Information www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364	
Squire 2	John	Admin page and information http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180	
Thanker	Kerry	Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision	
Parting Thought	Mike	Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/	
		Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/	
COUSIN GEORGE:			
★ Wearing ridiculously uncomfortable shoes just because they look good is pure Shoe-pidity.			
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