

WAITAKERE ROTARY CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD

Venue: Starling Park Sports Club
34 Glen Road
Ranui

Time: 5:45pm for 6:10pm

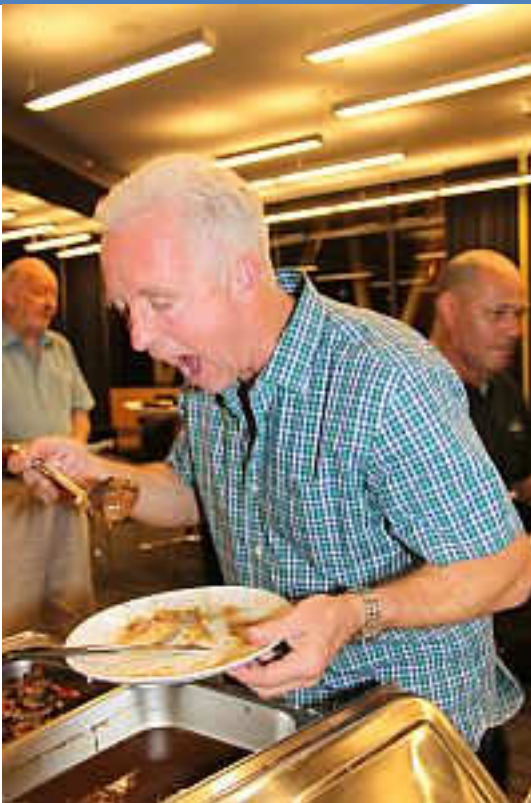
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APRIL: ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

NEXT MEETING:	Wednesday 1st May
Venue:	Starling Park
Speaker:	Suzy van Lier

THIS WEEK: ROTARY PROJECTS



The problem with asking a mid-wife to be the speaker is... babies.

Suzy had to cancel this evening due to a long labour and a shortage of staff at the hospital.

End result? Suzy will speak to us next week and we had our Rotary Projects night this week.

NOTE: The new chef at Starling Park is a fantastic cook!

We had trouble restraining Craig from eating straight from the serving dishes when he, along with several others, returned for seconds!

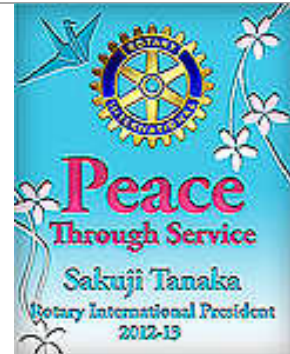
PROJECTS

We are now 10 months into the year so it seemed a good time for an update on what we have achieved so far and what we plan to achieve in the next 2 months.

For a small Club we have certainly achieved a LOT this year!

ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation goal is for Clubs to donate a minimum of \$US100 per member.



Calendar

May – <Environmental Month>

1/5/13
Suzy van Lier

6/5/13
Board Meeting
Challenge Camp week

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>

Sun 19th March
LETS

22/5/13
Club Forum for
Waitakere Action Plan
25/5/13 – 2/6/13
Vanuatu Trip

29/5/13
Movie Night!

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?

- We, a Club of 22, have donated \$NZ 3,300 – and many of our members are Centurions as well
- We also made a profit from the Reserve Bank Governor's lunch. This money is an incredibly great start to the next financial year's donation

SUNSHINE FUND

The Sunshine fund money comes from our pockets in the way of raffles, fines and members' donations. Donations we have made from this fund are:

- Donation to Pupuke Rotaract
- Rathgar Road Girl Guide Hall break in. The vandals destroyed the fluorescent lights so we replaced them
- The Waitemata District Health Board asked if we could help a disabled Massey girl by providing an exercycle – so we bought one for her
- We funded a Christmas party run by the Monte Cecilia Trust at the Ranui camp ground (home to many permanent residents)
- Kaiwaka Kindy received a donation (our President Elects had a pre-PETS session at Kaiwaka and were asked to help and Sheena also donated surplus toys from her Day Care)

CLUB SERVICE

Meetings

Whilst most of our meetings have been held at Starling Park we have "left the building" a few times:

- Movies x2
- Black light mini golf
- A meal at the RAP House after our work there was completed
- Watercare Train Ride
- Jazz in the Vines at Davis Funeral Home
- A visit to the Life Education caravan with pizzas in the Waitakere Primary School Hall
- Reserve Bank Governor's lunch in conjunction with the West Auckland Business Association
- 3 joint meetings with other Rotary Clubs – Henderson, New Lynn and Birkenhead

NOTE Whilst I was hoping for more joint meetings it all became "too hard". Usually by the time we were invited elsewhere, or we invited another Club, speakers had already been arranged so it became "2 meetings in one week." Experience shows that this doesn't work. I have therefore suggested to the incoming presidents that they set joint meeting dates early and find speakers to fit later. Better luck next year!

International Youth Exchange

- We have hosted first Gabriel and now Morgan

Honorary Members

- Paula Bennett MP became an Honorary member of our Club

Signs

Our new sandwich boards really stand out! And so do the new sign on the RAP House board and the one on Corban Hill.

Club Fees

These are paid and were up to date in January – but remember our Treasurer will be working out our annual fees due 1st July soon

Speaker Donations:

- Glaucoma NZ
- Angelman's Syndrome

COMMUNITY

- The RAP House Renovations
Linda is full of enthusiasm for this. The upgrade from an old grotty building half hidden by a jungle to fresh, clean and welcoming has made a MASSIVE difference!

The house is now humming, more community services are now available from it and they have recently received a Government contract to provide even more. It has become a significant asset to the local Ranui community
- The Roby Street Girl Guide Hall
This is another building that has gone from "tired and drive past quickly with your eyes closed" to an inviting community building thanks to our Club. The Girl Guides are receiving more requests for bookings and the neighbours are breathing a sigh of relief with the new look!
- Pomaria School Cornerstone Garden (we assisted New Lynn Rotary with this)
- Jadewynn Garden
This community garden is growing in popularity and thriving. More garden beds, a table and seats have been installed
- Trees for Survival
This program has been running in two local schools for nearly 20 years with our support. Planting happened last year and the new seedlings will be delivered shortly. Graham will no doubt call on volunteers for this next month.

Donations:

We have made the following donations:

- Rotary Christmas puddings to the Salvation Army (they were delighted with these and promptly crossed them off their Christmas Party shopping list)
- A donation to the Life Education Trust
- A donation to the NZ Council for Sailing for the Blind

INTERNATIONAL

- Emergency Response Kit
- A donation to the Bunderberg (home of our District Governor) Flood appeal
- A donation to ROMAC
- The installation of a Club plaque at Tongoa (the Whangaparaoa Rotary team installed this)

COMING UP

- A trip to Orap School in Vanuatu to continue work on the dining hall, water supply etc

NEW GENERATIONS

Three Scholarships:

- Alistair Morton Rutherford College Scholarship
- John Ritchie Massey High Scholarship
- Tertiary Bursary Award – to Suzy, the mid wife

Also:

- Dictionaries to 3 schools
- Help sending a boy to the Discovery program
- THREE (!) Summer Science students
- Support for two libraries in the Summer Reading program
- Supporting two schools to go to MUNA
- Sponsoring two campers to the forthcoming Challenge Camp
- Applying to the McKenzie Trust for a matching grant to help a family with uniforms
- Working with Henderson Rotaract to set up a new Rotaract Club in West Auckland

VOCATIONAL

- A RYLA candidate
- A vocational trip and meal at Davis Funeral Home

SOAPBOX DERBY

Rotary likes to help those who help themselves. The rain setting in reduced the money we could give to our supporters but:

- Two sports teams from Massey High helped for half a day – so received a half donation for their help
- Rotaractors attempted to help at our event and did so at Northcote – so received a donation

And then there was the Joint Club Soapbox Project

- Alan built two cars for special needs children to race in with an able driver.
- The 4 soapbox Clubs – Waitakere, Whangaparaoa, Northcote and Auckland East – all put in \$300 towards the materials and the Rotary Foundation matched this with a \$1,200 grant. These cars proved VERY successful at the races (and with Sam Wallace on Breakfast TV!)

TOTALS

All up we have contributed around \$40,000 to these various projects. An impressive result for our small but dedicated Club.

Have I missed anything? Probably!

THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

- Our speaker program is full till the end of June – and looks very interesting
- The International team are off to Vanuatu at the end of May for a week
- Kerry is getting closer to achieving a Mens Shed in Waitakere
- The new Rotaract Club in West Auckland will be chartered shortly

2013 TO 2014 YEAR

If you have ideas for programs you would like to support in the coming year think about them now and talk to President Elect Sheena and her new Board. Budgets for the new year will be set in June.

ROTARACT MEETING: 30TH APRIL

Know any people aged between 18 and 30 who would be keen to find out more about Rotaract? If so...

A Games night for potential Rotaractors will take place at the Lincoln Green at 7.30 on the 30th April. Feel free to invite people as we still need more people. We want this night to be just for potential Rotaractors please

Bruce Dale

OUR MEETING

Where was everybody? Only 9 members and one guest (Noel) attended.

Well...

- Sheena and Morgan are at the District Conference in Norfolk Island
- Mike was picking family up from the airport
- Domenic and Jim went off (hand in hand?) to Australia
- Graham is visiting his daughter in Perth
- Phyllis went on holiday with her mother and daughter
- Terry had to work
- And the others had good reasons too.

We pushed the two tables together and all talked cosily over dinner

SOAPBOX DERBY PHOTOS



The Whenuapai Pinepac ITM team have sent through a link to their Soapbox Derby photos on their ITM Racing Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10151180876674649&set=a.10151180876464649.1073741826.162106119648&type=1&theater>

(This link has been added to our current Derby page)

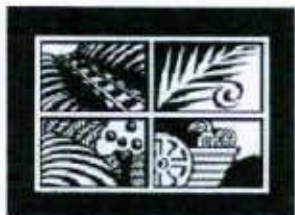
In amongst the photos I spotted something:



Kerry – note the shirt



Kerry (can tell by the shirt).
Spot anything "unusual" in this photo?



Window on Swanson

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Swanson at the Soapbox Derby



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New Swanson Team Leader Roy Waite helped make sure Swanson School was well represented at the 10th Annual Soapbox Derby, with new and additional sponsors and enough enthusiastic pupils for two teams and two cars – the first time Swanson has been able to field two.

Although the Waitakere Race Day was rained off, the following weekend Northcote and Waitakere Rotaries combined to hold a joint meeting at Glenfield. With just 2.146 seconds separating the first and last Western cars (and there were 50 of them) it was a hard-fought race.

Luke Metcalfe was the first Swanson pupil home with Tegan Kettlewell and Storm Murphy close behind, all in the white car. The black car saw Jamison Tuigamala-Tutini, Alex Watson, Dylan Waite and Faith Murphy a fraction behind them. Special mention to Curtis Waite in the white car for stepping in at the last minute!

The drivers were ably assisted by pit crew Curtis Waite, Zachery Shannon and Nishan Shrestha.

Congratulations to all – a very good performance and you did the school proud!



The American Soap Box Derby in New Zealand

by Heather Pattison

In 1934 a newspaperman in Akron, Ohio challenged local children to build gravity carts and race them down a hill. This evolved into an annual event using kitset cars on a purpose built track.

In 2000 a North Shore City Councillor came across the Soapbox Derby and approached Glenfield Rotary with the idea of racing in New Zealand. Kitset cars were imported and in 2002 the first race was held in Glenfield, with other Clubs joining in the following years.

Five Rotary Clubs including Waitakere Rotary now hold annual races and the New Zealand Finals are held in March/April, with the national champion heading to Akron in July to compete in both the All American Soap Box Derby Finals and the International races.

2012 saw our 10th Annual Finals and the 75th World Finals in Akron, with children competing from all over America and the world. Gemma McDougall, a ten year old from St Ignatius School in St Heliers, brought home the International Trophy that year.

Each Rotary Club owns its own kitset cars imported from America, which means all cars are exactly the same. Every year they are lent to local schools who find a team of eight children – four drivers and four

support crew. Rotary charge the schools an entry fee to race, and sponsors are found to cover this.



Above: Waitakere Rotarians L.N. Domenic Wood, Roger Froes, Jim Anison and David Fuller waiting to serve drinks on the rained off Waitakere Soapbox day.



Left: Super Kid car driven by Whenuapai Scout Fairlane Walsh with a special needs passenger. These cars were a real hit at this year's derby

PARTING THOUGHT	David: Too much of a good thing can be wonderful		
RAFFLE WINNER	STATISTICS	RAFFLE	DONATIONS
Linda	T, H, T	\$17	\$20.70
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:	David B, Linda C, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Patrick H, Kerry M, Alan P, Heather P,
Vice President	Derek Gee	Apologies:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Terry H, Mark M, Graham N, Jack R, John R, Sheena S, Domenic W, Morgan Lester (USA IYE Student)
Secretary	Sheena Spittles	Late Apologies:	
President Elect	Sheena Spittles	Missing in Action:	Bob B,
Treasurer	Alan Pattison	Make ups:	Sheena S (conference)
Club Service Director	Bob Benzie	Guests:	Noel Cooper
Community Director	Phyllis Ancombe	Leave:	Monique M, Peter S
International Director	Craiger Hargesheimer	Attendance:	(9+1)/22 45%
Vocational Director	John Riddell		
Youth Director	Patrick Howard		
NEXT WEEK'S MEETING DUTIES		WEBSITE ADDRESSES	
Meeting Manager		Waitakere Rotary http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/ Rotary International http://www.rotary.org/ Rotary NZ http://www.rotary.org.nz	
Sunshine Manager		District Governor's newsletter http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/newsletter.cfm?District=10	
Speaker		Rotary Downunder Magazine www.rotarydownunder.com.au	
Greeter		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	
Grace		Future Vision www.rotary.org/future_vision Rotary E Club (for make ups) http://www.rotaryclubone.org/	
Squire 1		Dare West http://darewest.org.nz/	
Squire 2			
Thanker			
Parting Thought			
			
COUSIN GEORGE:			
★ Someone who thinks logically is a nice contrast to the rest of us.			
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