



Waitakere News

April 9th



Our speaker this week was Grant Smith – District Chair of Rotary Foundation. Grant explained the difference between Rotary International (essentially the Admin section) and Rotary Foundation (The Charitable Trust). He explained that our fees go to Rotary International and our 'giving' goes to the Charitable Trust, which invests the money (the interest paying all the Admin costs for Rotary International) Funds contributed by clubs are then available three years later for Districts (and Clubs) to access for projects either locally, nationally or internationally. In this way 100% of the money donated to Rotary goes into projects – unlike many other charities which have large admin expenses. Grant urged us to make Rotary our 'Charity of Choice", and he congratulated our club on having such a large percentage of Centurians (who donate \$100 per year) and on our high level of giving.

Another visitor this week was Carol Painter, the Fundraising Manager for Three Harbours Health Foundation. Carol was presented with a cheque for \$500 to go towards the cost of a 'breathing vest' for a young boy who has multiple health challenges, which require frequent hospital visits. Wearing this vest (which effectively breathes for him) has made a huge impact on his health.



Sheena, Grant, Carol and representatives from Henderson and New Lynn clubs were at Waitakere Hospital this afternoon, where they received a demonstration of the Oxymeters which all the Area Six clubs contributed towards, and for which we received a District Grant from Rotary Foundation. This enabled us to purchase ten Oxymeters for the Maternity Unit. These are especially useful for

premature babies, as they accurately show oxygen saturation levels and heart rates in these tiny babies.

Monique advised us that Van Lier Nurseries are holding a Pink Ribbon Luncheon to raise funds for Breast Cancer research on May 25th from 10.30am. Please see Monique if you'd like to attend.



Congratulations to Kerry in moving ahead another step towards his

"Waitakere Greenshed Co-operative" – a local mail drop today has already attracted some interest

Congratulations to John who participated in the Relay for Life at the Trusts Stadium recently – his team raised over \$2000 for Cancer research!

You are no doubt aware of the devastation in the Solomon Islands – information about fund raising for this is attached. Our district currently has 300 tents suitable for the Solomon climate and a number of Emergency Response Kits ready to despatch from our Auckland warehouse.

The District 9910 Rotary Quiz is being held at Matakana on Saturday May 10th – anyone interested in forming a team to attend please contact Sheena.

Remember to check out our web site: www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz for up to date news and upcoming events (just click on the 'Calendar' ...). And for those members who are unable to get on the web, here is the calendar.

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| | Wed 16/04/2014 | Oli Vovchenko | |
| <i>School Holidays</i> | Fri 18/04/2014 | | <i>Good Friday</i> |
| <i>School Holidays</i> | Mon 21/04/2014 | | <i>Easter Monday</i> |
| <i>School Holidays</i> | Wed 23/04/2014 | Emily Harris (Keep Waitakere Beautiful) | |
| | Sun 20/4/14 to Sat 26/4/14 | | <i>RYLA</i> |
| <i>School Holidays</i> | Fri 25/04/2014 | | <i>ANZAC Day</i> |
| | 25/04/14 to 26/04/14 | District 9910 Conference: Waitangi | |
| <i>School Holidays</i> | Wed 30/04/2014 | Fellowship Night | |
| | May-14 | <Environmental Month> | |
| | Wed 07/05/2014 | Soapbox Derby Thank You Night | |
| | Mon 12/05/2014 | | Board Meeting |
| | Wed 14/05/2014 | IYE: Vincent | |
| | | - Rotary Conference and Camp Challenge | |
| | Wed 21/05/2014 | Phil Twyford (Environmentalist) | |
| | Wed 28/05/2014 | Transportable Library / Creative Literacy – Dr Sharad Paul | |

So a good question is if May is environment month, what month is April? Please write to or email perhaps the Sergeantwith your answer!

Please advise Alan if you will **not** be attending on Wednesday (or if you're bringing a guest) apology@details.co.nz.

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| Date: Wednesday 18th - | Oli Vovchenko – speaking about his Coast To Coast Race – and Ukraine Charity. |
| Meeting Manager | Derek |

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| Sergeant | Mike |
| Speaker | Oli Vovchenko |
| Greeter - Introducer | Bob |
| Grace | Roger |
| Squire 1 | Peter |
| Squire 2 | Domenic |
| Thanker | Craiger |
| Parting Thought | Jim |

Dates to remember

April 12th – Rotaract Pillow fight Aotea Centre

April 18th – Good Friday

April 25th – Anzac Day

April 26th – District 9910 Conference at Waitangi

May 10th – District Fellowship Quiz at Matakana (Can we field a Waitakere Team??)