



This Week's Meeting

When:	Wednesday 14 th April 2010
Where:	Te Pai Centre, Henderson
Web site:	www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz
Guest Speaker:	GSE Team

Visitors Welcome: Local business people, stray Rotarians... are welcome to attend our meetings.

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Important Dates and Events

Sunday 18 th Apr 7pm	TV1 Third Episode of Radar's Patch
Wed 14 th April to Sat 17 th April	GSE Team Waitakere City Rotary are hosting the team from Wednesday AM 14 th April – Saturday AM 17 th
Wednesday 21 st April	Guest Speaker: Ian Grant Founder of Parents Inc
Wednesday 28 th April	Soapbox Derby Thank You evening
Thurs 29 th April	Milford Golf Tournament
7 th to 8 th May	District 9910 Conference – Noumea
Wed 12 th May	Davis Funeral Home – trends in the business
Fri 28 th May	Waitakere City Rotary 40 th Birthday Party
Wed 16 th June	Trees for Survival – Matepo School. Rain date 23 rd
20 th to 23 rd June	Montreal Conference
Wed 11 th Aug	Trees for Survival – Te Atatu School. Rain date 18 th

This Week's Meeting:

Present:	Mike A, Jim A, Phyllis A, Kent F, Roger F, Derek G, Craiger H, Terry H, Patrick H, Steve L, Kerry M, Graham N, Alan P, Heather P, Jack R, Peter S, Domenic W
Apologies:	Bob B, Jim B, David B, Monique M, John R, Ross W
Late Apologies:	
Missing in Action:	JR
Guests:	Counsellor Judy Lawley, AG Toni Alexander, Jo Howard, Yvonne Anscombe, 17 Lions
Attendance:	17/24

GSE Team

A great multi-cultural evening. Acting President Craiger welcomed the Lions and guests in American, Sergeant Derek welcomed our guests in surprisingly good French (surprising because none of us realised he spoke French). Derek then reverted to English to tease all our honoured guests – Lions, Assistant Governor Toni and Councillor Judy Lawley. They may, or may not, return.

The GSE team introduced themselves, Kerry gave an update on his forthcoming trip to Vanuatu and Heather gave an update on the SBD Finals. For those who have been hiding under a rock and somehow managed to miss it – at the SBD Finals in the weekend the West ruled! 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th places went to West Auckland – and the 4th place went to an ex-Taupaki school student. Our sponsors are thrilled.

Full details on our website – www.soapboxderby.co.nz

The Te Pai Centre proved to be an excellent venue. Spacious but cosy, expandable, great décor, excellent food, friendly service, large screen and projector for our DVD... If anyone is in need of a great venue in the West it comes highly recommended: <http://www.netballwaitakere.co.nz/168-178.html> We will unhesitatingly return when we need large venues.



Patrick introducing the GST, correction, GSE Team



A couple of stray Lions



Happy diners with our DVD playing in the background
(Soapbox cars to work in Vanuatu and various other projects)



GSE Wednesday

Five members of the team were expected, 4 showed up. A sailing trip on Monday over with the East Coast Bays team put Loic in hospital with a broken ankle. Originally the doctors were talking of pinning it but further thought has put him in a cast for reassessment in a couple of weeks.

The team (minus 1) were picked up from the Shore at 9am, returned with their new hosts to West Auckland and after lunch went off to Westcity for a spot of shopping. Next stop the Waitakere City Council to meet up with Councillor Judy Lawley and Mayor Bob Harvey.

The Council have whetted their appetite for our great scenery in the west with a short DVD, Christiane presented Mayor Bob with a book from their Mayor – and Bob gave them a copy of his book in return. A quick look at this showed some amazing photos of our west coast beaches and bush.

GSE Thursday

Vocational Day. Each of the team members set forth to investigate their own speciality. Christiane, Rotarian and team leader went to Unitec in the morning. I met her for lunch and we then went to Drake to discover how employment agencies work. Very interesting.

One of the details I picked up is that while Admin and higher level jobs are still in short supply temp labouring jobs are up. This is a key indicator that the recession is beginning to ease and employers are beginning to increase staff – cautiously.

Whilst there we both completed a Communications Survey – one that is given to potential employees to complete. Surprisingly detailed and accurate results – and it turns out we are have very similar personalities and approaches.

We then had a quick trip to Sunnyvale Railway Station (good parking) to see the Twin Streams Project and this was followed by a visit to the Rotary Peace Garden behind The Falls.

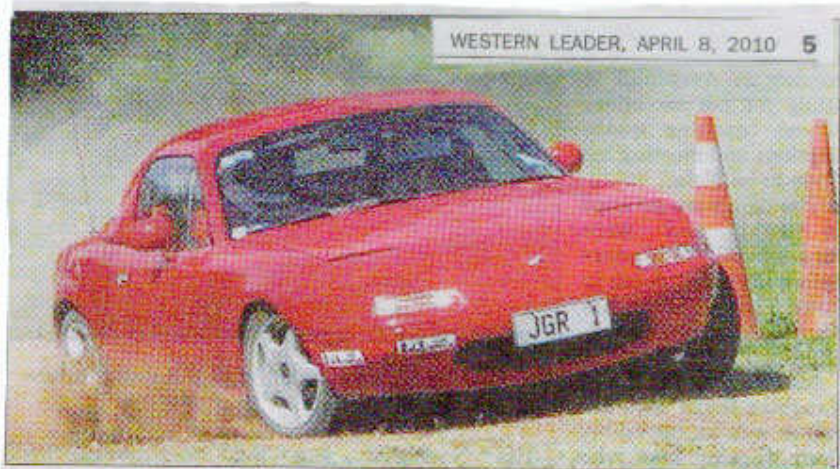
Home for some quiet R & R and dinner.



The GSE team presented Mayor Bob with their Rotary banner in his office.
(Bob quickly dressed for the occasion in his mayoral robes and chain)
Christophe Raison, Pauline Rigaud, Mayor Bob Harvey, Christiane Bourquin (Rotarian), Damien Gayard

The Speed Demon

Coming soon to a car park near you...




Speed demon: Massey Community Board chairman John Riddell is a keen motorsport follower and competitor. He bought a 1990 Mazda MX5 for \$2500 in 2006 and has gradually turned it into a race-winning machine. This month he won the Hibiscus Coast Motorsport Clubs 1600 to 2000 class. John competes in hill climbs, autocrosses, motorkhanas and similar club level motorsport events where the costs are not too high.

Sunshine Fund:	
This week's Raffles:	\$80.40
Sergeant's Fund:	\$92.10
Raffle statistics: H, T, T, H Winner: Bob Stanic (a Lion)	
Parting thought: Domenic: "It is seldom a fable what is written on the label"	

Meeting Times and Contact Details	
Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson	
Board Members	
President	(Terry/Craiger)
Vice President / Sergeant	Derek
Secretary / Bulletin Editor	Heather
Treasurer	Alan
President Nominee / International Director:	Craiger
Club Service:	Bob
Community Director:	Patrick
Vocational Director:	John
Youth Director	Kent
Apologies	
<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Heather at apology@details.co.nz Ph 8109 589 or 0274 719 569</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No later than 12 noon on the Monday prior to the meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Late Apologies and No shows will, of course, be charged for their meal as it has been booked and paid for!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND: If you are bringing guests, including family members, please let Heather know this also.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Late apologies are an appreciated courtesy</p>

The usual wild guess at who may be there for duties. And as usual it will probably be wrong. If you can't do a duty – please arrange a swap with someone who can!

Date	21-Apr
Event	Ian Grant
Squire	Mike A
Squire	Jim A
Greeter	Phyllis A
Grace	David B
Introduction	Kent F
Thanks	Roger F
Parting Thought	Terry H



Rotary	Website
Waitakere City Rotary	http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/
Rotary NZ	http://www.rotary.org.nz
Rotary NZ Promotions and Information District Governor's newsletter Admin page and information	www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364 http://www..rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10 http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180
Rotary International Future Vision	http://www.rotary.org/ www.rotary.org/future_vision
Rotary E Club (for make ups)	http://www.rotaryclubone.org/

Whangaparaoa Rotary and the Rodney Times:

6 RODNEY TIMES, APRIL 13, 2010

Red Beach School competed successfully at the recent Whangaparaoa Rotary Club Soapbox Derby.

Teacher Sue Smith says drivers Dylan Smith, Finn Mount, Euan Lindsay, Rowan Gjaltema with their pit crew and supporters represented the school with pride and enjoyed excellent results. Both Rowan and Finn were unsuccessful in the national finals on the North Shore at the weekend.



Vroom: Red Beach School could not repeat their Whangaparaoa Rotary Club Soapbox Derby success at the national finals on the North Shore on Saturday. Two Riverhead School drivers were first and second and Waitakere Primary was third in the nationals. They will take part in the national finals in the school holidays.



Township News

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FIRST TIME ENTRANTS..WAITAKERE PRIMARY SCHOOL SOAP BOX DERBY 2010

To our fabulous sponsors & supporters!

Soap Box Car = Airfoam, First National Waitakere, FBN Contracting, Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers
Fundraising = Steve & Giovy LJ Hooker
Parent Pit Crew = Barry Hinton & Jason Clark along with sponsor Barry Clarke - best pit crew in the west!
Camera Crew = Caitlyn, Hamish & Josh
Teacher Support = George Te Tai & Diane Harry
Event = Rotary Waitakere & Waitakere Licensing Trust
Refreshments provided for team = Canyon Plastics



A big thank you to all the local sponsors and supporters that enabled Waitakere Primary School to enter the Soap Box Derby for the very first time.

For three weeks prior to the event we practiced, practiced and practiced again. The drivers, support crew & camera crew all living and breathing Soap Box Derby!

What a day race day turned out to be! Perfect race weather, shade from the Airfoam Tent and flags from First National flying in the breeze. The team looked magnificent in racing red Airfoam t-shirts & Derby Caps for drivers & pit crew, along with First National Caps for the support crew.

After 8 race heats, we went with all four drivers; Keiran Cant, Zach Hinton, Carlos Clark & Kate Grevel straight into the finals. We held 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th position, picked out of the top 10 from 76 drivers - such a buzz and way beyond expectation! Our cheerleaders hyped up the drivers and crowd before every race throughout the day - a fantastic effort!

Due to a major mechanical failure in the finals (brake cable) we had to have a change of car - fastest pit change in history, and the new car was sadly a bit of a 'donkey' compared to our unbeatable Airfoam/First National/FBN/WRR car - ah well, them's the breaks. Zach survived the crash (spectacular as it was at over 50km per hour) with moderate injuries (concussion & bruising) and will thankfully live to tell the tale. All was not lost however, we are off to the Nationals with Carlos Clark driving for our team - yahoo!

The year 7 & 8 pupils will benefit from the huge effort Steve & Giovy put in under the LJ Hooker tent selling Candy floss as a fundraiser - a tidy profit of \$588.20 has been banked for camp later in the year and the year 5 & 6 pupils also raised an amount for their camp by selling cold drinks - thanks to all the parents who came along to help with the fundraisers and to the teachers and families of pupils at Waitakere Primary who came along with their families and cheered the team on - a great turnout from our community!

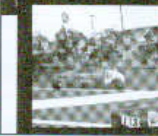
We finished the day in 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th position and won the Rotary prize for 'Most Impressive School', taking a brand new digital camera back for the school to use!

Special mention must be given to Heather, Alan, Kerry, Lyn, Mary & support team from Rotary for organising such a spectacular event! Please support Rotary & our Waitakere sponsors with any business you can point in their direction!

Once again - we couldn't have done it without you all.

Roll on next year!

Louise Grevel & Johanna Hinton



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Proud sponsors of Waitakere Primary Schools entry into the Rotary Soap Box Derby 2010

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A Letter from the French District 1760 Governor:



District 1760
Philippe JEAN
Gouverneur 2009-2010



Terry HODGES, President
Bob BENZIE, Coordinator
Rotary Club of Waitakere
District 9910

Marseille, april 8th, 2010

Dear Rotarian friends,

I would like to thank you and your Club very warmly, for wellcoming the District 1760 SGE team.

It is very kind of you to take care of them, and to organize an interesting and profitable professional and touristic tour.

Thank for me all Rotarians from your Club, who have accepted to host them.

We are impatient to meet the District 9910 group, and share with them a great rotarian experience.

We send you all our best wishes and rotarian kindness, and hope to see you when you will travel in France.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Jean", with a long horizontal line underneath.

Philippe JEAN
2009-2010 D 1760 Governor