



The KeyWay



President's Corner



Don't you love it when you try using computer based presentations to make them professional and they come unstuck!

We will get it right! Perhaps the old adage "practice makes perfect" needs to be applied!

Having Trevor King visit the club to receive his Honorary Membership Certificate was a big highlight in the evening. Trevor has been such a major contributor to the club over many years so it was an immense pleasure to make the award and to have him back amongst us. It was great to see the pleased look on his face as various club members came and acknowledged him with a shake of the hand.

Since joining the club in 1976 Trevor has worked tirelessly on countless community projects both inside and outside Rotary and as I said there are not many of ours that do not have his mark on them. He was President in 1983/84 and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1990 which was then added to with a sapphire pin in 1997. In recognition of his contribution to the community he

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was awarded a Queen's Service Medal in 2005.

Although as he admitted he has to slow down he has not stopped and when in his thank you speech he mentioned the recent efforts he had put in to raising the money for the Bowling Club to carry out their renovations it was classic Trevor. Hopefully his health will allow both him and Nancy to participate in some of our future club activities.

We also had another of our Honorary Members with us last night. Bill it was great to see you join the throng. In addition it was good to see Garry back with us and Jan's return from a trip to South Africa.

The 2007/08 team "stepped up to the plate" and informed the club about the activities that are planned for the coming year. Peter as our new Treasurer did a

great job of presenting the Club Budget and the new subscription (\$235) and meeting charges (\$21) that will be invoiced out from now on.

Thanks to all the team for helping make Club Assembly interesting and informative. It is now on with the job!

Have a Good Week!

Rob

PS My apologies to the Sergeant for too stringent an application of time management that almost cut his session out. That would never do Charles!



Secretary's Notes



Technology! It just can't be trusted, as President Rob discovered when opening his first Club Assembly with a short clip from a Rotary Video magazine. This movie featured an "Education for Peace" project by the Rotary Club of Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It emphasised the role Rotary played in bringing together Serbs and Croats working to rebuild a bridge destroyed in earlier fighting between the two groups. The bridge became the symbol of a reunited city. It was stated that, "Life is about what comes next – not about what has happened in the past!" Pres Rob plans to show more clips throughout the year to assist members better understand the significant role Rotary can play on an international stage.

Visitors this week were Bob Moodie, from Pohutukawa Coast Club, hon. member Bill Blythe, Luca and a special welcome back to Gary Willcocks. Also especially welcomed was PP Trevor King who was presented with his honorary membership certificate. A very fitting tribute was given by Pres Rob.

Considering this was a Club Assembly it was great to see 50 members present, with 3 make-ups, and this week just two silent!

Pres Rob invited Directors to present their plans for the year. A brief summary is listed here.

Treasurer Peter: - Subs will increase slightly from \$230 to \$235. Peter presented an overview of club costs to show where our money goes. Around 50% is outside our control with fees to RI, the Rotary magazine and District dues. Meeting costs are also to increase slightly from \$20 to \$21 per week owing a small increase in meal costs.



Pres Elect Garry: - Garry talked about an ambitious membership target and the club's involvement in a joint PR campaign. He emphasised that true positive PR will come from our actual activities, and not from PR we try to create. Three new billboards were shown which will be in the community to get the Rotary message out there. We were informed that the Sigatoka bus is now with the school. There were some problems getting it released from the wharf resulting in additional costs, but overall costs are still less than the initial \$10k budget allocation.

PP Bob: - Bob also talked about membership and the need to explore new ideas here. Directors will be presenting a range of ideas at committee meetings seeking feedback for the Board. Last year 8 new members were inducted but the actual club net increase was only 1. This shows the need for us to all focus on membership issues. Bob will be leading a group to the District Conference in Tauranga, Those going are promised a 'fun' time with a group approach from our club.

International David: - David outlined his committee's major projects to be the continued support of Luca, supporting an outbound student, Rota Pacific, a FAIME project, Matched Twin Exchange, and support for the inbound GSE team from Switzerland. He would also like to re-establish links with the Mangere Refugee Centre to see what further support we may be able to offer.

Community Graham: - On-going projects will continue with the Mangemangeroa planting, Trees for Survival, Blood Bank, and Literacy in Schools. A new large water powered Rotary Wheel will likely be built for use on community occasions to better promote Rotary. Also new non-watering, insect resistant, UV light resistant, evergreen, ever flowering, flowering baskets will be installed into the main street this year.

Vocational Max: - The Rotary Science and Technology Forum and the Australian National Youth Science Forum will be supported. The committee will be seeking Vocational visit opportunities. The Howick Show Case Awards, although now a Board project, will be supported by the committee.

As the theme this year is "Rotary Shares," Max plans to have more members sharing aspects of their own vocations within the club.

Youth Kevin: - Kevin sees the year as being about opportunities. He sees a number of issues for Howick youth and wants the committee to look at a some of these to see where Rotary can assist. The problems for our youth are not too different from those in other areas. The Blue Light Trust is one organization where more support could be offered on the basis that it is there to help prevent problems before they occur.

Fellowship Bill: - Apart from Bill's rather strange fascination with 'Y-fronts' he outlined a lively year's programme with some of the old and a few new ideas. (One of these ideas seemed to be to get members 'pickled' even before the meeting started to celebrate National Pickle Month!) Note these dates now. - 18 September - Charter night. 13 November - Howick Little Theatre. We were also informed that next February is prenatal infection month so, "Be careful out there!"

Pres Rob concluded by informing us that the club's three major projects this year will be Bookarama, the Howick Showcase Awards and of course the Yacht Race.

Sorry about the length of this report but I thought it important to record major areas for focus as outlined by our Directors

Meat/wine raffle winners - John Osborne / George Tyler.

Have-a-go - Don Stehr/Garry Donoghue

Congratulations to John and Dorothy Osborne - grandparents for the 10th time!!

Please note I will be away throughout all of August and September. PP Bruce Burton is standing in for part of that time and then he will hand over to Glen Donaldson. My thanks to both for being prepared to step in and assist. Catch you all later!

Ian Fox
Secretary

Ladies Committee Night Dinners - Due to Recommence!

Mary has booked the first of these events to be held on the 7th August at the Barracuda Restaurant, 23 The Parade, Bucklands Beach. Start time is 6:30pm. The restaurant is BYO and licensed.

Please confirm your attendance to Mary Ph 534 1337 or email rob.mary@xtra.co.nz.

Birthdays

- 1-Aug John Richardson
- 2-Aug Brian Hanlon
- 5-Aug Clive Kilgour
- 6-Aug Jim Duckworth
- 7-Aug Beverly Peterson



Anniversaries

- 6-Aug Lynne & Gavin Green



Duties July 31

Host	Tony Twigge
Reception	Joseph Heays
Inv/Thanks	Steve Whitehead
Attendance	Garry Donoghue
Hall Set-up	Fellowship Com.
Backup	Sue Ellis

Duties August 7

Host	Stephen Noles
Reception	Victor Sun
Inv/Thanks	John Willis
Attendance	Willem Groenewald
Hall Set-up	Fellowship Com.
Backup	Sanjay Nagpal

2007 District Conference Tauranga

The above conference is being held at the fabulous Sebel Trinity Wharf Hotel 21st to 23rd September 2007. The whole event promises to be a great weekend of Rotary and really great Fellowship. There is already a good team of around 14 Howick Rotary couples expected to attend. Would you please discuss this opportunity and come along next Tuesday ready to indicate your intention to attend and to discuss your views on accommodation - the options being the Sebel Trinity Wharf or a block Howick booking at a nearby motel, presumably at a lesser cost.

Bob Mackie
Conference Rep