



The KeyWay



President's Corner



It is always interesting to hear about the "life and times" of new members.

Steve Whitehead's "Amazing Events presentation" certainly fitted this mould. During the presentation you certainly reflect on what a major contribution to our lives good hospitals and excellent surgeons make. This is possibly why, after Steve finished telling us about his "Blue Baby" beginnings and his brief story through life bringing him to his current role in banking and membership of our club, he included as part of his presentation the work of the South Pacific Moana Trust

This trust has been established to serve the obvious need to improve the equipment in Pacific Island based hospitals. Identifying requirements and fulfilling these from second hand equipment (that would normally be "thrown away" by New Zealand hospitals as they refurbish and upgrade) is a wonderful way to make a contribution to the lot of our Pacific neighbors. Even though the trust has only been going since 2004, they have sent seventeen containers in this time to the islands, mainly Tonga. It

This Week 11 September 2007

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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11th Sept. **Len Brown**
mayoral candidate

was nice to hear that the local Pacific Islands community is right in behind the programme as well.

Steve is working with our International Committee on how our club and others can assist in this worthwhile venture and we will probably be hearing more on the subject over time.

As Bob indicated when we moved into our mini Club Assembly, work on the formation of a club based Charitable Trust is continuing through the subcommittee. When the board has approved the Trust documents and method of operation, we will then discuss this important issue through the Committee structure and another club assembly before finally proceeding. I would like to thank Jim Donovan for his wise council and assistance on this matter.

The Area PR programme is continuing and as I mentioned the next big challenge is to obtain sponsors to make it sustainable into future years. If any club member has any advice on "who and how" for the Committee, it would be appreciated.

Stuart presented the 2006/07 audited accounts in his normal professional way and these were readily approved by club, so that they can go on their journey to the office of Incorporated Societies and be included into the clubs Annual Report.

Once again a big thank you to both Stuart for the excellent work he has carried out as Treasurer and to George as Auditor. It was also nice to hear that Stuart is happy with the progress of our new Treasurer. Keep up the good work, Peter!

As mentioned we are looking for a new Auditor, now that George has had to step down from this role. If anyone has ideas, please let me or Garry know.

The World Cup finally gets underway this coming weekend, so go the AB's and get in behind the Fellowship Committee's World Cup sweepstake!

Have a Good Week!

Rob

Secretary's Notes

38 members, guests Stephanie Coste and Jamsheed Sidhwa (a guest of Richard Harri) were present for another night in Rotary.

Attendance was 84.8 %, 1 make ups, 18 LOA's and apologies, and 1 silent.

Monies were extracted with some pain by our erstwhile sergeant.

Have a go winners this week John Osborne and Bruce Burton. Wine and dine recipients being Ken McIntosh and Glen Donaldson.

Introduced by Charles Davidson, our speaker being our very own Steve Whitehead who gave an insight into his past, the present and an interesting speak on a Trust that he is involved in. Here they take surplus hospital equipment from NZ, refurbish it and then ship to Tonga. Thanks were in the hands of Alan Riley.

Rotaract guest Stephanie outlined their project in relation to a food collection. Please bring along a can (or six) to support this project.

2 minutes speakers were:

David Fels – Nominations for Howick Showcase still required.

John Osborne – Publicity and promotion of Bookarama.

Gavin Green – World Cup Sweep. Please

contribute to what will be my winnings !!!
Glen Donaldson – Remember Charter night set for 18 September.

Bill Percival – Spoke of Glad Thomas, a name from the past to older members.

An up to date from Dave Wylie. Mohini and Ross continue in their quest for wellness. Duncan Morrison now home from hospital, Jim Duckworth has had the other knee patched up and Geoff and Barbara Thompson celebrate a wedding anniversary.

President Rob then called a club assembly to order.

- Past President Bob outlined progress on the Howick Rotary Trust. The deed for this being worked on at present and will be presented to the Board and then to all members.
- President Rob spoke further to the Area PR plan involving the 5 local clubs in the promotion of Rotary.
- Rob also asked for any worthy charities for a masthead in this year's boat regatta.
- Stuart Armstrong then presented the audited accounts of the club as at 31 June 2007.
- After this presentation, it was moved G Donaldson, seconded R Mouncey "that these accounts as presented be accepted". Carried.

On behalf of members, President Rob ex-

pressed his grateful thanks to both past treasurer Stuart Armstrong and past auditor George Tyler for sterling efforts in ensuring that all accounting affairs of the club were attended in the appropriate manner .

Tumultuous and deserved applause followed this vote of thanks.

We all then sang a little song and headed off to committee meetings.

See you all next week.

Glen Donaldson

Acting Secretary.

C a n D r i v e

Auckland University Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club have a project to collect cans of food to be distributed to the Women's Refuge. Rotaractor Stephanie Coste addressed the Club and asked all members to donate at least 1 can of food to assist this project.

The Rotary Club that provides the most cans of food will win the prize of a car wash at a special 2-hour Car Wash-a-Thon at a mutually agreed date.

Let's get behind the Rotaractors and help make this a successful project!

Bookarama 2007

Sale Preparation Teams Are you or yours able to help on any of these occasions?

Friday 21st September. Evening team of men required to shift books depoted at Dulcie Howells' home to the Howick Intermediate School. Meet at Intermediate at 7.30pm.

Saturday 22nd September Three or four required at the Intermediate to help our Committee set the hall up ready for the receiving of sale books. Meet at 1pm.

Teams required for the sorting/classifying of books at the Intermediate. It is not essential to attend for the full session, but do come along for whatever time you can manage. This is a key task but we always manage to have lots of fun.

Sunday 23rd Sept. 9am to 1pm. Sunday 23rd Sept. 1pm to 5pm

Monday 24th Sept. 9am to 1pm Monday 24th Sept 1pm to 5pm

Tuesday 25th Sept 9am to 1pm Tuesday 25th Sept 1pm to 5pm

Wednesday 26th Sept 9am to 1pm

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If there are people in your home who are able to help with any of these work parties please indicate so to Brian Hanlon as soon as possible, by email or telephoning 273 6231.

Father's day - As the years go by

4 years: My Daddy can do anything!
7 years: My Dad knows a lot...a whole lot.
8 years: My father does not know quite everything.
12 years: Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.
14 years: Oh, Father? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.
21 years: Oh, that man - he is out of date!
25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
30 years: I must find out what Dad thinks about it.
35 years: Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.
50 years: What would Dad have thought about that?
60 years: My Dad knew literally ever thing!
65 years: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

New Member

Herewith the new member details for Richard Harri (spouse, Janine)
Postal address. P.O.Box 25-1133 Pakuranga 1301
Home address: New address to be advised, when available
Home Tel: New telephone number to be advised when available
Mobile: 021 242 6635
Bus: 271 5001
e-mail address: richard.harri@synnex.co.nz
Committee: Vocational

Duties September 11

<i>Host</i>	Max Heron
<i>Reception</i>	Rob Crabtree
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Bob Mackie
<i>Attendance</i>	Clive Derbyshire
<i>Hall Set-up</i>	Fellowship Com.
<i>Backup</i>	Max Grant

Duties September 18

<i>Host</i>	John Richardson
<i>Reception</i>	Victor Sun
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	John Sanders
<i>Attendance</i>	John Willis
<i>Hall Set-up</i>	Fellowship Com.
<i>Backup</i>	Cedric Daniel

Birthdays

12- Sept.

Helen Morrison



Diary

18 Sept. 07

Charter night

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A Modern Parable

A Japanese company (Toyota) and an American company (General Motors) decided to have a canoe race on the Missouri River. Both teams practised long and hard to reach their peak performance before the race. On the big day, the Japanese won by a mile.

The Americans, very discouraged and depressed, decided to investigate the reason for the crushing defeat. A management team made up of senior management was formed to investigate and recommend appropriate action.

Their conclusion was the Japanese had 8 people rowing and one person steering, while the American team had 8 people steering and one person rowing.

Feeling a deeper study was in order, American management hired a consulting company and paid them a large amount of money for a second opinion. They advised, of course, that too many people were steering the boat, while not enough people were rowing.

Not sure of how to utilise that information, but wanting to prevent another loss to the Japanese, the rowing team's management structure was totally reorganised to four steering supervisors, three area steering superintendents and one assistant superintendent steering manager.

They also implemented a new performance system that would give the one person rowing the boat greater incentive to work harder.

It was called the 'Rowing Team Quality First Programme,' with meetings, dinners and free pens for the rower. There was discussion of getting new paddles, canoes and other equipment, extra vacation days for practises and bonuses.

The next year the Japanese won by two miles.

Humiliated, the American management laid off the rower for poor performance, halted development of a new canoe, sold the paddles, and cancelled all capital investments for new equipment. The money saved was distributed to the Senior Executives as bonuses and the next year's racing team was out-sourced to India.

Sadly, the end.

Sad, but oh so true! Here's something else to think about: Ford has spent the last thirty years moving all its factories out of the US, claiming they can't make money paying American wages. Toyota has spent the last thirty years building more than a dozen plants inside the US.

The last quarter's results: Toyota made 4 billion in profits while Ford racked up 9 billion in losses. Ford folks are still scratching their heads.

IF THIS WASN'T SO SAD IT MIGHT BE FUNNY!

YOUR NOMINATIONS PLEASE!

Nominate an outstanding person or persons for any of the following categories in the ...

2007 Howick Showcase Awards

- Westpac Business Person of the Year Award
- Monterey Artist/Arts Administrator of the Year Award
- Paul Stevenson Trust Howick Young Person of the Year Award (16-25yrs)
- Howick Community Board Citizen of the Year Award (Outstanding community service)
- The John & Valerie Roy Employee of the Year Award (Outstanding service)



HOWICK
SHOW
C.A.S.E
AWARDS

By Citizenship, Arts, Service and
Business to Our Community

**1st prize to
the value of \$1000
in each category**

**It's your opportunity to thank the
people that help make Howick
a great place to live and work!**

Nominate by PHONE: 534 4505
Nominate ONLINE: www.times.co.nz
Nominate by MAIL:
Showcase Nominations,
PO Box 38124, Howick.
NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM HOWICK INFORMATION
CENTRE OR DOWNLOAD FROM THE TIMES WEBSITE.
NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

