



The KeyWay



President's Corner



I think that there will be a number of Rotarians visiting Blake Twigden's amazing tropical garden in the near future!

We have some interesting people living in our community, and our guest speaker Blake is certainly one of them. An internationally recognized artist, he gave us a glimpse of his fascinating life as an artist and publisher, visiting 40 countries over 40 years and capturing the world's wildlife through his brush onto various mediums. I guess his passionate feeling for the environment stems from his close involvement with it over the years and the "burning at the stake" message to the world is an innovative way for a solo artist to try and make his voice heard.

The Board met on Tuesday night and formally passed a vote of thanks and appreciation to the Bookarama team and the wonderful group of ladies that made this event at its new location such a success.

Whilst Garry Donoghue has been seeking

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candidates for office next year the club by-laws allow for a nominating committee to be appointed to assist in this process. The current members that have put themselves forward for this role are Bob Mackie, Garry and me. If there any other members that wish to join this committee please let me know. Nominations can be made by individuals as well as the nominating committee. These should be made to the Secretary at least one week before the AGM. The AGM will now be held on the 27th November, a little earlier than originally planned, and the 2007/08 team will be formally voted in at this time.

Have a Good Week!
Rob

Duties October 23

<i>Host</i>	Jim Duckworth
<i>Reception</i>	Rod Somerville
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	David Wylie
<i>Backup</i>	Lawrence Copestake

Duties October 30

<i>Host</i>	Clive Kilgour
<i>Reception</i>	Geoff Thompson
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	David Fels
<i>Backup</i>	Garry Donoghue

Birthdays

- 24 - Oct. Bill Percival
- 26 - Oct. Bruce Burton
- 27 - Oct. Bob Mackie



Anniversaries

- 27 - Oct. Heather & John Savory



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Secretary's Notes

A surprise visitor to our club this week was District Governor Alan Davies. DG Alan was there to present a Presidential Citation, on behalf of Past DG Warwick Pleass, to our very own PP Bob Mackie. PDG Warwick had been unable to visit to present the award personally last year. He asked DG Alan to carry out these duties on his behalf. This was a well-deserve award to Bob and the club for achievements during the 2006/07 Rotary year. Well done Bob!

Other visitors to the club were guest speaker Blake Twigden, publisher and wildlife artist, Helen Donoghue and Luca. (Luca had a rather sad but very proud look on his face after recent rugby events. Luca, we all know the feeling very well. We have experienced it several times before!)

Members should take particular note of the following dates with a range of forthcoming events.

1 Yacht Race: - John Richardson informed us that the 22nd Annual Charity Yacht Race is to be held on 14 March next. Over \$1.5m has been raised from the previous 21 regattas, which is rather incredible when we think about it. Boats are now needed to ensure another successful event. Brochures are available and all members are asked to think hard about possible sponsors. See John or Bob Mackie if any issues.

2 Howick Little Theatre: - We have the whole theatre booked out for the night of 13 November, a club night. The play is a comedy, which is sure to appeal to all. Please check diaries and confirm attendance with Glen Donaldson.

" R E A L E S T A T E "

Joel, a writer of two lackluster mysteries, has not been able to churn out a word since his wife left him. In desperation, he retreats to his parents' home to lick his wounds and try to work. As it turns out, the house has to be sold -- and fast -- but when Emma, a determined young estate agent, shows up, she decides that Joel is as much of a "fixer-upper" as his house. Despite his reluctance, she focuses her energy on developing the street appeal of the house -- and its inhabitant. This fresh, funny comedy about starting over and establishing the resale value of a house, a man and a life premiered in Canada in 2005. The reviewer said: "Allana Harkin's first-ever comedy is not only a very funny play, it's a touching slice of life."

3 Petanque: - Again a club night on 6 November. Please confirm numbers with Alasdair MacLean ASAP.

4 Howick Showcase Awards: - Much work and preparation has gone in to ensure all is ready for this major club event. Remember it is a **club event!** This will be a great night of celebration so it would be a good opportunity to bring along a colleague or friend who could be a potential future member. David Fels has the tickets. No ticket - no free drink!

5 2008 Calendars: - Paul Kendall is putting through the order for 2008 Rotary calendars. These feature paintings by well known NZ artists. They would make great gifts for friends overseas. Contact Paul with your order.

6 Light Party - a positive alternative to Halloween: - Sue Ellis spoke of the need for helpers on the night of Oct. 31st to assist with the Light Party fun night. They require more volunteers to assist on the night. If you can help, please contact Sue.

7 Membership Update: - If any member has a change of address or contact numbers and would like updates for the handbook let Secretary Ian know. He will be printing 'labels' which will be available for members to stick into the handbook to ensure we have up to date contact details at all times.

PP Barry Nicholls took over the sergeant's role for the night extracting funds from many for all kinds of misdemeanours, including Sec Ian who seems to be getting a great deal of Spam with offers of Russian brides since his recent trip, and Dave Cox who managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory during a pool play off at the Vocational Committee dinner recently. A few more appropriately titled books were 'sold' including *Derbyshire - 100 years*, *Twiggy*, *Bluff Your Way in Finance* and perhaps most appropriately to Gavin Green, barman extraordinaire, *The Bachelors Bar Companion - the Guide to Subtle Seduction!* (The cover looked most interesting!)

Have a great week. (I am sure Gavin will!)

Ian Fox
Secretary.

The "RAVAH" Grant

Rotary Against Violence At Home

After 6 months' research into ways and means of helping to stem the amount of domestic violence in our community, the Penrose Rotary Club was made aware of a growing family violence problem in the eastern suburbs of Manukau City.

Recent statistics published by Police and other agencies confirmed a growing incidence of serious family and domestic violence in Botany, Dannemora, Howick, Pakuranga, Flat Bush, Beachlands and Maraetai areas.

Discussion with MECOSS (Manukau East Council of Social Services) confirmed the urgent need for a fund to help provide counseling and other support to families suffering from some form of violence but who could not otherwise afford professional help.

MECOSS is a branch of the NZ Council of Social Services and whereas in some locations the branches are well supported the Manukau East body is not. There is therefore a funding gap in this area.

Penrose Rotary has established an immediate fund of \$10,000 via MECOSS for this purpose. Agencies such as Police, Victim Support, professional counseling and other agencies involved with domestic violence can apply for individual grants of up to \$500 to assist people combat this problem.

For example:

- an unemployed immigrant father – frustrated by unemployment and other social problems – takes to violence at home. He may be willing to attend anger management courses but has no money to do so. The RAVAH fund may pay for this course on recommendation from his counselor

- grandparents concerned at the domestic violence occurring in their granddaughter's home, want to provide specific trauma and violence counseling by a professional for the grandchild so she can better cope with school life and her environment.

Applications are made on a single page form and are assessed by a committee (including 2 Rotarians) before approval. Funds are drawn from a special RAVAH account operated by MECOSS. Rotarian Ted Swanney from Sommerville Howick is Treasurer of MECOSS.

The objective of the fund is simply to alleviate and assist in practical ways those suffering from violence in the family. It is also hoped to use funds eventually on both prevention/education programs as well as "cliff face intervention.

The Penrose Club is now seeking support from Rotary clubs in the MECOSS area to join the program to provide direct funding, governance, advocacy and advice on other sources of funds to make the program sustainable in the long term. The longer term objective is to encourage other individuals, community groups and trusts to join so that a strong united community effort can be made to reduce the current level of domestic violence.

It is intended that Rotary's involvement is on a short to medium term support and facilitation role to help start a process that will reduce a significant problem in our own community. "Violence in the home" has been the subject of many Committee and Board discussions within Howick Rotary and supporting the RAVAH fund through the provision of a grant via our Yacht Regatta mast head charity as well as considering other in kind support is considered to be a way we can do something about the problem.

Calling all Preschool and Primary Children and Parents...
St Columba is having a



lots and lots of lollies!!

Wednesday 31st October

5.30pm—8.30pm

Entry: \$2 per person on the night

Food for Sale: Sausage Sizzle, Candy Floss, Sushi, Fried Rice, Ice-cream Sundaes, Hotdogs, Specialty Coffee.

Please bring gold coins for some activities

Bring a friend or neighbour and join in the fun.

Come dressed as something funny, friendly, fantastic!

Please no scary costumes

This is a Children and Family Ministries' event as an outreach of God's love to the community.

480 Ti Rakau Drive Botany Downs, phone 274—4864

Looking Forward to Seeing You There!!