



The KeyWay



The Past President's Corner

I certainly did not expect to be writing another one of these, but regardless, we all hope that President Rob is feeling much, much better this morning.

It was my pleasure, on behalf of President Rob, to acknowledge the input of David Fels and Gary Donoghue (not forgetting Rob Mouncey's own valued input) into and the great Success of the Howick Show C.A.S.E Awards. We also thanked John Savory for his Blood Bank organisation (including his ability to manage around a volunteer who forgot to turn up!) and we congratulated Kay McKirdy on being awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the District. This award recognised her valued input over a number of years as a member of the District Australia/NZ Rotary Student Exchange Committee. Kay – again, our congratulations!

We enjoyed the company of Dave Hawke from Somerville Howick and Chairman of the District Australia/New Zealand Student Exchange Committee, Jo Bhagal from Manakau Sunrise, Denise Trill from the Plimmerton Rotary Club, who has moved to Howick and is looking to join a local Rotary Club, and Pam Mackie.

The presentation from Martin Spencer was extremely well researched and prepared and really must cause us all to give very serious

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consideration to what is really going on world-wide in respect of The Great Global Warming Swindle. I still have a couple of his DVDs if anyone missed out and would like one – but don't forget ,the condition for each recipient was that you watch it and give it to a friend to watch.

The Charity Yacht Regatta sales are now underway and we so far have 3 entries. Please remember you don't have to have great Corporate pulling power, many of our sponsors are only small companies or in some cases individuals – so please everyone ask someone you have never asked in the past. (I have so far asked 29 people I'd not thought to ask before!)

Have a really great week and remember "There are only two ways to approach life, as a victim or as a gallant fighter and YOU must decide if you want to act or react."

Regards
Bob

Howick Little Theatre

You have no idea what you could be missing out on!

It's a comedy, and it's called **Real Estate**, but relax, it does not feature Paul Kendall or Michele Zackey.

You get to see it all, and enjoy a lovely supper, and have access to a well-garnished cash bar, all for a mere **\$25!** And it's not for you only: family, friends or foes, all more than welcome! What more could you be asking for?

We need to sell more tickets, actually quite a few more, so prompt and decisive action on your side is urged! Who's first?

All enquiries to **Glen Donaldson**.

Birthdays

7 - Nov. *Bill McKay*

8 - Nov. *Beatrice Copestake*



Anniversaries

11 - Nov. *Janine & Richard Harri*

11 - Nov. *Dorothy & John Osborne*





Secretary's Notes

With Pres Rob out of action for the night with a very pressing problem, PP Bob took the helm once again. The club's thanks were expressed to Garry and David for the wonderful evening last week with the Howick Show C.A.S.E. Awards, and also to John Savory for his work with the Blood Bank collection. The Club congratulated Kay McKirdy on her recent Paul Harris Fellowship Award, presented in recognition of her years on the District Student Exchange programme. Well-done and well-deserved Kay!

Bill Charkow outlined with some relish the results from the rugby world cup sweep. It would seem, "At the end of the day the Club was the winner," with just two people picking the winning team. Charles headed off Alastair by one point to take the major share of the winnings. (How could they be awarded anything when they did not pick the All Blacks, even if they were right?)

Glen and Lawrence won the meat/wine raffles and two weeks of 'have-a-go' were won by Bill Charkow and Bob Mackie, with the major prizes going to Ken McIntosh and Jim Duckworth.

Members should note the following: -

- **Petanque** is on next week. The venue is the Cockle Bay Petanque terrain beside the Scout hall at Cockle Bay Beach. Participants should register by 5.30pm. You need to bring your own boules, if you have a set, tables and chairs and your own refreshments. Phone Alasdair

Maclean if you have an apology or any concerns – 534 5322.

- **The Remuera Rotary Charity Golf Tournament** is being held at the Grange on Friday 23rd November. If you want to register or need more information contact secretary Ian.
- Secretary Ian had **sticky labels** available to update membership books with new member and member's updated details. If you did not pick up a set, Ian will have them back at the next club meeting at the Bowling Club venue.
- Don't forget the **Howick Little Theatre evening on 13 November**. Confirm your attendance with Glen Donaldson.
- Tony Twigge is seeking a mentor or counsellor to provide support for our outbound exchange students next year. Contact Tony for more information.
- Gavin Green received the appropriate response when we were informed bar prices will be increasing next week.

Al Gore eat you heart out! Martin Spencer, our guest speaker, presented a vastly different view on the global warming debate. No doubt PP Bob will comment more fully with respect to the key points he made. It was a very interesting evening and a great shame if you were not able to be there. Martin had a number of DVDs of a recorded TV programme screened overseas, but not yet seen here, to give away. He used extracts from this programme to support his views. If you missed the meeting you may be able to borrow a copy from someone who did pick one up.

See you at Petanque. Remember to polish your boules!

Ian Fox

Petanque

When: Tuesday 6th November

Where: Cockle Bay petanque terrain next to the Scout Hall opposite the toilet block at Cockle bay Beach.

Time: Participants must register by **5:30pm** so that games can be completed before it gets dark. Non-participants may join us but make sure you register for a meal.

Apologies to:

Alasdair Maclean ph: 534 5322
not George Abercrombie

Meal: 8.00pm.

What to bring:

1. Boules if you have them. A limited number will be supplied.
2. Portable tables and chairs.
3. Your own refreshments. (Note the liquor ban at Cockle Bay Beach only applies at the weekend).

On arrival at the venue: Make sure your names are recorded on the white board.

Another Fellowship Committee Project

Items for publication should be sent to:
mihai@meritofmeasurement.co.nz

November Rotary Foundation Month

Each year we ask members to make voluntary donations to The Rotary Foundation - our own charity. Rotary International is suggesting that clubs aim for a target of 'Every Rotarian Every year', giving US \$100. But before we give, what's it all about?

"The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programmes."

The Foundation started in 1947 following the death of our founder Paul Harris. Subsequently, over NZ\$2.3billion has been donated.

Annual giving by members is the cornerstone of the Foundation's funding efforts. The beauty of it is that all giving is voluntary - you give or not as you please. But, we'd like to think it is included in your personal charitable programme for the year.

So where does the money go? First I can tell you that it all goes into programmes - none is spent on administration - the interest from the money donated pays that.

The money is given in educational and humanitarian grants. Humanitarian includes

3H - health, hunger and humanity, children's opportunity grants, matching grants, the Polio Plus programme.

The money funds club and district projects providing healthcare. clean water, food, education and other essential needs, primarily in the developing world.

Matching grants, for projects such as the Rotahomes Village near Lautoka. On the educational front - Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, Group Study Exchange teams, grants for university teachers. The recent visit to the club of the Swiss GSE team and a reciprocal visit by a team next year are examples.

There are some other spin-offs - not many people know that Rotary is the only non-governmental organisation to have a permanent seat at the United Nations.

Giving to The Rotary Foundation is acknowledged in our club by granting a Paul Harris Fellowship for amounts of US\$1000 or more. Each year we recognise club members and others in the community for their efforts with a Paul Harris.

But in other parts of the world, Rotarians give to The Foundation without concern for recognition - the forty members of the Rotary Club of Kowloon East in Hong Kong, have just become the first club from which all members have made a personal donation of US\$10,000 or more to the Foundation.

Space precludes from continuing, suffice to say that we Rotarians have a lot of work to do in the world - be assured your donation to The Rotary Foundation will help!

If you want more information, check the website
www.rotary.org/foundation/programs/html

PDG **Rob Crabtree**

Problems in the Banking sector

Following the problems in the sub-prime lending market in America and the run on Northern Rock BS in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

In the last 7 days Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up and Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, it was announced that Karaoke Bank is up for sale and will likely go for a song while today shares in Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived.

Furthermore, 500 staff at Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal...

The editor