



The KeyWay



President's Corner

Isn't it wonderful to see how young people develop their confidence and personalities!

Luca's professional presentation of his year in New Zealand showed how much he personally gained out of "Learning by Doing". From the slides he presented, he has done this "in spades" throughout many parts of New Zealand! Including his Skippers bungy jump! However it was also evident that the learning is not just new places and people, but also learning about yourself, learning how to say no to your peers, learning good manners, learning tolerance with people less capable than yourself. Luca clearly demonstrated that he has gained a lot from his "Year in New Zealand"

As Max stated so well in thanking Luca, the International Student Exchange programme makes us all "feel good" and also makes us proud to be Rotarians.

I would like to thank all the host families for supporting the programme this year. As Garry aptly points out in the Annual Report, we need to work on solutions to

This Week 4 December 2007

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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4th Dec. "The RAVAH Grant"
(Rotary Against Violence At Home)

Alison Dyson – MECOSS
John Steele – Penrose Rotary

the home hosting issue if the programme is to be sustained!

Was that an audible sigh of relief from PP Bob to have the AGM and the presentation of an excellent Annual Report behind him? I think so, and with some good advice on the need for digital reports so that it makes publishing easier!

The new team was announced by Garry and duly elected for the 2007/08. It does not seem that long ago that the current team was in the same situation. The Rotary year goes fast guys, both leading up to and during!

Once again congratulations to the new team!

Have a Good Week!

Rob

Duties December 4

<i>Host</i>	Max Grant
<i>Reception</i>	John Osborne
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Clive Derbyshire
<i>Backup</i>	Stuart Armstrong

Duties December 11

<i>Host</i>	Fred Holland
<i>Reception</i>	Ted Aislabie
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Kevin McKernan
<i>Backup</i>	Jim Donovan

Anniversary

<i>6-Dec.</i>	<i>Margaret & Jan de Haast</i>
<i>9-Dec.</i>	<i>Judy & Jim Duckworth</i>

New Officers and Directors

Pres Elect	- John Osborne
Secretary	- Alan Riley
Treasurer	- Peter George assisted by - Ken McIntosh
Sergeant	- John Savory
Community	- Kay McKirdy
Youth	- Sue Ellis
Fellowship	- Gavin Green
Vocational	- .Dave Wylie
International	- Paul Kendall



Secretary's Notes

The crowds rolled in for the AGM to hear from both Pres Rob and PP Bob. Well, it seemed that way, but maybe it was really to hear from Luca, who was to give his farewell address on his time in NZ. We were able to welcome his host families, Cedric Daniels, (Venetia was not able to attend), Garry and Helen Donoghue, Gavin and Lynne Green and Steve and Sandy Whitehead. David and Lyn Fels, Luca's counsellors, were also present. Luca brought a guest along, Meaghan Kennedy, who was Luca's exchange 'sister' back in his own home.

The AGM was conducted in a smooth and orderly manner. Copies of the Annual report were distributed. If you were not at the meeting, and would like a copy, please collect one next week.

- Note there are still 2008 Rotary calendars available from Paul Kendall. These make great gifts for business or for friends overseas. Contact Paul to place an order.
- Dave Wylie reported that Ross Forrester is cheerful and coping well.
- Philip Rive has had heart surgery. He is out of hospital and hopes to return to work shortly.

- Mohini is undergoing further tests. She is getting a little fed up with the ongoing health issues and would like to get on with things.
- Dave Cox was fined for his cycle ride in the Round Taupo event covering the 160ks in a very respectable time of 6hours 11 mins. A great result!!
- Glen Donaldson and the Fellowship Committee need to know numbers for the Christmas Party next week at the latest. Remember Tuesday 11 December, 5.30 for 6.00pm. Don't forget the male/female gifts (around \$10) and the red and white theme.
- Gavin Green informed us the Golf and Family Day is to be held at Whitford on 2 March. Note this in diaries now.
- The meat/wine raffles were won by Bill Charkow and Garry Donoghue with the have-a-go raffles being won by John Savory and Dave Wylie.

Pres Rob closed the meeting with a parting thought from Aristotle, particularly appropriate following Luca's address, "*What we have to learn to do we learn by doing.*" Very apt!

Have a great week!

Ian Fox
Secretary.

Howick Christmas Parade

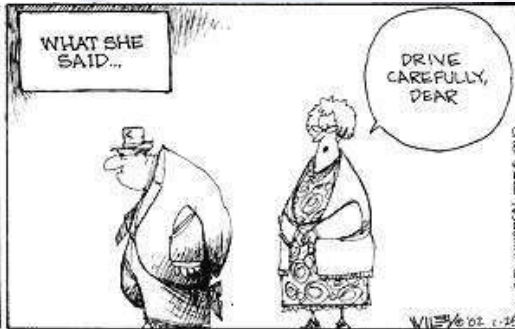
As the Santa Parade effort was overlooked and not mentioned at our dinner meeting this evening, I feel it is my duty as Community Director to give recognition and thanks to the members of my Community Committee and RCOH members who contributed towards the successful display of the 'Rotary and Howick Childrens & Youth Theatre float'. Our float exposed Howick Rotary and Rotary International to 30,000 people at last Saturdays parade. I think John Savory deserves a special thanks for his vision in creating the 'Rotary Water Wheel' which will be an asset to our club for the future. I would also like to thank those members who helped with the 'Sausage Sizzle' at Nixon Park.



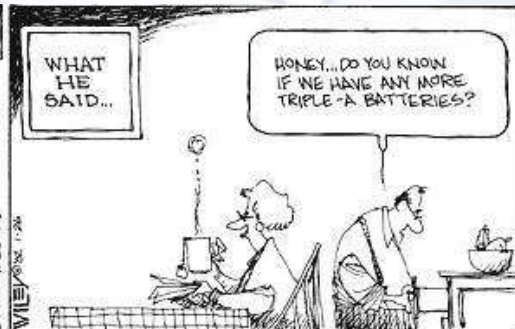
Why we'll never understand each other

Today's offering is the best explanation of many of life's problem/s. Illustrated and all.

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WHAT HE HEARD...



Kiwi sarcasm!!!

These are some questions that were asked on a Tourism NZ website!!!!

Q: Does it ever get windy in NZ? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kiwi birds in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Auckland to Wellington - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in NZ? Can you send me a list of them in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Queenstown? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in NZ? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe, New - Zea -land is that island in the middle of the Pacific which does not...

...oh, forget it! Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Auckland city . Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in NZ? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into NZ? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers, like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: - New-zea- land is that quaint little country , which is...

...oh forget it! Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Auckland city straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Can I wear high heels in NZ? (UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

Q: Are there supermarkets in Auckland and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in NZ who can dispense spider serum. (USA)

A: Poisonous spiders live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from.

All NZ spiders are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets . You should find some for yourself when you get here.

Especially the ones with white tails

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in NZ, but I forget its name. It's a kind animal and lives in trees. (USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of Gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them.

You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in NZ? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather.

Q: Can you tell me the regions in Auckland where the female population is smaller than the male population? (Italy)

A: Yes, gay night clubs.

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in NZ? (France)

A: Only at Christmas.

Q: I was in NZ in 1969 on R+R, and I want to contact the Girl I dated while I was staying in Wellington. Can you help? (USA)

A: Yes, and you will still have to pay her by the hour...

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first

Working Bee

John Built's Garden

9:00am Saturday 1st December 2007 at 4 Holly Way, Pakuranga. Bring gardening tools. For further details ring Graham Loughlin on ph 5370414

Howick Rotary Christmas Party

- Theme: **RED and WHITE**
- When: Tuesday 11th December
- Time: 5.30pm arrival for 6.00pm start
- Complimentary drinks on arrival
- Supply a male and female gender gift of approximately \$5 value
- Cost: \$25 per head

Fun, entertainment and Santa on hand to make this a great night.

If you have not already put your name on the list send an email confirming your attendance to Bill Charkow - bill.c@scottpapers.co.nz