



The KeyWay



President's Corner

Santa paid an early visit to Howick Rotary and along with his Elf Luca distributed some



of the joy of Christmas on Tuesday night. But Santa was not the only contributor to what was a wonderful evening of Rotary fun and fellowship.

It was great to have SOAP (clever name that - "Sons of a Pitch") start our evening off in wonderful style and with great harmony. And doesn't Charlie do a great job of background or dancing music?

It was also great that we could share our evening with our two new and very worthy external Paul Harris Fellows: Reay and

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18th Dec. End of the Year Informal evening

Brian Neben. Rob Crabtree did a great job on the citation and potted history, outlining their outstanding contribution to the community over many years.

The external awardees were equally matched with our own new Paul Harris Fellow and Sapphire pin recipient, David and Brian. Again thanks to Garry and Fred for their presentations of the awardees potted history and contribution to the clubs activities.

All in all a great evening with the Fellowship team surpassing itself again, even if a little sadly as Bill and Jackie had to fly out to Bills mother's funeral in Scotland on Saturday night. Thanks for a great job of MC Glen!

I mentioned before that Santa had Elf Luca helping him. Well, this is the last time that Luca will be at club meetings, as he departs to return home in the next few days. I

would like to take this opportunity to wish Luca a safe journey home and hope that he has a wonderful re-united family Christmas when he gets there. It has been wonderful to watch this young man grow and mature during the time he has spent with us.

With our Rotary Christmas function behind us, we now look forward to enjoying the festive season with friends and family. Mary and I would like to wish all members and partners a very Happy Christmas and hope that you all have wonderful holiday break. 2008 beckons and I know that, with the spirit of the club alive and well, we can all look forward to a marvelous year ahead.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

Rob





Secretary's Notes

It was not the Christmas Grinch who introduced our President to the Party but rather the Christmas 'Droll.' Well, really 'droll' is rather too kind a word to be used to describe the level of jokes shared by Glen Donaldson, standing in as MC for Bill Charkow. Our thoughts are with Bill and Jackie who were unable to attend as they have made a quick trip to Dundee, owing to the death of Bill's 87-year-old mum. No matter what the age, there is never a 'right time' to lose one's mum!

A number of guests were welcomed to the party including DG Alan and Lorraine Davies and Assistant Governor Janet and Bob Igrisan. Reay and Brian Neben, accompanied by Lisah Henry, the editor of the H&P Times, were also welcomed, as were Sue North, Wendy Deal, Annette Galloway, Elizabeth Donaldson, Dulcie Howells, Jean Jones, Luca, and a goodly number of very red looking Rotary wives.



SOAP (I can't remember what that stands for!) provided some great barbershop quartet music to begin the evening, with Charlie on the keyboard providing music throughout the evening.

Three new Paul Harris Fellowships were presented during the evening along with one sapphire pin. A Paul Harris Fellowship recognises a person's contribution to Rotary or the community with a \$US1000 contribution to Rotary Foundation towards its objective of the achievement of world understanding and peace through international, charitable and educational programmes. It was great this time to see two awards being presented for service to the community outside of our club.



- PDG Rob read the citation to the first recipients, Reay and Brian Neben, owners of the H&P Times who have, over many years, demonstrated their passion for this community in a number of different ways. Their contributions of time, energy and also funding

over the years have supported high profile activities such as the Howick Santa Parade, the Pine Harbour Food and Wine Festival, Howick in the Park, the Showcase Awards and other too numerous to mention charities. With Rotary's guiding motto being 'Service Above Self', which they epitomise, it was fitting that as Rotarians we were able to recognise their outstanding contributions with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

- PE Garry reminded us that, 'If you



want to get the job done, then give it to a busy person.' David Fels is just such a person. In his own quiet way he has done much behind the scenes to support our Club and its activities. The most recent of these of course was the very successful Howick Show Case Awards, with David taking a key role in the organization and running of this event. Congratulations David and Lyn!

- Fred Holland reminisced about his



time working with the final recipient, PP Brian Hanlon, during his association with Mellons Bay School. (I think he may have been on the school committee – I don't think he was a student there in Brian's time). Brian was presented with a sapphire pin to go with the Paul Harris award already held. Again in his humble way Brian talked not of what he has given the club, but rather what the club has meant to him, and also to Hazel. (As Fred reminded us we always think of Brian and Hazel, or Hazel and Brian – the dynamic duo!) It was interesting to note that, of the dynamic duo, it was Hazel who had the last word!

Congratulations to all awardees! These were well-deserved accolades, and the beauty of it all was the level of surprise on the faces of the recipients!
As it is unlikely another keyway will be produced before Christmas I would like to take the opportunity to wish all readers

(assuming there are some) a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2008. I am sure it will be another great year in Rotary for us all.



Ian Fox
Secretary.

Rotary Down Under

Dear All,
Thank you for sending your club bulletins to us over the last year. We have enjoyed reading these. The extent and variety of projects and events clubs are engaged in shows that Rotary in Action is a reality across the six New Zealand-based districts. We wish you all the best for a relaxing Christmas break.
Yours in Rotary,
Beryl and Colin Robinson
Rotary Down Under - New Zealand and the Pacific Islands

Three for one and one for all

I was told by a higher authority than I, that this photo should have a place somewhere in our records.

The photo was taken a few months ago at a Twenties Night organised by the Rotary Club of Drury, at which my daughter, Michelle Innes, pictured here, Past President of that Club, was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Also in the picture on the left is my son Mark, P.P. of the Cambridge Club, who was awarded a PHF a year or two ago by that Club, and myself, who was awarded one several centuries ago.

Apparently it is a little unusual for this to have happened.

Brian



Christmas Party



58th Anniversary



A special Happy Anniversary to Hazel & Brian Hanlon on 17th of December. We're sure this has been a long but happy haul.



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Birthdays

26 - Dec. Dorothy Osborne
 27 - Dec. Gaynor Donaldson
 27 - Dec. Kathy Kennedy
 28 - Dec. Marie Donovan
 30 - Dec. Dave Cox



Duties January 22

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

Duties January 29

Host Gary Willcocks
Reception Steve Whitehead
Inv/Thanks John Richardson
Backup John Sanders

Christmas and New Year Break

The 18th December will be an informal evening. The Club will re-open after Christmas on the 15th January for a "finger food" supper and social, and the Club returns to normal on the 22nd.

Paul Harris fellow - from the Times

Four people were this week honoured with one of Rotary International's highest honours for their selfless commitment to the organisation and Howick community.

Times Newspapers' Reay and Brian Neben, and Rotarians Brian Hanlon and David Fels were each awarded a prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Howick at a function on Tuesday evening.

Chairman Rob Mouncey says the fellowships are presented to Rotarians, and occasionally people outside the organisation, who uphold its ideal of service above self through their commitment to international service, vocation, club and community.

"As a club we must continue to look externally for those who may not be in Rotary themselves but who deserve the recognition."

In bestowing the fellowships, \$1000 will be donated to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of each recipient to continue its charitable and education work throughout the world.

In bestowing the honour on Reay and Brian Neben, the club said it was recognising a couple passionate about the community they serve both as businesspeople and through the Howick and Pakuranga Times newspaper.

"The Howick and Pakuranga Times has been coming through our letterboxes since 1972 and from what started as a team of just three people, the Times and the Busi-

ness Media Press company employs around 140 people," said Rob Crabtree.

"They are strong supporters of Howick business as well as being involved in and sponsoring a host of community events including the Howick Santa Parade, Howick in the Park, Military Tattoo and the Howick ShowCASE Awards."

The paper has held strong to its foundation to be relevant to and about the local community and has been recognised for excellence with numerous awards as one of New Zealand's leading community newspapers.

Mrs Neben says it was overwhelming to be recognised with such an honour.

David Fels is representative of the "younger set" of Rotary but has certainly made his mark.

"There's a bit of a saying that if you want to get the job done properly, you give the task to someone who is already a busy person," said Garry Donoghue.

It's a description that fits David Fels well, who is described as a willing, community spirited Rotarian. Pragmatic, ethical and a person of the utmost integrity.

In just over a decade with Rotary he has sat on numerous boards and committees and most recently led the committee which organised the Howick ShowCASE awards.

He has been active in successfully bringing new and exciting projects and events to fruition; that have required significant liaison with the wider Howick community.

He has also participated in Rotary International exchange student programs and is on the Board of Directors this year.

Born, raised and educated in the Howick and Pakuranga community, David operates the Gemtime jewellery business in Howick. "This has come out of the blue.

"I've been born and bred in this community and it's been great to be able to put something back to make it a better place."

The third recipient is Brian Hanlon, a Rotarian since 1967 who has held a number of positions during his time with the club including Bulletin editor, district level positions, a leading an international study exchange to Pennsylvania in the 1970s.

He's led many Rotary projects, most recently the very successful Bookarama event and is described as a very dedicated to the Rotary movement.

A retired teacher, Mr Hanlon was principal at Mellons Bay School for 19 years where he encouraged and fostered strong sense of community.

Mr Hanlon was presented with a blue sapphire pin, an extra to the Paul Harris Fellowship. "This is a bit ridiculous," he joked.

"Since I joined in 1967 I have had so much enjoyment in being with you people and being involved has given so much to my life."

Lisah Henry
Editor
Howick and Pakuranga Times.