



The KeyWay



President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable festive season and you are looking forward to a happy and prosperous 2008!

The Rotary year got underway with an informal and very relaxed "Pizza, Plonk and Chat" night last Tuesday. We even had an overseas visitor and a potential new member! A great start to the year!

Our first major challenge for the year is to sell the yachts for our Regatta in March. John Richardson reported that our sales are running 25% behind last year at a disappointing 31, so there is much work to be done to reach our joint target of 50.

Pick up the challenge, Rotarians! Set yourself a personal target of contacting at least 6 people. If they are not part of the corporate environment, get them to combine with some other mates and put a boat load together! It is a wonderful day! I know it is a bit of bugger doing the "cold selling" spiels but if we don't get to that magic 50 we run the risk of letting down our masthead charities and our own projects in the community.

This Week 22 January 2008

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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**22nd Jan. Maree McKernan
Disabilities**

So it is "All Hands to the Pumps" please!

We also urgently need volunteers for the Blood Bank. Please contact Brian Hanlon.

Congratulations to the Percival family! Vic, Bill's brother received an OMNZ in the New Year honours list for the work that he has done in developing trade with China. Having met Vic, I would have to say he is one of life's enthusiasts. Bill, please pass on the clubs congratulations to a fellow Rotarian!

We are planning an SGM to seek the clubs final approval of our club Trust in the first quarter, so if you have any final comments please pass them to one of the sub-committee.

Have a Good Week and a Good Year!
Rob

Duties January 22

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

Duties January 29

<i>Host</i>	Gary Willcocks
<i>Reception</i>	Steve Whitehead
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Clive Kilgour
<i>Backup</i>	John Sanders

Rotary Diary

January 2008 Rotary Awareness Month

February 2008 World Understanding Month

23 February World Understanding and Peace Day

23 February 103rd anniversary of the founding of Rotary International

March 2008 Literacy Month

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Secretary's Notes

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all.

A very informal meeting was held with those attending having the opportunity to catch up with friends and talk about the Christmas period and holiday season. Even the sergeant considered it was still the season of goodwill to all and as such did not carry out a fining session. He even invited those who felt they had been under-fined in 2007 to make a contribution towards the start of his 2008 year's collection!

The meat/wine raffles were won by Graham Loughlin and Jim Duckworth with the have-a-go raffles won by John Osborne and Bob Mackie.

Members should particularly note a couple of urgent needs.

Yacht Regatta: - Our major fundraising event for the year, the yacht regatta, is at serious risk owing to a lack of sponsored boats. All members are asked to think again about possible business contacts they may have. This situation is urgent. Sponsors obtained to date have come from a very small number of club members. Can you help? Can you have a re-think to see if there is someone who may be a potential sponsor? Contact John Richardson if you need assistance here.

Blood Bank: - The next 'collection' is to be held on 22nd and 23rd of January. Support for one or both of these days is required between 1 - 7pm. Can you assist? If you can, or you need further information, please contact Brian Hanlon.

Have a great year.

Ian Fox
Secretary.

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Thanks for your bulletin - always a great read!

I continue to be impressed with the many activities of your club.

So I am asking whether you would be prepared to submit an article for consideration for RDU magazine on any significant recent project or event? Likewise, please remember to send an article (and photos) on those interesting projects and events planned for 2008 as they are held.

All that's needed are up to 300 words about who, what, why, when, where & how emphasising the new and/or unique aspects (in Word format) attached to an email to

berylrobinson@rotarydownunder.co.nz

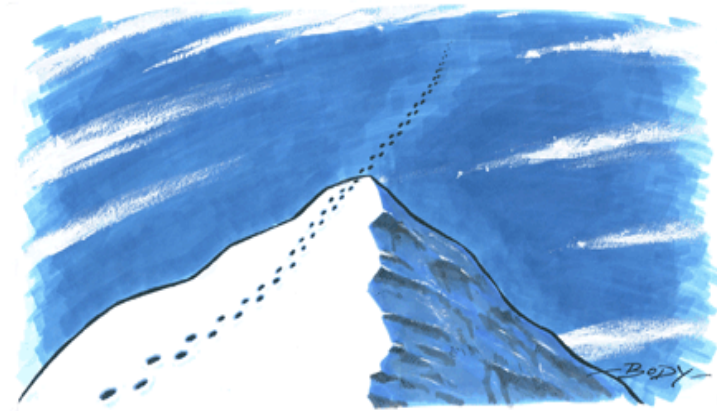
plus hopefully up to three close up action digital photos (400+KB/dpi for magazine quality) separately attached to the same email with photo captions at the bottom of the article. Many thanks.

Kind regards,

Colin Robinson

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Sir Ed's last trip



Birthdays

1 - Jan.	Rhonda Twigge
4 - Jan.	Pam Mackie
5 - Jan.	Max Heron
6 - Jan.	Sharon Scott
7 - Jan.	Beverley Riley
15 - Jan.	Bev Cox



Anniversaries

1 - Jan.	Sheanagh & Stephen Noles
2 - Jan.	Pam & Bob Mackie
10 - Jan.	Sandy & Steve Whitehead
14 - Jan.	Naomi & Ross Forrester
18 - Jan.	Ella & Mihai Costache
21 - Jan.	Margaret & Peter George
22 - Jan.	Anne & John Richardson

