



# The KeyWay



## President's Corner

**W**ell, it certainly was not April Fools Day in our speaker programme!

The timing of Nick Greanias' presentation could not have been better!

As the media has been pouring out news on the "battle" between Hillary and Obama (with McCain having won his race to Republican candidacy) and we have all been scratching our heads on how the Presidential primaries and indeed the whole US system of democracy works,



into the Howick Bowling club come the answers in the form of the US Consul no less!

**This Week 8 April 2008**

## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Howick, Inc.

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**8<sup>th</sup> April      Insp Jim Searle**  
OIC Howick Police - Manukau Policing update

Nick, in an extremely effective and enthusiastic way, described the structure and history of democracy in the US. As Barry indicated in thanking Nick, I am sure the picture is a lot clearer now for a large number of us. However, I am still not sure how "Super Delegates" fit into the democratic process.

For my money one thing for sure - "it beats the hell out of MMP" (apologies to minority party voters!)

Well done, Rob, for organizing an excellent and timely speaker!

Acting Sergeant John limbered up well. The initial softening up with the "please help me with information" was quickly followed with a barrage of fines! Well done John! Imagine what it is going to be like in

the new Rotary year!

The count down to RYLA selection is occurring, so if there are any last minute candidates that you believe are worthwhile, please let Clive or Kevin know urgently.

We will also be forwarding our Rotary Foundation giving at the end of this month, so if there are any of you that wish to make a donation that have still not done so, we would be grateful to receive your donation. Out of interest, we are currently running at a little over \$2000 for member contributions, which compares with 03/04 \$3023, 04/05 \$2528, 05/06 \$3211 and the exceptional year for Bill Boyd of \$6843. Remember there is no compulsion or coercion. You give according to your circumstances and your view on the Foundation's work.

I am told from a "reliable source" that the ladies had a very enjoyable evening at La Mamas. Were your "ears burning"? No, they were too busy with more interesting topics!

*Have a good week!*

**Rob**



## Secretary's Notes

Well, it may have been April 1<sup>st</sup> but there was no joking when our guest, Nick Greanias, a United States Diplomat and currently the Chief of the Consular Operations for New Zealand was welcomed. Phil McKenna, introduced as his 'minder' but in actuality fact the Public Affairs Advisor, accompanied him. Nick managed to take some, if not all of the mystery out of the US Presidential election processes.



Also welcomed was Josafino San Diego, a guest of the Club.

Our newest member, Hal Martin was introduced to the Club by Bill McKay and welcomed on behalf of World Pres William Wilkinson into Rotary International by PP Fred Holland. Hal has the classification,

Arts Management. Hal will join the rather depleted Fellowship Team, ably led by Bill Charkow. (I am sure there is no relationship to that and the team being depleted!)

Thanks to Stuart Armstrong who, after a request from the Board, agreed to conduct the audit of our accounts this year. The Board appreciates Stuart's support here.

This week's h-a-go raffle was won by Ken McIntosh with Garry Donoghue picking up second prize. 'Tinny' Gavin Green and Rod Somerville won the meat/wine raffles.

### Members should note the following: -

- **Potential New Members Night:** - A further reminder that a 'social get together' is being held at the Howick Club on the evening of the 17 April for potential new members. This is a great opportunity for prospective members to meet and hear a little about Rotary and our Club in particular. All members are urged to give serious consideration to possible attendees. Please contact PP Bob Mackie for further information and also send contact details of possible attendees to Bob asap.
- **RYLA:** - PP Clive Derbyshire reminded us that RYLA is rapidly approaching. The course is to be held

in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July. Clive is looking for 3-4 more suitable applicants. Please contact Clive with nominations or for further information.

- **Golf Day:** - Gavin Green reminded us of the Golf day to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> April. Gavin needs final numbers by next week. Even if you do not wish to play golf, families are welcome to join in for the 'pool party' or 'after match function.' Let Gavin know if you wish to do that.
- **Mother's Day Gift:** - The RC Rotorua is selling exclusive, personally signed, Rotary Mothers' Day Limited Edition CDs of Elizabeth Marvelly. To order or to find more information email [elizabeth@elizabethmarvelly.com](mailto:elizabeth@elizabethmarvelly.com). Copies are \$31.95 each postage included.
- **Stockade Hill Reserve and William Green Domain signage:** - Note the Secretary is holding a list of approved dates for when we can place a display sign at Stockade Hill Reserve or William Green Domain to advertise coming events. To check these dates, or to obtain a copy, please contact Secretary Ian.

*Catch you all next week.*

**Ian Fox**  
Secretary

## Board Changes

**F**ellow Rotarians

A note to advise we have had some changes to the make-up of our Rotary board for 2008/9.

For your information, Sue Ellis and Kay McKirdy are not, for extremely valid reasons, able to fulfil their obligation to the Howick Rotary Board of the 2008/9 Rotary year. Sue and Kay's withdrawal has therefore determined we announce with pleasure the appointment of Rod Somerville (Community) and Geoff Thompson (Youth) to the team.

Whilst we are disappointed that Sue and Kay will not be able contribute, the Howick Rotary Clubs depth of member talent has ensured their replacements give confidence that the year ahead will be in good hands. On Rod's appointment to the 2008/9 Board, he also accepted the role of Trustee of the Howick Rotary Charitable Trust.

Best regards  
**Garry**

## Birthdays

2 - Apr. *Faye Loughin*



## Anniversaries

2 - Apr. *Ann & Berry Nicholls*



## Duties April 8

<i>Host</i>	Kevin McKernan
<i>Reception</i>	Jim Donovan
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Max Grant
<i>Backup</i>	Ted Aislabie

## Duties April 15

<i>Host</i>	Fred Holland
<i>Reception</i>	John Sanders
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Gary Willcocks
<i>Backup</i>	Garry Donoghue

## Surprising words

**A**t the end of our last meeting on Tuesday, I approached Mr. Phil McKenna, our guest speaker's "minder" and asked him to share his photographic memories with me, as I had not brought along a camera. While we were busy brokering the deal, Mr. Nick Greanias stretched out his hand and said: "Bună seara, domnul Costache, încântat de cunoștința!" Stunned, I asked: "Vorbiți românește?" With a broad smile, he replied: "Am fost trei ani consul în București!" I will buy a drink of his/her choice to the first reader who emails me the correct translation of this conversation. Conditions apply.

Conditions: Sanjay is excluded from this competition, because he is far too fluent in Romanian. Janet Igrışan is also excluded because she could simply ask her husband.

**Mihai**

## HAVE A GO RAFFLE

**T**here are four numbers available 8, 11, 20 & , 33 so take this opportunity to join in the fun, and help the Club.

Costs are \$5 per number, per week , with weekly prizes of \$50 and \$20 , and three draws of \$500 and \$200 at Christmas, Club Anniversary, and Change Over Night. With Change Over just around the corner , take this opportunity to be ahead of the game.

For enquiries contact  
**Peter George.**

## Diary April 2008 Magazine Month

15 - Apr **Martin Casey** - Regional fundraising manager, Royal NZ Foundation

22 - Apr **ANZAC** special - a speaker from the NZ Defence Forces.

29 - Apr **Mike Murphy** - Ice Angel. The Icehouse is a business incubator associated with Auckland University and Ice Angels is the Capital organisation associated with it.

## The Mayoress's Charity Gala Ball

Rotary's goal is to fund a paediatric bed, costing NZ \$53,000 as part of the overall Ball project of funding the Kids First ICU, and to this end Howick Rotary has committed **2k for the bed**. Not the Mayoress' Charity Gala Ball. The inaugural Mayoress' Charity Gala Ball, to be held at The Telstra Clear Events Centre, Gt South Rd, Manukau, 24 May 2008.

This will be one grand event with a four fold purpose;

- To raise funds (circa 150k/300k) to benefit kids in Counties Manukau via Kids First Charity organization and
- To show that Manukau can produce such a 'classy' event and 'uplift' the image of our area
- To lift the profile of Rotary
- For the attendees a fabulous and memorable time.

Rotary's commitment is to sell 30 tables and Rotary has a Ball sub c/mtee for this purpose. So, in the **first instance** if you know any corporate / businesses that may be interested in receiving an invitation, **please advise the writer ASAP**.

And secondly, if any of our Howick Rotary members/family/contacts that may have an interest in attending, please also advise either **Rob Mouncey or the writer and**

### we will record your interest.

In the short term the Charity Gala Ball promotional data will soon be forwarded to all Rotary members that give details of this social/ charity event, and this will further explain the grandness of the Gala Ball.

Thanks

**Garry**

## RYLA's Success

### Programme

A varied programme is being prepared. It will include lectures, activities and group discussions. A wide range of topics and presenters is a feature and high quality presentations and relevance to leadership development is assured throughout the week.

The programme topics will be based on the following themes:

- Leadership and You
  - Hopes and expectations
- Leadership in the Workplace
- Leadership in the Outdoors
- Leadership through understanding
  - Wisdom and perspectives
- Leadership in the Community
- Leadership in Business
- Leadership in the Family
- Leadership through Communication
  - Planning and Organisation

- Leadership through Team Work
  - Group Dynamics

Time will be allocated for recreation and organised trips to places of special interest.

The club based selection ensures Awardees cover a wide cross section of vocations and backgrounds. The common denominator is all Awardees are selected because they have leadership qualities and I or skills.

RYLA is a wonderful opportunity for all clubs in our district to collectively recognise, inform and inspire worthy young people from our local district community and to enhance their futures.



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