



Unfortunately our scheduled speaker, Leah Gates was struck down with a bad cold and was not able to make the meeting. Leah has signaled her keenness to address the club, and to that end will be rescheduled again soon. Leah's presentation spot was duly taken up by the RYLA Pacific attendees, where once again we had the very best of what Rotary is all about on show. The impact Rotary has with these young people is truly inspiring stuff.

Last Sunday was District Changeover and a group from Howick Rotary went along to send off now past District Governor Allan Davies and his team, and to welcome the new DG, Jack Davies and his team for the new Rotary year. Allan Davies has set a high standard of achievement in his year at the helm.

Whilst the changeover events have a degree of formality and acknowledgements, the fact that Rotary in our district 9920 achieves so much by way personal and organizational contributions, is well and truly on show. There are some amazing feats of activity being undertaken by Rotarians. If you have not attended a

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District Changeover in the past, give some thought to coming along next year. You certainly get a broader perspective of the depth of activities within the organization.

DG Jack Davies, also spoke to this years Rotary theme, 'Make Dreams Real' in the context of setting objectives and turning those plans into reality. At club assembly next week the objectives that have been set by DG Jack will be articulated to the meeting.

Also, one of the 'perks' of the job at changeover time is the number of invites (of which all clubs reciprocate) Helen and I had to attend other Club 'changeovers'. Along with Howick we were also able to attend the Somerville-Howick and Pakuranga Rotary Club changeover events. Two quite contrasting clubs in both numbers and style; and as you would expect, Helen and I were able to pick ideas from both these very enjoyable events.

Next week is club assembly, and we urge members to do what they can to attend. Treasurer George will present the 2008/9 budget to members, and we will background our new sister club Savusavu, and also cover off a number of housekeeping items.

And, most importantly, your new board shall hear from the broader membership if there are matters of direction and future growth opportunities that are not being addressed or maybe overlooked.

Your new President and Directors have ideas and objectives, but it will be important that those plans can/should possibly include ideas from the floor, and it is important in the democratic process that you get the opportunity to have input. You may wish to email me items that you would like to have on the agenda at the meeting. If so, the email address is gm@whitfordpark.co.nz. Also, as an extra carrot Katha Bartman, the exchange student before Luca will be our guest.

Following the club assembly meeting, the presenters the following week are our 'new' members giving their introduction addresses and we are looking forward to hearing from Hal Martin and Colin Monk. This meeting is followed by the RYLA Awardees on July the 22nd, and then on July the 29th we have Atlantic rower, Kevin Biggar. This will be an important potential 'new member' evening.

Have a good week
Garry

This Week 8 July 2008

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8th July
Club assembly
Zoe Dix - Exch. Student

Duties July 8

Host	Rob Mouncey
Reception	Bill McKay
Inv/Thanks	Bill Charkow
Backup	Kathy Kennedy

Duties July 15

Host	David Percival
Reception	Bill Percival
Inv/Thanks	Stephen Noles
Backup	Rod Somerville



Gavin Green, Sergeant John Savory and the caterers.

This combination of pre-meeting conviviality, good speakers, a 'challenge to action', good food & fellowship, along with touch of humour from the sergeant are a very successful formula for a Rotary meeting. And we finished on time! Well done all.

A very significant notice is the appointment of Glen Donaldson as the new and additional trustee of the Thomas Brydon Trust. The trust is an evolving entity which is positioned to significantly assist Howick and other Rotary clubs in programmes or needs which fit within the Trust Rules and funding capability.

Guest Speakers: The highlight of tonight's meeting (1st July) were the six delightful RYLA Pacific attendees along with 'Camp Mother' Sue Williamson, past president of Somerville - Howick Rotary Club. Following the introduction by Michelle Zackey the attendees each talked of their own countries and home towns, family, careers and aspirations, hobbies and some of the challenges faced and assistance sought to improve the lives of their people.

Tutu from Raratonga now works for the Ministry of Justice as an IT support officer. She spoke of her progressing from being a Guide leader, and of her many activities, church and family. A recent highlight was accompanying 100 students to the Edinburgh Tattoo where they presented their culture at this prestigious event.

Rampa from Tahiti (French Polynesia)

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works for the Traditional Arts and Crafts Territorial Department, but has passed exams to join the Police. She soon travels for 12 months Police training to France. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tahiti to attend the RYLA course, she talked of people from the different Pacific cultures having many of the goals and the ambitions of New Zealanders.

The next four speakers were all from Fiji and had interesting views on their homeland and of some needs for outside assistance. All six ladies have been or are involved in Interact or Rotoract activities, and a multitude of other interests which were very community focused.

Sarita sponsored by Suva East is in real estate management helping to look after several resorts.

Sereana also from Suva spoke of the difficulties experienced by people from her village in getting out across the river. This has sparked a search for Matched Grant assistance from Rotary Clubs to finance a pedestrian suspension bridge.

Sally, sponsored by RC of Suva North is an administration manager for a civil and structural engineering consultancy. One of the projects she spoke enthusiastically of is the annual Casino evening which raises between \$10 - 12,000 for the local Hospice and the Fiji Cancer Society. Their Air Fiji Day project provides flights over the city for sick or terminally ill children. Rosina from the Suva Club is a 'Jill of all trades' helping to establish a small resort in a very 'hands on' way which was complemented by the management and organisational requirements of her role. The resort Wainiveiota Estate is adjacent to a National Park. Her passion is baking and ambition is to open a bakery with more than the typical two types of bread,

white or wholemeal. Her work experience here will have given her plenty of ideas to help make her ambition a reality.

Hal Martin wound up this interesting presentation with the vote of thanks to the RYLA team and to Sue.

Raffle Results:

Have a Go: 1st President Garry; 2nd Allan Riley.

Wine/Meat draw: 1st John Osborne; 2nd Bill Charkow.

Notices:

- President Garry made special mention of Charles Davidson's great video presentation at the Change Over evening.

- Guests included Keith Appleton who we look forward to seeing again at future meetings.

- Member liaison from Dave Wylie - advising that as Mohini is not returning to work, she will be resigning from Howick Rotary. Hazel Hanlon is now home from hospital and looking forward to a good recovery.

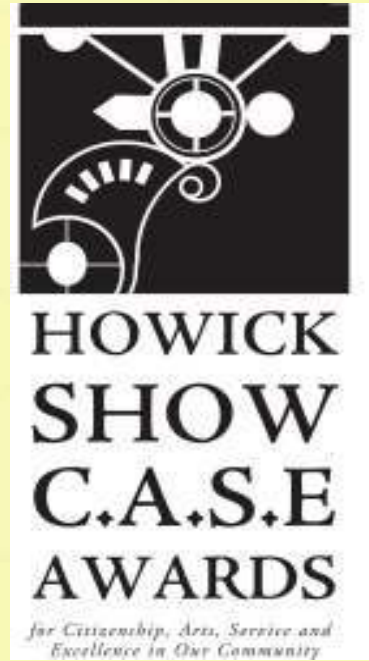
- Contact Clive Derbyshire for the RYLA programme for next week, and see how RYLA can be a life changing event for attendees as Rotarian visitors are most welcome.

- Our past member, Dave Garland now of RC of Tauranga spoke of Rotary's International Travel & Hosting Fellowship, for whom he is NZ chairman. To learn more contact Dave and Beverley Garland at 07 543 2012 or david.beverley@paradise.net.nz

- Need a club directory? Contact Bill Percival at 534 3706.

- Committee meetings next Tuesday for Vocational and Club Service members.

Have a great week,
Allan Riley



Your Opportunity to Recognize a Person in our Community that makes it a great place to work and live!

Please complete the nomination form sent with this Key-Way, or obtain one from the Information Centre in Howick, or by downloading a form from www.times.co.nz Hand the completed form to Rob, Garry or Hal Martin.

The Deadline for Nominations is July the 11th.

Birthdays

2 - July *Margaret de Haast*
5 - July *Maree McKernan*