



## President's Corner

**T**here is no doubt our guest speaker was a hit with the members and guests.

Pleasingly, Kevin Biggar has indicated a return match is on offer, covering the trek to the South Pole. The fact that Kevin was a local person added to our connection with his adventures.

Included with a great attendance thanks to our partners, was Hazel Hanlon - who received a really tremendous welcome - and the return of George Tyler from a period of recuperation.

Camille Habets, our exchange student, was again with us and we farewelled Kartha Bartmann, who has been holidaying with the Fels and is off to Australia for a 5 week holiday before returning to Germany.

We welcomed Dean Clisby, a guest of Rob Mouncey; Dean has approached Howick Rotary expressing an interest for potential future involvement and we will remain in contact with Dean.

**The Share the Vision** membership conference was held at the Waipuna two weeks ago and as promised I will

share some further information from the conference: that Rotary International and Rotary Clubs strive for a 10% increase in membership and sponsor the launch of two extra Rotary Clubs per District. You would agree this is an ambitious objective, but if you think about it from our perspective, it really is achievable. Compare the effort **we** have to make to that of Kevin Biggar!

Next Tuesday our presenter is **Leah Gates**. Leah has been a Project Manager for the Auckland Chamber of Commerce for six years. The Chamber is currently working on a number of exciting projects with a focus on youth employment, women leadership and recruiting off-shore talent. Leah will be taking us through the 'Cadetmax' apprentice scheme.

We have had a healthy number of nominations for the **Howick Show CASE Awards** that has been a real test for the judges. The increasing interest is a pleasing by-product of the hard work that goes into bringing the awards to the final celebration moment/s. Members are advised the entertainment at the awards this year is

being put on by the Macleans Students and is first rate.

A great evening is in store, and will be an excellent **guest invite** opportunity to bring along family and guests.

**Rebecca Islin**, Ambassadorial Scholar follows up on August 19<sup>th</sup>. And this will be also the meeting where we **present to members the accounts** of the 2007/8 Rotary year.

**Richard Harri** is our presenter on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

District Governor **Jack Davies** will be our guest on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Quote for the day: Sir Bernard Shaw** from the 1903 writings of Man and Superman. 'The reasonable person adapts oneself to the world: The unreasonable person persists in trying to adapt the world to themselves. Therefore all progress depends on unreasonable people.'

Have a good week  
**Garry**

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5<sup>th</sup> August  
**Leah Gates**  
Project Manager for the  
Auck. Chamber of Commerce

### Duties Aug. 5

<i>Host</i>	Max Heron
<i>Reception</i>	Lawrence Copestake
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Alan Peterson
<i>Backup</i>	John Osborne

### Duties Aug. 12

<i>Host</i>	Kevin McKernan
<i>Reception</i>	Geoff Thompson
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Sue Ellis
<i>Backup</i>	Barry Nicholls



## Secretary's Notes

**T**he guest speaker tonight, Kevin Biggar, was inspirational, touching on his 'Oar- some Adventures' starting with the Trans Atlantic rowing race.

As someone commented, real 'Boys' Own' stuff. Visit this web link and prepare to be amazed:  
<http://www.kevinbiggar.com/motivational-business-speaker-kevin-biggar.htm>

A most professional speaker. His book can be purchased on-line - 'The Oar- some Adventures of a Fat Boy Rower'. The speaker formalities were most ably done by Mihai Costache and Steve Noles.

There was an excellent attendance from Rotary wives with a special welcome to Hazel Hanlon, George Tyler and John Built. Then there was our special & slightly 'older' friend from Germany, Kartha, and current RI exchange student Camille Habets from Belgium.

One Minute speakers :

\* Alasdair will accept tea meeting apologies for Tuesday 12th, or on the attendance e-mail address - see hand- book.

\* Howick Show Case Awards are on Tuesday 12th August at 6.00pm, Montessor's Function Centre, Lloyd Elsmore Park. Family and friends most welcome. Please fill in the attendance form on the table at next week's tea meeting.

Business briefs:

- \* Meat & Wine: 1. John Sanders  
2. Tony Twigge
- \* Have a Go: 1. Richard Harri  
2. Rob Mouncey
- \* Birthdays: Lawrence Copestake,  
George Tyler, Glen Donaldson
- \* Anniversary pending: Gavin &  
Lynne Green

See you all next week.

**Allan**

## Pet names

**A**n elderly gent was invited to an old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms such as: Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, 'I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names.' The old man hung his head. 'I have to tell you the truth,' he said, 'Her name slipped my mind about 10 years ago and I'm scared to death to ask her what it is!'

## Child mortality

RI President DK Lee's aim for Rotarians to work on reducing child mortality this year and to 'Make Dreams Real' for the world's children

THE FACTS about child mortality  
More than one-third of all child deaths occur during the first 28 days of life.

Up to half of the deaths under age five are associated with malnutrition.

Other contributors to under-five deaths are unsafe water, poor sanitation, and inadequate hygiene.

Only about 1 percent of under-five deaths resulted from unknown causes.

Two-thirds of the under-five deaths are entirely preventable with such interventions as skilled attendants at delivery, newborn care, immunisation, oral rehydration therapy, antibiotics to fight pneumonia, and insecticide-treated mosquito nets.

Source: State of the World's Children 2008, UNICEF

## Totally Chinese Experience



Auction of Promises -  
*Totally Chinese Experience*  
19/7/08



## Birthdays

- 30-July *George Tyler*
- 31-July *Glen Donaldson*
- 1-Aug *John Richardson*
- 2-Aug *Brian Hanlon*
- 5-Aug *Clive Kilgour*



## AWARDS DINNER

The Show CASE Awards Gala Dinner announcing the winners will be held at Montessor's Function Centre, Lloyd Elsmore Park on the 12<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 6:00pm.

In addition to the Awards, entertainment will be provided by MacLeans College and will showcase a fabulous mix of a Jazz Combo, 2 Solo Singers, a Barbershop Quartet and a Keyboard Soloist.

Ticket Price \$39 (includes complimentary drink)

MEMBERS ATTENDING SO FAR 18 (33 IN TOTAL) - PLEASE SUPPORT THIS CLUB PROJECT