



The KeyWay

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

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The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Howick, Inc.
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26th August
Richard Harri
New Member talk on his vocation and background.



Rebecca Islin, Ambassadorial Scholar from the United States gave us a presentation

that had passion, commitment and something quite different. It is in our interests to hear from the other side of the fence about matters of terrorism and the US defense forces.

Rebecca's presentation once again reinforced the significant benefits that flow from the Rotary Foundation. We learn, and Rebecca self confessed that she also benefited from different points of view, and the challenges to fixed opinions that brings.

For the next three years all Rotarians are being asked to contribute \$US 50.00 to the **Polio Plus Program** over and above the annual Rotary Foundation grant of \$100.00.

Both causes are really worthwhile and epitomize the generous heart of Rotarians. Nearly every week, we can see the results of our Foundation contribution to the communities and the world.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge Grant have contributed \$100 million to Rotary International to complete the **eradication of Polio**, where pockets remain in India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Gates Donation is contingent Rotary International (us) meets

President's Corner

the grant on a one for one basis and over a three year period; not an unreasonable request.

For those of us that are able, if we were to **make our contributions** sooner rather than later, our club may benefit from a stronger exchange rate. The NZ dollar is currently sitting at circa 70 cents, but the pundits are picking our dollar may drop to 60 cents in the short term. In the meantime thank you in advance for your foundation contribution.

At the last round of committee meetings an important Rotary **protocol (read courtesy)** occurred. A number of us did not give an apology for being absent at the respective cttee meetings. These meetings are invariably catered for by the generosity of the host member.

The committee meetings are an important fabric to the structure of Rotary. If you are unable to attend, an apology to the host is important. Also, and equal importance is your attendance at the meetings and for three reasons; your social input, your contribution and your worldly knowledge are all important factors that make up the structure of the meetings.

Richard Harri is our presenter on the 26th and I am sorry I will not be able to hear his presentation. But if you Google the name Richard Harri, our guest speaker sits at the number one position

on the search engine.

Richards's career success has not been attained through idleness. "Whatever job I am in I want to be the best. I don't mind working 12 or 13 hours a day. I don't mind getting up early or being the last car in the car park, but I want to go home feeling like I've accomplished something."

Richard starts each day at 5.15 and swims up to 2.5 km every morning before starting work at 7.15. "On the weekend I let myself sleep in a little - I get up at 6.30 and I'm back at the pool. I am really into my exercise.

A much better feeling and energetic District Governor **Jack Davies and wife Adrienne** will be our guests on Sept 2nd. Also Ingrid Waugh, our Asst Governor Representative will be with us.

And a reminder, October will be our 'bring a guest/s month.'

The bright lights (grand children) of Bangkok await Helen and me for a 12 day visit, and Past President Rob will be my stand in. Thanks Rob.

Quote for the week: "The brevity of time." Stated by Billy Graham, when asked what the biggest surprise of life was for him.

Have a good week.

Garry

Duties Aug. 26

<i>Host</i>	Chris Francis
<i>Reception</i>	Hal Martin
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Sanjay Sathe
<i>Backup</i>	Fred Holland

Duties Sept. 2

<i>Host</i>	Michele Zackey
<i>Reception</i>	Bill McKay
<i>Inv/Thanks</i>	Gary Willcocks
<i>Backup</i>	Rob Mouncey



Secretary's Notes

In continuing his resumé of the Auckland visit of RI World President D K Lee, President Garry 'slipped in' another highlight. That was the conferring of double Sapphire Pins on Rob Crabtree for his services internationally to Rotary. This was acknowledged with acclamation by the members as the great honour it is, both for the place and manner of its presentation.

Tonight's guest speaker was Rebecca Islin, an Ambassadorial Scholar hosted by RCO North Harbour. From the USA and with a family military background, Rebecca tested out several avenues to determine her future career. It was the appeal of 'service' to her country which led her to enrol at a US Naval Academy. A notable feature at the end of her training was being sworn in as an officer, by her mother.

Currently researching for a PhD in micro-cracking in composite materials (the sailing connection), she is taking the opportunity to experience life outside of the naval environment. At the conclusion of her study, Rebecca is due for an officer posting on a destroyer in the US fleet operating from Japan. Her immediate ambition is to command a destroyer.

The many questions Rebecca had time to answer were testimony in itself as to the interest this committed young woman is to both her vocation and the wider fields of community service. While here in Auckland, she participates in the 'Sailability' programme, where

disabled young people get to experience sailing as well as competing with success in the local yachting competitions.

Rebecca's 'short notice host' was Richard Harri and the vote of thanks was with Ted Aislabie.

An overview of the club accounts for the 2007 -2008 year was presented by Peter George. They were approved on the motion of Rob Mouncey seconded by Garry Donoghue.

Snippets:

- Charter Night is Tuesday 16th at our usual Bowling Club venue.
- Alan Peterson is coming along well in his recuperation at home.
- The tremendous effort and time commitment of Rob Mouncey in steering the Rotary involvement and in the general overview of the Howick Showcase Awards was applauded by the members.
- Clive D was fined for daughter Jane's promotion to Major, which was enthusiastically acknowledged by all, especially our guest Rebecca.

Raffle Draws: two weeks for the 'Have a Go' saw Tony Twigge and Barry Nicholls taking the first prizes and Garry Donoghue and Clive Derbyshire the second prize.

The 'meat and wine' recipients were David Fels and Glen Donaldson.

We wish Garry & Helen a safe and relaxing holiday in Thailand and PP Rob Mouncey will preside at next week's dinner meeting.

Allan Riley, Secretary

Washington Post

Here is the Washington Post's Mensa invitational which once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are the winners:

1. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. Ignoranus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
3. Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. Bozone(n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. Foreploy: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
7. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
8. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the Person who doesn't get it.
9. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

More to follow in the next edition

Apologies

While George is enjoying a life on the ocean waves please make your apology as follows:

Aug 26, Sept 2, 9 By phone /fax or answer phone to Alasdair Maclean 5345322.

If apologising by e-mail use the normal rotapol@ihug.co.nz DO NOT e-mail Alasdair direct.

Birthdays

- 24- Aug *Garry Donoghue*
25- Aug *Jane Percival*

Anniversaries

- 22- Aug *Beverley & Allan Riley*
23- Aug *Karen & Stuart Armstrong*

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