

President's Corner



Firstly, it is always nice to return to New Zealand. Helen and your President were very much aware of the political events taking place in Thailand. **Political stability** and rational debate are the hallmarks of strong and progressive democracies, this is something we just take for granted. Being in Thailand during this 'unrest' ensures you are somewhat exposed to the debates that are being played in all mediums of the press. Passion is not the right word, but the speeches that one picked up on, had that irrational tone endeavouring to incite an audience into equally irrational behaviour. We were well distant from any of the 'action' and from our perspective everything, as was the case with most Thais, was normal. But, when the three tourist area airports were closed, we watched the Bangkok Airport situation closely. So, on the morning of our departure, to receive a text message from Qantas advising our flight to Sydney was cancelled, one immediately thought the cause was related to the unrest? Not so; the Qantas 747 was held over in London for mechanical reasons????? British Airways then came to our rescue.

Our meeting on Sept 2nd was our turn to host **District Governor Jack Davies**

and his wife Adrienne, and it was also our pleasure to host the first visit by our **Asst District Governor, Ingrid Waugh**. We will next meet with Ingrid and husband John at Charter night in two weeks (16th Sept).



District Governor Jack laid down some objectives for his year. We will be working hard to ensure we do our part. Alan's commentary has the detail.

The **Board had its second meeting** of the year on the 19th August, and it is pleasing to advise the action list is very full with all of your Directors contributing.

As you would have noted in the 2nd September KeyWay, the '**Bookarama Fund Raising Event**' is being ramped up. This project does call for a big voluntary effort from our Club members and partners. Please look for times for when you are able to assist. The big event is from Wed 1st to Sat 4th Octo-

ber. The volunteers are called from Sat 27th Sept to Wed 1st Oct. Please note in your diaries now, and any free time you can help will be appreciated.

Our presenter next week is **Keith Olsen**. Keith will cover the activities of the Blue Light policing program, including some of the participants in the program. From the website, Blue Light run a PCT fear factor initiative (including locally organised competition) and the rewards for kids programmes (including special activities/trips or camps).

Following **Charter night**, on the Sept 23rd Camille Habets will be our speaker introducing us to Belgium and her background. This evening may be a back-up night for our partners.

And again a reminder, October will be our '**bring a guest/s month**.' The four speakers and in order are, Jeannette Fitzsimons, John Boscowan, Ian Wishart and Maurice Williamson.

Quote for the week; "Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential." - Winston Churchill

Have a Good Week!
Garry

This Week 9 Sept. 2008

The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Howick, Inc.
www.howickrotary.org.nz

9th September Keith Olsen

Blue Light Youth Program. The club has assisted with funding this programme for the local police to help local youth that have come to their attention to get "back on track". They do outdoors and other activities and Keith is instrumental in organising it. Keith will be bringing some of the youth on the programme along to participate in the presentation.

Duties Sept. 9

Host	John Sanders
Reception	Kathy Kennedy
Inv/Thanks	Bill Charkow
Backup	Bill Percival

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Secretary's Notes



The visit of the District Governor is always a highlight of the Rotary Year. DG Jack Davies and his wife Adrienne were accompanied by ADG Ingrid Waugh. After the introduction by Michele Zackey, Jack noted the accomplishments of the Howick Club and the role that PDG Rob Crabtree had in encouraging him to commit to the position of DG. He also noted our longest serving and youngest members – Bill Percival and Richard Harri.



to discuss – perhaps in our committees and then to a board meeting for the best Polio Plus fundraising ideas to be put to the club.

Summing up his challenge to the RCOH, DG Jack asked that:

1. The Club works towards a Presidential Citation (the Club's WOF);
2. All members do at least one make-up this Rotary year;
3. Every Rotarian make the \$50 donation this year to Polio Plus'
4. Invite a potential member to a Club meeting.

The vote of thanks to DG Jack was made by Max Grant.

As an aside, if you don't have a District Handbook, see the attendance officers or club secretary for your copy. When you look in the District Handbook, the club visits alone, which are required of a DG would leave most of us thinking more than twice about assuming the office. Howick was our DG's third club visit of the day.

Wrap-up:

- Howick Holiday Shoppe has tickets for RCO Somerville - Howick's Fashion Parade raising funds for Women's Refuge. On 20 September. \$40.00 a ticket.
- Rotary calendars – see Paul Kendall.
- The Charter Night special Have a Go draw will be \$500.00 and \$200.00.
- Win Miskelly, RCO Penrose promoted World Convention which will be in Birmingham, UK.
- Rotary Australia & NZ Student Exchange awardees – Zoe Dix (Aust) and Georgia Waldren (NZ) briefly spoke about their exchange and thanked the Club for its support.



- Have a Go – 1. John Savory 2. Bill Percival
- Meat/Wine – 1. Glen Donaldson 2. Richard Harri
- Great to have Pres Garry and Helen back from their Thai travels.

Till next week,
Secretary Allan

Washington Post

Continuation from the last edition

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. And the winners are:

1. Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. Abdicate v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly, adj. Impotent.
6. Negligent adj. Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.

More to follow in the next edition

Apologies

Sept 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.

CHARTER NIGHT

**FELLOWSHIP,
COMPLIMENTARY BUBBLES,
FINE DINING, MUSIC AND
DANCING**

September 16th

**Howick Bowling Club
5:45 for 6:30 pm
\$30 p.p.**

**Ring Bruce Burton or
Tony Twigge to book**

Bookarama

Next Tuesday at Rotary the lists will be out for taking names of volunteers to help with the key task of filling the roster for book sorting for our great 2008 Bookarama fundraiser.

Sorting days begin on Saturday 27th September and run through to Wednesday 31st.

Two sessions daily, at 9am and 1pm at Howick Intermediate.

If you wish to make your offer direct to Brian Hanlon by all means do so. He'll be delighted.

Anniversaries

**4- Sept. Gaynor & Glen
Donaldson**

Birthdays

**3- Sept. Colin Monk
9- Sept. Mohini Sathe**