

## President's Corner



**M**y apologies to members for ones late arrival. My on time arrival was subject to a series of commute events from Wellington that would have stretched the all commute/travel services to their beneficial limit. On time flights, tail winds, a replication of an old Ansett speedy luggage advert with the big man, my car in the closest car park, and no red-lights from the airport to Howick.

Our guest speaker, Keith Olsen, once again related his real enthusiasm to the Blue Light cause that this time delivered on the weekend excursion for students. The comments from the students about their successful weekend excursions were clearly appreciative and positive. Daniel Butcher, whilst only having a short time to relate his endorsement to the program, was also clearly an enthusiast. 'One of the best weekends of my life' was one of his chat comments during dinner.

This year we posted the 2007/8 Annual Report onto our Howick Rotary website. The posting onto the website is a cost effective means of both distribution and

ready reference access. Members are advised it is still important the report be read, because of both general interest, but also your prudent commitment to your club. Here's the link:- [www.howickrotary.org.nz/ANNUAL%20REPORT\(Web\).pdf](http://www.howickrotary.org.nz/ANNUAL%20REPORT(Web).pdf) We are aware the number of hits suggests most members are yet to have accessed the Annual Report.

Earlier in the Rotary year, DK Lee and District Governor Jack Davies visited New Zealand and Fiji. Now, many of you are aware of the good work Peter Drysdale achieves in Fiji. District Governor Jack has related a number of interesting comments and observations in his August Newsletter. Here's the link: [www.rotary.org.nz/newsletters/6840.pdf](http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletters/6840.pdf)

On Sept 16<sup>th</sup> we celebrate our Club's Charter. This is our 48<sup>th</sup> birthday and, as an organisation, we should feel justifiably proud. We still have active founding members, we have a number of long serving members and because of prudent management by our past Presidents we are strong in numbers, both in members and finance. These successes

are not by accident. The success of the club is a by-product of the commitment and loyalty to the club by members. These successes give cause to celebrate, and Helen and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday to party.

On the Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> Camille Habets will be our speaker, introducing us to Belgium and her background. This evening may be a back-up night for our partners.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> will be a fun/light evening, inclusive of a Rotary and General Knowledge Quiz.

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;** "Radio has no future." "X-rays are clearly a hoax". "The aeroplane is scientifically impossible." - Lord Kelvin, President of the Royal Society, 1890 - 1895.

Have a good week  
**Garry**

**This Week 16 Sept. 2008**

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## CHARTER NIGHT

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

September 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Howick Bowling Club**  
**5:45 for 6:30 pm**  
**\$30 p.p.**

Ring Bruce Burton or  
Tony Twigg to book

## Duties Sept. 23

<b>Host</b>	Joseph Heays
<b>Reception</b>	David Percival
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Rod Somerville
<b>Backup</b>	Cedric Daniel



## Secretary's Notes

The Police "Blue Light Ventures" programme was well illustrated by Snr Sgt Keith Olsen with his Power Point presentation and talk. He was accompanied by Daniel Purchase, a year 13 student from Pakuranga College, one of the young leaders which the programme helps develop.

After the introduction by John Sanders, Keith said that BLV 'Youth Development' was set up 10 years ago to provide structured activity for 14 - 17 year olds, free from alcohol and drugs. The presentation covered a weekend tramp to the Pinnacles on the Coromandel Peninsula and then explained the structure of the programme. The Club had made a donation to the programme.

Aims of Blue Light Ventures include:  
 Seeking out challenges - difficulty creates the values.  
 Respect for the environment.  
 Health & fitness.  
 Independence and interdependence (team work).  
 Problem solving - learn the process for life long skills.  
 Risk management - identify risks & eliminate, isolate or minimise them.  
 The thanks of the Club were given by Bill Percival.

### Bits 'n Bobs:

**Jean Thorburn**, the widow of our 1964-65 President Rob Thorburn passed away last week in Tau-ranga.

**See Brian Hanlon** - helpers needed for the book sorting, starting 27 SEPTEMBER.

**Apologies** for Charter Night (16<sup>th</sup> Sept.) to Tony Twigge.

**After luxuriating** in Fiji, Charles & Yola Davidson are back from the wedding of daughter Nicky to Michael.

**Rob Crabtree** spoke of his make-up in Manilla.

### Raffles:

Have a Go - Kathy Kennedy & Gary Willcocks.

Meat or wine—John Savory & Gavin Green.

Until Charter Night, next Tuesday,  
 Regards, **Allan**

## Apologies

George Abercrombie has returned to these shores.

George will receive apologies by phone/answer phone 535 7329 or Fax 535 7836 or email rotapol@ihug.co.nz.

However, for Charter Night 16th September all apologies to Tony Twigge, phone 534 9037 fax 534 9154 or email tony@lark.co.nz.

## Washington Post

Continuation from the last edition

7. Lymph v. To walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle n. Olive-flavored mouth-wash.
9. Flatulence, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle, n. A humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokemon, n. A Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster, n. A person who sprinkles his conversation with yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent, n. An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

Items for publication should be sent to mihai@meritofmeasurement.co.nz

## Anniversaries

12- Sept. **Ethel & George Abercrombie**

## Birthdays

10- Sept. **Kay McKirdy**  
 10- Sept. **Stuart Armstrong**  
 10- Sept. **Sue Ellis**  
 12- Sept. **Meryl Monk**

## Diary

23 September.

**Camille Habets** - IYE club student

30 September.

**Rob Crabtree** - Rotary information and fun night.

7 October.

**Jeannette Fitzsimons** - Green Party Co-Leader, has been an MP since 1996.

14 October.

**John Boscowan** - founder of the Freedom of Speech Trust, established to continue the campaign against the Electoral Finance Act.

21 October.

**Jan Wishart** - journalist, author and the editor of Investigate magazine. His most recent book is the number one bestselling "Absolute Power".

28 October.

**Maurice Williamson** - National Party M.P. for Pakuranga since 1987