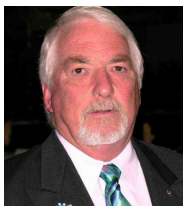




President's Corner

The Key Way



Well the holidays are really over when we are back to "normal" (whatever that is) Rotary Meetings and most have returned home and or to work or serious retirement.

Our year has really started off exceedingly well with the chance last night to welcome our new Exchange Student Luca Rozycki from Cordoba which is about 6 hours from Buenos Aires. It was a sterling effort on Luca's part (and Garry & Cedric) to get to our meeting after a 4.00am arrival! Your effort and consideration was most appreciated by the Club and I am sure we are all going to really enjoy your time with us. So once again Luca, the warmest welcome to New Zealand and Howick -we all are really looking forward to getting to know you.

President Elect Rob's comments last evening on membership were very timely and a good reminder to us all that there are only 5 months of this Rotary year left. And we still have much to do to achieve our goals and ensure the Club can face 2007-2008 a better, stronger and more successful Club, which we are all very proud to belong to. By coincidence overnight I received via DG Warwick the latest edition of Membership Matters from the Zone Co-ordinator and I will pass it on to our Membership Committee however I thought the following extracts might be of interest to all:

"There is no ideal club size. In fact, most of us, whether our own club's membership is 30 or 100 are sure that our club is the ideal size. Rotarians seem to prefer the status quo to the unfamiliar, even if something different might be better.

The average size of a Rotary club worldwide is 38.5 members. In Australia the average club size is 29 members and in New Zealand, the average size is 40 members. The country with the highest

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Tonight we will get an update of the Polio Plus project from Win Miskelly, who has been Actively involved "at the Coalface"

average club size is Italy with 56 members. The USA has an average of 49 members.

Worldwide, 159 Rotary clubs have more than 200 members. Of the clubs of this size, 136 are in the USA. Five clubs, all in the USA, have more than 500 members each. They are San Antonio, 695; Seattle, 678; Fort Worth, 569; San Diego, 543; and Birmingham, 550. There is one large club in Australia, Melbourne with 249 members. The members of these clubs feel that their club is the right size.

While the USA has the largest clubs, cities in other countries claim the greatest number of clubs. Seoul leads with 159 Rotary clubs and a membership topping 4,500. Tokyo has 138 clubs with more than 9,000 Rotarians and in Taipei there are 107 clubs.

Rotary needs a quantity of quality members. A Rotary club is "the right size" when every person who is qualified for membership in the community has been invited to join Rotary. More members mean more hands to do more service. More members mean more support for The Rotary Foundation. More members mean new ideas, more enthusiasm and support for Rotary projects."

OUR club is not the right size – yet!

Have a great week. And remember "nothing is impossible to a valiant heart".

Regards
Bob

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Host Reception Inv/Thanks Attendance Hall Set-up

Geo. Abercrombie
Brian Hanlon
Jim Duckworth
Tony Twigge
John Richardson
Barry Nicholls

Backup



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Secretary's Notes

Welcome to the real Rotary ½ year – the first half of Calendar Year 2007.

A special night for our new Exchange Student Luca Rozycki from District 4810 in Argentina who arrived at 4am this morning for 12 months with our club.

46 members present with Sanjay Rajni a guest of Bill McKay. Percentage attendance 77.1. LOA's and apologies 16 and silent 3.

Our webmaster Tony Twigge gave a detailed step by step presentation of how to use the Rotary website – www.rotary.org.nz

If you need your ID number Tony will give it to you (different from your Rotary Int Number) and from there you can ask for your password by email as instructed on the website. Very interesting to see all the officers and office bearers completely up to date with photographs. There are a huge number of links with page after page of information, plus a link to the Rotary International website. A very interesting suggestion for a night's entertainment and knowledge building on Rotary.

John Sanders thanked Tony for a well presented description of the website with a Walt Disney overview.

Notices:

Yacht Race: still lots of boats to sell – we need to close deals on indecisive prospects!!

New Members: Natural attrition has had an effect on our numbers. Please keep new member prospects in mind.

Conference: Is all go despite the coup. See Clive D or Kay for details.

Almoner George Abercrombie reported that Mohini Sathe is recovering from chemotherapy, but not quickly as she would have liked, and Ross Forrester is making only slow progress – visitors are welcome.

Raffle Winners: John Sanders and Max Grant
"Have A Go" Winners: Gavin Green and Tony Twigge

Sergeant Jim started the year well by extracting \$75.70. Special attention given to Tony Twigge for a contemptible act in portraying the Sergeant as Mickey Mouse on the website.

Don Stehr reported on Inja's launching of the Stehr \$30,000.00 ride-on mower in the "Stehr River". No "Injaries" thank goodness.

Rob Crabtree led the club in the National Anthem to close the meeting.

New Year's Resolution courtesy John Sanders: Look at the Rotary website.

Secretary
Bruce

New Year – New Members!

With the New Year starting it is a good time to **think of a friend or colleague that may want to become a Rotarian**. Bring them along to a meeting and let them meet a great bunch of people that contribute a lot to their community.

To assist you in describing what Howick Rotary is all about we have attached "**Howick Rotary in a Nutshell**" which you can print off and hand to a prospective member (it is formatted so that the first page fits on the new letterhead).



Birthdays

17-Jan Anjali Nagpal
23-Jan Naomi Forrester
23-Jan Sheanagh Noles

Anniversaries

21-Jan Margaret & Peter George
22-Jan Anne & John Richardson



Club Diary

January 2007 Rotary Awareness Month

23 Jan Win Miskelly - Polio Plus
30 Jan Barry Robbins -Maritime Museum

February 2007 World Understanding Month

Feb 06 Garth McVicar - Sensible Sentencing Trust

Forthcoming Attractions

Toughlove - Phillipa Gottermeyer
Judith Collins M.P.
Don Stehr - Waterways of Europe
Bowls night
Wine Evening
Whine Evening (aka "Club Assembly")

Items for inclusion in the KeyWay should be e-mailed to chasd@xtra.co.nz

Duties

	Jan 30	Feb 6
Host	Bill Charkow	Graham Loughlin
Reception	Sanjay Nagpal	Cedric Daniel
Inv/Thanks	Rob Crabtree	Fred Holland
Attendance	Kay McKirdy	George Tyler
Hall Set-up	John Willis Rod Somerville	Max Heron Ian Fox
Backup	Charles Davidson	Sanjay Sathe

Parting thought.

The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.