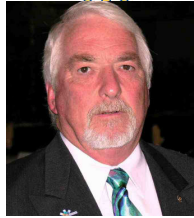


## President's Corner



Really good to have Luca with us last night – I am sure feeling more rested than he was last week. It was also very nice to have Malavika Sathe at our meeting – I suspect she was just checking to see what Mum and Dad get up to every Tuesday night!

ADG Win Miskelly's presentation on Polio Plus and his experiences in India for the National Immunisation day was very very interesting and certainly succeeded in personalising the project for us all. What a terrible impediment to the eradication of Polio religion and mistrust of the West is.

The size and strength of this project does indeed give us all a nudge along in regard to our donations to Foundation. Some members have said they are not sure if they in fact have given this year – the years roll along so quickly, so if in doubt please check with Stuart as he does have a list of donors for the year to date.

As you are aware although February 6<sup>th</sup> is a Public Holiday we will be having a Rotary Meeting, as it is the only night Garth McVicar of The Sensible Sentencing Trust could join us. In addition we are hosting 20 visitors from Metlifecare Highland Park. The evening is a Partners Invited night and is expected to be a very interesting and informative evening with such a topical subject. There will be forms on the tables next week so please come prepared to provide the number of attendees from your household.

The January Rotary World advises there are now 1,208,562 Rotarians in 32,554 Clubs in 530 Districts and 48% clubs have an evening meal, 34% a luncheon, 10% breakfast and 8% no meal.

Have a great week. And remember "Happiness is a conscious choice, not an automatic response."

Bob

# The Key Way

The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Howick, Inc.

*This week, Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

Our guest speaker this evening is Commander Larry Robbins, OBE.

Cdr. Robbins is Chief Executive Officer of the National Maritime Museum and has a staff of 13 and a volunteer force of 170. The Museum, in the centre of Auckland's waterfront, contains striking displays of NZ's maritime heritage, operates heritage vessels and has an extensive educational programme.

Crd. Robbins was awarded the OBE for his part, as Commander of HMNZS MONOWAI, in the rescue of 8 people and 3 yachts during a major storm off Tonga in June 1994.

Allan Riley has passed on the Christmas Letter from Victoria Hellsten, our 2004 Exchange Student from Sweden



Hi there, and a Happy New Year 2007!

I've just settled down here in Courchevel in France, a ski resort famous for all its rich clients (Greeks and the Russian mafia mind you!) and numerous slopes.

The hotel where I'm employed is located in the more quiet area at 1550m adapted for families. Although the boss can be quite...well "bossy" from time to time, I'm loving it here.



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**Host Reception**  
**Inv/Thanks**  
**Attendance**  
**Hall Set-up**  
**Backup**

Clive Kilgour  
Sanjay Nagpal  
Charles Davidson  
Kay McKirdy  
John Willis  
Rod Somerville  
(Please find your own replacement)

Christmas though, was a bit different with lots of work and no ginger cookies (remember the small brown cookies I made for you!). But I'm experienced when it comes to spending a Christmas away from home. Yes, this is a part of my time off and to be honest - I need this. Still, I'm eager to start university back home.

I can't wait to start the student life and become even more "educated". It'll be something like political science or journalism, plenty of options!

My French studies in Grenoble finished just two days before my contract started so I didn't have much time to relax in-between. At the moment I'm catching up some sleep between my shift and enjoying the "wintry" atmosphere here - won't stop snowing! Friday is my day off and I suppose you can figure out what my plan is - skiing in powder snow!

Give my best regards to the Rotary Club of Howick, tell them that I'm alive and enjoying life in the French Alps!

Wishing you the best for the coming year. Lots of love from Victoria



## Secretary's Notes

41 Members present at tonight's meeting with guests Assistant Governor Win Miskelly – Rotary Club of Penrose, Luca Rozycki – our new exchange student and Malavika Sathe – Sanjay's daughter.

With no make ups our attendance percentage was 69.6%. L.O.A. and apologies 22.

Sergeant Jim was caught out after a "heavy" day at the court by arriving to find the meeting under way. George Abercrombie introduced Win Miskelly who had recently traveled to India on the way home from the Copenhagen Convention. His statistical and well illustrated Power Point presentation gave a very interesting overview of where Rotary and its partners W.H.O. and governments are, with their goal of eliminating Polio from the world.

In 1988 there were 350,000 cases of Polio in 125 countries. In 2003, 784 cases in 6 countries – what a success story!! Unfortunately politics and religion enters the equation to hamper the final wash-up. Only 4 main countries, all Muslim, continue to have cases occurring.

The publicity given to Rotary for their involvement in the National Immunisation day was amazing.

Statistics for that day:

100,000 volunteers – Rotarians, Innerwheel Rotaract. 640,000 vaccination booths, 2,300,000 vaccinators 11,000 teams, 170 million children immunized in 1 day.

Rotary at Best at Work!!

Jim Duckworth thanked Win for his very interesting presentation.

### Notices:

**Charity Yacht Race** – 46 boats sold so far with 25 from Howick. Well done – 4 to go.

**Golf/Sport/Family day** at Whitford Park Golf Club Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

**Programme** – Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Waitangi Day there will be a meeting with Garth McVicar from Sensible Sentencing Trust, the speaker. 20 guests from Highlands will be our guests that night.

**Rotary Foundation** – consider your position to make this year a special year for Bill Boyd

**Almoner** Jim Duckworth reported on Ross Forrester who is in Paihia on holiday – our best wishes go with him for a speedy recovery. Kay McKirdy is on preventative treatment and Mohini we hope will return very shortly.

**Have A Go winners** – Allan Riley and Bill McKay  
**Meat/Wine Raffle** – Glen Donaldson and Rob Mouncey

Sergeant Jim extracted \$69.80 with his usual cryptic/generic humour.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Bruce

## FIJI CONFERENCE APRIL 07

### GREAT DEALS - LAST OPPORTUNITY

District Governor, Warwick Pleass, has advised that Conference Plans are progressing extremely well and the good news is that the recent Coup has had very little effect on any plans and has only been a major plus in further reducing air fares and accommodation costs. Travel Insurance is available and I would suggest if you have any interest in attending please contact Kay McKirdy as soon as you can as time is running out to secure the best packages and travel times.

Contact Kay on 3003545 ext 831 or mob 021483350

Clive Derbyshire

Items for inclusion in the KeyWay should be e-mailed to [chasd@xtra.co.nz](mailto:chasd@xtra.co.nz)

## Club Diary

### January 2007 Rotary Awareness Month

30 Jan Barry Robbins -Maritime Museum

### February 2007 World Understanding Month

Feb 06 Garth McVicar - Sensible Sentencing Trust. Ladies Night  
Mar 06 Judith Collins M.P.

### Forthcoming Attractions

Toughlove - Phillipa Gottermeyer  
Don Stehr - Waterways of Europe  
Bowls night  
Wine Evening

## Birthdays



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

## Anniversaries



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

## Duties

	<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>Feb 13</b>
<b>Host</b>	Graham Loughlin	Ken McIntosh
<b>Reception</b>	Cedric Daniel	Geoff Thompson
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Fred Holland	IDavid Fels
<b>Attendance</b>	George Tyler	Ted Aislabie
<b>Hall Set-up</b>	Max Heron	Alan Peterson
	Ian Fox	Clive Derbyshire
<b>Backup</b>	Sanjay Sathe	Max Grant

## Parting thought.

**A closed mouth gathers no foot.**