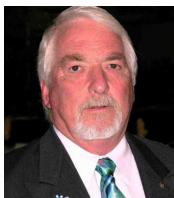




President's Corner

The Key Way



I really have run out of adjectives and originality to describe activities such as Sunday's Family Picnic / Golf day and the Speakers that are arranged for us.

We really enjoyed ourselves and some really tremendous Howick fellowship on Sunday thanks to everyone who were involved in the organisation and to all who came and made it such a pleasant afternoon/evening. How nice too to have Ela and Mihai Costache and Katja and Marc Milchsack and their children join us.

What a great inspiring and provoking speaker Dean Probyn was last night I am sure we look forward to supporting him as he goes about his programme of speaking to 6th Formers presenting to them his experience and reality in an effort to reduce the terrible youth road toll. As I said last night in Deans own words we are really glad you "chose to stick around and challenge the Medical people to work" on you, and are very pleased you "learnt to breath again" even if you did wait until the third and last attempt. We know you will make a difference. You have to us.

Again we were pleased to have a number of visitors: Jeanette Wylie, Mihai Costache, Johan Swanepoel from Pretoria East Rotary Club, Paul Kendall from Sushka West Rotary and Mathew Wylie.

It is still not to late to let me know if you and your wife / husband are able to join us supporting Dave Wylie and the District Step Up team at their Gala Dinner on Thursday 8th March.

I understand about 18 Ladies had a most enjoyable evening at their wives/husbands/partners dinner last night. The next one will be on Tuesday 3rd April. A number of our members had asked that, as a club, we consider making a donation to The

The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Howick,

This week, Mar 06th, 2007



This evening we are pleased to welcome the Hon. Judith Collins, MP.

Elected to the constituency seat of Clevedon in 2002, Judith is currently National's spokeswoman for Welfare, Families, Veterans' Affairs and Liaison with Pacific Island New Zealanders. She has previously been spokeswoman for Internal Affairs Tourism and Health, and has previously been a member of the Health, Government Administration, and Justice and Electoral select committees. Judith ranks number 7 in the National Party, and therefore can be expected to have a significant influence on National Party, and quite possibly, future Government policy

More information is available from:

<http://www.national.org.nz/MP.aspx?Id=30>

This is a Partners Invited evening, and would also be a good opportunity to invite a colleague along for what will be a very interesting evening.

Please ensure that you advise Bill Percival of partners and guests.

Sensible Sentencing Trust and so at last night's Board Meeting a decision was taken to send them \$1000.00 to further their work

Have a great week and remember the seven national crimes --

"I don't think" "I don't know" "I don't care" I am too busy" "I leave well enough alone" I have no time to read and find out" and "I am not interested".

Regards

Bob

DUTIES

Host Reception Inv/Thanks Attendance Hall Set-up Backup

John Sanders
Jim Duckworth
Tony Twigge
John Richardson
Will Groenewald
Bill Charkow
Sanjay Nagpal

A 90-year-old man said to his doctor, "I've never felt better. I have an 18-year-old bride who is pregnant with my child. What do you think about that?" The doctor considered his question for a minute and then said, "I have an elderly friend who is a hunter and never misses a season. One day when he was going out in a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his umbrella instead of his gun. When he got to the creek, he saw a beaver sitting beside the stream. He raised his umbrella and went, 'bang, bang' and the beaver fell dead. What do you think of that?"

The 90-year-old said, "I'd say somebody else shot that beaver."

The doctor replied, "My point exactly."

Secretary's Notes



48 Members plus 6 guests attended the 27th Feb meeting. A make up from Rob Crabtree brought the attendance to 82.2%.

President Bob Welcomed guests Jeanette Wylie, Matthew Wylie, Dean Probyn (guest speaker and nephew of Dave Wylie), Johan Swanepoel – Pretoria East Rotary Club, Paul Kendall and Mihai Costache.

Dave Wylie introduced his nephew Dean Probyn, a car accident victim in a wheelchair. He gave a dramatic description of his pre accident "ten foot Tall – Bulletproof" attitude to life and the accident that changed his future. He has started a trust called DDE 01 which is dedicated to Drink Driver Education. He described how, after being on life support for 3 weeks, being paralyzed below the waist he achieved great success in paraplegic sport. He achieved his goals and qualified for the Atlanta Olympics only to have a further accident forcing him to withdraw.

He is constantly setting new goals of achievement and was an inspiration to all in a attendance. He is now married and continuing to give motivational presentations to year 12 school students and other organizations.

Clive Kilgour thanked Dean on our behalf.

Notices:

Half Moon Bay Rotary Club a Mini Music Festival on 21st March.

Yacht Regatta Probably 48 boats will start indicating a very successful day on Friday March 9th. Helpers required – see Rod Somerville. Brunch 16 people needed at 9.30am, Dinner 4.30pm 20 people needed.

Bowls Night March 13th Ladies invited. Pray for fine weather this time!!

Blood Bank Names please to John Savory for volunteers to serve tea & biscuits 21st - 22nd of March.

Almoner Jim Duckworth reported that Brian Bradshaw is in good heart as are Kay McKirdy and Ross Forrester.

Jean Smith wishes to sell the family boat – see Jim for details.

"Have a Go" winners Brian Bradshaw and Max Grant. Meat/Wine Johan Swanepoel and Max Grant.

Sergeant Jim extracted \$56.90 in blanket fines once again – this week with a golfing theme.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem

Secretary

Bruce

A Residential Seminar for young adults between the age of 18-25 to be held at Willow Park, Eastern Beach 7th - 14th July 2007



Objectives:

To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth,

- 1 To bring together people who have evidenced leadership qualities and who will benefit from a seminar covering a balanced programme of lectures, discussion groups and interaction over a week long period,
- 2 To provide information and instruction on subjects of interest and of benefit to these young people through various industry leaders and experts on a wide range of topics,
- 3 To better equip, instruct and encourage promising young people from differing cultures and backgrounds to better serve their community and their country;
- 4 To encourage youth leadership,
- 5 To recognise young people who are providing service to their communities,
- 6 To provide awardees with an experience they will not forget.

If you know of suitable candidate(s), please advise Tony Twigge (tony@lark.co.nz)

Club Diary

Rotract and Interact Month

Mar 06	Judith Collins M.P.
Mar 13	Bowls Night
Mar 21/22	Blood Bank
Mar 20	Luca's Presentation

April Magazine Month

Forthcoming Attractions

Toughlove - Phillipa Gottermeyer
Don Stehr - Waterways of Europe
Wine Evening
Mangemangeroa Update

Birthdays

7-Mar	Lyn Fels
10-Mar	Ross Forrester
10-Mar	Peter George
11-Mar	Margaret Derbyshire
11-Mar	Deborah Heays
11-Mar	Carole Sanders



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

Duties

	Mar 13	Mar 20
Host	Kay McKirdy	Cedric Daniel
Reception	John Willis	George Tyler
Inv/Thanks	Rod Somerville	Graham Loughlin
Attendance	Victor Sun	Max Heron
Hall Set-up	John Osborne	Ian Fox
	Cedric Daniel	Sanjay Sathe
Backup	Rob Crabtree	Ken McIntosh

Parting thought.

A day without sunshine is like..... night.

Replacement Bus for the Sigatoka CCS School

During the last Rotary year under Clive Derbyshire's reign, Howick Rotary Club, along with the Whatcom North Rotary Club in California, and working with the Nadi Rotary Club, planned a Rotary matching grant process to replace the **old nine seats van** that currently services the students at the Sigatoka CCS Special Needs School. Sadly, for a number reasons the matching grants avenue for funding with Whatcom North has lapsed.

A suitable replacement bus was identified, a 1993 air conditioned 22 seat Nissan, which was based in Auckland. Given the good cause, **Howick Rotary Club** continued to pursue the project. The purchase price was in the order of \$20,000.00, and an additional amount of approximately \$5,000 would be required for shipment to Fiji, bringing the total funding requirement of the project to \$25,000. This sum became the International Committee's target.

Howick Rotary Club, particularly Rob Crabtree, Clive Derbyshire and Bob Mackie believed the need to replace the bus was important, because the **old van is at the end**

of its life, and, also the van only carries eight persons and consequently numerous shuttle trips have to made.

Howick Rotary Club's decision to proceed with the exercise, was based on the belief that we would be able to raise the necessary funds. To that end, the Board decided to underwrite the funding up to \$10,000, as we had already received \$2,000 from the Cambridge Rotary Club.

We then asked Auckland-based District 9920 clubs if they would be prepared to donate up to \$1,000.00 each to this worthwhile cause. It is hoped that this would raise a further \$14,000.00, and after that and if need be, the Howick Club will approach other sources (Trust Funds) for the top up. Also, given the District 9920 Conference is in Fiji in April, this is a great opportunity for the District and more particularly Rotary in Fiji to receive some great publicity at the Conference.



The Bus is currently being emblazoned with Rotary signage, and we are now working closely with The District Governor, freight experts and PR people to maximize the Rotary opportunity in Fiji.

The Contributing Rotary Clubs and organizations include:

Howick, Cambridge, Half Moon Bay, Pakuranga, Otahuhu, Alfriston. Auckland, Auckland East, Botany-East Tamiki, Drury, Howick-Somerville, Papakura, Tuakau, The Thomas Brydon Trust, and potentially other Trust funds we are working on, and a small number of personal contributions from Howick Rotary Club members. There may also be

some funding support from Rotary Clubs in Fiji.

We are very close to reaching our target of \$25,000.

The handover of the bus is planned to take place during the Rotary District 9920 Conference, which will be held in Nadi, from 27-29 April, 2007.

Garry Donoghue

