

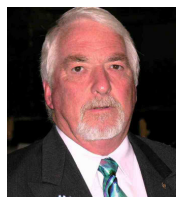


## President's Corner

# The Key Way



Mar 27



We are all saddened at Brian Bradshaw's passing he was a truly devoted Rotarian who over very many years gave so much at a Club level, to his district and to Rotary International. He was properly honoured with two minutes silence at the commencement of our meeting last night and I am sure will again be honoured on Saturday at the All Saints Chapel Purewa Crematorium, St Johns Rd Meadowbank at 1.30 pm on Saturday by as many Rotarians as possible.

As I advised last night Christina Rew and Donna Agnew had a great day last Monday week ago outfitting Christina with essential clothes and she has already been complimented on how well she is looking. They are both very grateful to the Rotary Club of Howick. We now are just waiting for Christina's housing to be set up to see what gaps there might be and how best we might be able to help.

It was as always a great occasion to welcome a new member into the Club as we are very pleased to have Mihai Costache and his wife Ella become part of the Howick Rotary Family already they have been contributing and joining in on our activities. They will both I am sure be very valuable members of our group and I trust will gain much from their association with Rotary.

We also enjoyed the company last night of Chris Allen a guest of Kathy Kennedy and Paul Kendall who will become a member of the Rotary club of Howick next week.

Top of the list though of our guests was our Exchange Student Luca Rozycki who may an excellent presentation to the Club. Not only was his talk interesting and informative but a true credit to his English skills. Thanks again Luca very much.

I repeat my comment last night that wives, husbands and partners are always welcome to join us on any occasion that they see a speaker of interest and point

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out that there may well be significant interest on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April when we expect to hear from Sally Barclay on Mangemangeroa and Don Stehr on the Waterways of Europe.

**LADIES your next wives dinner is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April please let Pam know by the 1<sup>st</sup> April if you wish to be included.**

Have a great week and bearing in mind next week's speaker remember-- **"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it."**  
Regards Bob



### BRIAN D BRADSHAW

Brian wrote a document he called 'Reflections' a couple of years ago - this is a quote from the first paragraph: "Fate so often takes its own course and early life experiences directly affect one's destiny - but life's exciting, like a roller coaster ride - ups and downs, unpredictable, stimulating, challenging. Oliver Wendel Holmes once said - 'it's NOT where you are that counts - it's where you've been and what you've done that counts.'"

Most who knew Brian would agree that he certainly had been there and counted! His life started in North Canterbury and variously took him all over the country, with the majority - 60 years - being in Putaruru and latterly in Eastern Beach.

Brian was a retailer and in a very active business life, was chair of the Putaruru Business Association, President of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Retailers

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David Fels  
Clive Derbyshire  
Alan Peterson  
Max Grant  
John Sanders

Association and Director of NZ Retailers. He loved his sport, was President of the Waikato East Tennis Association and also played piano at social functions all round the Waikato.

Rotary was a very dominant feature of life for both Brian and Betty. His record of 100% attendance for over half a century since joining in 1949, will I believe be surpassed by very few. He was Governor of District 993 in 1972/73, during which he and Betty managed to visit everyone of the 52 clubs twice - no mean feat!

To the very end he was vitally interested in all things Rotary and its people. He wrote that he and Betty loved the travel and involvement in conferences and international conventions. His Paul Harris Fellowship and the 100% Attendance Certificate which was presented to him at last year's district conference took pride of place in his home.

Brian believed implicitly in the Rotary ethic - 'Service Above Self'. He wrote in 2004 that "the obligations and privileges given at that time (charter Rotary Club membership in 1949) still remain". For him life had been "exciting, contrasting and challenging" and had been "a great privilege and pleasure and lasting experience" for both he and Betty.

He was a great Rotarian who made a hugely significant contribution over many years that will not be forgotten.  
PDG Rob

## Secretary's Notes



President Bob welcomed 39 members and 3 guests to what could be described as Luca's night.

Kay McKirdy's make up at District brought the attendance to 83.3%.

Those in attendance stood in silence to honour our dear friend Brian Bradshaw who passed away on Monday.

Vice President Bob introduced Mihai Costache our newest member. Duncan Morrison welcomed Mihai on behalf of Rotary International.

Cedric Daniels who is Luca's host for his first term, introduced his new Family member who presented a very well constructed power point overview of Argentina. His patriotism was passionate. His early command of the English language was unbelievable and his confidence was commendable.

Argentina is a huge country with contrasts of climate, and mostly flat. With 24 states and 40 million people its diverse culture was illustrated with excellent colour photos.

Their foreign debt of US \$108 Billion is a bit of a worry!

They are obviously very passionate about sport, mainly soccer and of course tennis with which Luca is very competent.

The talk became a little political when ownership of the Faulkland Islands became an issue.

Congratulations to Luca for an extremely well planned presentation.

The Club's thanks were passed on by Graham Loughlin.



### Notices

Almoner Jim Duckworth reported on John Built in Middlemore ward 5 with a back problem, which will take 10 weeks to heal.

Barbie Kilgour has also had a stint in hospital with pneumonia.

Sergeant Jim extracted \$128.60 from the members; the session being in aid of the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Trust. Bruce B.

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## Our Newest Member



Mihai Costache originates from Bucharest, Roumania. He came to New Zealand in November 1993, initially to Wellington because of contacts and friends.

With his background as a Production Engineer in a Motor Vehicle Component manufacturer in Bucharest and a Bachelor of Engineering degree at the Bucharest equivalent to Auckland's University of Technology Mihai got his first job in New Zealand working as part of the Transport Research Team at Industrial Research Limited based in Parnell.

From here after about 4 years Mihai joined F&P Appliances. It was during his time with F&P that his passion for computer based industrial measurement systems developed. He lead the redevelopment of the processes by which the Refrigeration Division completed its laboratory testing and measurement.

In 2001 he left F&P to join a start up electronics company ETS, based in Pukekohe. After 5 years with them, just in July last year, he decided to put his passion for industrial measurement systems to the test by starting his own company Merit of Measurement the byline for which is "Innovators in Systems Integration". There was another reason for moving from his employer in Pukekohe. In his words "he was sick of paying all the speeding fines driving to work".

We all come across "life's ironies" from time to time. One of these for Mihai was coming all the way to New Zealand to meet and marry Ela when he could have done so in Bucharest as they lived only 2 kilometers apart. Ela and Mihai were married in 1997 and have 3 wonderful children Anna, Damian and Edward.

With a new company there is not a lot of spare time and what there is he dedicates to his family. When he does get a spare moment Mihai enjoys reading and likes keeping up to date particularly with world economics and events. For any of you that attended the Rotary evening when Toastmasters visited us you would have realized from the quality of his presentation on Climate Change that he is adept at applying his analytical mind to his reading.

We have already seen that Mihai and Ela are keen to participate in Rotary events even prior to him being a full member. As his fellow helper on one of the food tables at the Yacht Regatta he is a deft hand at serving Chips and Baked Potatoes! VP Rob

## Birthdays

26-Mar Rod Ellis  
26-Mar Glen Grant



## Anniversaries

2-Mar Sue & Rod Somerville

## Club Diary

### Rotract and Interact Month

Mar 21	Blood Bank
Mar 22	Blood Bank
Mar 27	Ella Donald TBC Manukau City Symphony
Apr 03	Willem Groenewald & Victor Sun
Apr 10	Keith Olsen TBC Howick Police (Youth)
Apr 17	Sally Barclay Mangemangeroa
Apr 24	Don Stehr Waterways of Europe
Jul 03	Changeover Night

### Forthcoming Attractions

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

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

## Duties

Apr 03

Apr 10

<b>Host</b>	John Osborne	Peter George
<b>Reception</b>	John Savory	Clive Kilgour
<b>Inv/Thanks</b>	Duncan Morrison	Geo. Abercrombie
<b>Attendance</b>	Kathy Kennedy	Brian Hanlon
<b>Hall Set-up</b>	Lawrence Copestake	Jim Duckworth
	Don Stehr	David Wylie
<b>Backup</b>	Allan Riley	Tony Twigge

*Parting thought.* We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies. But have less personal communication.