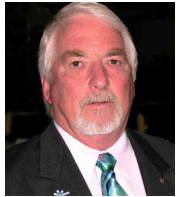




President's Corner

The Key Way



Gosh the Rotary year may be rapidly drawing toward the end but the weeks just seem to fill with more and more Rotary activity – I just do not know where I used to find the time to work!!

Saturday saw a really great send off for Brian, one I am sure he would have been proud of and which he so richly deserved. I could not help but feel that the choice of reading (Mathew 25, 14-21) was so very appropriate to the Rotary Club of Howick, though that was presumably not why it was chosen. The Parable can easily be interpreted to mean that as a Club we should now grow Brian's Rotary talents into many more - take his example and strive to surpass his expectations of our club and us as Rotarians.

Again we had a great night for visiting Rotarians in PDG Bob Jollands, David Percival, and Don McIver, and a great, passionate and committed speaker in Ella Donald supported by an equally committed husband Jim. We were pleased to present Luca with his Dinner Badge and very delighted to welcome Rotarians Paul Kendall and Marc Milchsach as the newest members of the Rotary Club of Howick.

Don't forget wives, husbands and partners are always welcome to join us on any occasion that they see a speaker of interest. There may well be significant interest on the 17th and 24th April when we expect to hear from Sally Barclay on Mangemangeroa and Don Stehr on the Waterways of Europe.

LADIES Final reminder your next wives dinner is on the 3rd April please let Pam know by the 1st April if you wish to be included.

Have a great week and remember-- ***There is no such thing as "them and us" In a world this size there can only be "we" – all of us working together.***

This week, Apr 3rd, 2007



Each month or so, Bill Boyd emails a note to Rotarian friends, with a few notes and thoughts on what he is seeing and doing during his term in office.

The extent of the travels he is undertaking are staggering and a couple of excerpts give some indication of them

This from his February correspondence:

"The word for February has been 'cold'. Temperatures in Chicago, including wind chill of course, of minus 20 degrees Celsius have been common and we have had frequent snow.

The midwinter swim had to be cancelled as the lake was frozen over, so the participants just rolled around on the ice and in the snow. We find it too tough for walking so we take the car around the block when we need to shop. The cold is very hard on your skin so I need my skin conditioner, and the air dries out so much in the apartment that you get a static electricity shock from touching a light switch or anything metal. (I did not realise that we had metal door jams until one 'bit' me). The nylon carpet does not help but you learn to be careful.

We went to Bettendorf and Cedar Rapids, two small cities for meetings to see projects etc and we realised that at this time of year Americans have to be tough. We had around 500 at each of our meetings and many

drove through snowstorms to attend. We would prefer to hibernate! There was a very warm welcome reception for us as as these smaller cities seldom get a visit from the President and when they do they make it a grand occasion. The main roads are snow ploughed, but it takes time to clear the suburbs and the country areas so we now understand why so many Americans drive SUVs and four wheel drives.

On Saturday morning we begin another of those travel sequences and in 27 days we will have only three sleeps in Evanston and will visit five countries - including Switzerland where I will visit WHO in Geneva (Norma is not coming on this one). We are having a meeting of the Polio eradication partners with the intention of setting interim target dates so that we can measure our march to the final goal. We are getting frustrated and hopefully this will be renewal of energy time!

We are just a little jealous of your warm weather and the opportunity to watch rugby, but we are still enjoying ourselves and know that our few remaining months will pass very quickly. Our regards to you all"

DUTIES

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| Host | John Osborne |
| Reception | John Savory |
| Inv/Thanks | Duncan Morrison |
| Attendance | Kathy Kennedy |
| Hall Set-up | Lawrence Copestake |
| | Don Stehr |
| Backup | Allan Riley |

Paul

Paul was born in the little maternity hospital in Selwyn Road, Howick in 1956 and grew up and went to school in the East Auckland area.

He became interested in motorcycles and motor racing in general at a very young age and after qualifying for and receiving his "A" grade degree in motorcycle engineering, traveled overseas where he worked for 5 years in Europe and Japan as team manager and design engineer for a Japanese based motorcycle race team.

Paul spent a total of 20 years away from New Zealand, the last 15 in Japan running his own businesses; an English Language School and also a trading company, importing and distributing New Zealand honey and health products to the Japanese marketplace.

Paul became a member of Rotary in Japan in 2003. His club was The Rotary Club of Suzuka West, Mie Prefecture which is located centrally on the Pacific Coast of Japan's main island Honshu between the cities of Osaka in the south and Nagoya in the north. One of the best memories of Paul's time overseas was attending the International Rotary Convention in Chicago in 2005.

During his stay in Japan he met his wife, Midori, and they were married in 1987 in Japan with a second wedding ceremony held in Auckland a month later. They have 3 children; 2 boys; Makun and KENJI and one girl, MIWA.

Back now in his hometown of Howick after his years of overseas experience in running his own businesses and managing teams of people, Paul is keen to put this knowledge to use and decided to work in another career he has always had great interest in, real estate. He started working as a marketing and sales consultant for L.J. Hooker in Picton Street Howick 4 months ago and is looking forward to helping his friends and contacts with their real estate needs, ensuring their transactions are as simple, smooth and stress-free as possible.

New Member Profiles



Paul Kendall, Pres Bob, Marc Milchsack



'Friends' committee vacancy

Our inaugural Treasurer of the Friends of Mangemangeroa, and former Howick Rotarian Allan Lovett, is retiring from that position at the May AGM.

So we are looking for a new 'team' member to stand for nomination as Treasurer. This is a great opportunity for a new member to join the 2007 Friends committee and have an important role in the planning and growth of the Society.

If you or one of your family, friends or associates with a passion for the Reserve is interested in learning more about this position, then please contact Allan Riley to discuss this.

Marc

Marc was born in Biedenkopf, Germany. After leaving school he had an apprenticeship in a hotel. Moving to Munich he worked in the Hilton Hotel for one year followed by studying Hotel-Management in the University City of Marburg and he finished with the title of "state examined business administrator in the hotel and catering trade".

Since October 1992 Marc was the self-employed manager of a building society bank and real estate business. (house building bank, a special kind of savings bank) In January 2001 he joined the Rotarian Club of Biedenkopf.

Marc was married in 1996 to Katja who was also born in Biedenkopf. They have one daughter Marlene (8 years old) and one son Julius (5 years old).

In June 2006 they decided to move to New Zealand and resigned from their jobs sold their house and arrived here on 8th January 2007.

Katja has been working as a dressmaker in Onehunga for one week. Marc has completed a real estate sales person course and gained his certificate. He has been promised work at Barfoot & Thompson in Howick and now awaits his work-visa hoping to be employed in about four weeks.

Secretary's Notes



At tonight's meeting we had 41 of our members present with 22 LOA'S and apologies and 3 silent, giving us a percentage of 78.6%.

Our guests were Luca, who received his dinner badge from President Bob, PDG

Bob Jollands, David Percival from Wolverhampton, Don McIver from Eastern Hutt, Jim Donald and guest speaker Ella Donald. It was a great pleasure for President Bob to welcome into the Club Paul Kendall and Marc Milchsack.

Ella was introduced by Duncan Morrison and spoke about the Manukau City Symphony Orchestra, a local success story. It is a community based non profit Incorporated Society, established in 1993. The conductor was, and still is, Uwe Grodd. The orchestra consists of one third paid professionals who lead each section of the orchestra, one third adult amateurs and one third young students. The orchestra plays a full range of symphonic music and offers scholarships to young talented musicians. Its home is now the Genesis Energy Theatre at the Telstra Clear Events Centre. John Sanders thanked Ella on behalf of the Club.

The Have a Go raffle winners were Garry Donoghue and John Savory; the meat/wine winners were Garry (not a misprint) Donoghue and Mike Carroll. Our Sergeant collected \$89 and the shrapnel was \$23.60.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Acting secretary Barry.

Add to your Handbook NOW!

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Birthdays

31-Mar Josh Adams
1-Apr Bill Charkow
2-Apr Faye Loughlin



Anniversaries

2-Apr Ann & Barry Nicholls



Club Diary

Apr 07

Magazine Month

Apr 03
Apr 10

WillemGroenwald & Victor Sun
Keith Olsen TBC
Howick Police (Youth)

Apr 17

Sally Barclay
Mangemangoera

Apr 24

Don Stehr
Waterways of Europe
Changeover Night

Jul 03

Forthcoming Attractions

Wine Evening

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

Duties

Host
Reception
Inv/Thanks
Attendance
Hall Set-up

Apr 10
Peter George
Clive Kilgour
Geo.Abercrombie
Brian Hanlon
Jim Duckworth
David Wylie
Tony Twigg

Apr 17
Bill Charkow
John Richardson
Barry Nicholls
Sanjay Nagpal
Kay McKirdy
John Willis
Rod Somerville

Parting thought.

Today we have more degrees, but less common sense.