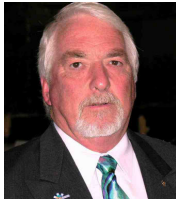




President's Corner

The KeyWay



Yet another really great Rotary evening provided by two of our newer members. Both really interesting and informative presentations but so very, very different and I guess both very ably demonstrating the growing diversity of our Club. Once again many thanks Victor and Willem for your tremendous talks. Also our thanks once again to Brian Hanlon for his interesting "Rotary Information" spot - he does a really great job always coming up with a new and interesting slant on the subject regularly increasing our knowledge.

Talking of the growing diversity of our Club and I guess the shrinking nature of the world it was an honour to have Gerhard Linuebom visit from Marc Milchsack's old Club, Biedeukopf. How convenient too, to be able to give him the first of our new banners to take home to his club.

It was especially good to have Honorary Member Bill Blyth join us last night - it is always good to see you Bill, although we are sorry to hear Dolores is not so well. The Club extends it's very best wishes to you, Dolores, we trust you will soon be much better.

Don't forget we are looking for two single beds and a couple of chests of drawers for Christina and her family if anyone can help, please give me a call.

I understand that about 18 of our "current wives" had a very pleasant evening out last night and I hope that you all had an enjoyable and worthwhile Committee meeting.

Have an enjoyable, relaxing and safe Easter and remember what Dale Carnegie said - "**For better or worse, you must play your own little instrument in the orchestra of life.**"

Regards

Bob

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

This week, Apr 10th, 2007

This week our Guest Speakers will be Dave Wylie, who, with participant Gregor Hodge will tell us about the Leadership Skills Training Program, Step-Up. This is a 5-day residential leadership program for 28-35 year olds which provides the opportunity to put their leadership skills into practice in situations that will sharpen and extend them. It encourages participants to push their personal boundaries and develop their own talents and abilities and it challenges participants to consider their responsibility and encourages them to participate.

This program was developed to fulfil a need for leadership training of a more mature group than RYLA and to expose people to the spirit of community service espoused by Rotary.

Put it in the KeyWay!

I, for one, have a very limited attention span. I suspect I am not alone in this, so it was with my limited concentration that I listened to almost 20 minutes of 2-minute speakers. (That is inflation for you. They used to be 1-minute speakers!)

Most of the topics could and should be published in the KeyWay. If you let me have the copy, I guarantee that it will be published so that every member, whether present at the meeting or not, can be kept up to date with Club activities.

The "1 (or 2) minute speaker" spots should be restricted to matters of pressing importance, such as major events happening within a week, and of course, the Almoner's report is of immediate concern.

Those "matters of pressing importance" will, of course, have been extensively reported upon in the KeyWay in the weeks before!

Charles

DUTIES

Host	Peter George
Reception	Clive Kilgour
Inv/Thanks	Geo.Abercrombie
Attendance	Brian Hanlon
Hall Set-up	Jim Duckworth
	Charles Davidson
Backup	Tony Twigge

Here we are again!

It is good to be back after my 3-week visit to South Africa. That 20-hour flight seems to get longer every year, and three weeks seems to get longer, too. All went well, and South Africa is buzzing. All the talk is of "2010". That is when the Soccer World Cup descends upon Africa for the first time. Huge infrastructural developments are under way, with new Stadium development taking place in most major centres, and major investment in upmarket housing developments. Quite who is paying for all this is not clear, and the "previously disadvantaged" population is still wondering when they will get a roof over their heads and where the next meal is coming from, but hopefully the Continent can do justice to the game of football.

I could not help but notice the tension in most people. The crime is simply out of control, and a reported 57,000 murders were committed last year. How many "unreported" murders occurred is a matter of constant speculation.

As they say, "Africa is not for sissies!"

My sincere thanks to Alasdair Maclean for doing an excellent job producing the KeyWay in my absence.

Charles

Secretary's Notes



44 members present plus two Rotarian Visitors – Honorary Member Bill Blythe and Linneborn Gerhard from Biedenkopf Germany - guest of Marc Milchsack. Attendance percentage 88.9 after five makeups from Chas Davidson whilst in South Africa, and one from Dave Wylie. Two “silent” is a bit of a worry!

John Osborne introduced two new members Victor Sun and Will Groenewald who each made an exceptional presentation. Victor spoke of the trials his large family of 14 faced during World War Two. They moved from Hong Kong to a small town 200kms north. They faced a hard life surviving on very little, and shared a 100sq metre flat with 4 other families. However the family were well educated – Victor's Father postponed his retirement for 2 years in order to fund his sons University Education. After graduating as a doctor he worked long hours for minimal return and then emigrated to Perth and practised in the Outback. He moved to N.Z. and continues to be active in the Citizens Advice Bureau, U3A, and travelling.

Will Groenewald gave a very interesting presentation on his passionate hobby, the Cycad. This amazing plant has many species and is present in it different varieties and colours in most parts of the coastal African continent. There is a huge variance in colours and sizes in habitat zones from Sea Level to 1800 metres in the mountains.

A very rare species Woodii is propagated from only three male plants. Cycads are very sought after and valuable here but, of course, Will is unable to continue with his very interesting hobby.

Two first class presentations from our own new members – they were thanked on our behalf by Fred Holland.

Notices

Vocational Visit to NZ Hothouse – Karaka Tuesday 17th April 11:30 to 1pm – Only 30 participants.

May for “Guess who's coming to dinner” – see Dave Cox. Alan Riley presented a cheque for \$2000.00 from the Tom Brydon Trust towards the cost of the Sigatoka Bus. Katikati Rotary Club Visit late May.

“Crossings” Event 15th – 28th April. Our Club is sponsoring the Jazz on 17th April at Star of the Sea Church.

Brian Hanlon spoke on Rotary Information – Where the Rotary Foundation Money goes, RYLA, and our own Historical Event – two new Rotarian transfers from two different cultures inducted on the same night.

Almoner Jim reported on John Built – OK. Ross Forrester nearly recovered but Bill Blyth's wife not well. Our good wishes go out to these three.

Sergeant Jim extracted \$85.80 noting that “Power corrupts”!! and concern about buying the pot. Who was it had a net 63 at golf after expensive professional tuition?

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Secretary

Bruce B.

Important footnote (Well I think so, anyway)

I hope President Bob is mistaken in his assertion that only 24% of members read the KeyWay.

Prove him wrong. Flood me with e-mails (**By Return!!!**) simply saying “READ IT” and I will give you a countback next week. Don't let me down!

While you are at it, drag your spouse over to the screen and stand over him/her while they read it, too.

Charles

Birthdays

11-Apr David Fels



Anniversary

11-Apr Chris & Rob Crabtree



Club Diary

Apr 07 Magazine Month

10 Apr Dave Wylie - Step-up project
17 Apr Sally Barclay - Mangemangeroa
24 Apr Don Stehr - Waterways of Europe

Jul 03 Changeover Night

Forthcoming Attractions

Toughlove - Phillipa Gottermeyer
Keith Olsen - Howick Youth/Police projects
Isabel Evans - Regional Commissioner for Social Development
Greg O'Connor - NZPA
Bobbie Brown – Starship Hospital
Intrepid flying - Africa
Wine Evening

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

Duties

	Apr 17	Apr 24
Host	Bill Charkow	Geoff Thompson
Reception	John Richardson	Willem Groenewald
Inv/Thanks	Barry Nicholls	Rob Crabtree
Attendance	Sanjay Nagpal	Victor Sun
Hall Set-up	Kay McKirdy	Cedric Daniel
	John Willis	Dauids Fels
Backup	Rod Somerville	Fred Holland

Parting thought.

Capital punishment isn't about making examples; it's for making bad people dead!