



President's Corner

The Key Way



Bob come back – all is forgiven! And please bring the key!

Well, how does the saying go? There is nothing like doing the actual job to find out what it is like! There is a lot of organization that goes into our

meetings and being at the sharp end you realize just how much! I think we are very lucky Howick Rotary has such a great team to make it all happen like clockwork every week.

The lost Bulletin Award had been found and was given to Charles to accompany his certificate presented by Bob at the last meeting. I believe that Charles is so enamored with its incredible design that he is preparing a wall in his lounge to display it – yeah right! In any event it now resides with the appropriate recipient.

An attempt to welcome Luca in Spanish (bienvenida) went the way of a lot of personal attempts at foreign languages. Please accept my apologies Luca. A lot more practice required!

Following communication between the Youth Committee and the Howick Police it was a pleasure to have Sergeant Keith Olsen along as our guest speaker to tell us about "Blue Light Ventures Incorporated" a police initiative to assist crime prevention by engaging with youth in the community in a variety of activities that foster their personal and social development. This is the flip side of the police and the justice system having to deal with youth offenders, a situation that we all know the community would like to avoid. Social interaction of youth in a safe environment is an important part of growing up and we only need to read recent news headlines to know what can happen when things go wrong!

Keith's obvious love of the outdoors must contribute to the success of the Blue Light activities.

It was great to have Steve Whitehead with us again.

Have a Good Week Everyone!

Regards

Rob

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

This week, May 15th, 2007

Tonight is a special occasion. We are having a wine-tasting evening. Partners are invited. Please let Bill Percival know if you will be bringing partners or guests.

Dave Cox is worried that he may have advised some people of the wrong date for the

Mystery Dinner

The correct date is Saturday May 19th

Rotary District 9920 Changeover

Sunday July 8th, 2007

Ellerslie Convention Centre

08:30am - 11:30am

Come along and welcome DG Alan Davies

Served Breakfast

Cost \$35 per head

PLEASE PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY.

ALL ROTARIANS AND PARTNERS ARE WELCOME

Contact P-E Rob Mouncey to book places

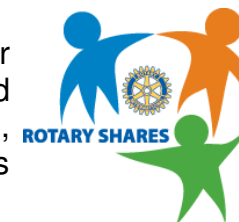
DUTIES

Host Reception
Inv/Thanks
Attendance
Hall Set-up
Backup

John Savory
Duncan Morrison
Rod Somerville
Barry Nicholls
Tony Twigge
Victor Sun
John Richardson

The latest District Newsletter is now available on the Rotary website. Follow this link to read it:
<http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletters/4769.pdf>

The RI President-elect for Rotary year 2007/8 is Wilfred J. Wilkinson from Trenton, Ont., Canada, who has adopted the theme



"Rotary Shares"

Wilfred was a founding partner of Wilkinson & Co Chartered Accountants. Since retiring in 2001, he has served as executive director of the Quinte Ballet School of Canada and Canadian coordinator for the National Assn. of Forensic Accountants.

A Rotarian since 1962, Wilfred is currently a PolioPlus national advocacy adviser and a member at large of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force. Previously, he has served RI as district governor, International Assembly group discussion leader, consultative group member, committee member and chair, task force member, Foundation trustee, director, and vice president. Most recently, he was chair of the 2005 Chicago Convention Committee and vice chair of RI's Afghan refugee relief project.



Secretary's Notes

45 members and two guests attended this week's meeting, memorable in that we achieved 100% attendance. This was also due to 10 make ups.

President Elect Rob Mouncey welcomed guests Steve Whitehead and Luca, our exchange student from Argentina.

The club received a cheque for \$3000.00 from the Chenery Trust – a successful application by Howick R.C. to this District Rotary Trust in favour of the Howick Wraparound.

Graham Loughlin introduced guest speaker - Sergeant Keith Olsen from Howick Police who spoke on Blue Light Ventures. Keith is chairman of Howick Pakuranga Blue Light Ventures Society. This group was incorporated in 1984 and is a voluntary organization actively involved with youth at risk under the police umbrella. These activities include such events as discos, trolley derbys, tramping, sailing, fitness and sport. Tramping and other outdoor activities often include young people who have never had the opportunity to participate in such events.

Lawrence Copestake thanked Keith for a very interesting presentation and President Elect Rob presented him with a cheque for Blue Light on behalf of our club.

"Have A Go Raffle" winners were Geoff Thompson and Rod Somerville. Meat/Wine Raffle Bill Charkow and Mihai Costache.

Glen Donaldson still has two entertainment voucher books for sale.

Freedom Walks on Milford, Hollyford tracks arranged by the Milton Rotary Club are available again this spring. Applications close July 1st. See me for Details. Sergeant Jim decided that our dinner plate badges were indeed "patches"- this producing the usual blanket fine. \$75.60 was raised in total.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Bruce Burton
Secretary

Dear Abby,
I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice.

I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs... phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with "the girls" a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them."

I always try to stay awake to look out for her coming home, but I usually fall asleep. Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her.

Around midnight, I decided to hide in the garage behind my golf clubs so I could get a good view of the whole street when she arrived home from a night out with "the girls". It was at that moment, crouching behind my clubs, that I noticed that the graphite shaft on my driver appeared to have a hairline crack right by the club head.

Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the pro shop where I bought it?

Howick RC Website.

We now have our own website! It is still under development, and will include a lot more detail of who we are and what we do.

We are looking for interesting pictures of HRC events that can make this an exciting and interesting site.

Any suggestions and ideas may be submitted to the steering committee consisting of Charles, Tony and Mihai, but please don't think that this is "their" website, it isn't. It belongs to us all, so get excited and get involved!!!!

Want to have a look? Go to:-

www.howickrotary.org.nz

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

Club Diary

| May | Environment Month |
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| May 15 | Wine Evening |
| May 19 | Mystery Dinner |
| May 22 | Isabel Evans - Regional Commissioner for Social Development (To be confirmed) |
| May 29 | Greg O'Connor -NZPA (To be confirmed) |
| May 26 | Karaka Concert (Contact Max Grant) |
| 26 & 27 | Katikati weekend. (Contact Brian Hanlon) |
| July 03 | Changeover Night |
| July 08 | District Changeover. Ellerslie Convention Centre. See P-E Rob |

Forthcoming Attractions

Toughlove - Phillipa Gottermeyer



Birthdays

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| 16-May | Karen Armstrong |
| 17-May | Geoff Thompson |
| 21-May | Cedric Daniel |
| 21-May | Margaret George |

Duties

| | May 22 | May 29 |
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| Host | Rob Crabtree | Ted Aislabie |
| Reception | Fred Holland | Sanjay Sathe |
| Inv/Thanks | Bill Charkow | Kathy Kennedy |
| Attendance | Don Stehr | Allan Riley |
| Hall Set-up | Clive Kilgour | Rod Somerville |
| Backup | Brian Hanlon (own arrangement) | Cedric Daniel Will Groenewald |

Parting thought.

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.