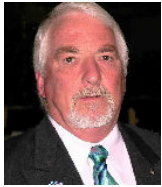




President's Corner

The Key Way



Well, if you didn't have your view of the Ministry of Social Development changed radically last night you either missed the meeting or were much better informed prior to the meeting than I was.

Not just a Department paying out benefits and finding jobs but one "working with families and people to get on their feet and make a life for themselves and not need benefits." The reduction from 45 Police incidents in one week over the Christmas period to none twelve months later for one whanau is a tremendous achievement.



Isabel Evans' presentation was absolutely astounding and gave us all great hope for the future. Quite how such a pleasant and softly spoken lady can motivate 1000 people to achieve the sort of results they have in Papakura is in itself something to really ponder. Having said that I guess the quietness of her voice off set by the absolute silence and attention of the

audience last night is an indication of just how carefully and attentively she is probably listened to all the time! Many thanks, Isabel, without doubt one of our most outstanding presentations.

The meeting was further enhanced by the presence of visitors Steve Whitehead, David Percival, Dorothy Gaunt and Sue Bevan (of the Pakuranga Citizens' Advice Bureau) and our Exchange Student Luca. We made a presentation to Dorothy and Sue to pay for cordless headsets for their volunteers who do so much for our community. The headsets are already in use and are proving very popular and helpful to the users.

It was very pleasing to see so many put their hand up to attend the District Changeover on July 8th

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

This week, May 29th, 2007

Our Guest Speakers this evening are three outstanding young people who attended the 2007 Rotary National Science and Technology Summer Forum. They are Natasha Trilokekai, Angela Lim and Amelia Leung.

District Changeover is to be held at the Eilerslie Convention Centre on Sunday 8th July, from 08:30 am until 11:30am. A show of hands indicated a lot of support from members. The Club hopes to fill several tables on this occasion, but places are likely to be limited because of the homecoming of Bill Boyd after a whirlwind year as President of Rotary International.

Advise Rob Mouncey of your intention to attend by sending an e-mail to

rob.mary@xtra.co.nz

Remember: Rob is leaving soon for the RI Convention in Salt Lake City, so **DO IT NOW!** If you snooze, you will lose!

President's corner, cont

If you are still considering coming, do join us it will make a great finish to our own Changeover week - accompany our new President and newest Past President!

Which reminds me the year is rapidly coming to an end and, Ladies, your last dinner for 2006-2007 is on Tuesday June 5th - let Pam know by Friday 1st if you intend joining in.

Have a great week and remember: ***the only people you should try and get even with are those who have helped you.***

Regards
Bob

DUTIES

Host Reception	Ted Aislabie
Inv/Thanks	Sanjay Sathe
Attendance	Kathy Kennedy
Hall Set-up	Allan Riley
	Rod Somerville
	Cedric Daniel
Backup	Will Groenewald



It was great to have guests Sue Bevan (Chairperson - Management Committee) and Dorothy Gaunt (Manager) of the Citizen's Advice



Bureau, Pakuranga, to accept a cheque for the purchase of four telephone headsets. These will be of immense value to the Bureau to aid the volunteers and staff as they serve the many clients in the Pakuranga area.



Secretary's Notes

President Bob welcomed 48 members to a memorable night in Rotary. He welcomed in particular David Percival from Wolverhampton, Steve Whitehead - both prospective members, Sue Bevan and Dorothy Grant from the Pakuranga Citizens advice Bureau and our Exchange Student Luca. Kay McKirdy made up on four occasions which brought our attendance to 95.6%. L.O.A and apologies totaled 18 and two members' silent!

Rob Crabtree introduced guest speaker Isabel Evans, the Regional Commissioner for the Ministry of Social Development. When I reported above that our meeting tonight was memorable it was due to the excellent, informative and moving presentation by our guest speaker. Isabel backgrounded the Social Policy of the Ministry and how it encourages people back to work. The Department employs 10,000 staff with 2000 based in the Auckland area. A measure of their success is that in the last five years there has been a drop from 115322 on benefits to 29122. Highland Park 12000 down to 343. Their success has been in recognizing the importance of cooperation between Govt. agencies including Police.

The DVD presentation about the Papakura family which extended to 300, shocked into action by the suicides of 3 young family members. The younger group decided they had had enough and that their family should forget what happened and "start all over". This has been made possible with the help of the various Govt. agencies. The family now have hope and a future. Bill Charkow thanked Isabel on our behalf.

Notices. Almoner Jim Duckworth reported on John Built who is nearly there but not quite. Ross Forrester is in good heart and Mohini Sathe is battling on. Our thoughts and encouragement are with them.

"Have-a-go" winners Mike Carroll and Gary Donoghue. Meat/Wine raffle Sanjay Sathe and Kathy Kennedy. Sergeant Jim extracted \$69.30 from us for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Grandfathers (more!!). Garry Donoghue's hold on the "Have-a-go" raffle each week could be classed as a second income according to the

Guess who came to dinner!



Alan, Beverly, Lawrence and Beatrice, thank you very much for a most enjoyable evening in your company. Hope to see you again soon! Mihai

My apologies to Clive Kilgour, who asked me to advise members who would like to place orders for the splendid wines that we sampled at last week's meeting, to contact him for order forms. Sorry Clive, it slipped my clogged mind!

It is with regret that the Board has accepted the resignation from the Club of Sanjay Nagpal. Sanjay has a growing business that demands all of his time, and then some. We hope to keep in contact with Sanjay, and wish him every success in his business and family life.

Sec. Cont sergeant, who was happy that no generic fine be imposed.

President Bob closed the meeting with an appropriate "Thought for the Day".

Bruce Burton, Secretary,

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

....and don't forget to have a look at the Club's own website.

www.howickrotary.org.nz

Suggestions, feedback and items of interest (old photos, etc. are most welcome)

Club Diary

May Environment Month

May 29 Rotary National Science & Technology Forum Students

May 26 Karaka Concert
(Contact Max Grant)

26 & 27 Katikati weekend.
(Contact Brian Hanlon)

June Fellowship Month

5-Jun-07 Paul Kendall & Mihai Costache

July Literacy Month

July 03 Changeover Night
July 08 District Changeover.
Ellerslie Convention Centre.



Birthdays

3-Jun Sue Willcocks
5-Jun Jacqueline Charkow

Duties

	Jun 05	Jun 12
Host	Jim Duckworth	John Osborne
Reception	David Wylie	Lawrence
Inv/Thanks	Tony Twigge	Copestake
Attenda	John Richardson	Sanjay Sathe
nce	Barry Nicholls	Victor Sun
Hall Set-up	Kay McKirdy	Geoff Thompson
	David Fels	George Tyler

Parting thought.

Teach a child to be polite and courteous, and when he grows up, he'll never be able to edge his car onto a freeway