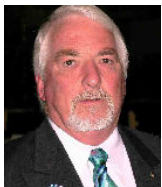




President's Corner

The Key Way



Great Rotary nights just get better and better and last night was no exception. What a way to start off with two Past Presidents present and celebrating really well-deserved Queens Birthday Honours Ian Fox QSM (services to education) and Paul Cressey ONZM (Child Cancer Foundation) – the congratulations of the Club to you both. I guess most people know Paul was the President of Howick 1988/89, transferred to Half Moon Bay Club as a Foundation Member and will be their 2007/08 President.

A real pleasure too to have Michelle Zackey become a member of our Club. Michelle, once again congratulations and welcome, we hope you have many many years of Rotary Fellowship enjoyment and satisfaction.

It was also good to have Kay and Luca back with us and to be able to present Paul Cressey with a cheque for the Life Education Trust being some of the proceeds from this year's Charity Yacht Regatta.

And once again our speakers were truly outstanding – two completely different subjects but how very interesting and entertaining. From the International Motor Cycle racing circuit and life in Japan to the history, culture and life in Romania. Many thanks Paul and Mihai for an excellent evening.

It would seem the ladies had another enjoyable dinner out – I almost completed packing before Pam got home! As you know we are away this evening and we are not only looking forward to a few days driving from Nashville (after an evening at the Grand Ole Opry and a day in the largest

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This evening our guest speaker is Evan Flagg who will talk about his experience as an Ambassadorial Scholar

fishing, boating and hunting store I have ever seen) but we are also now really looking forward to the prospect of meeting so many fellow Rotarians and experiencing such a large Convention. I am sure it will be as great an experience as Paul Kendall suggested last night.

If you want to join the 21 or so of us going to the District Changeover on July 8th you will need to make your own arrangements as the booking has been finalised. Please don't forget to put your name on the list for our own Changeover on July 3rd.

Have a great couple of weeks, my thanks to Clive Derbyshire for taking over the reigns. If anyone needs to contact me they can leave a message on my mobile 027 589 3694 or leave a message with Donna on 828 1500. See you all again on the 26th.

And remember what Mihai said: *To achieve greatness you must make the ultimate sacrifice – and what greater sacrifice than your wife?*

No ladies that is not a threat or in bad taste - but a piece of Romanian history.

Regards

Bob

DUTIES

Host	John Osborne
Reception	Lawrence Copestake
Inv/Thanks	Sanjay Sathe
Attendance	Victor Sun
Hall Set-up	Geoff Thompson George Tyler
Backup	Own arrangement

Steve Noles has been wondering why he is so tired.....

For a couple years I've been blaming it on lack of sleep, not enough sunshine, and too much pressure from my job, ear wax build-up, poor blood or anything else I could think of. Now I've found out the real reason I'm tired -- because I'm overworked. Here's why:

The population of New Zealand is about 4 million. 1.4 million are retired, that leaves 2.6 million to do the work. There are 0.5 million in school, which leaves 2.1 million to do the work. Of this there are 1.2 million directly employed by the government, leaving 0.9 million to do the work. 0.4 million are in the combined armed forces, preoccupied with cleaning their rifles, which leaves 0.5 million to do the work.

Take from that total the 0.35 million people who work for Provincial and City Governments, and that leaves 0.3 million to do the work.

At any given time, there are 76,000 people in hospitals, leaving 224,000 to do the work.

Now, there are 11,998 people in prisons or awaiting sentence and 212,000 on Employment Benefits and Welfare.

That leaves just two people to do the work. You and me. And there you are sitting on your ass, at your computer, reading jokes. Nice. Real nice.

Acting-Secretary's Notes



At tonight's meeting we had 46 of our members present. There were 23 apologies or leave of absence with NO SILENT'S! Well done. This gave us a percentage of 88.9%. Visiting us were Luca, P.P. Paul Cressey, and Michelle Zackey.

Later in the meeting it was President Bob's pleasure to induct Michelle into the club and P.P. Tony Twigge's to welcome her into Rotary International. Michelle, on behalf of the rest of the Club, welcome.

P.P. Brian Hanlon gave a tribute to P.P. Fred Tidswell, who passed away in Brisbane at the weekend after a battle with cancer.

Next year's Membership Liaison Officer Dave Wylie brought us up to date with the good and the bad current news: Mohine is hoping to be back with us soon, Ross Forrester is awaiting the fitting of a defibrillator, Carole Sanders lost her mother, Marjorie Burton is in Middlemore with gallstones, Jim Duckworth is now home with his new knee and P.P.'s .Paul Cressey and Ian Fox were honoured in the Queens Birthday Honours list.

Our speakers were Paul Kendall and Mihai Costache, introduced by Charles Davidson and thanked by Tony Twigge. They both spoke of their very interesting backgrounds.

The "Have a Go" winners were Bill Charkow and John Savory, while George Tyler and Joseph Heays won the wine/meat.

Our sergeant extracted \$42.50 from us for not staying up to watch the yacht races live and not wearing a jacket, and we contributed \$20.10 to the shrapnel fund.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Barry Nicholls

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A very self-important student attending a recent football game, took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

"You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one," the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear.

"The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars. We have nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing ... and," pausing to take another drink of beer.

The Senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany and said, "You're right, son. We didn't have those things when we were young ... so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little twit, what are you doing for the next generation?"

The applause was resounding

It's that time of year again!

We have around 1200 plants (raised by Jim Duckworth) to put into the Rotary Loop.

So please, put the time aside to assist us on June 16th Meet at the Barn in Somerville Road by 0830 and bring a hammer for stakes; planting shovel or spade; wet weather gear; gloves etc.

A BBQ will follow the morning's planting organised by Somerville-Howick Rotary.

It is always a great morning and we look forward to your support. Allan Riley & Jim Duckworth



Club Diary

June

June 12

June 19

June 26

July

July 03

July 08

July 10



Fellowship Month

Evan Flagg,

Ambassadorial Scholar

Blake Few - Intrepid flying - Africa

Rhonda Cox-Nissen

Eastern Women's Refuge

Literacy Month

Changeover Night

District Changeover.

Ellerslie Convention Centre.

Bobbie Brown - Starship

Anniversaries

14-Jun

Carole & John Sanders

17-Jun

Jeannette & David Wylie

Birthdays

13-Jun

Ted Aislabie

15-Jun

Heather Savory

15-Jun

Nora Sun

17-Jun

Jill Carroll



Duties

Host Reception Inv/Thanks Attendance Hall Set-up

Backup

Jun 19

Kathy Kennedy

Graham Loughlin

Ian Fox

Ken McIntosh

Alan Peterson

John Sanders

Max Grant

Jun 26

Brian Hanlon

Steve Whitehead

Fred Holland

David Percival

Duncan Morrison

Bill Charkow

John Savory

Parting thought.

Money isn't everything but it sure keeps the kids in touch.