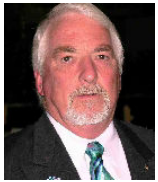




President's Corner

The Key Way



Well here it is, is my last President's Corner - it certainly does not seem like 12 months since this journey began. What a great experience it has been. Pam and I feel honoured to have been able to enjoy the role and all that has gone with it. We feel as though we now know many more Club Members very much better than was the case a year ago. Of course attending the 98th annual RI Convention in Salt Lake City has been a highlight and a great finish to "our" year but it is without doubt the warmth, support and enthusiasm of so many great friends in the Rotary Club of Howick which will be our most lasting memory. It really is a great Club - as I have often said the best of the four I have been in, and although we have had some difficult times with the passing of two outstanding Rotarians in Keith and Brian and a number of other health issues there has been and continues to be great support, kindness and fellowship.

Wasn't Angela Rickard's presentation last night a very sobering one? I do not think any of us quite believed some of the things going on in our community. Quite what we can do especially in regard to the use of drugs I do not know. Pleasing to know the Howick area is well recognised for it's support and donations to Women's Refuge.

Pam and I had the pleasure yesterday of representing the Club at the 10th Birthday Celebration Luncheon of the Howick Combined Probus Club. This Probus Club which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Howick during the Presidency of the late Russell Donaldson is very successful with a full membership and a

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This week, July 03rd, 2007

CHANGEOVER NIGHT

Tuesday 3rd July

HOWICK CLUB

(107 Botany Road, Howick)

6:00PM FOR 6:30PM START

Dress: Semi-Formal .
 Gentlemen please wear a tie
 (Trousers and shirt optional, yeah right!)

waiting list! We were made to feel most welcome and a part of the celebration. Their 120, or so members really seem to thoroughly enjoy their Club.

As we prepare for our changeover next Tuesday I trust we are all able to look back on a worthwhile and fun year in Rotary and look forward to a great year 2007 - 2008 with President Rob and his exciting team.

And remember ***Renewal is the principle - and the process - that empowers us to move on an upward spiral of growth and change, or continuous improvement.***

Regards
 Bob

DUTIES

- Host Reception**
- Inv/Thanks**
- Attendance**
- Hall Set-up**
- Backup**

All duties tonight are in the hands of the Fellowship Committee

The Bucklands Beach Intermediate School Tree-Planting at Mangemangeroa planned for last week has been rescheduled for Thursday 28th June, meeting at the Barn on Somerville Road at 08:45 and should take only a couple of hours. Any Rotarians who are available to assist are invited to attend.



Part of the Kiwi contingent who made the journey to the RI Convention in Salt Lake City.





Secretary's Notes

45 members present at the last normal meeting for this Rotary year. Two make ups from Bob Mouncey and Rob Crabtree at Convention brought the attendance to 83% , but silent 2.

President Bob welcomed guests Alex Heays, Richard Harri, Guest speaker Angela Rickard and exchange student Luca.

President Bob described his memorable experiences at the Salt Lake City convention. The work of Rotary in all areas worldwide is inspirational and no doubt will be further elaborated upon by Bob, and the two Robs.

Brian Hanlon introduced guest speaker Angela Rickard, Community Support worker in the Eastern Refuge Society.

Angela is an extremely dedicated worker looking after the surprisingly large number of people needing protection from different forms of abuse. The Eastern area employs 5 "underpaid" staff responsible for Howick and Pakuranga. There are two safe houses in Howick rented for \$600 - \$700 per week providing refuge for 9 families including 16 children. They operate a 24 hour crisis line. Frightening statistics show that 30 to 40% of women seeking help are on P.

A very thought provoking address. Angela was thanked on behalf of the club by Fred Holland.

George Abercrombie (the new attendance guru) is going overseas, so for the next two weeks continue to ring Bill Percival with Apologies.

Stuart Armstrong Treasurer extraordinaire stepping down after 4 years in favour of Peter George thanked members for their co-operation during his tenure.

Almoner Jim Duckworth reported on John Built, Ross Forrester, Marjorie Burton, Barby Kilgour and Alasdair Maclean all for various reasons coping well and making progress.

Have-a-go Raffle winners Geoff Thompson, Max Grant.

Meat/Wine Raffle Peter George, John Osborne. Sergeant Jim extracted fines totaling \$76.10 for various means including sporting prowess, tv viewing and not viewing. There had to be a blanket fine for everyone for his last performance for the Rotary Year.

From me, thanks for a great year. I have enjoyed the experience and Rotary service once again. Bruce B, Secretary.



The end of the Rotary Year signals the end of one regime and the beginning of another. At this time, the office bearers pass on their responsibilities to new and eager hands whose ideas and vision will take the Club forward into a new generation.

So it must be with the Bulletin. I have had the pleasure and the privilege of producing the KeyWay for the past 2-½ years, and hopefully the KeyWay has reflected the Club's activities with some degree of accuracy and also some humour.

The support and enthusiasm that I have received from the members of the Club has been wonderful, and I thank everyone for giving me such inspiration. The recognition by District in presenting the Club with the Jack Smallfield trophy for best District Bulletin was the icing on the top.

My thanks to President Bob and Secretary Bruce, and to their occasional stand-ins, whose weekly contributions made the job of producing the bulletin relatively easy.

I offer my best wishes to my successor as Bulletin Editor, Mihai Costache, and have every confidence that his youthful approach will move the KeyWay to the next level.

Charles

Club Diary

July

July 03

Jul 4 &5

July 08

July 10

Literacy Month

Changeover Night, Howick Club

Blood Bank (Support volunteers please contact John Savory)

District Changeover. Ellerslie Convention Centre.

Bobbie Brown - Starship

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

Birthdays

5-Jul Maree McKernan

9-Jul Ian Fox

10-Jul John Osborne



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Backup

Jul 10

Allan Riley

Cedric Daniel

Ted Aislabie

Dave Wylie

Fellowship Com.

John Richardson

Jul 17

Clive Derbyshire

Will Groenewald

Fred Holland

George Tyler

Fellowship Com.

Max Heron

Parting thought.

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

- George Bernard Shaw