



The KeyWay

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

President's Corner

President's Corner 3rd March 2010:



My how the time is flying when you are having fun. What with all our current Rotary events and activities and the workload at the office my spare time has become short to say the least. To this end Dorothy and I have been

trying to escape to the bach over the last couple of weekends – Dorothy for a relax with some of the grandchildren and for me a chance to finally get the old Massey Ferguson going. After a substantial investment in hours spent and and dollars in replacing spark plugs, Ht leads, condensor, points, coil, battery and a thorough clean of the petrol tank, filter and carby, we finally realised that the problem was stuck valves on No 3, so after a further couple of hours removing the petrol tank and rocker cover and slowly freeing the culprit valves and reassembling we were rapt to finally hear the engine start on the first wind of the starter. Job done I can now turn my time to the other maintenance items at the bach that have been neglected.

On a Rotary aspect the Board at our last meeting approved a motion that Howick Rotary participate in the support of the Ross Craig Testimonial Dinner. For those of you who are unaware Ross has been responsible for the management of several Trusts which make available grants to

Rotary Clubs to assist in their community projects. We at Howick Rotary have received several grants from these Trusts over recent years and we have Ross to thank for his diligent processing and making funds available for our projects. The proceeds of the Testimonial Dinner will go to the Rotary Foundation. The following excerpt has been forwarded by Roger Harvey President of Newmarket Rotary who encourages all Clubs to participate:

Could you please arrange support for this Testimonial Dinner at your club. Here are a few reasons why:

Ross Craig is an inspirational example of a Rotarian – still active in many Club and District projects.

Ross has actively supported most clubs in the District with funds from the Trusts he administers.

Ross has served our District and Rotary International well as District Governor and continued in many committees to this day.

Ross is Chair of District Polio Plus Committee – his favourite charity – net proceeds from the dinner go to Polio Plus.

We are due to do our bit more to meet the challenge of matching the substantial investment made by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to Polio Plus.

This is effectively a District event and your club will be credited with the net proceeds of the dinner event in proportion to the members (& partners) attending from your

club. The dinner is being held Thursday 25th March at 6.00 for 6.30pm, Newmarket Room, Ellerslie Events Centre. The price per ticket is \$95-00 per ticket with the Club Member's account paying 50% (\$47-50). This offer only applies to members and spouses / partners. We need an immediate response from members if they are interested as we have to confirm numbers by Monday 8th March. I trust we will get a good number of the Club to attend. Please let me know by Monday. Have a great week, JohnOs.

Howick Rotary Club Golf Day :

Date : Sunday 28 March.

Venue : Whitford Golf Club.

Event/s : 18 holes for the serious golfer, and a 9 hole Ambrose competition for the social golfers.

Time : 12.30pm first tee off for 18 holers.

Time : 1.30pm (approx) for 9 holers.

Prizegiving : 6.00pm (approximately) depending on how quickly you can walk around the course, getting your ball in to the appropriate holes as you go that you will find spaced every few hundred metres or so.

For those who don't know, "Ambrose Competition" is where all the players in a group tee off, the best shot is selected and all the players hit again from that same spot. The best second shot is selected, and all players hit from that same spot, and so on until the ball is holed.

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Tonight's Programme:

Bowls at the Club.

Come along for a bit of fun and friendly competition at our Annual Bowls Night. Assistance will be available for non-bowlers from Howick Bowling Club members.

CLUB DIARY

MARCH

16th Helen Spence + Dog - Mobility Dogs.

23rd Hck Little Theatre - 'Mammals'.

25th Ross Craig Testimonial Dinner at Ellerslie Events Centre.

28th Hck Rotary Golf Day - Whitford Park.

30th Visit to the Historical Village.

APRIL

6th GSE Team visit.

13th Ronald McDonald House - Visit to House.

16-18th District Conference- Napier.

20th Leaky Homes - Greg Thomson.

27th Howick Village Radio - Michael Rowse.

Secretary's Corner.

Secretary's Tea Meeting Briefs 2 March:



For many members, being introduced for the first time to some of Bill Percival's 'passions' was a good lesson for a life of community service. I am sure that most of us came away from tonight's meeting knowing much more about photography. After an introduction by President John, Bill told of his interests ranging from cricket (life member of the Parnell Cricket Club), life member (1986) and patron since 1995 of the Howick Camera Club (treasurer for 27 years), and a foundation member of Howick Rotary (1961). Bill is married

to Peg (55 years) and they have two daughters, Christine and Robyn. Bill's talk traversed the history of cameras from his first purchase in 1946. He has now 'gone digital'. He exhibits and showed some mounted works of his photographic art, many in monochrome. The thinking which goes into achieving the desired results especially through 'composure' and with the use of and lighting was fascinating. He did have us worried though, when he told of 'taking turns' with the models while in group (photographic) sessions. Bob Mackie gave the thanks of the members and guests.

Other highlights of the evening included welcoming the three Rotary visitors – Sheryl and Andrew both past presidents of their former Clubs in South Africa and Penny & Mike from West Sussex who were hosted by Judy and Jim Duckworth.

Brian Hanlon spoke on membership and the RI guidelines on eligibility for membership. How young is too young to be a member of Rotary?

RI has this to say in the FAQ section of their web site:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/FrequentlyAskedquestions/Pages/ridefault.aspx#8>

There is no minimum age to join Rotary. You may be invited to join Rotary at any age after you become established in a career and have the time and financial resources to meet all Rotary club membership requirements. If you're interested in joining a Rotary club, ask club members about the time and financial commitments necessary for fulfilling membership requirements, and consider whether you can make those commitments.

Members were asked to remember this when considering nominations for membership of any eligible person. Brian added that today there can be up to five members with the same membership classification – a big change from the days of one member only.

Members were invited to consider making up a table or two for the **Testimonial Dinner** to PDG Ross Craig. Ross administers three Rotary Trusts: the Lois Dalley Charitable Trust, June Gray Charitable Trust and Chenery Memorial Trust. The proceeds from the evening go to the Rotary Foundation. Our club has benefited greatly with grants from these Trusts.

At its last meeting the Board resolved: that members be invited to participate in a subsidized testimonial dinner to Ross Craig, - the proceeds go to the Rotary Foundation - with the first 20 persons paying \$47.50 which is half of the cost of the evening and the further \$47.50 per person be a Rotary Foundation contribution from the Club member account surpluses. Date: Thursday 25th March at Ellerslie Events Centre. See our club co-ordinator, Ted Aislabie if you want to join in for the evening.

Raffle Winners: Have a Go: Steve W / Barry N
Meat or wine: Tony Cooke / Ian Fox.

See you all next week,
Cheers, Allan.

An update from our roving correspondent Garry Donoghue:

We are both well, but it is also fair to say from time to time the lifestyle is both delightful and challenging . Our website is the best way to keep in touch. If you were to 'favourites' the www.bustout.co.nz Authors button, we do a weekly note with photographs. This weekend (Feb 27/28) Helen turns 60 and we concurrently celebrate 40 years of marriage; ruby is the milestone. We have a festive evening planned with family and a few friends for this Saturday. We'll be back in Auckland in early April and will stay in touch with regard to our movements.
Cheers, Garry and Helen.

Request for support from "Heart Children NZ":

They are holding their Annual Appeal "Heart Children Week" on Friday 28th May, and are looking for volunteers to support their cause by requesting donations for this worthy cause. For more details or if you can help please contact the editor, or Liz Beck on 3779950 ext 813, or email liz@heartchildren.org.nz. **Help make a difference for the 10,000 kiwi kids living with a heart defect.**

New member update for your Club Directory Book:

Anthony (Tony) COOKE; Wife- Jennifer.
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Committee : Youth
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Duties: March 9

Speaker Host	Not required
Door Reception	Clive Derbyshire
Inv / Thanks	Max Heron
Set Up & Clean Up	Sanjay Sathe
Set Up & Clean Up	Charles Davidson
Backup	Geoff Thompson

Duties: March 16

Speaker Host	Fred Holland
Door Reception	Bill Charkow
Inv / Thanks	Rob Crabtree
Set Up & Clean Up	Alan Peterson
Set Up & Clean Up	John Sanders
Backup	Ian Fox

Birthdays

- 10 Mar Ross Forrester
- 10 Mar Peter George
- 11 Mar Margaret Derbyshire
- 11 Mar Deborah Heays
- 11 Mar Carole Sanders
- 13 Mar Sandy Whitehead

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week.

Rotary Question: Has this Club ever had a District Governor whose club name was 'Joy'?

Answer: Yes and it was D.G. Joy Thomas , 1963/4, whose wife was Beryl.

Items for inclusion in the KeyWay should be sent to the editor - howick@gemtime.co.nz