



# The KeyWay

ROTARY CLUB OF HOWICK

This Week 16 March 2010

## President's Corner

### President's Corner 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010:



As we are now nearly nine months through this Rotary year I felt it time to remind us of President John Kenney's words and his introduction to the theme for this Rotary year *"It is our daily actions, and our daily decisions, that determine the course of*

*Rotary for us all.*

*The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."*

For many recent months our membership team of Brian Hanlon, Ian Fox and Richard Harri have been tirelessly pursuing prospects for new members and we are at last starting to see the fruits of their toils. We have recently re-inducted Tony Cooke to membership of Howick Rotary following a break of many years while he worked in Australia. There are several other people interested in joining and we look forward to more inductions in the coming weeks. It is only through our own efforts that we will attract new members and it is pleasing to see that the effort put in by members in approaching prospective members, informing them about Rotary and promoting the benefits of participation is worth the effort.

Tuesday night's bowls evening was another enjoyable occasion for Rotarians and guests under the careful direction of Bruce Burton. Bruce provided great weather for an extremely pleasant evening of fun and

games. It was disappointing that so few club members turned up to play and appreciate the effort that Bruce and the Fellowship team had put into arranging the event.

Steve Whitehead brought along our newly arrived exchange student Sandiago Tonelli from Argentina. Santiago only arrived in New Zealand on the weekend and is looking forward to his time in New Zealand. Santiago will be staying with the Whiteheads this week before moving to his first host family. This year Half Moon Bay is sharing the hosting role with us and we will hear more from Santiago when he is formally introduced to the club at our regular tea meeting. I can report that Santiago is a good lawn bowls player as he racked up several points for our team.

Enjoy your 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 for 18 holers : 12.30pm first tee off.

Time for 9 holers : 1.30pm (approx).

Cost : About \$20.00

Prizegiving : 6.00pm (approximately).

**A message from Rotary Foundation Chairman Glenn E. Estess Sr. :**

**March is Literacy Month.** This is when we focus on the importance of literacy and

education in our humanitarian service. In my decades as a Rotarian, both at home in Alabama, USA, and abroad, I have seen again and again what a critical role literacy plays in a healthy and productive life. Being literate does not just mean having the ability to read a book or a newspaper. Being literate means being able to comprehend the instructions on a medicine bottle, a set of directions, or a job posting. It means understanding the note written by a child's teacher. It means being able to use a computer, follow a recipe, or apply for a mortgage. Literacy means being part of the larger society. It means inclusion, and it means empowerment.

Those who cannot read or write, whether they are children or adults, are cut off from important information in ways too numerous to count. They are less likely to be healthy and more likely to be poor. And perhaps most critical of all, parents who cannot read are more likely to raise children who cannot read – perpetuating the cycle of illiteracy, and of poverty.

As a Rotarian and in my profession, I have seen so many simple and creative ways to break this cycle. Whether it is by volunteering in schools, by bringing education and training to adults, or simply by ensuring that all children have the books and supplies they need, we in Rotary can do so much. We can help others learn to read – and learn to help themselves.

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### Tonight's Programme:

**Helen Spence + Dog. Mobility Dogs -**

Enhancing the lives of people with long term physical disabilities by providing mobility dogs to increase independence, confidence, self-esteem and participation.

### CLUB DIARY

#### MARCH

23rd Hck Little Theatre - 'Mammals'.

25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A BIG WELCOME** to our new inward bound exchange student for the next 12 months. Please note the following details and introduce yourself to him at the next opportunity, make him feel welcome and help him to overcome the natural feelings of home sickness that he will experience until he adjusts to his new home and surroundings. His name is Santiago Tonelli, and he is



aged 17. His home town is Marcos Juarez, Cordoba, Argentina. Santiago will be attending Howick College in year 13. Please contact Steve Whitehead if you are able to offer hosting for a period, it is a great experience for the family and you will make a lifelong friend.

**HANDBOOK UPDATES:**

**Rod Somerville:**

New email - rodsuesomerville@gmail.com

**Gavin Green:**

New address : 24 Juliet Ave, Howick.

New private phone : (09) 5338395



They say that bowls isn't really a spectator sport but there isn't much happening here except for Marjorie having a go. Good on you Marjorie, you'll show Bruce a thing or two about bowls!

I am not sure what sport Gavin thinks he is playing in the background (perhaps he's trying out for the Phoenix or the Highland Fling), and I don't know much about bowls but I think John should be keeping his arm straighter. There's a bit of a "slice" going on there.



**Annual Bowls Night.**



Look at the concentration as Katha shows her style on the greens trying something new. Her team came second so they must have done something right, perhaps she was their good luck charm!



The District conference doesn't start until April 16th, but I think these guys are getting in some serious practice for it as they hold a meeting on the green.

**Duties: March 16**

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

**Duties: March 23**

<b>Speaker Host</b>	
<b>Door Reception</b>	Visit to Howick Little Theatre, no duties required.
<b>Inv / Thanks</b>	
<b>Set Up &amp; Clean Up</b>	
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<b>Backup</b>	

**Birthdays**

- 16 Mar Mary Mouncey
- 18 Mar Lynne Green
- 19 Mar Ethel Abercrombie

**Anniversaries**

- 17 Mar Glen & Max Grant
- 19 Mar Olga & George Tyler
- 22 Mar Sue & Rod Somerville

**Rotary Question:** Can a Rotarian be a member of two Rotary clubs at the same time?

**Answer:** Yes, but only as an Honorary Member.

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