

President's Corner

President's Corner 27th July 2010:



Another great night for Howick Rotary.

We had 39 members attending complimented with five visitors who we would love to see again, and five of our wives who had all turned out to hear our own Barry Nicholls as

'guest speaker'.

The club has received a very warm 'Thank You' from DG Nicolas Spillman for our presentation and hospitality shown last week when he had his official visit to this club.

We have also received a "Thank You" from the Rotary Club Of Pakuranga for our participation in their project involving the re-building of classrooms on the Fijian Island of Taveuni. Our \$1000.00 donation along with other clubs, kiwi grants and RI grants accumulated to \$52,200.00. Just shows what can be raised for overseas projects with some good organisation and the help of 'The Rotary System'. A team of five Rotarians including our own Charles Davidson leave on 10th September to help with the construction of the classrooms returning on the 20th September. We wish them well.

On a more upsetting note it was sad to hear of the passing away of Bill Percival's brother Victor and the thoughts of the club are with Bill and Peg.

As mentioned previously the guest speaker was our own Barry Nicholls who gave a very detailed and thought provoking address on his travels through Bosnia and Herzegovina. Barry gave a brief historical analysis of the area which was part of Yugoslavia but has been torn between fighting factions for hundreds of years. Makes you realise just how young and stable our own country is. The most recent fighting between Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia is still fresh in our minds and with the aid of TV much of the fighting was brought right into our homes. Barry's photos showed us the beauty of the areas but also the scars of the recent upheavals. Hopefully this lovely area will no longer be the subject of warring factions. Thank you Barry for enlightening us with your travels and giving us a first hand insight to that country.

Our evening ended with a strong rendition of the National Anthem led by Sergeant Bob Mackie.

Don't forget that next weeks speaker is the Principal of Howick College Iva Ropati. See you all then.

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Secretary's Notices:

Trees project:

Jim Duckworth advises the final tree planting for the season at Mangemangeroa Reserve this Saturday 31 August. Volunteers meet 9.00am at the barn, Somerville Road. Only 250+ trees to plant.

Raffle Results:

Have-a-go: Max Heron & Alan Peterson
Meat / Wine: Ann Nicholls & Peter George

Meeting Attendance:

Membership 66; Members present 39.
Leave of absence 6, Make ups 2.
Guests 10.

Update from our IYE student Sarah Hyde:

Hi Everyone!

I hope you guys are all well, I am having an incredible time over here.

Sorry I have been so slack with keeping in touch, I just got back from my cross Canada tour yesterday, which was absolutely incredible. We spent just over a month travelling Canada, East to West Coast, with 43 other exchange students, and 3 chaperones - It really was the trip of a lifetime.

I kept a bit of a diary while I was gone, and I am working on typing that up now, so when I am done I will send you a copy!

So, I have attached a short summary, just detailing the trip! I have also attached some photos, as there really are no words to describe the amazing time I had!

Anyway, sorry again for the lapse in communication - I don't know if you were following my blog, but that also seems to have fallen off my radar a bit, so I am planning to spend a bit of time this summer getting that up to date, and actually posting the cards I wrote 2+ months ago to my family!

Thanks so much, Sarah.

This Week - 3 August 2010

The Weekly Newsletter of the
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Tonight's Programme:

Iva Ropati

**Principal Howick College
Transformational
Leadership.**

**Iva is the "new" principal at
Howick College, and was
previously Principal of One
Tree Hill College. He has led
both schools through a period
of significant change.**

CLUB DIARY

AUGUST

10th Michael Rowse - Howick Village Radio.

17th RYLA Awardees - The RYLA experience.

24th Mission Heights Jnr College - The Bush Project.

31st Howick Community ShowCASE Awards.

SEPTEMBER

7th Madeleine East - National Standards - What's the issue?

Rotary Information

New plan for polio eradication launched:

The World Health Organization and UNICEF co-hosted a meeting with Rotary International and other stakeholders in Geneva on 18 June to launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Strategic Plan 2010-12.

The new plan comes at a critical time for the GPEI. Key endemic countries are witnessing historic gains against the disease. Nowhere is progress more evident than in Nigeria, which has reported just three cases in 2010 as of 6 July compared with 333 cases for the same period in 2009. India has reported 22 cases compared with 107 cases.

Across Africa, 10 of the 15 previously polio-free countries re-infected in 2009 have stopped their outbreaks.

In May, the World Health Assembly welcomed the new plan while expressing deep concern about the substantial funding gap over the next three years. The shortfall is a serious risk to ending polio and highlights the need for Rotary to reach its goal of raising US\$200 million.

An essential element of the plan is the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is being used effectively against wild poliovirus types 1 and 3 in all four endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. (Type 2 poliovirus has been eradicated.)

The plan also focuses on known polio migration routes, which have made outbreaks of the disease largely predictable. Aggressive synchronised immunisation campaigns are now being used to help prevent and stop outbreaks.

The risk of not stopping polio in endemic countries was made clear when a large outbreak occurred in Tajikistan, caused by poliovirus that had spread from India in early 2010. The outbreak has paralyzed 334 children as of 29 June. Tajikistan had been polio-free since 1997.

"Rotary believes the new strategic plan provides the blueprint to achieving the goal of polio eradication," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

N.Z. Prime Minister Acknowledged with PHF.

Prime Minister John Key was hosted by the R.C. of Newmarket at a luncheon meeting for 205 Rotarians and guests on March 9th. The event was supported by Rotarians from 15 clubs throughout Auckland. An audio-visual presentation demonstrated the breadth of activities undertaken by Rotarians for guests and prospective members.

Against a backdrop of Rotary pull-up banners the PM spoke of the opportunities facing New Zealand.

From his perspective he captivated the audience with ease and humour in a wide ranging speech. When answering questions on change he advised there were no quick fixes.

The PM generously signed several items and sketched a picture to assist fundraising for Polio Plus.

Newmarket President Roger Harvey announced that Paul Harris recognition would be presented to the P.M. in honour of his significant contribution to serving New Zealand in his open, engaging and peaceful approach to his role.

District 9920 D.G. Leanne Jaggs then presented the PHF on behalf of the Newmarket Rotary Club.

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Get your tickets early for the Rugby World Cup!!!

A man had two of the best tickets for the Rugby World Cup Final. As he sits down, another man comes along and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him.

"No," he says, "the seat is empty."

"This is incredible!" said the man, "who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Rugby Cup Final, the biggest sporting event of the rugby world and not use it?"

He says, "Well actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Cup Final we haven't been to, together, since we got married."

"Oh . . . I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. I guess you couldn't find someone else, a friend or relative or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head "No. They're all at the funeral."

Two in one grave

A woman and her little girl were visiting the grave of the little girl's grandmother. On their way through the cemetery back to the car, the little girl asked, "Mommy, do they ever bury two people in the same grave?"

"Of course not, dear," replied the mother, "Why would you think that?"

"The tombstone back there said....."Here lies a lawyer and an honest man."

Painting blonde

One day, a blonde wife, roughly 25, wanted to prove to her husband that not all blondes were dumb. So she decided she was going to paint the house while he was at work. When her husband got home, he noticed that she was digging through the closet, looking for something.

When he asked her what she was doing, she said, "the paint can said, for best results use two coats."

Duties: This Week

<i>Speaker Host</i>	John Savory
<i>Door Reception</i>	Paul Kendall
<i>Inv / Thanks</i>	Charles Davidson
<i>Attendance</i>	Stuart Armstrong
<i>Set Up / Clean Up</i>	Fellowship
<i>Backup</i>	Jim Duckworth

Duties: Next Week

<i>Speaker Host</i>	Richard Harri
<i>Door Reception</i>	Lawrence Copestake
<i>Inv / Thanks</i>	Madeleine East
<i>Attendance</i>	Keith Appleton
<i>Set Up/Clean Up</i>	Fellowship
<i>Backup</i>	Steve Kattan

Birthdays

- 3 Aug Harjit Singh
- 5 Aug Clive Kilgour
- 6 Aug Jim Duckworth
- 7 Aug Beverly Peterson

Anniversaries

- 6 Aug Lynne & Gavin Green

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