



Governors Newsletter



February 2016

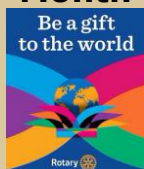
District Happenings

Feb/Mar	MUNA entry forms sent to schools Feb – Payment due in March
14 Feb	IYE Outbound Return Students debrief – Whg
21 Feb	Dist Management Meeting - Whangarei
21 Feb	RANZSE Information Day & Mentor Training - Whg
23 Feb	Rotary's birthday
25-28 Feb	IYE Tongario Crossing
26 Feb	Million Dollar Dinner
28 Feb	Asst Governors Training - Warkworth
4-6 Mar	South Pacific PETS
6-12 Mar	Rotaract anniversary week
Mar 31	RYLA closing date for applications
8-11 Apr	District Conference-Tauranga note change of venue

Club Happenings

20 Feb	Coastal Challenge
26 Feb	Whangaparaoa Golf Tournament
6 Mar	Waitakere Soap Box Derby
10 Mar	Milford Golf Tournament
17 Mar	Henderson Golf Tournament
18-19 Mar	Waipapa Antiques Road Show and Fair
19 Mar	Whangaparaoa Soap Box Derby
19 Mar	Whangarei South : Fritter Festival
Apr 2	Birkenhead/Santo – 1 st 2016 team leaves to continue Mboosung School Rebuild

February
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Peace and Conflict
Prevention Resolution
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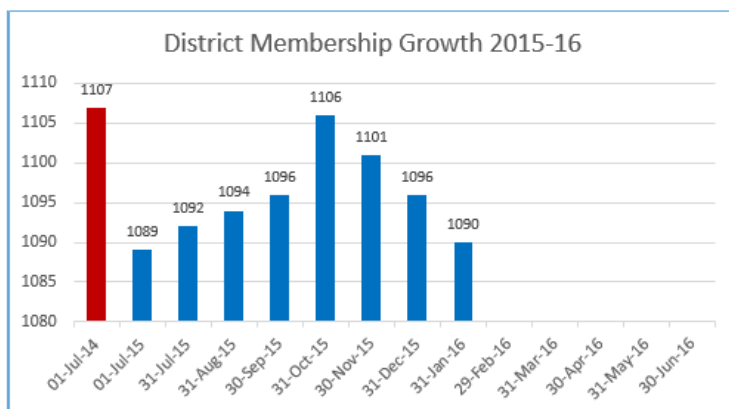
Well what a roller coaster month we have had. It was a real blow to get the news the **major airlines had indefinitely suspended operations into Vanuatu's Bauerfield Airport at Port Vila for safety reasons.** Once we ascertained it would be at least 3 months before the necessary repairs could be made to satisfy the airlines safety requirements, we had no choice but to look for another venue. I want to acknowledge the significant dedication and work by Conference Chair Carol Caulfield (East Coast Bays Rotary) and her (Friend of Rotary) Chief of Staff Karen Hall who had a replacement venue organised within a week. **Trinity Wharf Hotel and Conference Centre in Tauranga will be an excellent venue and we look forward to seeing you all there.**

Please spare a thought for **our fellow Rotarians and the people of Vanuatu** at this time. They did not need this second set back so soon after Cyclone Pam. **Tourism plays a significant role in Vanuatu's economy, contributing around 24% to the GDP prior to Cyclone Pam,** and the industry was progressing well on its recovery from the effects of Cyclone Pam. This is likely to be a major setback for them. Our thoughts are with you all and we look forward to being able to visit again soon.

On a high note, **my congratulations to Rotary Port Vila for their membership growth this year – 8 new members inducted** so far and I understand there may be more in the pipeline. **Well done President Roly and your team.**

To the President Elects, best wishes with your preparations for your 2016-17 year, I trust you are well into your planning and preparation. I can assure you a well thought out and written plan, shared with your fellow members, will lay the foundations for a successful and enjoyable year. As you are aware, **membership is critical for the survival of our District** so it

is important you do incorporate membership development and goals into your planning. I recommend you appoint a Membership Director to focus on this.



February is the month Rotary's focus turns to Peace & Conflict Prevention – Resolution. While we are relatively isolated from conflict here in NZ, we see daily news of widespread conflict in other parts of the world. We can play our part through our contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and the work being undertaken in this area. **I acknowledge all of the clubs and individuals who have already made contributions to TRF.** I ask the remaining clubs to consider making a donation, at the level your club is able to, and Rotarians to think about becoming Centurions – giving up just one cup of coffee a fortnight. **Another option is to join Elaine and I at the Foundation multi District Million Dollar Dinner at Villa Maria winery on 26 February.** This is a first for NZ and you do not have to have made a donation to be able to attend.



Finishing on a personal high, **I have enjoyed the wonderful experience of becoming a Granddad for the first time.** My youngest daughter Lisa, supported by her husband Tak, gave birth to a daughter Mia on 18 January. They live in London so it may be a little while before this new Granddad can have a cuddle, in the meantime we are enjoying some lovely photos.

All the best and enjoy this summer weather

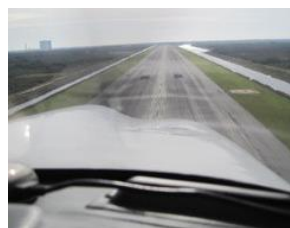
Governor Peter and Elaine



International Assembly

Before going to International Assembly in January 2016, Governor Elect Peter Smith and Reo headed first to Vero Beach, Florida which Peter said “was an awe inspiring and invigorating experience for Reo and himself”.

Left flying over the runway at Cape Canaveral, Right the airboat used for sightseeing around the lagoon.



Five Rotary clubs from the Vero Beach area provided the “The Vero Beach experience” hosting couples from Scotland, Wales, England, South Africa, Germany, and Sweden for the week preceding Governor Elect Training which these clubs have been doing since the 90's. A great way to form friendships with Rotarians

from other countries and ease into the rigours of training. Vero Beach is north of Miami, famous for the manufacture of Piper aircraft, 13.1 sq. miles of beautiful white sand beaches and the waterways with a population of 15000.

International Assembly is held at the Hyatt Hotel complex in San Diego which is a very smooth and polished operation indeed. Peter said “with approx. 1500 people to manage, you are checked in to every event via the Bar Code on your Name

Badge; even for meals!” Peter found the programme and experiences gained from the Presentations and the Workshops has helped him to focus his goals for the year ahead.” Above Past RI President Bill Boyd & Lorna with NZ Governors-Elect & partners



2016-17: Rotary Serving Humanity

RI President-elect John F. Germ chose *Rotary Serving Humanity* as his theme for 2016-17. Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that “now is the time to capitalize on our success: as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the world.”



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How about leading our District in 2018-2019?

Not many people know how one gets into the Governor role, so I thought it would be helpful to explain the process to all Rotarians.

Every year we invite Club Presidents to nominate Rotarians from within their club and I have recently sent an email to all Presidents to this effect. Individual Rotarians can also approach their clubs individually to seek support for a nomination. A nomination **must have** a club's support. However, each year it is disappointing that we rarely get a response.

What do you need to be a Governor? At the minimum you have to:

- Be an active member of a D9910 club;
- Been a Rotarian for at least seven years;
- Served as Club President for a full term;
- Be in good health – it can be a demanding year with a lot of travel

It is helpful to have been an Assistant Governor and/or had some experience at a District level for the Rotary knowledge - but not compulsory. What is going to help most in this role are good organisation and

communication skills, an ability to interact with people, inspire and “make things happen” with empathy and an understanding of working with volunteers. Some patience and a sense of humour also goes a long way!

What next? Once all the names have been received the Nomination Committee meets to consider the names proposed. The Nomination Committee is made up of the most recent 4 Past Governors plus the Current Governor. The Governor Elect and Governor Nominee are also on the committee, but they do not have an actual vote. The Nominating Committee, sometimes interviews candidates and then works through a voting process to select the person it believes would be the best choice to hold the position in 3 years' time.

I would like you ALL to consider whether the position of Governor is something you would like to do in the future. I'm enjoying the Governor role very much. I've had the opportunity to increase my knowledge of Rotary, got to meet amazing people, while working hard to support others to “Be a Gift to the World” and serve our communities. It's not easy, there have been challenges, but it's a life changing experience that I totally recommend!

Feel free to discuss this with me or any of our Nominating Committee and if you do want to take on a new challenge in 2018-2019 and learn and grow please email me at pgarnett.rotary@gmail.com.

Applications close on 31 March 2016.



Thoughts from Past Governors

“The DG role allows you to see Rotary through fresh eyes. There is great training support both in NZ and overseas which assists in your own personal development. You network with Rotarians from NZ and many other countries who are sharing similar experiences to yourself.

Within your own district, being the DG, provides you with an overall appreciation of the quality of our people and the quality of Rotary service that we are delivering to “make a difference.” I encourage every Rotarian, to seriously consider putting their name forward for consideration in this important role.”

~ Bruce Rasmussen 2014/15

“There is so much to Rotary that club members rarely see as they are often so very focused on their own patch. I feel if every club could bring their members much closer to the very broad spectrum of humanitarian work that takes place across Districts and across the globe, it would become a huge selling point to attract new members.

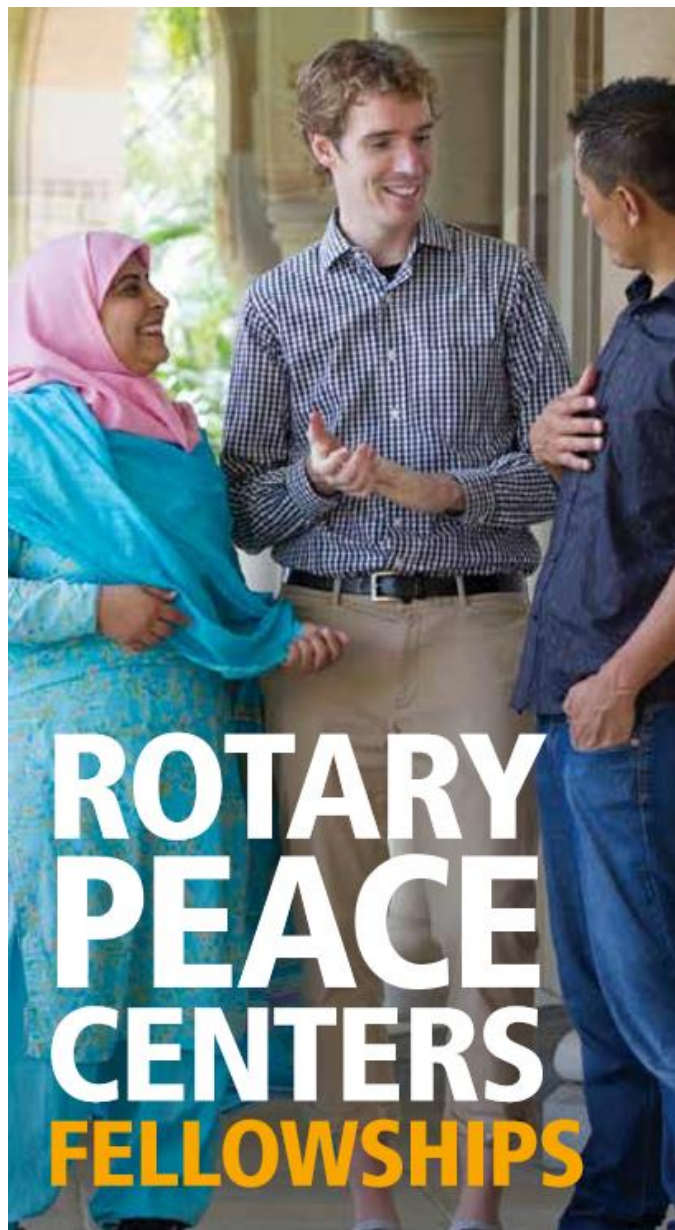
As a Governor you get to see all this in action. What a thrill it is to realise how much work is committed and how many Rotarians are at work as unsung heroes doing the good in the world. Governorship is a humbling and very rewarding role.”

~ Phil Ashton 2013-2014

“The two years leading up to and my Governor's year was such an amazing journey, so worthwhile, although there was the odd challenge to deal with. But seeing our District in action and the internationality of Rotary it was such a privilege to be a part of it. I would encourage members to consider taking on this rewarding role. The support I received from Past Governors and members was outstanding, always there to lend a helping hand.”

~ Maxine Neiahbour 2010-11





Endorse Rotary Peace Fellows

Rotary selects fellows through a globally competitive application process, based on the applicant's ability to have a significant, positive impact on the world.

The application process begins online, where you'll find information about working with your sponsor Rotary district and the supplementary materials you'll need to complete your application. The deadline for submitting your application to a local club can vary (generally March–June), but the **deadline for submitting to Rotary International is 1 July**.

<http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org/> and <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/get-involved/exchange-ideas/peace-fellowships>

Support Peace Centres

Through academic training, study, and practice the Rotary Peace Centres program develops leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution in their communities and around the globe. Graduates of the program are reintegrating refugees in Sudan, creating jobs for disadvantaged women in India, and supporting reconstruction in devastated regions of the world.

Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in a master's degree or certificate program at one of our partner universities. Fellows study subjects related to the root causes of conflict and explore innovative solutions that address real-world needs.



Rotary have peace centres around the globe at:

[Chulalongkorn University](#), Thailand (certificate program) [Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#), USA [International Christian University](#), Japan [University of Bradford](#), England [University of Queensland](#), Australia [Uppsala University](#), Sweden

Where to look for candidates

We are looking for applicants whose commitment to peace and conflict resolution is demonstrated through academic, volunteer, and professional experience, as well as outstanding leadership abilities and high academic achievement. See more about eligibility in the [Rotary Peace centres Program Guide for Rotarians](#). Look for candidates among:

- Rotary program alumni -- Rotaractors, Interactors, and former Ambassadorial Scholars.
- Universities. Reach out to alumni associations, career offices, study-abroad offices, and departments of international studies, political sciences, and peace studies.
- Former international volunteers, such as Peace Corps volunteers. They have experience and an interest in working on issues of peace and development in other countries.
- NGOs and international and community development organizations. You or your club may already have relationships with these groups.
- Government agencies. Connect with local government agencies, diplomatic corps working in an embassy or consulate, local police, and military offices.



rotary youth leadership awards



his one-week, live in, Rotary organised programme promoting youth leadership and catering to young aspiring leaders aged 20-28. The maximum number of delegates

is 40 and not many places are left! Clubs should be quick to secure a spot on this popular programme. If clubs are intending to send a delegate let Mark Harris know as soon as possible.

[Brochure download](#) [Application Form download](#)

For more information contact the organiser

Mark Harris E: mark-harris@xtra.co.nz,

T: 479 1821(H) 486 7892(W) M: 027 688 9836

Deadline for final applications to the RYLA committee is **31 March 2016**.

**Sunday 3 July to
Saturday 9 July 2016**

*Muriwai Beach Surf Club
Muriwai Beach, Auckland*

"If you think your already the best, RYLA can make you better." Jason

"A week full of energy, inspiration and eye-openers. Absolutely incredible and life changing." Olivia

"RYLA was the most inspirational course I have ever been on. I learnt a lot about myself and I took away a range of tips and tools to help me successfully navigate life." Alana

"RYLA will expand possibilities and opportunities beyond what your mind can fathom." Jasmine

Rotary Learning & Information

Sunday, March 13th, 2016 8.45 – 4.15pm,

Training Centre, 17 Keyte Street, Kensington, Whangarei

Course on Offer

Part 1: Insights into Leadership My Rotary World Engaging Members Our Foundation
Ethics - Vocational Service Service Projects

Part 2: Strategic Planning & Analysis Targeted Service Club Communications Team Building
Attracting members

Part 3: International Service Effective Leadership Strategies Rotary Opportunities
Public Image & Public Relations Rotarians, Vocational Service & Expectations Making a Difference

Rotary Learning & Information (RLI) is a series of three, fast-paced, interactive, one day courses offered as an effective way to gain knowledge of Rotary programmes, explore and expand your leadership potential, understand club, district and international Rotary roles, and networking; meeting other district Rotarians in a discussion based environment while having lots of fun. To find our more information visit

<http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org/prospects.html>

Register online: [complete registration form](#)



We Need RLI Facilitators

The facilitation team are looking for enthusiastic Rotarians who enjoy sharing their knowledge, helping others and have good verbal communication skills to join their team.

For more information: Contact Clive Menkin E: menkin@ihug.co.nz or M: 021 530 962





From your Conference Committee

Peter has made the difficult decision to relocate the conference to New Zealand due to airlines suspending flights to and from Bauerfield Port Vila based on their concerns about the safety of the runway.



ROTARY DISTRICT 9910 Conference

Book online & save!

- Go to www.trinitywharf.co.nz.
- Click on 'Book Your Stay'
- Select dates 8 - 11 April 2016
- Enter Promotion Code: rotary16

Alternatively call **+64 7 577 8700** or email reservations@trinitywharf.co.nz

We have managed to secure an alternative venue and keep the registration fee at its current level. The new venue is **Trinity Wharf in Tauranga** and the format will be, **welcome drinks and nibbles on Friday the 8th of April** followed by a casual meal, the **Conference sessions will be on Saturday, Sunday and Monday morning (half day sessions)** with the **Gala dinner on Sunday night**. Dinner theme **Starry, Starry Night** (reminds us of a song...)

We look forward to seeing you in Tauranga for an inspiring and fun conference.

How to Book

Your place at Conference

Register online

Click on this link <http://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/registration>

Complete the form and click the [Register for the Conference](#) button

You will receive a reply **Your message was sent successfully. Thanks.**

Pay the Conference fee plus any other charges to District Conference Bank Account **ASB 12-3109-0050398-00** with your name and club as reference:

<http://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>

Accommodation

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TRINITY WHARF
TAURANGA

Remember to register for conference when you book accommodation

Conference Keynote Speakers

Dr Deborah Lambie – medical Doctor, current Miss New Zealand and co-founder of LearnCoach, an online platform delivering free tutorials to NCEA students

Guy Ryan - Young New Zealander of the Year 2015 and founder of Inspiring Stories, support through programmes and partnerships to inspire young New Zealanders to play a part in creating solutions to the big issues. Also pretty handy on a skateboard.

William Pike - accomplished motivational speaker, an author, an amputee, 2015 Young New Zealander of the year finalist. An avid outdoorsman with an immensely powerful story of being critically injured in a volcanic eruption. The face of the William Pike Challenge Award enabling students to embrace challenges, explore the outdoors, engage with their community and interact with positive role models



Yes, same format as Vanuatu.....some may wonder why!

Three morning conference sessions with Saturday and Sunday afternoons free.

- We want to do our best to retain a more relaxed holiday feel
- We want this to be an enjoyable long weekend
- We think you might appreciate some time out Saturday and Sunday – there is certainly plenty to do in the area
- We hope the shorter morning conference sessions will mean you feel better than you might after a whole day in Conference mode
- We want you to have time to listen, digest and remember the presentations
- We want you to feel refreshed and leave happy and with a new dose of enthusiasm



Success at National Science & Technology Forum

Despite an unfortunate outbreak of gastroenteritis amongst the attendees the 27th Rotary National Science & Technology Forum was, to quote “an incredible success”. **Especially for one of District 9910’s attendees, Lily Cameron-Lee** (sponsored by Rotary Milford), who was awarded the **AUT Roy Geddes Scholarship** which supports her to attend the London International Youth Science Forum in July 2016.

Photo left to right Governor Peter, Senior Student Advisor Grace Mason, AUT Roy Geddes Scholarship winner Lily Cameron-Lee, Forum Director Peter Best, Trish Best, Past Governor Bruce Rasmussen, and Rotary Milford President Merv Tait



Lily shared her thoughts on Forum:

"I always knew I was privileged to be selected to attend the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum, but there was no way I could have known exactly how big of an impact those two weeks would have on me. Forum challenged me in ways I didn't know I could even be challenged - **it forced to me break down my preconceived ideas about the place of science in our society** and the role my generation has in

“YOUTH IS THE GIFT OF NATURE, BUT AGE IS A WORK OF ART.”
Stanislaw Lec

this; to step right out of my comfort zone socially, academically and mentally; to push myself to think in new ways with a new confidence, and to further **respect the incredible doors that Forum has allowed me to walk through**. Thanks to Forum, I now am so much more confident and ready to enter the exciting, changing world of science. For lack of a better way to sum it up, Forum was life changing. **I am beyond grateful to my sponsoring Rotary Milford club, Rotary New Zealand and all those involved in making 2016 Forum the incredible success it was."**

I am **incredibly humbled and honoured to receive the Roy Geddes Scholarship**, and I thank you for this opportunity and for your involvement in Forum and all the support I, along with my fellow students, have received from your District and from the whole of Rotary. Being able to experience Forum allowed me to **experience first-hand the incredible work that Rotary does**. I find it especially significant to myself personally, as **my Grandfather has been a life-long Rotarian in the Howick district**. I know I speak for all students who have attended when I say that these opportunities are life



changing for us, and help shape us and our futures immensely. I look forward to keeping in touch!"

2016 saw two students attending the Australian National Youth Science Forum; Aden Ciantar (5th from right) sponsored by **Rotary Norfolk Island** and Sharon Jing (2nd from left) sponsored by **Rotary Henderson**. **The following is written by Aden** “It is very hard to describe the actual feeling of the NYSF, but I know if there are any students in the years to come who feel devoted and passionate about the sciences, they should not hesitate to do whatever it takes to

apply. I had the best two weeks of my life and I hope to continue the adventure at the next step program in Melbourne sometime in April”.





Caption Competition

February Caption...

The photo left requires a caption, included in the bulletin from **Rotary Takapuna North!**

Please send your captions to Governor Peter and Elaine by 11th March 2016 via email to

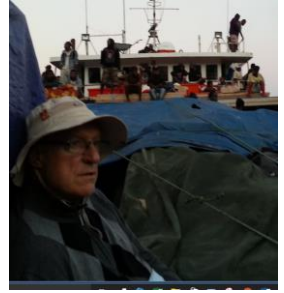
miselaineous@xtra.co.nz the winner will be posted in the District Facebook.

January Caption

District PR Chair on the boat to Amybrym Island Vanuatu

Winner: Monica Webb Rotary East Coast Bay

"This wasn't in the travel brochure I read"



Villa Maria Estate

118 Montgomerie Rd, Mangere

Hosted by District 9920 on behalf of

Districts D9910 D9920 D9930 D9940 D9970 D9980.

Date: 26 February 2016 **Time:** 6.30pm for 7.00pm start **Cost:** \$80PP + cash bar

OUR GOAL for this **EVENT** is to raise in **EXCESS** of **\$1,000,000.00** for **the Rotary Foundation**

All Rotarians and friends are welcome to attend

Bookings and information: PDG Leanne Jaggs M: 021 908644 E: mailto:ljaggs@alliancemarketing.co.nz

A draft codicil and pledge form: available from District Administrator E: district9910@gmail.com



Rotary Foundation - Rotarian's Charity of Choice
you are invited to give generously – giving is optional

Rotary Birkenhead 43rd Waitangi Bowls Tournament

With the help of Birkenhead RSA, and hosted for the 43rd year by Bowls Birkenhead, the annual **Rotary Birkenhead Waitangi Day Bowls Tournament happened on February 6th – Waitangi Day.**

But it didn't. The greens were suitable for synchronised swimming, but nothing more. That didn't stop the teams turning up and having a whale of a time! Raffles, auctions, food, drinks and much shenanigans.



Provisional figures show that we should be making a donation of over **\$7000 to the Neurological Foundation!** And that

amount raised in just a few hours and without a bowl being bowled. Thanks to the wonderful bowls teams for their fun and generosity and the many Birkenhead businesses who helped out as well.

Rotary INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



**28 May – 1 June 2016
SEOUL KOREA**

Important deadlines

31 March 2016: Preregistration discount ends

30 April 2016: Registration/ticket cancellation deadline

1 June 2016: Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial

To register and more information: <http://www.riconvention.org/en/seoul/register>



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“Cruise ships have certainly changed” by PDG Bruce Rasmussen

A recent opportunity to join 70 fellow Rotarians and friends from the North Shore and Whangaparaoa areas to visit the Holland America line's MS Noordam whilst she was berthed in Auckland took place in January 2016.

The visit was organised on behalf of Rotary Browns Bay as a fundraiser for **Nampangasale Junior High School, on Tongoa Island, Vanuatu** where a renovations and rebuild project is being coordinated by **Rotarian Peter Wilson**.

The shipping line provided 3 guides who took groups to the various levels of accommodation available and then through the on board facilities; swimming pools, theatres, gyms, massage rooms and finally the various restaurants. The tour concluded with a 3 course meal with wine etc in the best restaurant on the ship. Service was of a very high standard. A short presentation was made by the NZ agent keen to sign us all up for a voyage.

Rotarians were generally very impressed with the tour where they discovered the modern delights available for short and long voyages.



Thanks must go to **Robert**

Schroder for organising the opportunity which proved to be a wonderful day while at the same time **benefiting the Vanuatu project by \$4320**.

Rotary Browns Bay member, Robert Schroder said, “As a Travel Agent for over 20 years, I get the opportunity to visit many cruise liners when they call into Auckland over the summer season. I believed there was a great opportunity for a fundraiser, to invite Rotarians and friends on board for a tour and lunch”

The idea took four months of negotiation to come to fruition and Robert ended up with 72 in the group and more on a waiting list! **Rotary Browns Bay hope to increase the funds raised with a Foundation Grant application.**

Rotary Browns Bay Jumbo Tennis 7s Tournament

First introduced to Wellington in 2009 by the Rotary Club of Wellington, it is now your turn to experience this high spirited, fun and exciting event. Played to the same rules as Table Tennis (players take alternate hits), Jumbo Tennis 7s has captured the attention of the corporate world for its entertainment, hospitality, camaraderie and support for local charities. Promoters, Rotary Browns Bay will donate funds raised to **Ronald McDonald House, Auckland City Mission and Rotary Charities.**

“Our goal is to raise money and have a heap of fun while we’re doing it” says Paul Mees, Chairman, Jumbo Tennis, and Rotary Browns Bay.

Enter your ‘A’ team NOW AND WIN!! 16 four person teams will compete for the Rotary Browns Bay Jumbo Tennis 7s Cup and many other prizes. Best tennis, best dressed and best supporters are just some of the prizes on offer.

Team entry fee: \$500 per team of four people (for early payment). To register please contact Paul Martin on 021 668 890 or Colin Pawson on 021 633 125.



Be a proud sponsor: Sponsored prizes for the raffle and auction will also be gratefully received. Please contact: Paul Mees on 021 0257 0993 or Murray Allison on 021 631 662 if you would like any further information on sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorship packages are available for: Co-sponsors (two only) \$1000

Where and when Rotary Browns Bay Jumbo Tennis 7s 2016 tournament will be held at the Campbells Bay Tennis Club, North Shore, Auckland on Friday 1 April 2016. **Games will start at 4pm** rain, hail or sunshine as **an alternative venue in the event of bad weather will be available.**

Inbound IYE Students

Introducing the International Youth Exchange (IYE) students currently hosted by clubs within District 9910. Please take the opportunity to talk with them at our District Conference in Tauranga, 8-11 April – if not earlier!



Hallo! My Name is Helena Gudorf and my Rotary Club Köln-Ville in District 1810 in Germany is supporting me in my exchange year overseas. I am the inbound student to New Zealand 2015/2016 and Bay of Islands Rotary Club is hosting me this year. I'm a student at Bay of Islands College where I am fully immersed in the Maori culture. Haere Ra!



Hola, my name is Javiera Cuadra and I am from Chile, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Talagante, District 4340. I live about 45 minutes' drive from Santiago on an organic farmlet. I have two sisters and one brother and my father is a pilot for LAN airline. I am hosted by the Orewa Rotary club and I attend Orewa College. I love New Zealand and have enjoyed my time here. I like how friendly people are here.



Hi, my name is Kristine Rostad and I'm the first inbound student from Norway. The Rotary Club of Verdal in District 2275 is my home club and my host club is Rotary Takapuna North. I attend Albany Senior High School. I enjoy playing sports and play volleyball for North Harbour u19. I'm really enjoying my stay here in New Zealand

Hi my name is David Jagoditsch and I am an inbound exchange student from Austria. My sponsor club in Austria is the Rotary Club St.Veit/Glan from District 1910, my host club here in New Zealand is Rotary Whangarei Sunrise. I am going to Whangarei Boys High School and I will be in year 13 for the second half of my exchange. I really love to play the drums and also do some sport especially mountain biking. And my time in New Zealand is just amazing.



Hi, my name is Tola Sorn and I'm the second exchange student from Cambodia. The Rotary club of Phnom Penh in District 2558 is my home club and host club is Rotary East Coast Bays. I attend Rangitoto College. I enjoy playing soccer, reading a book and listening music. I'm really enjoying my stay here in New Zealand.



Hi, my name is Ana Custodio. I'm an inbound from São Paulo, Brazil. I'm 17 years old, my home club is Osasco Rotary Club, District 4610 and my host club is Rotary Henderson. I arrived in NZ in January and I'm already enjoying it here! I'm going to Waitakere College next week and I can't wait for it.



Hey, I'm Damian Suri from Switzerland. My sending club is located in District 1990 and called Rotary Nidau-Biel. I am warmly welcomed by Rotary Northcote-Glenfield. My school is Northcote College, for which I play in the Rugby and Volleyball team. I enjoy sailing in New Zealand, because I am in the Swiss National Laser sailing team. This year has been so far just amazing and I don't want to go home!



Hi, my name is Nathan Keunen, I'm 17 and I'm an exchange student from Belgium. My sponsor Rotary Club is Amay-Villers-le-Temple, District 1630 and my host Club is Rotary Albany. I go to Albany Senior High School. I love sport, the sea, hanging out with friends and meat pies. My stay in Aotearoa New-Zealand has been wonderful so far.



Hi, I'm Carlos Soto Diaz and I'm inbound student from Chile. My home club is Rapa Nui Rotary Club, District 4340 and my host club is Rotary Whangarei. I attend Whangarei Boys High School. I like to ride my bike and read books. I'm very happy to stay here in New Zealand.





My name is Aku Helenius and I'm an inbound student from Finland. The Rotary club of Porvoo in District 1420 is my home club and my host club is Rotary Whangarei South. I attend Whangarei Boys High School. I enjoy hanging out with my mates and taking photographs. I am really enjoying my stay in New Zealand.

Hello, my name is Arantxa Valenzuela. I'm 17 years old and I'm from District 4340 in Chile, from a little town near the capital of Santiago. My home Rotary club is Carlera de Tango and my host club is Rotary Whangarei City. I attend Kamo High School. Since I arrived I have visited amazing places so I'm really enjoying spending my time here in New Zealand.

Kia ora I'm Julie Gronlund, inbound from Denmark. I am hosted by Rotary Kerikeri and sponsored by Bangsbostrand Rotary Club, District 1440. I've been in NZ since July and have attended Okaihau College and now starting at Kerikeri High School. I love spending time on the water, so it's a real privilege to be living in the Bay of Islands.

Hi, my name is David Hamilton and I'm an inbound student from Sweden. The Halmstad Tre Hjärtan, District 2400 is my home Rotary club and my hosting club is Rotary Takapuna. I attend Takapuna Grammar school here in New Zealand. I'm loving my stay here so far.

Hi. My name is Wako Fujiwara. The Rotary Club of Ise South in District 2630 is my home club and my host club is Rotary Whangarei City. I attend Whangarei Girls High School. I enjoy doing dance and drama at school. I'm really enjoying my stay here in New Zealand.



District Website...staying connected

by Stephen Wheeler District ICT Chair

www.rotarysouthpacific.org, the website which Rotary in New Zealand has been using for so many years is coming to an end. The website software has been obsolete for a while and keeping the site going has proved to be more and more difficult.

The website administrators said a few months ago that they were no longer able to support the site and Rotary New Zealand needed to find another solution. A group was formed and they explored options and the District Governors, Governor Elects and Governor Nominees discussed these and decided on a solution which we hope will be effective and offer a better service to Rotarians, Clubs, Our Sponsors, Potential members and the public.

Soon, Rotary New Zealand will be closing the website and converting data contained on that site to ClubRunner, which supports more than 5000 Rotary clubs worldwide. The website address will remain as www.rotarysouthpacific.org so there will be no need to change what you search for.

Like all conversion processes there will be some issues, but everyone is trying to make it as smooth as possible. Please be patient! If you would like to see more of what ClubRunner can offer, visit www.clubrunner.ca

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