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PROGRAMME: TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2009:

Barbecue at Hibiscus Coast Kindergarten Premises in Riverside Road, (next to Orewa College)

GUEST SPEAKER: Robbie Pickford. Life member of the Northern Auckland Kindergarten Assoc, President of the Board, and Past Gen. Manager. THANKS: Peter Rigg

HOST: Chris Collins

GRACE / INVOCATION: Louise Valentine

ATTENDANCE TABLE: Neville Cullen / Frank Emtage

BAR DUTY: David Hardy / Selwyn Lloyd

BULLETIN NOTES: Doug Parker

PARTING THOUGHT: Ellie McMurtrie

Unable to do your duty, please arrange substitute and advise Richard Thumath ph.09-427-4205

PROGRAMME: TUESDAY 3RD March 2009:

S.W.O.T. Analysis of Club by 2009—2010 Incoming Board

PROGRAMME PRESENTER: President Elect James Murray

THANKS: Vice President Nominee Stuart Fluker

GRACE / INVOCATION: Frans Geurts

DUTY ROTARIANS: Chris Wills / Bill Earwaker

ATTENDANCE TABLE: Mark Atherley (all of March) / plus Ian Gibb

BAR DUTY: David Hardy / Mike Jenner

BULLETIN NOTES: Doug Parker

PARTING THOUGHT: Rue Visser

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--THE SPEAKER'S PLATFORM COMING UP!

Tues 10th Mar. No Meeting. (see Thursday 12th March below)

Thurs 12th Mar. 4 clubs visit to Matakana, (Orewa, Whangaparaoa, Wark, M-turoto)

Tues 17th Mar. TBA

**(Thurs 19th Mar. The launching of the ‘Sea Legs’ Rescue boat at Stanmore Bay)
(This is not a club meeting, all club members/wives/partners are invited to attend)**

Tues 24th Mar. Rotary Foundation Dinner at Peter and Vivienne Rowell's Home

Please note: we have two ‘away’ meetings in March, Thursday 12th to the Matakana 4 clubs visit, this is in lieu of our Tuesday meeting on the 10th March.
Tuesday 24th Mar. Rotary Found. Dinner at Peter and Vivienne Rowell's Home.

“The trouble with doing nothing is, that it's too difficult to tell when you're finished!!”

NOW FOR A "BIT OF THIS AND A BIT OF THAT" THEN!

MEETING TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2009:

President Bjorn welcomed 37 members plus 27 visitors who were present to listen to Sir Roger Douglas, Finance Spokesman for the ACT Party. It was good to see so many visitors when we have a high profile speaker speaking at the club

Acknowledgements were received from: Jo Little and Eileen Parker on the occasion of their Birthdays.

Donation: A very generous donation of \$100 was received from Daisy Burrell to go towards the Emergency Box Project, Very much appreciated Daisy.

Raffle: Winners were as follows: Betty Murray, Carol Fraser, Lois Newby, Ian Gibb, Birgitta Modigh, and Bruce Davies. Very suspicious here, with 4 prizes been won by one table. Some of those 4 winners are involved with the medical profession as well!!! There's a conspiracy going on here I think!! However, a good effort by Ellie McMurtrie raising \$207. **Thanks to New World for 3 of the prizes.**

Sergeant at Arms Session: Another great effort by Lynda Brennan raising \$332 with proceeds from both this and the raffle, plus some help from club funds going to the Australian Bushfires. We will keep you in touch on that one.

Kindergarten Meeting Tuesday 24th February: Chris Collins is very excited to show us the progress on Stage one of the Kindergarten building. We will be having our meeting in this part when we visit for the meeting and barbecue on 24th Feb. You will recall that the club contributed quite a large sum to help with these alterations. Come along and see what our contributions have gone toward.

A Tribute....to Past District Governor Ashton Kelly (A member of the Rotary Club of Whangarei)

By Past District Governor Peter Rigg

"Past District Governor Ashton Kelly passed away last Sunday night in his 93rd year. Ashton Kelly was our District Governor in 1965/1966. This was our first full year of Rotary and Ashton had a very big influence on our young and embryonic club. Ashton had a great presence. He was articulate, enthusiastic and probably one of the best orators I have had the privilege to listen to.

Peter Little will remember Ashton's involvement in a Northland Rotary Forum at Dargaville and Frank Emtage, Gordon Cashmore and others will remember Ashton's contribution to the Rotary Forum at Mansion House, Kawau Island. Whilst attending a Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia I was accosted on the street by a woman who saw my Rotary Badge and that I was from New Zealand. She was from Texas and she asked if I knew Ashton Kelly. When I said "Yes" she said I have not travelled much but your Mr Kelly brought your part of the world to me. Ashton had led a Rotary GSE Team to Texas. Ashton was very proud when his son Cedric became District Governor in the 1998/1999 Rotary Year. Tragically Cedric died from a heart attack whilst driving his car during his year of office.

Ashton was a very special personal friend of mine and the world will be a lesser place now that he is no longer here.---Thank you Peter.

SO! WHAT DO YOU RECKON THEN?"

MEETING TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2009: Cont:--

An Evening with Sir Roger Douglas

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Apart from Sir Ross Jansen, Sir Roger is one of only two Knights of the realm to address the Club,...the other was Sir Peter Blake. Neither of these people were the types to stand in the middle of the road and were not afraid to follow the lane which they thought was right.

If you are not a socialist by age 18, you have no heart if you are not a conservative by 35 you have no brains! Copies of Sir Roger's speech were available at the meeting and has been well publicised in the Business section of the N.Z. Herald (Wed.11th) we will cover briefly Sir Roger's thoughts:-

Sir Roger Douglas outlined just how New Zealand could become a dynamic high growth/low welfare state - rather than the high tax/low growth model it is today. He concentrated on two of eight points he outlined on November 26th 2008. Implementing those eight points would see New Zealand move more quickly out of the recession. Sir Roger said. "to win public acceptance, National must show how each policy will improve opportunities for the entire country while protecting society's most vulnerable. To gain the electorate's trust, reform must demonstrate sound judgement about what's happening and how people's personal interests will be affected: what are the policy's costs? Why and how will it work? "We need to move away from PR phrases that can mean all things to all people - the style without substance that Labour was notorious for. The Government must show it has the ability to make tough decisions and to restore investor confidence. "This requires a continuation of consistent reform to make the economy internationally competitive while also providing economic and employment growth. Where that confidence is lacking, New Zealand will not get the money it needs. "The uncertainties Labour created have damaged our credibility. Investors' belief that we will indulge in poorly-targeted intervention has built risk premiums into interest rates and investment decisions, slowing our economic recovery and prolonging the recession. "Further, the public must realise the damage that could result from spend-thrift responses in lieu of substantial reform. "Although not to blame for today's problems, National must act decisively in order to gain public confidence. It's time to quit fiddling with cents and start looking at dollars; we must shift our focus from the short-term and start looking at the big picture," Sir Roger said.

Keith Hanning very ably carried out the thanks to Sir Roger.

Parting Thought: By Doug Parker,

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What they actually say,

What, they wish they had said,

and, what they have been quoted as saying!!

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AND NOW! "FOR A FEW JOTTINGS!"

MEETING TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2009:

President Bjorn welcomed 38 members plus one visiting Rotarian, Rob Leinwand, past member Birkenhead Club, and his wife Helen, Peter Rigg introduced his visitors, Bob and Shirley Fisher and John and David Buckingham from Bradford England. Nigel Rigg introduced his visitors, Patti, his wife, Isabelle Rigg, Nigel and Patti's daughter, Cath and Victoria Bayly and Myra Dignan, and George Gordon our guest speaker.

Welfare: Gordon Cashmore reported on Alan Scott, seems to be doing very well, Mike Stanford is in Australia and not so good, Doug Tooby is only just coping with the hot weather, Purshottam Krishnan is progressing extremely well.

"Hello Dolly" Peter Rigg announced two excellent shows coming up, the first one is "Hello Dolly" commences on Thursday evening 26th March at 8pm at the Centreway Theatre. Those who would like to meet for dinner at 5-45pm at the Rock Salt Café contact Peter Ph. 426-5515 and make up a group. Cost is \$20pp.

The second show is "Music in the Garden" which is light opera, on Sunday 8th March at Coudrey House at Wenderholm. This starts at 7pm \$30pp. Again Phone Peter if you require tickets or would like to go as a group.

Exchange Student: Ian Carpenter mentioned that he took Petra to the Maungaturoto Club last week and she certainly impressed members with her personality and friendliness. Petra spoke for a few minutes and now they want her back to give them a full talk. Ian said what a great Ambassador Petra was for the Orewa Club and for her home country Finland.

Anyone wishing to invite Petra out for a meal or an outing please contact Stuart Fluker where Petra is staying at present.

4 Minute Talk: Rotary New Zealand Motor Bike Ride: Brenton Faithfull gave us an update on this major project to raise funds for Polioplus. This was reported in the last bulletin No 16 and Brenton will be giving us updates as progress is made.

Induction: Doug Parker introduced Rob Leinwand for membership who was accompanied by his wife Helen. Doug gave a brief background of Rob's life telling members that Rob came to New Zealand in 1986 from Denver, Colorado. He is an electronic engineer and holds an MBA degree. He has worked for Allen-Bradley, Honeywell, and New Zealand Steel as an engineer, and spent the last 18 years lecturing in Operations Management at Unitec in Mt. Albert. He is 66 years old and retired from Unitec in December 2008. He lives with his wife Helen, some cattle, two donkeys, two dogs, and two cats in Dairy Flat on a 12 acre block. Helen and Rob have 8 grandchildren, with 6 living in New Zealand and 2 in San Francisco.

Rob & Helen run a small business selling radio antennas, cable and connectors. Rob is an amateur radio operator and spends some time both designing new antennas and speaking to other radio operators around the world. He is a member of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR) and speaks to other Rotarians in Australia and Europe on Sunday evenings as part of a Rotary "network"

As Rob was previously a member of the Rotary Club of Birkenhead, President Bjorn officially welcomed Rob and Helen into the club. Doug presented Rob with his lapel badge, dinner badge, two framed certificates and an induction folder. Adrienne Renton Chairwoman of the Community Service Committee presented Helen with her ladies badge and welcomed Rob onto her committee.

Raffle: Winners were Pres. Bjorn, Rod Dennis, Peter Rowell, Gaynor Larsen, and Ian Carpenter. Money raised was \$88

Sergeants Session: A good take tonight with Richard extracting \$62

Parting Thought: Gordon Cashmore, "Speaking without thinking is like shooting without aiming!"

"Everyone wants a bus service to their door, but no one wants a bus route in their street!"

MEETING TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2009:

Guest Speaker: Well! we always seem to hear about all the bad things our youth do in the community, and we tend to think that we don't have any good young people left any more, which of course is untrue but you know it takes a bright young man to come along to renew our confidence and faith in our young people, which is exactly what George Gordon did for us tonight. Kate Shevland introduced George giving us a short background of his achievements. George 22 years old was recently awarded a Rutherford Foundation Scholarship which will allow him to undertake his Ph.D at Cambridge University. George was born in Kohimarama and completed his secondary schooling at King's College and has recently completed his Bachelor of Engineering Degree specialising in Electrical and Electronics Engineering at the University of Auckland. George explained that a Ph.D. is also called a Doctorate, is a three to four year postgraduate degree. The degree is entirely research based which means that you have to discover something new, or develop a new technology, thereby contributing to the advancement of mankind. George's area of research for his Ph.D is a part of a much larger project called The Intelligent Airport project. Currently airports have a huge range of electronics sensors and devices keeping track of luggage, performing security checks, telling passengers which gate to go to and so on. In an airport like Heathrow Airport in London there can be up to ten million such electronic sensors, including millions of electronic tags attached to luggage. Heathrow on average processes about 180,000 passengers every single day. As you can imagine, it is a mammoth task to efficiently process all these passengers and their luggage while maintaining high levels of security and safety. Last year, 10% of all delays in airports in Europe were caused by passengers turning up late due to inefficient processing, costing airports in excess of \$380 million dollars. George went on to tell us how these processes can be sped up. The answer is: by connecting all these 10 million electronic sensors together into one huge network, rather like a central nervous system. A whole host of computers can then receive information from this network and figure out the best thing to do to speed up passenger and luggage processing, This is why the airport is considered intelligent, because like a sentient being, it receives inputs from it's eyes and ears, thinks carefully about the inputs and then performs the most appropriate action. George went on to explain just how all this is going to be achieved and he will be working with lasers to transmit radio signals along fibre optic cables. Fibre optic cable is essentially extremely pure glass, stretched out into long fibre. The glass used is so pure that a block of it one km thick would be invisible to the naked eye. After being stretched into a long fibre, the resulting cable looks a bit like a fishing line. This is mind boggling technology and the technical knowledge which George has, he will surely be successful in working with this technology. George you gave us a wonderful talk, very well presented, you knew your subject, and you explained it well for us. We can only wish you great success and in 3-4 years time it would be marvellous to have you back to tell us of your successes. Peter Rowell very suitably thanked George for his address.

How true! "A secret is no fun unless you can almost tell it!"

"NEWS AND VIEWS" NOW!

"Emergency Boxes" Update:

By Ian carpenter, District 9910 Co-ordinator reports:--

The response has been great! thank you all. Fiji received 300 Emergency Boxes which was just magic, we now need to replenish our stocks.

I have just received a new shipment of boxes and would love to send some more out to clubs to fill. Orewa Club is certainly doing it's bit with emergency boxes with \$1800 raised to pay for three. Boxes are \$85 each or \$600 to fill by the District.

Thanks for your generosity....Ian C.

---**A Huge "Thank You"** to Brenton and Mandy Faithfull who photocopy our Bulletin at no cost to the club. This does save the club a considerable amount of money particularly when it comes to colour photocopying and "inserts" which are put in from time to time. Colour certainly enhances the look of the Bulletin and to have this done on a commercial basis the cost would be prohibitive. As Brenton says, because of the nature of his business where he is on call 24 hours a day, not only by families who suffer bereavements but also on call by the Police he is not always able to help with projects as much as he would like to and this is one way he can help. As an example he was to give the 4 minute talk a couple of weeks ago but was called out at 4-30pm to a death which could take him 2-3 hours to deal with. Brenton and Mandy the club thanks you for your kind generosity.

---News from our Rotary Exchange Student, Kerry Wilkes, our Outward Bound exchange student in Brazil.

Hi Peter (and club members) Thank you so much for sending me to Brazil!!

I love it here, my Rotary club picked the perfect family for me... well it is just me and my host mum. My brother left last week to go on an exchange to Australia. My host mum, Monica, is so nice. She is full of life and speaks quite good English but is also a really good Portuguese teacher. Monica wants me to see if I can stay the whole year with her because she is all on her own. Her family has already got a nickname for me, Kerrinha, it means little Kerry! Her family are so nice, I have met her sisters a couple of times and her mum came and stayed with us for a week. It was really hard to talk to my grandma (Monica's mum) when Monica wasn't around as she doesn't speak any English and I couldn't understand what she was saying half the time, but with lots of different hand gestures we managed. I started school last week and have already made heaps of friends! Its lots of fun trying to talk with them as most of the time we have no idea what each other is saying but I'm slowly getting better at Portuguese and my friends are slowly getting better at English. I'm top of the class in English, but all my other classes are so hard because I can't understand a word my teachers are saying. From what my friend Julie explained to me about the work we are doing I discovered that I learnt most of it last year in New Zealand so I don't think I'm missing out on anything to important. The weather here is so hot but it rains almost everyday, the past three days we have had horrible storms but I'm not letting the wet weather get me down there is plenty of underground parking at the mall so me and my cousin just head there when the weather looks dull. I have a Rotary weekend coming up on the 13th of Feb, I'm so excited to see everyone again and apparently Finn is almost fluent in Portuguese so I'm going to be getting lots of lessons from him! Then when I get home from the weekend my host mum will be so proud of me for learning more Portuguese! Well I will keep you updated on my exciting experience Beijos (kisses)

Kerry

***"How come that financial advisers never seem to be as wealthy---
as they think they can make us!"***

AND NOW! "FOR A FEW JOTTINGS!"

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Do you think about this when you want to purchase a product or require a service that perhaps one of our Advertisers can provide? Please keep this in mind that when you need a service or products of some sort, that you give some thought to those who may be able to help you. It is interesting to go through our Advertisers in the Bulletin and look at the range of products and services offered.

Trellis and Timber products, Real Estate, Grocery products, Waste Disposal, Travel, Hardware and DIY products, Kitchens and Cabinetry, Residential and Commercial Mortgages, Printing requirements, Electrical Goods and Services, Dental Requirements, Marine Propellers, Funeral Services, and Function Facilities. Have a look sometime!!

Advice received from Rotary District 9910 Office re:

THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES DISASTER

The situation regarding need, is at present confusing, we know that almost everything we can think of is needed, what we don't know is who is doing what and what is the most needed. To avoid over supply in any area Rotary in Australia are reviewing the situation and will advise us once the review is completed.

Many Clubs in 9910 and others, on their own initiative, have donated in various forms, well done; your concern and generosity is appreciated by all.

As far as a District combined operation is concerned, we await advice from Rotary Australia. Once we have established the greatest need, we, along with other Districts will respond, knowing full well that we will have your total support. In the meantime, those of you holding raffles, special Sergeants sessions and financial donations for this disaster may wish to wait until the situation becomes clear and the specific help needed is given to us by the Australians themselves.

Once the method of support is decided you will be advised immediately.

Ken Fearnley, District Administrator.

Further to this:

At our meeting on 10th February President Bjorn announced that proceeds from the raffle and Sergeants fine Session plus an amount from club funds (to be decided upon) would be contributed to help those suffering from the bushfires. Since then Merv Huxford has announced that the Trustees of the Ed Stanton Trust have made a donation of \$1000 to go with Orewa Rotary's contribution. So far we have from the raffle \$207, Sergeants Session \$318, Ed Stanton Trust \$1000, plus an amount from the club. The Board will be discussing this at the next Board meeting at the end of the month. (Sunshine Fund could help perhaps?)

Welfare: Frank Emtage reported on Purshottam Krishnan, Purshottam is home and progressing well. Both Purshottam and Ratna welcome visitors but would appreciate a phone call first.

Doug Tooby is much the same, but is having breathing difficulties with this heat.

"Do you ever feel that life is like a car wash and you're riding through it on a bicycle!"

An appeal from District Governor Neil Reid asking for support:--

The Child Cancer Annual Appeal:

Runs **Monday 23 through to Sunday 29 March 2009, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday being our priority street collection days.** The Annual Appeal is our main source of funding as we do not receive funding assistance from the Government or other cancer agencies, such as the Cancer Society.

Your volunteer help and donations received from our communities and businesses during Appeal week makes a significant difference for children with cancer.

We urgently need **2 hours** of your time to collect in a suburb close to home or work.

So please complete and return the following information to us **0800 4 CHILD (0800 4 2445)** and thanks for your wonderful help:

YES I would like to collect, my name is:

Name: _____

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Address: _____

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Email: _____

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Mobile:

Home phone:

Work phone:

I can collect in the following suburbs:

I can collect for 2 hrs (please select one or more): 8-10am, 10-12noon, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, 4-6pm, 6-8pm (**circle times which suit you**)

Our regional Appeal Coordinators will contact you soon and allocate a collection site in your chosen area.

Generally allocations are to stationary spots outside high traffic stores i.e. supermarkets, or major pedestrian crossings or within a Mall.

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to call us on

0800 4 CHILD (0800 4 2445) or email Maryanne

mthomson@childcancer.org.nz

Please circulate our call for help amongst your friends, work colleagues and family. Thanks once again for choosing to give The Child Cancer Foundation your support.

Kind regards

Maryanne Thomson

National Manager

Volunteer & Member Services

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P: (09) 303 9888 M: 021 664 353 F: (09) 373 3673

Child Cancer Annual Street Appeal Monday 23rd - Sunday 29th March 2009

Please donate to the Child Cancer Foundation and help ensure no child or their family ever walks the childhood cancer journey alone.

Call: 0900 4 CHILD (4 2445) - \$20 donation **TEXT:** Bead to 206 - \$3 donation

Visit our website: www.childcancer.org.nz

"It's easy to put first things first, but it's very difficult to put next things next!"

Rotary Leadership Institute Seminar

Sunday 1st March

Any club member wishing to attend this seminar may do so by discussing their desire to do so with President Bjorn.

The next Rotary leadership Institute Seminar is to be held on Sunday March 1 at Glendowie College from 8.30am to 4.30pm. We are seeking nominations from clubs of those Rotarians who may fulfil the criteria for participation in the Part One seminar. Those Rotarians who completed Part One in October last year, will be returning the same day to undertake the second part of the course.

If you are not sure what the Institute is all about, please go to this link: <http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1085>

Cost per Rotarian for the day is \$85.00 - paid by the club. We have space for 20 Rotarians to take part in this exciting new way to increase their Rotary knowledge and prepare for future roles in Rotary leadership.

Please bring this seminar to the attention of all your new Rotarians and those who aspire to become President of your club in the near future.

If you have any queries about the programme, please phone me or contact one of the Institute's Faculty of Trainers: PDG Beryl Robinson, PDG Tony Fortune, PDG Alan Davies, DG Jack Davies, TRF Chair Roy Austin, DGE Leanna Jaggs, PP Gaye Harford, PP(District Trainer) Christine Milicich, PE Colin Robinson.

This is a first notice - I should like all nominations to be in my hands by February 15. Invoices for payment will be sent to clubs once nominations are confirmed.

Thanks and regards

Rob Crabtree

PDG, District 9920 RLI Chair

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