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PROGRAMME: TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2009:

SPEAKERS: Brenton and Mandy Faithfull SUBJECT: Three weeks in Germany with 23

HOST: Trevor Penn THANKS: Peter Rowell (children)

GRACE / INVOCATION: Peter Rigg

DUTY ROTARIANS: Mark Atherley / Mike Barrowcliffe

4 MINUTE SPEAKER: Rob Leinwand

ATTENDANCE: Murray Fisk / Lynda Brennan

BAR DUTY: David Hardy / Bill Earwaker

BULLETIN NOTES: Doug Parker

PARTING THOUGHT: James Murray

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PROGRAMME: TUESDAY 9th JUNE 2009:

SPEAKER: Gary Bold SUBJECT: "Why do Tsunamis Occur"

HOST: Rod Townsend THANKS: Graham Crawshaw

GRACE / INVOCATION: Rod Dennis

DUTY ROTARIANS: Mike Barrowcliffe / Stuart Fluker

4 MINUTE SPEAKER: Mike Jenner

ATTENDANCE: Murray Fisk / Christine Gardiner

BAR DUTY: David Hardy / Adrienne Renton

BULLETIN NOTES: Doug Parker

PARTING THOUGHT: Bruce Turley

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THE SPEAKER'S PLATFORM COMING UP!

Tues 16th June Petra Niskanen "Her thanks and Farewell"

Tues 23rd June Presentation Evening

Tues 30th June CHANGEOVER

Tues 07th July Roger Kerr-Newall "District Plan and the Supercity"

GUEST SPEAKERS: Orewa Club have an excellent name for arranging good speakers, if you know of any please give their details to Gaynor Larsen our Programme Chairwoman and she will contact them with a view to arranging to have them speak to us...Ed.

Updating Membership List---(pink one) and Address Labels.

We are updating our membership list, and address labels for the bulletin for the start of the new Rotary Year and it is important that we know of any changes to your name! wife / partners name! address, phone/fax/e-mail details etc. these are required by Tuesday 2nd June. After that date it will be too late to make any changes for a further 6 months. Please check your details and e-mail me of any changes as soon as possible. daandegparker@xtra.co.nz Phone 09-427-0456.

"There is no such thing as Government money, it's taxpayer's money!"NOW

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

MEETING TUESDAY 19th MAY 2009:

32 Members were present which President Bjorn welcomed plus a visiting Rotarian all the way from Dundee in South Africa, Ken Vorster. Reg Hopper also joined us again, and Petra our exchange student.

Neville Cullen mentioned that Serena Rowell and Samantha Thornber were selected for outbound Rotary Exchange students last weekend, Serena to go to Sweden and Samantha to Chile. Congratulations girls you did well.

Adrienne Renton thanked everyone who had helped with the Bookfair so far.

Stuart Fluker explained details of how and what was required for the Bookfair which starts on Friday at 9am to Sunday 12 noon.

Frank Emtage reported on Ivy Fuyala and Elaine Dennis who are doing well. Frank was unable to contact Doug Tooby, and Jacqui Penn has had a few days in hospital and not very well either. Jacqui is now home and is progressing slowly.

Doug Parker mentioned that he now has stock of the 2009—2010 Rotary International "Theme Badge" "*The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*" \$5 each.

The Club's Membership List is now being updated for the new Rotary Year, and members are to check their details and E-mail Doug P. by next week, otherwise any change in details will not be updated until 1st January 2010.

Trivial Pursuit Evening: The Rotary Club of North Harbour is holding a Trivial Pursuit Evening on Friday 5th June 7-30pm at the Takapuna Rugby Club Rooms Akoranga Road Northcote. Great prizes, Cost \$15 pp, tables of 8 or join a table. Phone Tracy Massam 0292-001081.

District Changeover: Sunday 5th July at 2-45pm to 4-30pm Afternoon Tea to be held at the Milford Primary School, 34 Shakespeare Road Milford. Only \$15 pp. At this price every member should be attending to welcome our new District Governor Georges Giovannelli and Nicole from the Rotary Club of Noumea and farewell Neil and Trish Reid.

Raffle: Winners were: Ivan Fuyala, Tom Lees, Doug Parker, and Louise Valentine. Amount raised \$58. \$26-90 was raised from the Sergeants Session. Good one Ellie and Mark.

Parting Thought: Purshottam Krishnan, "*General Knowledge is improved through wide reading—therefore the book sale will help in this process*"
Good one Purshottam! and very original--- Ed.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES FOR MEMBERS TO ACCESS:

<http://www.rotary.org.nz/district.cfm?ID=10> Website District. Rotary Information.
www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=1364 Etcetera The latest Club and RI news

<http://www.rotary.org.nz/newsletter.cfm?District=10> District Newsletter

<http://www.rotary.org.nz/information.cfm?ID=180> Administration

"You can easily judge the character of a man by how he treats those who can do nothing for him!"

AND NOW! "FOR A FEW JOTTINGS!

MEETING TUESDAY 19th MAY 2009: Cont:--

**District 9910 International Youth Exchange
Selection Weekend at Waiwera----- By Peter Rowell**

Last weekend Vivienne and myself were privileged to take part in our eighth District 9910 International Youth Exchange Selection weekend. This year Selection was held at the YMCA in Waiwera.

The aim of this weekend was to select worthy applicants from between the ages of sixteen to eighteen who will become future Ambassadors for their Families for Rotary and for New Zealand as outbound IYE students for one year in 2010.

I say privileged because over the course of the weekend we were to meet, interview and interact with nine excellent young people each of whom the Committee were proud to endorse as proposed Out bounds for 2010.

It is always very humbling to meet the exceptional young people who apply for a Rotary Exchange Year as a general rule they are bright, on top of their work and are looking to do much more with their lives.

Two of the successful applicants are to be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orewa, these are Samantha Thornber from Silverdale selected for Chile and Serena Rowell from Stanmore Bay selected for Sweden.

Congratulations on behalf of all Club Members to Serena Rowell, daughter of Peter and Vivienne Rowell for being selected to go to Sweden. good one!

Life Education Trust Rodney.

Bruce Davies would like to thank Peter and Jo Little for arranging the generous Gift to the Trust by Russell and Jenny Coutts of 100 rounds of golf including carts for the inaugural Life Education Trust Rodney Golf tournament at the Gulf Harbour Country Club on Thursday 10th Sept 2009.

Bruce also reported that the Trusts mascot " Harold " the giraffe will be going to Space on August 6th to visit the Space Station with Nicole Stott, an Astronaut with NASA. Many activities will be in the media over coming months about the fantastic opportunity for the children in NZ to learn from Harold about his dream to go into space. Harold will be reporting live from the Space Station during the mission with questions and answers about Food, Nutrition, Air, the stars etc. Projects will be promoted in schools, homes etc to extend the vision and understanding of these important components of learning for the children.

Harold will be returning to Earth in early November and soon after Nicole will be coming to NZ with her husband who's family who have been actively involved in setting the UK and the USA with Life Education and Harold. Good one Bruce! Ed.

"Passion: A feeling you feel when you feel a feeling that you have never felt before!"

AND NOW FOR A FEW, “BELLS AND WHISTLES”

MEETING TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2009:

President Bjorn welcomed 41 members plus D.G. Neil Reid and his wife Trish, Petra our exchange student, Birgitta Modigh, Vivienne Rowell, Serena Rowell, Samantha Thorber (both selected as out bound exchange students) Reg and Lisa Hopper with their two children Riley and Zoe Hopper, and Betty Murray. We had three visiting Rotarians, Dennis Payne, John Windle and Ian Carpenter all from the Whangaparaoa Club.

Announcements: **Tom Lees** mentioned that Moira Bryant who we fund medication for has got a small part time job as a budget adviser.

Thanks: **Adrienne Renton** thanked everyone for the tremendous effort put into helping with the Book Fair.

Welfare: **Frank Emtage** reported on Doug Tooby, Elaine Dennis, Ivy Fuyala and Jacqui Penn. All are progressing well.

Shelter Boxes: **Frank** also thanked Louise Valentine and Pam Davies for the assistance given to raising \$500 for a shelter box at the Book Fair. Ellie McMurtrie also mentioned the positive response from people who had displayed Book Fair brochures in their windows.

District Conference: **Ian Carpenter** mentioned that he is endeavouring to coordinate travel and accommodation to next years conference in Noumea. See Ian for details.

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THE MONSTER BOOK FAIR!!

Well! the fifth Bookfair has come and gone with a profit of approx. \$20,000. A fantastic effort by the two Co-Leaders, Adrienne Renton and Stuart Fluker, their committee and indeed all club members with few exceptions stepped up and helped in some way or another from the start, picking up books, storing, sorting, transporting to and from the venue, those who provided food and drinks and made cups of tea and coffee for the troops during the weekend and in many other ways assisted.

It is amazing what can be done when you have a group of willing people, the bringing in of thousands of books on the Thursday night laying them all out on tables ready for sale. During the sale, filling up tables keeping hundreds of people happy, and then the big clean up. Within two hours of the sale finishing all the books were packed up, onto trucks and whisked back down to the Silverdale School for storing. What an effort with an excellent result.

One person who needs special mention is Graeme Howard who spent literally hundreds of hours over the period most days down at the school sorting, categorising and packing books. Graeme has helped at all five booksales and has done a magnificent job. And on the lighter side there was some great fellowship, fun and laughter. A great club project which we can all be proud of.

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A Big “Thank you” to Peter Main from Eftpos Concepts (NZ) Ltd, Mangere who very kindly loaned us the Eftpos Machine “Free of Charge” for our Bookfair. As a matter of interest 25% of the books purchased were paid for by Eftpos.

“No matter what happens today, remember—today will be tomorrows past, and tomorrow will be today!”

SO! WHAT DO YOU RECKON THEN?"

MEETING TUESDAY 26th MAY 2009:--Cont.

Raffle: Winners were Ian Gibb and Bill Ambler \$67 Good One Ellie!

Sergeants Session: Mark did a great job in extracting \$76-60 from us.

Parting Thought: By Ivan Fuyala, "I reckon this country is small enough for a small man to have a big chance"

Presentation of a Sapphire Pin

Well! who said we couldn't keep a secret!!! Totally surprised was he who received this very high honour and extremely well deserved. Peter Rowell---who else is more deserving for the enormous amount of work and time which he and Vivienne put into serving the District Rotary International Youth Exchange Programme. District Governor Neil Reid on behalf of Rotary District 9910 presented Peter with one of the highest awards in Rotary, a Sapphire Pin which is equivalent to a Paul Harris Fellow Award which Peter is already the recipient of one received over recent years. D.G. Neil in his presentation said of Peter and Vivienne, "they have been hosting students now for 15 years, served on the District Youth Exchange Committee now for 7 years, being the outbound co-ordinator for the last four years. The Rowell household is severely tested several times a year when up to 20 students and their parents descend on them for outbound briefings.

Congratulations Peter, and well done!

Guest Speaker: Well! our District Governor Neil wore two hats tonight one as District Governor presenting awards and also carrying out an induction, but also as our Guest Speaker speaking on a totally different matter and that was as a board member of the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Act.

Neil explained what the Act was all about and asked the question, "how many of us knew what the Act is all about?" not many actually. This act was passed into law in August 2008 and it states that several arts, educational, rescue and community organisations that are vital to the Auckland region contribute to the well being of the whole region by providing facilities or services to the community. So one says, "So what' what's it got to do with me as a ratepayer in Rodney?"

Well up to 20% of our rates could go towards amenities in the greater Auckland area. Neil pointed out who and how does the Auckland Observatory, the Auckland Philharmonic, Auckland Rescue Helicopter, the Theatre Company, Coast Guard Northern, Maritime Museum, Surf Life Saving, Northern Region, and other services get funded. Most of these have been part funded in the way of grants in response to local authorities. But this has not been satisfactory in the sense that this did not give any security of funding and little chance of planning.

Three years ago these eleven organisations all with similar funding issues got together and sponsored a bill that went to Parliament and was subsequently passed into law. The whole purpose of this was to establish a mechanism to provide, sustainable and secure funding for the specified amenities that by providing arts, education, rescue, or community facilities for the Auckland region contributing to the well being and towards making Auckland a vibrant and attractive place to live and visit. A second and just as important purpose is to ensure that all territorial authorities are part of the mechanism and contribute equitably. An interesting talk Neil, so what happens when the Supercity comes along?

Lois Newby suitably thanked Neil for his address.

This is a true story with an excellent outcome.

On Thursday, 24th January 2002, Derek Guille broadcast this story on his afternoon programme on ABC radio.

In March 1999 a man living in Kandos (near Mudgee in NSW, Australia) received a bill for his as yet unused gas line stating that he owed \$0.00. He ignored it and threw it away. In April he received another bill and threw that one away too. The following month the gas company sent him a very nasty note stating that they were going to cancel his gas line if he didn't send them \$0.00 by return mail. He called them, talked to them, and they said it was a computer error and they would take care of it.

The following month he decided that it was about time that he tried out the troublesome gas line figuring that if there was usage on the account it would put an end to this ridiculous predicament. However, when he went to use the gas, it had been cut off.

He called the gas company who apologised for the computer error once again and said that they would take care of it. The next day he got a bill for \$0.00 stating that payment was now overdue. Assuming that having spoken to them the previous day the latest bill was yet another mistake, he ignored it, trusting that the company would be as good as their word and sort the problem out. The next month he got a bill for \$0.00. This bill also stated that he had 10 days to pay his account or the company would have to take steps to recover the debt. Finally, giving in, he thought he would beat the gas company at their own game and mailed them a cheque for \$0.00. The computer duly processed his account and returned a statement to the effect that he now owed the gas company nothing at all.

A week later, the manager of the Mudgee branch of the Westpac Banking Corporation called our hapless friend and asked him what he was doing writing cheque for \$0.00. After a lengthy explanation the bank manager replied that the \$0.00 cheque had caused their cheque processing software to fail. The bank could therefore not process ANY cheques they had received from ANY of their customers that day because the cheque for \$0.00 had caused the computer to crash.

The following month the man received a letter from the gas company claiming that his cheque had bounced and that he now owed them \$0.00 and unless he sent a cheque by return mail they would take immediate steps to recover the debt.

At this point, the man decided to file a debt harassment claim against the gas company. It took him nearly two hours to convince the clerks at the local courthouse that he was not joking. They subsequently helped him in the drafting of statements which were considered substantive evidence of the aggravation and difficulties he had been forced to endure during this debacle. The matter was heard in the Magistrate's Court in Mudgee and the outcome was this:

The gas company was ordered to:

[1] Immediately rectify their computerized accounts system or Show Cause, within 10 days, why the matter should not be referred to a higher court for consideration under Company Law.

[2] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by the man.

[3] Pay the bank dishonour fees incurred by all the Westpac clients whose cheques had been bounced on the day our friend's had been processed.

[4] Pay the claimant's court costs; and

[5] Pay the claimant a total of \$1500 per month for the 5 month period March to July inclusive as compensation for the aggravation they had caused their client to suffer.

And, all this over \$0.00.

This story can also be viewed on the ABC website who employs these idiots??

Remember, these "people" walk among us and breathe the same air we do, and they BREED!!!

Induction

Our newest member **Reg Hopper** was introduced by Doug Parker, Membership Director. Not often does a new member have the honour and privilege of being inducted by Neil Reid our District Governor, so Reg we hope you feel uplifted by this honour.

Reg was born on 27th October 1963 in Foxton and was educated at Waiphehu College in Levin. He grew up in Levin where he played rugby and was a member of the local Young Farmers Club for 2 years.

Reg worked in the family owned Agriculture Spraying Business for approx 7 years.

Travelled overseas for 3 to 4 years, backpacking around Europe, Israel, Egypt, South East Asia and ending up in England where he worked for 12 months before

returning to New Zealand.

Upon returning Reg started his own Roofing and Spouting business which he has

now had for the past 16 years. The business has grown over the last few years to include general building maintenance, and approximately 70% of Reg's work is with one customer. Not long after returning to New Zealand Reg met his wife Lisa, they married in 1998 and have two daughters Riley (6) and Zoe (4). They live on a small lifestyle block in Top Road Redvale, where they have some cattle, sheep and chickens

The Italian Golfer:

An 80 year old Italian goes to the doctor for a "check-up" The doctor is amazed at the good shape the guy is in and asks, "How do you stay in such great physical condition?" "I'm Italian and I am a golfer, "says the old guy, that's why I am in such good shape" "I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways and I enjoy a glass of wine occasionally"

"Well!" said the doctor, "I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it than that?" "how old was your father when he died?" "Who said my father was dead?" asks the Italian" The doctor is amazed, 'You mean to tell me that you are 80 years old and your father is still alive/" "How old is he?" asks the doctor.

The Italian said, "Oh! he's 100years old," In fact this morning we had a game of golf together, and then we went for a walk along a topless beach and had a glass of wine, and that's is why he is still alive, he's Italian too"

"Well!" the doctor said, "that's great, "How about your Dad's dad? how old was he when he died?" 'Who said my Grandad was dead?" Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean that you are 80 years old, your father is 100 years old, so how old is your Grandad then?" The Italian replied, "Oh! he's 118 years old" The doctor is getting a bit frustrated by now and said, "So I guess he went golfing with you also this morning?" Oh! no, Grandad didn't come golfing this morning, he's getting married today" "What! said the doctor, "Getting Married?? Why on earth would he want to get married at 118 years old!! The Italian replied, "Who said he wanted to?

-----and by the way, you all have a great week now!----Ed. Doug P.