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Rotary Club of Suva East

RI President Bill Boyd (Lorna)
Rotary Club of Pakuranga Inc

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DISTRICT 9920 NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT CONFERENCE
9920

April 27th - 29th 2007
at the

SOFITEL
ACCOR HOTELS & RESORTS
Co-hosted by Rotary Club of Nadi

February is World Understanding Month

23 February 2007 is Rotary's 102nd anniversary

District Governor's Message

Bula everybody, I can't believe it is already February! 2007 has arrived and we find ourselves well into the downhill half of this Rotary year. Cate and I are amazed, deeply impressed and truly inspired by the depth of commitment and dedication of District 9920 Rotarians working at club and district levels. And more so by the breadth of programs and programs your clubs are undertaking and planning. You should all be truly proud of your **achievements**.

Thank you to the clubs we have visited to date, which is all but five. Each of you has welcomed me and where possible Cate and our children (given they attend middle school in Fiji), into your midst as friends which is a great gift. Many of you have taken the time to highlight your achievements and afford us your hospitality. We remain truly grateful for all this and we are sure that the memories of our time with you will remain with us forever. As for those four clubs remaining (Mangere, Pukekohe, Rarotonga, Suva East and Waiuku); the best is yet to come right? I look forward to it!

November was Rotary Foundation Month. But every month all Clubs are encouraged to use or support **our Foundation**. There is so much need in the world and our Foundation is leading the way in addressing it, there are wonderful stories to be told of lives saved, health restored, poverty averted, and self-respect regained. Each club should use the Foundation for resources to achieve your goals and concurrently to contribute to it so we can achieve our goals in years to come.

On a very different subject, our district is way behind the rest of the world when it comes to **Rotary Community Corps**. Coming from a bloke who knows a little about how the islands work, I think this is a big part of the solution to many of our projects and problems. Take a look at the RI website and read up on this fascinating part of our arsenal. The rest of the Rotary world have invented this wheel, all we have to do is use it.

Membership Extension news: we wait with anticipation to hear the outcome of the February meeting of the RI Board, at which the agenda

item of three new Rotary countries (The Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Wallis and Futuna) will

be tabled. We hope that some two years of research, presentations and lobbying will bear fruit for District 9920 and if so we are ready to commence work on the new provisional clubs in two of these places; **Wallis and Futuna and Kiribati!** I will be eager to keep you posted.

Lastly, re **conference**, many of you will have received an email from me reassuring you about how Fiji is back on the tourist hit list. NZ has downgraded its travel advisory and the resorts are all working hard to welcome people and provide a fantastic tourism experience. The host committee of the Nadi club are working very hard to prepare for your arrival and we have so many people coming from exotic places to enrich our experiences.

So I am pleased to advise we have **extended the Early bird special** period, following some special requests from NZ Rotarians, until the end of February. But this will absolutely be the last extension. So make sure you go to <http://www.rotary.org.nz/function.cfm?ID=69> and look at all the new info there. Then go to the registration page <http://www.rotary.org.nz/function.cfm?ID=69&Action=R> and make your reservations so you do not overlook the discount honeymoon period.

As a special offer, please refer to the post conference cruise we have negotiated with **Blue Lagoon Cruises**. This is a deal only ever offered to volunteers of one week and over at Rotahomes or other Rotary projects, and never offered to tourists. My family and I took a cruise recently and it was the best thing we have ever done in Fiji, I can assure you. So it is extra special and I hope you will take advantage of it. This will truly be the conference your club members will be talking about for some years so don't miss out.

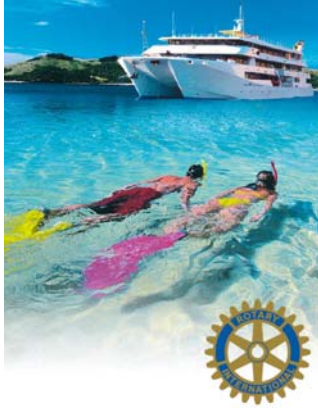
All the best, Warwick



Have you registered for District Conference yet?

To register for a safe, fun filled holiday go to the conference webpage via the District 9902 Homepage at www.rotary.org.nz

There are special opportunities such as a Blue Lagoon Cruise available ...



Please ensure that **all** of your club members receive a copy of this *District 9920 Newsletter* even if this means that you need to run off a few extra copies to hand out.



Dong Kurn Lee, a Rotary Foundation trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hangang, Korea, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for **President of Rotary International in 2008-2009**. A Rotarian since 1971, he has served RI as a Director, Treasurer, District Governor, Training Leader, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, and Membership Task Force Co-ordinator in Asia. He began his tenure on the Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003-2004 and is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Our **Rotary Zone 7 & 8 Director 2008-2010** will be **John Lawrence** of Brisbane Planetarium, Queensland, Australia.

BILL AND LORNA BOYD CHARITABLE TRUST

- Submitted by Bill Duncan

The Rotary Club of Pakuranga Inc, Auckland, New Zealand, the home of the current World President, Bill Boyd has formed a charitable trust to be known as the Bill and Lorna Boyd Charitable Trust. The Trust is a way of **commemorating Bill's year as Rotary International President** as well as assisting New Zealand Rotary Clubs with their future specific Rotary endeavours.

The club decided to call the Trust the Bill and Lorna Boyd Charitable Trust in view of **Lorna's staunch support** of Bill in his Rotary endeavours, both in New Zealand and throughout the world.

The Trust has donor and donee status meaning that any individual in New Zealand will be able to seek a receipt for **tax rebate** purposes. The Pakuranga Club also believes that there will be many **clubs and individuals** throughout New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific Islands who will want to donate to the Trust. **Donations** can be sent to:

The Bill and Lorna Boyd Charitable Trust
C/- Fortune Manning Solicitors, PO Box 4139, Auckland, New Zealand

or by direct transfer to Fortune Manning's account: **FORTUNE MANNING LAW PARTNERSHIP TRUST ACCOUNT**
ASB BANK LTD – FEDERAL STREET BRANCH, AUCKLAND 12-3064-0170133-02

The **Trustees** of the Trust are Bill and Lorna Boyd for life, a nominee of the District Governor for District 9920 (currently PDG Tony Fortune), a nominee of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga Inc (currently PDG Noel Holyoake) and a nominee of the Rotary Club of Newmarket Inc (currently PDG Ross Craig). All donations will be **acknowledged** by the appropriate receipt and a formal letter of thanks from the Rotary Club of Pakuranga Inc on behalf of the Trustees.

Enjoy our stunning summer with the Waiuku Sunset Coast Walkway experience

Pack your lunch, family & friends for a walk in the peace & quiet of The Peninsular, only an hour from Auckland. The Rotary Club of Waiuku Inc has organized a fun walk of (approx) 5km or 10km so you can enjoy the tranquility & views while also helping to raise funds for the Surf Life Saving Kariaotahi on **Sunday 18 February 2007** starting between 8.30am & 2pm & ending at the Isola Equestrian Centre.

Entry is just \$15 for adults & \$5 for children, including a free sausage & soft drink.

Enter before or on the day.

Contacts are rotary@waiuku.com or 09-235 3880

- a lifeStyle event



A Bold New Leadership Opportunity for 28-35 year olds

GALA INVITATION

STEP UP will now be a name you have heard more than once over the last eight months. It is the newest, most exciting Rotary project that District 9920 has had in many years. You are invited to the **Gala Dinner**, where you will meet first hand the STEP UP participants. They will be presenting their first day's activities & results, with all the proceeds being presented to our chosen charity "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf".

Gala Dinner is on **Thursday 8 March 2007** 6pm for 6.30pm start

Venue: Waipuna Hotel, Mt Wellington

Cost per Rotarian: \$50.00

Cheque payable to: Rotary Club of Manukau City Sunrise Inc
C/- PO Box 76 529, Manukau City

RSVP by **Friday 16 February** to either PP Ruth Hunt
ruth.lanson@xtra.co.nz or AG Leanne Cummerfield
lcummerfield@alliancemarketing.co.nz or 263 9466 (Bus)

RIP Bill's MESSAGE

January 2007
In *The Rotarian* magazine

Dear fellow Rotarians,

When we are asked, **what is Rotary?** It can sometimes be difficult to give a quick and easy answer. Rotary is about so many things: friendship and fellowship, international understanding and cooperation, vocational ethics and community leadership. All these values brought us to Rotary, and all are reasons why we stay.

But first and foremost, Rotary is about service and putting **Service Above Self**. Rotary was founded for fellowship, but it quickly grew into an organization where people who wanted to serve others came together to do it - better, more effectively, and more enjoyably than they could have alone. We're members of our clubs so we can work through them to help others. That is why we're Rotarians. That is why we're here.

The **four Avenues of Service** are, and always will be, central to Rotary's work. They help us find balance in our choice of projects and aid us in achieving the Object of Rotary. Through Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service, we strive to uphold this ideal. Every project we carry out - every playground we refurbish, every well we help dig, every adult we teach to read, every child we immunize against polio - makes the world we all live in a bit better, a bit healthier, a bit happier. And it demonstrates to others that in the long term, we do not succeed professionally *despite* our commitment to doing what is right - we succeed *because* of it.

Everything we do in Rotary supports the **Object of Rotary**. When we work to strengthen The Rotary Foundation, we're building greater resources to support our service. When we work to increase membership, we're doing it so we'll have more hands to carry out our projects. Although some things in Rotary, like the Object of Rotary and the four Avenues of Service, do not change, our organization has evolved over the decades to find better and more efficient ways of meeting our goals. The Club Leadership Plan is one such tool. In it, we have an effective road map for organizing our clubs and allowing each one to work to its full potential, in every one of the four Avenues of Service.

By simplifying our club leadership structure, we free more of our time, energy, and resources for the real business of Rotary, which is, and always will be, service. By upholding our commitment to our four Avenues of Service, we honor the generations of Rotarians who followed them in the past - and **Lead the Way** for generations to come.

Bill Boyd

- From www.rotary.org

CONGRATULATIONS BILL

QSO (Companion of the Order for Community Service) William Bernard Boyd, Manukau

The award is given to New Zealand residents who have served as a **valuable volunteer to the community**, whether in elected or public office. The Queen appoints 30 people each year. "While Lorna and I are honored for me to receive the QSO, we recognize that this is recognition of the standing of Rotary in our community," replied Bill.

RDU Revitalised

Welcome to 2007's new-look Rotary Down Under representation in New Zealand & the Pacific Islands. Last year saw many changes to RDU & that restructuring has revitalised this valuable Rotary resource as never before.

Past District Governor Beryl Robinson is the new Rotary Down Under Editorial and Promotions Manager for New Zealand and the Pacific Islands & is assisted by her Rotarian husband, **Colin**. Clubs & districts are encouraged to submit quality articles & photos to Beryl, especially on new or unique Rotary events &/or programmes, so that she can ensure that Rotary in New Zealand & the Pacific Islands receives excellent publicity in *RDU* magazine, along with our fair share of feature cover articles! All that's needed is up to 300 words (in Word format) attached to an email plus 1-2 close up digital action photos (300+ dpi) attached to the same email with photo caption(s) at the bottom of your article.

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Rotary Club of Auckland Harbourside Inc. (1994)

Annual Gala Charity Ball



RENDEZVOUS
HOTELS & RESORTS INTERNATIONAL

▼ Mayoral Drive, Auckland

▼ Dress: International Dress / Formal

▼ **Saturday 31 March 2007**
6.30pm - 12.00 midnight

▼ Dinner, Dance & Entertainment
Live Band - Dynamite Dance Caboose (DDC)

▼ Raffles, Silent Auction and Major Prizes

▼ **Charity supported:**
Alzheimers Auckland Inc.

▼ Admission: \$75 pp (includes \$20 donation)

For Ball tickets phone Renu on 021 722952 or email renu.timney.crooks@macquarie.com



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION Annual Giving Contributions

| Club | Last Year | This Year To 31 Dec |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Alfriston Inc | 3,200.00 | 0.00 |
| Apia | | 0.00 |
| Auckland Inc | 25,260.00 | 0.00 |
| Auckland City Sunrise Inc | 2,400.00 | 0.00 |
| Auckland City Sunset Inc | 546.65 | 0.00 |
| Auckland East Inc | 5,770.00 | 0.00 |
| Auckland Harbourside Inc | | 0.00 |
| Botany East Tamaki Inc | 1,450.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Downtown Auckland Inc | 7,050.00 | 102.51 |
| Drury Inc | 6,050.00 | 400.00 |
| Ellerslie Sunrise Inc | 13,920.00 | 5,020.00 |
| Half Moon Bay Inc | | 0.00 |
| Howick Inc | 5,531.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Labasa | | 0.00 |
| Lautoka | 980.00 | 0.00 |
| Mangere Inc | 3,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Manukau City Sunrise Inc | | 0.00 |
| Moorea | | 4,928.00 |
| Mt Eden Inc | 4,160.00 | 2,983.00 |
| Nadi | | 0.00 |
| Newmarket Inc | 1,590.00 | 19,500.00 |
| Nuku'alofa | | 0.00 |
| Otahuhu Inc | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Pago Pago | | 3,100.00 |
| Pakuranga Inc | 12,500.00 | 3,031.00 |
| Papakura Inc | 5,100.00 | 5,170.00 |
| Papatoetoe West Inc | | 2,000.00 |
| Papeete - Tahiti | | 4,928.00 |
| Parnell Inc | 4,400.00 | 5,945.00 |
| Penrose Inc | | 2,000.00 |
| Pohutukawa Coast Inc | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Pukekohe Inc | 5,400.00 | 0.00 |
| Raiatea-Tahaa | | 0.00 |
| Rarotonga | 2,600.00 | 0.00 |
| Remuera Inc | 200.00 | 4,300.00 |
| Savaai | 200.00 | 0.00 |
| Savu Savu | | 8,476.00 |
| Sigatoka | | 0.00 |
| Somerville Howick Inc | | 0.00 |
| St Johns Inc | 3,460.00 | 0.00 |
| Suva | | 0.00 |
| Suva East | | 0.00 |
| Suva North | 350.00 | 0.00 |
| Suva Peninsula Sunset | | 0.00 |
| Taravao Tahiti-Iti | | 0.00 |
| Taveuni Island | | 0.00 |
| Tuakau Inc | | 0.00 |
| Waiheke Inc | | 0.00 |
| Waiuku Inc | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Rotary District 9920 | | 0.00 |
| Rotaract Club of Auckland City | | 231.00 |
| Total \$NZ | 120,617.65 | 78,814.51 |
| This Year's Target \$NZ | | 171,625.00 |
| To Go \$NZ | | 92,810.49 |

We have not yet reached 50% of the target set by District Governor Warwick, so if your club has not yet made your contribution, **please forward your remittance asap** to:

Dr Iain Wakefield
District 9920 Rotary Foundation Committee Chair
C/o Rotary Club of Drury Inc,
PO Box 26, Drury

Did you know?

Laos is the newest country in Rotary with the establishment of a club with 35 members in the capital city, Vientiane.

DGE Alan Davies is in San Diego at **International Assembly** which is the main training seminar for DGs-to-be.

RDU magazine in **February 2007** will have some especially interesting NZ articles (& the funnies are great!)

The Burden of Being a Volunteer "But it's a volunteer organization ..."

One of the most used and abused clichés around Rotary is "It's a volunteer organization". This is normally used as an excuse when a job is not done, done improperly or done incompletely. The inference is that since we are an organization of volunteer members, we cannot expect a person to meet their obligations and commitments. It should be the other way around. Because we are a volunteer group and you cannot force anyone to take on a job there is a **higher level of expectation** when a person volunteers and says "yes". This Rotarian stepped up and said they would do a job or accomplish a task. No one forced them to accept. No one forced them to "volunteer".

All Rotarians are capable. Each is at some level in their profession that indicates success and capability. A Club President should not have to do every job in the club, they should not have to follow everyone to see that each individual task is completed; they should be able to expect that their "volunteers" will complete the tasks they have accepted. As a **leader**, when assigning a task there should be guidance, direction and instruction so that the job can be understood and completed. Leaders offer further assistance as needed. When a Rotarian accepts a task, they should therefore know if they can accomplish it or not. Unfortunately then, it follows that if the task is not completed it is probably due to the Rotarian not wanting to finish the task ... *This lack of commitment to completing the task and the Club is unacceptable and yet often brushed off with an excuse 'Well it's a volunteer organization and you can't expect someone to honor their commitments.*

Another cliché is "If you can't do the **time**, don't do the crime" ...or more apt in Rotary, "If you won't complete the job, don't volunteer for it" ...just say no. A voluntary "yes" has set a level of commitment and expectation in the person asking. They should be able to expect that the job will be completed. A voluntary "no" ...rather than a job poorly done, benefits the entire Club and allows you an opportunity at another time.

One of the reasons we have difficulty getting members to **accept the obligation of Rotary leadership** is that in many cases we are expecting the leader to do everything. Why is the leader the only one expected to live up to their "voluntary" commitment? Other members see this lack of support and the heavy workload placed on leadership and they are unwilling to be put in that same position.

It is time for all Rotarians to take the business of and commitment to volunteering seriously. We begin our Rotary life accepting the motto **Service Above Self**. To be successful in Rotary, as in our professional lives, we must be prepared to honor our commitments and complete the work at hand for which we volunteered.

**Are you meeting all your commitments and all you "volunteered" to accomplish?
Are you helping others to do the same?**

- From International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians international website www.ivfr.net

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Rotary club meeting **meals** worldwide are: 48% dinner; 34% lunch; 10% breakfast; & 8% don't serve any meal.

The **average club** has 40 members.

The **English alphabet** originated from the Phoenician's in 1700BC.

2007 Coast to Coast Charity Motorcycle Ride

Background: The **Rotary Club of Drury Inc** has been involved in the organisation and running of many community projects, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for local and international charity projects.

The Charity: The **Westpac Helicopter Trust** is in the process of commissioning a new helicopter, and the Rotary Club of Drury, have decided to assist and raise funding to provide a mobile auxiliary refuelling tanker. The advantage in having a mobile refuelling facility is that it will enable the Rescue Helicopter to increase its range and length/time of operations. This added ability will literally save lives.

The Fundraiser: Recreational motorcycling is one of the fastest growing pastimes for 'mature' adults. One club specifically catering to the mature rider, sports over 4,000 members nationwide and 600 in Auckland alone. This does not include all recreational motorcyclists, as there are at 29 other road motorcycling clubs in Auckland. This figure does not include another dozen or so clubs in both Northland and Waikato.

A coast to coast motorcycle ride is planned for **March 2007**, starting at **10.00am** at **Karioitahi Beach** on the West Coast (via Waiuku in Franklin District) and finishing late afternoon at **Whitianga**, on the Coromandel Peninsular. A true coast to coast, Tasman Sea to Pacific Ocean.

The route will offer some **spectacular scenery**, ranging from Waikato farm land, the famous Karangahake Gorge, and the beautiful Coromandel east Coast, ending with an **evening of fellowship and entertainment** at the Mercury Bay Club.

The Rotary Club of Woodville Inc runs a similar tour, from Himatangi Beach in the Horowhenua, to the Hawkes Bay. This event has been running for a few years already and attracts 450 riders each year, from throughout the North Island and some from the South as well.

The opportunity: We are looking for support at different levels:

Firstly, we have available the chief **naming rights**, e.g. The Acme Explosives Company Coast to Coast Motorcycle Rally 2007. Secondly, we will have the rally divided into **three stages**, which will be known as Kumagutza Motor Coy Stage, The Big Risk Insurance Company Stage etc.

And thirdly, we are looking for **spot prizes and giveaways** to include with each registration pack.

The rewards: We believe that we are providing you with an opportunity to reach out to a huge market place, with a large disposal income - invariably the entrants of this type of event are middle aged and are passionate about their recreation - many of the touring and sports motorcycles ridden today are in the \$20k - \$40k range. They come from all walks of life and all demographics. This is your chance to support not only a great event, but it's an opening to **show case your product or service**.

The **opportunities** for presenting your product/service extends from naming rights of the event or stage, to roadside signage marking the stages and inclusion of your provided literature to the entrants in their individual registration packs.



Where to from here?

Please contact our Event Director

Past AG Harry Maidment

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"Get your motor running, out there on the highway, looking for adventure, whatever comes our way ..."

Attend Salt Lake City Convention & experience the bigger and better **House of Friendship**. As you enter, you will see an Indian Village, 150 feet by 35 feet, complete with a stream. The signage will be on totem poles showing languages and directions. There will be comfortable conversation areas and roving entertainment and the food area will feed 1,000 people at a time with plenty of choice (and alcohol available). There will be an internet area and connections to the Genealogy Centre. If you want to study your family even more, there will be tours of the Genealogy Centre. And your gift bag will be very usable!

A new feature will be the **Rotary Youth Hub** with attractions for Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars, and any other young attendees plus probably a few other Rotarians. Plans currently include a climbing wall, movies made in Utah shown on a large screen, bean bags, internet, a snack bar, virtual rides and a mechanical bull. The Host Committee wants to encourage our young future Rotarians to attend Conventions!

I haven't covered the **Rendezvous in the Park** on Sunday, or the **Business to Business** contact sessions being arranged. I have not told you anything of the **Plenary sessions** and the **Workshops** or the special features of the **opening and closing** and they can wait till later but **Donny Osmond's** breaking his tour through the US to entertain us at the opening - *Abridged letter to DGs from RIP Bill Boyd*