



## *Presidents Post*

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

Hope everyone enjoyed a cracking test between the Lions and the All Blacks even if you just have a passing interest for the All Blacks.

This past Tuesday night we visited Expressions in Upper Hutt and viewed a great exhibit about the universe and some lovely pictures and then had a delightful Italian meal at Jovan's Kitchen across the road.

This coming week we have our Changeover but it has been moved to Wednesday night to accommodate the Lions versus the Hurricanes taking place on the Tuesday night.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday for changeover and would like to thank everyone for my time as the club President.

Joe Howard

President

Rotary Club of Hutt River Valley

## Meeting Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> - Expressions Upper Hutt

This week a goodly number of Rotarians and Partners gathered at the Gallery in Expressions in Upper Hutt to have a brief look around the exhibitions on display at present.

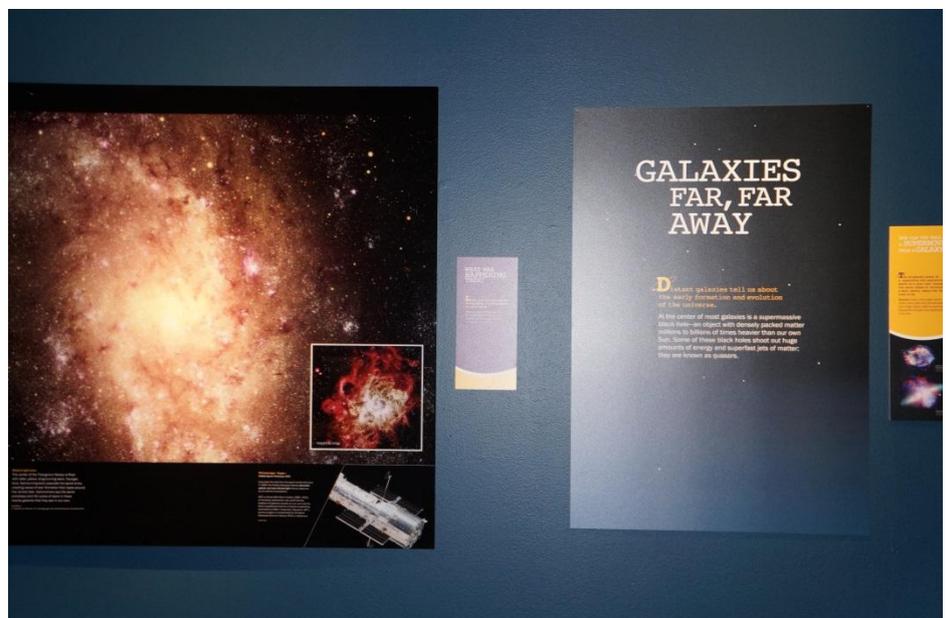
There were two exhibitions on, one dealing with the Upper Hutt blockhouse built in the mid 1800's and one presented in conjunction with the Smithsonian which displayed photographs of some of the galaxies in our universe.

Combined with these photographs there was various snippets of interesting information about what was happening on earth when the light we see now was leaving that galaxy.



A couple of extremely interesting exhibitions and I would recommend to all those that did not go that a visit to see them would be very worthwhile.

Any "Star Wars" fans!!!!!!





## *Parting thought*

"Space is for everybody. It's not just for a few people in science or math, or for a select group of astronauts. That's our new frontier out there, and it's everybody's business to know about space."

Christa McAuliffe, Teacher and Challenger Astronaut

## *Upcoming programme*

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Away meeting at Expressions Upper Hutt - TBC

**June 27<sup>th</sup> – Changeover – Due to the Lions/Hurricanes match changer over may be shifted to Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Away meeting at Seashore Café Petone

July 11<sup>th</sup> – Electoral Forum

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Away, Club Forum venue TBC

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Karen Morgan, Principal Taita College

August 1<sup>st</sup> – Movie fundraiser and the movie will be “Paris can Wait”

Anne is at a crossroads in her life. Long married to a successful, driven but inattentive movie producer, she unexpectedly finds herself taking a car trip from Cannes to Paris with a business associate of her husband. What should be a seven-hour drive turns into a carefree two-day adventure replete with diversions involving picturesque sights, fine food and wine, humour, wisdom and romance, reawakening Anne's senses and giving her a new lust for life.

## Duties

|                       | 28-Jun                                     | 4-Jul                | 11-Jul                          | 18-Jul                              | 25-Jul                                   | 1-Aug                              |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Guest Speaker & Topic | Changeover. Duties allocated by organisers | Seashore Café Petone | Electoral Forum                 | Club Forum. New Projects. Venue TBC | Karen Morgan, Principal at Taita College | Movie Fundraiser. "Paris Can Wait" |
| Host                  |  |                      | Leigh Sutton                    |                                     | Richard Beaufort                         |                                    |
| Set Up                | Alan Thorburn                              |                      | Richard Stephen                 |                                     | Alan Thorburn                            |                                    |
| Grace                 |  |                      | Peter Wright                    |                                     | Joe Howard                               |                                    |
| Thanks                |  |                      | Phil Hankinson                  |                                     | Graham Smeaton                           |                                    |
| Parting Thought       |  |                      | Stu Blake                       |                                     | Keith McKenzie                           |                                    |
| Stewards & Tidy Up    |  |                      | John Anderson (T)<br>Raj Prasad |                                     | Casey Diver<br>Russell Poole             |                                    |

## District Governor Martin's June Message



Like all officeholders for the year, Denise and I are reflecting on what we have been able to achieve, what we would like to achieve in the next month and what will have to flow over into future years. I recall vaguely from my studies in quality management in manufacturing that a job should be passed on to the next person in the condition that you would like to receive it. I am sure we have all been able to achieve something along these lines as we prepare for District and Club changeovers.

Throughout the year, Denise and I have been impressed with the huge amount of voluntary service you are providing our communities throughout the lower North Island. We often learn of these efforts through Club bulletins. In Clubs and in Districts there are also people working, often behind the scenes, to support our efforts as Rotarians. Our aim as a leadership development organisation should be to help others succeed, which is truly 'Service Above Self.'

For example, our District's risk management policy is being reviewed, including our approach to youth protection. Others in the District and in Clubs are considering how to update our District Constitution. Clubs will also have looked at changing their Constitutions and Bylaws in light of Council on Legislation changes. Officeholders are providing support in our avenues of service and in functional areas such as administration, club development, learning and development, The Rotary Foundation and public image. All of the support being provided in our Districts and Clubs needs to be acknowledged.

My experience has been that those Clubs who engage in District roles, attend our various training courses and the District Conference are better connected and able to much more easily access resources and people.

We have really appreciated the generosity of Rotarians who have offered their support or respond to calls for assistance in areas where we have needed help. I am sure such support will continue to be provided when DGE Mitchell assumes office on 1 July.

Clubs have made a huge effort to introduce new members to Rotary and we have seen inspiring examples of several people being inducted on one evening and younger members being brought in to Rotary. This encourages me for the future of Rotary and we need to engage these new members early and introduce them to the richness of Rotary that they can share in.

I will be making more comments about the year at the District Changeover on 1 July in Palmerston North, which I encourage as many as possible to attend.

In the final month of the Rotary year, I ask Clubs to pay particular attention to achievement of the RI Presidential Citation. I can see results of all Clubs on a dashboard. Only 15 of our 54 Clubs have achieved even some of the thresholds for the Citation, which are in the seven areas of mandatory activities, membership, Foundation giving, online tool adoption, humanitarian service, new generations and public service.

### *Rotary Fellowships: Mixing Passion, Friendship, and Service*

Friendship is one of the top reasons members join and stay in Rotary. To boost these ties, Rotary Fellowships offer members, spouses, and Rotaractors the chance to connect with one another while enjoying their favorite recreational or professional pursuits. Over 60 Rotary Fellowships cover interests from tennis to wine, marathon running to cooking, scuba diving to recreational vehicles, jazz to computers, and more.

Rotary Fellowships arrange regional and international events, contests, and meetings where members bond and build lasting friendships outside their clubs,

districts, and even countries. June is Rotary Fellowships Month, so make sure to read our Rotary Service Connections blog to learn how several fellowships combine fun and friendship with service. By connecting Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni with shared interests, the fellowships extend the Rotary experience beyond local communities.

If you wish to find out about the fellowships that exist follow the link below.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>