



Presidents Post

Greetings fellow Rotarians

It was encouraging to see the range of informed and varied opinions that our Rotarians had at our insightful soapbox last week. With that idea in my mind we have a couple of upcoming events that you need to be aware of.

First off, we have an informal meeting on Tuesday 4th September and to touch up a few remaining matters of business before the Bowling Tournament on Sunday September 9th. We are also having a board meeting on Tuesday to handle a few outstanding matters of business and look into new fundraising ideas for this Rotary year that have been presented to us.

We will be having guest speakers after the bowling tournament and an upcoming movie fundraiser at the end of October that is still in planning stages. I will advise the club when a date and movie is chosen.

Finally, at the previous meeting we agreed to take part in the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Campaign that will begin in a few weeks' time. This means on Saturday 15th September we will be cleaning up the Riverbank from Pomare to Silverstream. We will be joined by our rotary friends from Upper Hutt. I will be passing around volunteer sheets over the next couple of meetings to compile members interested in being a part of this event.

I would like to take the time to remind everyone that if you have ideas for things the club can do don't be afraid to share them via communication with myself and the board or at our regular Rotary meetings. The announcements cannot be all about myself forever.

That's me for now see you next week enjoy the remaining weekend and Happy Father's Day to the Dads in our club.

Kind Regards

Casey Diver, President, Hutt river Valley Rotary Club.

Meeting Tuesday 28th August

A soap box evening afforded the opportunity to speak on a variety of topics which in turn lead to the expression of a diverse range of viewpoints from the assembled club members.



Topics comprised:

Pending legislation around tenancy agreements (Peter Chaney)

A proposal to turn the current six rotary districts into one 'super district' – a cost saving measure. Australia's current membership stands at 20 000 but is forecast to halve by 2020. Our district, 9940, has a current membership of 1604 but last year suffered a loss of 100 plus and to date, this year, has lost 53 members. (Richard Stephen).

President elect, Raj Prasad, called upon members to volunteer for club support roles during his presidency. He will individually approach members to enlist this support.

Graham Smeaton raised the controversial topic of government funding for our All Blacks!!!

Information and Reminders

President Casey: Possible speakers for the remainder of this year;

Friends of Baring Head Lighthouse; Susan Austin - end of life campaigner; Weta Workshop. Suggestion that these speakers be promoted for the wider Naenae Club members to attend.

Peter Chaney: Our club will participate in the Hutt Valley foodbank food collection scheduled for September.

September 9th – Bowling for Polio at the Naenae Bowling Club 2-00 to 6-00pm. **Please consider inviting your friends to this event.**

September 15th – World Clean Up Day – Club members please meet at the carpark opposite the entrance to Stokes Valley at 10-00am. We will clean up an area north along the Hutt River bank.

September 18th - John Anderson (Grocer) - Healthy Families

October 9th - District Governor Marion Johnston to visit.

A movie evening is planned for October at the Lighthouse in Petone.

Duties

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Guest Speaker & Topic	Informal / Board meeting follows	
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Members' thoughts are with Peter Wright as he convalesces after recent surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.