

## Welcome to Timon Kraus

Our club welcomes the arrival of Timon, our International Youth Exchange student from Germany.

*Dear Rotary Members! My name is Timon Christiaan Krause and I'm 16 years old. I am your exchange-student. I came from Germany..well, I am sent out from a Dutch club, because we live on the border between Germany and the Netherlands. Almost all of my friends are in Germany and we live in Germany.*

*So, I came from Germany and the Netherlands and I'll stay in Hamilton for one year. My school is Hillcrest High and I already started making friends and getting used to living in New Zealand. And yes, I like it so far.*

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## Coming up in August:

- 6 Aug** Speaker: **Carmen Jacobsen**  
"This is my life"
- 6 Aug** **Sunrise @ Six**  
6pm at The Helm Bar - see advertisement p5
- 13 Aug** Speaker: **Stewart Gibson**  
Outbound IYE student (Jan 2011), and **Colin Sanderson**, IYE District Chair
- 14 Aug** **District Seminar**  
Taupo. All members invited to attend. Registrations to [oto-rotary.org](http://oto-rotary.org) by Thurs 12 August
- 20 Aug** Speaker: **Richard Francis**  
"Doing Business in China"
- 20 Aug** **RYDA**  
Programme for Hamilton Girls High School
- 27 Aug** Speaker: **DGE Raewyn Kirkman**  
"Rotary"



"(RI President) Ray Klingensmith is a visionary, but he is not complicated. He sees things in simple terms and has decided to lead what is almost a crusade to make Rotary relevant to the 21st century"  
*DG Peter Signal,  
District 9930  
Changeover Speech*

## District changeover

District Changeover was held in Otorohanga, 3 July, celebrating completion of DG Colin Olesen's year, and welcoming incoming DG Peter Signal. With a great mix of ceremony and down to earth Kiwiana hospitality, it was an enjoyable day for all who attended.

Waikato Sunrise was acknowledged with the following awards for the 2009/10 year:

### **Rotary International award for Membership**

(awarded to 14 of 55 clubs in the 9930 District) and

the **Rotary Presidential Citation**. We were also

acknowledged as 3<sup>rd</sup> in District for Foundation giving.



## Check out Rotary Down Under Magazine's July highlights:

Ray Klinginsmith: Man from Missouri on a Mission p13

What Generation Gap? p18

Gates Kicks in for Africa – Polio update p 27

## Update from Meliors Simms, Artist in Residence, HGHS

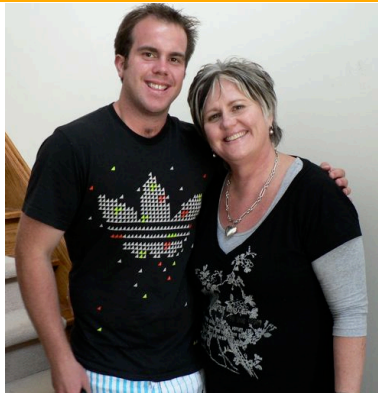
**From:** Meliors Simms [<mailto:meliors6@gmail.com>] **Sent:** Wednesday, 28 July 2010 11:53 a.m. **To:** Mary Ann Baxter **Subject:** fruits of the residency

Kia ora Mary Ann I thought I would let you know that some of my own projects that I was working on during the Residency at HGHS last year are going public in the next few weeks. My exhibition, Punctuated Equilibrium is starting this weekend at Waikato Museum. Almost all the elements of this installation were made in the Girls High studio during my residency last year. Another piece I made in the HGHS studio, Ross Island, is a finalist in the National Contemporary Art Awards, which opens at the Museum on 6 August. I'm one of the guest poets reading at the Hamilton central library this Friday, and at least one of the poems I will be reading was written during my residency. And last, but not least, I am presenting at Pecha Kucha during the Spark Festival at Wintec on 10 Aug, and I will be talking about the major themes in my work at the moment, with some reference to what I focused on during the residency. As far as possible I am trying to acknowledge the wonderful, essential support of the Sunrise Rotary/ HGHS Residency, without which I could not have accomplished so much so quickly. I don't know what you are planning for the next residency, but I may be asked some questions over the next few weeks. What is the chosen medium for 2010? If you do have a time frame or point of contact, I would be happy to share information with people who ask. Warm regards Meliors Blog: [www.meliors.net](http://www.meliors.net) Shop: [www.meliors.etsy.com](http://www.meliors.etsy.com) Video: [www.youtube.com/meliors6](http://www.youtube.com/meliors6)



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*My hobbies - In Germany I started with ballroom and Latin dance 1.5 years ago, and I will keep it on in New Zealand as well. I love to dance! 7 years ago I started playing the saxophone and I'll have a saxophone in New Zealand, too. Mr Cook (my music-teacher) offered me to take saxophone lessons at Hillcrest High, that's very good. My third big hobby is magic. I used to earn money by doing magic shows since 3 years and I really love to perform everywhere. So don't be surprised when I play around with little red balls, cards or coins anytime. What do I expect from my exchange-year? Some great experiences, heaps of new friends and lots of good memories. I'm really looking forward to spending a weekend with some of you and to the Rotary-tours on the southern and northern islands. Since I'm arrived I've already done a few things: First of all I attended school. School is very cool, these are my subjects: Photography (think it's my favourite subject) Media-Studies, German (to make contacts, I'll probably change to another subject soon), PE, Maths ,Music-Technick. I try to write my blog every evening (in English) and to upload photos as well: [www.timonkrause.waarbenjij.nu](http://www.timonkrause.waarbenjij.nu) See you soon on the next Rotary day. Yours Timon*



## Reflections of our President ...

No sooner am I President and I'm leaving the club to it! In July, I was privileged to be sent to Toronto, Canada, as part of my contract with Inclusive Communities NZ, to attend the Toronto Summer Institute. This was a gift of an opportunity to spend some time with my son, Jared (above), who currently lives an hour or so north of Toronto. I spent 5 days meeting his friends and the lovely families that have 'adopted' him like their own, and after my conference we ventured to New York for a week. An awesome mother and son time.

The Toronto Summer Institute was a week long learning forum, discussing the themes of inclusion, diversity and community building,

which has an interesting synergy with this year's international Rotary theme: Building Communities, Bridging Continents. One of my many "aha" moments happened during the reading of a story, Waddy Welcome and the Beloved Community. The

## The thick ice, thin ice test...

writer spoke of living on thick ice and living on thin ice, and he asked "do you know how to tell whether you live on thick ice or thin ice?". My mind sped ahead, expecting him to describe a certain level of wealth, being law abiding etc, but he explained simply, "you know you're on thin ice when you walk in to a restaurant and everyone pauses for

six seconds".

People who live on thin ice are judged by others, for whatever reason, to not belong or be of value. Maybe it's because of the colour of their skin, the cut of their clothes, their way of speaking, their ethnicity, a disability ... the list is very long. Their value to community is at the whim of the opinion and prejudice of others, rather than by their actual human worth and ability to contribute in one way or another.

With this in mind, as we consider how to 'build communities and bridge continents' this year, I ask that we think about the 'thick ice, thin ice' concept

and consider how we might be inadvertently precluding people from being valued, contributing members of our community. Furthermore, let's consider how true diversity and inclusion within our own club membership will offer new and rich insight in to the community we live in and serve. Dare to do things differently.

*Libby Gairdner, President*

## Service above self ...

Each week, we 'Take Note' of our members, individually, for their service to Rotary. This month we've acknowledged the following members:



**Rod Tomblison**  
Manager, Worldwise Travellers' Health and Vaccination Centre;  
Co-owner of Asthete Gallery

Rod was introduced to the club in 1989 by John Turnbull. He's been on every committee over the years and is a Paul Harris (Sapphire) Fellow. Rod's main focus the last few years has been on developing sustainable income stream for the club.

Rod's first major fundraiser for the club was for the opening of Rialto Cinemas in Centre place, which was when we first started doing joint ventures with Montana Catering. After the success of that evening, he fostered a relationship with movie importers and we successfully had a number of Premier Movie launches until the theatre and the public tried to replicate what we were doing and it then lost its uniqueness and profit.

Rod then started working with a company in Auckland called Universal Entertainment Ltd. They were professional fundraisers working with numerous

organisations throughout Australia (including Rotary and Lions), running Children's movie festivals. While there was some initial reluctance about working with professional fundraisers, Rod won the club's confidence and we had a good number of years involved with some very successful Festivals.

Like all Fundraisers, Universal Entertainment Ltd eventually ran out of puff, and theatres and the public once again thought it was an easy money earner to copy. Some months prior, International Entertainment and Rod had already gone into discussions about where to from here to create a fundraiser that was virtually impossible to copy. From this, the concept of Circus Quirkus was hatched. Waikato Sunrise has now run Circus Quirkus successfully for five years and it generates consistent income for our club. International Entertainment now runs Circus Quirkus solely for Rotary Clubs in Australia and New Zealand.

At the time the Children's Movie Festival looked like it had run its time, our club started looking at alternative funding options. It was at that time, that approval had been given to build our stadium, Montana secured the catering contracts and Rod secured the contract with Montana for our club to staff the beer tents. As a result of our club's honesty, loyalty and support over the years, Rod was then approached by Montana to staff the Beer tents for the V8's. Rod's proposal to our club was that we pick up the offer and make it a fund raiser for the combined Rotary Clubs of Hamilton. And the rest is History...



**Bryce Weal**  
Engineer Director, Stiles and Hooker

Bryce joined Waikato Sunrise in October 1989. He recalls that at the time of joining, the annual subscription was \$120 and the meal cost was \$9.50.

Bryce became a Director in 1991 (part way through the Rotary year) as Secretary and recalls being Secretary for 5 or 6 Presidents over the years. He's also been Treasurer, bulletin editor and speaker convenor on a few occasions, as well as a member of the vocational committee, and a Director for Vocational, International and Community Service.

Bryce was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 2007, and was club President 2008/09.

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**Sponsor support  
of the Waikato Basketball  
League for players with  
supported learning needs:**

**Our club sergeant session  
23 July, raised \$343.70  
toward a venue for  
Waikato Basketball League.  
Interested sponsors for uniform  
costs are  
invited to contact  
Neil Mallard**

[nmallard@clear.net.nz](mailto:nmallard@clear.net.nz)



**Ross Hargood**  
Central Region Manager, Hawkins  
Construction

Ross joined Waikato Sunrise in 1989. He became interested in Rotary after applying for a GSE team position to the USA, and missed out. The Ham East Club asked them to join but he thought they were "old farts" at the time (sorry Ham East - probably the age he is now!!). Ross's wife Jane knew someone in Waikato Sunrise and he went along to his first meeting at the Commercial Travelers club in Collingwood St, and subsequently joined.

Over the years he's been with the club, Waikato Sunrise has met in 5 different venues - Commercial Travelers, Colonial Arms Motel, Seddon Park, the Hamilton Club, and the Ferrybank Lounge. He's also seen smoking banned at meetings (yes they used to light up after breakfast!) and the introduction of women.

Ross has held most positions in the Club. He served as President in 1995/96, and has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. He was involved with RYLA for about 8 years, and was course director for 2. He also spent some 5 years working with IYE looking after the outbound students.

Ross has some really great memories of his time with the club, in fact probably has enough material for a This is Your Rotary Life talk as a member of Waikato Sunrise. Not surprisingly, some of his best memories involve wine... we must get him on the programme some time!

## Waikato Sunrise Social Committee introduces

### Sunrise @ Six:

**'Sunrise @ Six' is the monthly social committee pub night, meeting monthly on the first Friday of the month at venues of interest and entertainment.**

**Six pm kick off, but earlier if you feel so inclined. Partners welcome and we extend an open invitation to members of other local Rotary Clubs.**

**Next gathering:  
Friday 6th of August  
Helm Bar - North End of  
Victoria Street. (don't  
park in the Pak'n  
Save...might get towed).**

**The Helm does bar  
meals if you want to  
make a night of it.**

### Member photos:

**Smile!... Geoff will  
be re-taking  
some of your  
photos this  
Friday, 6 August.**

### Jeremy Brook

Lawyer, Brook Law  
(no photo could be found! Geoff's got  
your number, Jeremy...)

Jeremy joined Waikato Sunrise in 1990, introduced by Alan Ford, who was one of the founding members of the club in 1987.

Over the years, Jeremy's been involved in most of the club sub committees, and his Vocational Service as a Lawyer has included holding the district role of General Legal Council for 4 or 5 years up to a couple of years ago.

Jeremy was club president around 1999/2000, and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow around 2005. He served on the board for several years and was at one stage the Secretary... well, with his memory failing him we deduced he's been Secretary because he could see "all those books" around him when he recalled the role. And of course he's been involved in many of the club committees over the years.

Jeremy has enjoyed being part of Waikato Sunrise, both for contributing to charitable work, and for the regular contact with a great bunch of people on a social basis, which he's welcomed as a sole practitioner.

This year Jeremy continues to oversee our weekly raffle, and has also asked to be the Shelter Box champion for the club.

**Rod, Bryce, Ross and Jeremy are valued members of Waikato Sunrise, and we thank them for their contributions to Rotary.**

Follow Timon's

daily blog :

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## Makeup Star...

No, this isn't about celebrity face products ... we're talking about member Ken Couper, who recently returned from a **Rotary Friendship Exchange to Essex** with 5 makeups under his belt! Ken writes...

*3 couples & myself from our district, visited Essex Area. This is an area north-east of London. Hosts provided accommodation and escorted us to many & varied places of interest from Parliament in London, to punting around Cambridge University. We mostly travelled as a loose group to the same events, though our hosts endeavoured to cater for our interests and I managed a game of bridge and a round of golf. Also managed a ride in an enormous crop harvester at Farmers Co-op venture. It was notable some of our hosts had visited NZ during a Friendship exchange 18/12 ago. Apparently this group was associated with the Hamilton club when in Hamilton. One of my hosts was Neil Muir, DG elect for Essex, and I promised to pass his details to Raewyn, for when they meet in the US. As well as Clubs visited, I attended other Rotary activities from a Jazz evening to a cricket match. I ventured on this trip with some trepidation. I was pleasantly surprised by the experience and would be keen to repeat a visit to another district.*



District 9930's Ambassadorial Scholar, **Robbie Francis** is on holiday overseas before heading to University in Tel Aviv. **She writes from London...**

*My London experiences have included.... Hillsong Church; open air tour of London; Saint Paul's Cathedral; Buckingham Palace; Thames River Cruise; Tower of London - saw where all the kings and queens had their heads chopped off as well as the royal jewels, armour etc; Westminster Abby; Portobello markets; free acrobat show outside Victoria Station; Worthing beach trip (can you really call a rocky, muddy, grey water bog a beach? The British seem to think so!!); free jazz concerts outside council buildings; Little Venice Boat cruise; Camden markets; time with my cousins and their new baby, Casper; time with my Aunty and Uncle who are visiting their new grandchild - unfortunately my uncle had a heart attack while visiting London and is now very familiar with the British health system and Hammersmith hospital; London National Gallery; London Symphony Orchestra outdoors and free!!!; Picnic in Regent Park with the family - my first experience of pimm's*

*My overall experience of London - fun and interesting. I really enjoyed seeing all the places, paintings, jewels etc that I had read about and seen on TV. Don't think I could live here though. London is very, very busy and most people seem stressed out. **Robbie***

### Ken's makeups:

Sun 4 July - DG change over  
John Banks to Bob Barclay  
@ Three Rivers Golf Club

Mon 5 July - Club  
Presidential change over @  
Rayleigh Mills RC

Tues 6 /7 - Standford Le  
Hope & Corringham RC

Mon 12/7 - Burnham on  
Crouch and Dengie 100 RC

Thurs 15/7 - Frinton on Sea  
RC



**and from France...** *Bonjour! Ive been staying in Lille, France. It's either ridiculously hot or pouring with rain with massive electrical storms. I'm really enjoying my time here. Its a huge change from the hustle and bustle of London. I'm staying with a lovely family - the Delgranges (parents of Charles Delgranges, IYE student recently returned to France) in a small town called Hourbourdin. Its a farming community - a lot of wheat and crop farms in the area. Family life in Hourbourdin is interesting as Charles Delgrange is the only one thus far who speaks English. As a result I have to rely on him for everything including reading menus and signs, translating all the conversations of family and friends and explaining to me what's on television! I've never experienced such lack of independence before. But I am learning slowly and my French repertoire is growing! It most certainly is humbling.*

*Mr Delgrange is a truck driver and drives trucks to Paris and Belgium during the night. I went with him, driving to Belgium at 1am in a massive truck to pick up explosive and corrosive tanks of acid stuff. Some other notable experiences have included: visiting a small Belgium town, Tournai, and climbing Belgium's oldest bell tower; riding on the back of motorbikes (Mr Delgrange and Charles are extremely passionate about their motorbikes. They have three expensive collector bikes which they ride regularly); Bastille day. National French day. Unfortunately it rained and the fireworks were called off; Rock climbing in one of Europe's largest center for climbing walls; big family lunch at Charles grandmothers house... **Robbie***