


*Waikato Sunrise Rotary Club wishes all a happy and safe Christmas season!*



The Waikato Sunrise  
Tongariro Crossing  
weekend was an  
absolute success in all  
ways...

## Rotary Fellowship in action



**Check it out in  
November's Rotary  
DownUnder:**

Insert: Global Outlook – A  
Rotarian's guide to Social Media

P37 Plenty to be proud of in  
Whakatane

Coming up in  
December / January:

3 Dec **Renee Casserly**  
'This is My Life'

10 Dec Guest Speakers:  
**Gerard Watt and  
Jonathan McKenzie**  
General Manager  
and Editor, Waikato  
Times

12 Dec **Christmas  
Afternoon Tea**  
at Woodlands Estate,  
Gordonton 2-4 pm

17 Dec **Christmas  
Breakfast Meeting**  
Keystone Restaurant  
and Bar, 6.45 for  
7am. Cash bar avail.  
Guest Speaker:  
**Phil Strong, Family  
Matters**

21 Jan Resuming meetings  
**RI Cliff Dochterman**  
DVD presentation  
'The Evolution of  
Rotary Service'

## City Speaker List - Area 1 Clubs

<http://www.speakers9930.rotarysouthpacific.org/>

Check out the City speaker list now available on the Rotary South Pacific website, to assist visitors to Hamilton / Huntly and to assist with club makeups. **Thanks to members Sharyn Bell** for this excellent idea, and **Kay Kerr** who is the list administrator on behalf of the Area 1 clubs.



The weather for the Tongariro Crossing walk on Sunday was "spot on" with a wee frost then not a cloud in the sky. Eight hard core walkers from our group of fourteen made the journey and we all lost count of the number of both steps and the altitude. This was undertaken after Betty's banquet birthday dinner held at the Lions OPC lodge the previous evening. Lots of lovely food and wine were the order of the evening and set the group up for an exhilarating and exciting day. A great weekend was had all round and with the added entertainment of Timon all went well. A big thanks to Lyn for organising such an excellent location at the Outdoor pursuits centre and thanks to all who attended. It is about getting out there and going for it! *Paul Sumner, Social Committee Chair*  
**Photo:** Timon, Waikato Sunrise's IYE student enjoying the scenery.

## Rotary in Action ... supporting Hamilton Girls High School

Congratulations to the following **Hamilton Girls High senior students** who received cups and prizes sponsored by Waikato Sunrise:

**Mairarangi Haimona** - Year 11 cup for All Round Excellence

**Vanshika Prakash** – Year 12 cup and prize for All Round Excellence, and

**Linda Sullivan** - Dux Year 13 Senior Scholarship, for 1st in English, Biology, French and Spanish, and 3rd in Mathematics with Calculus.

## The Rotary Foundation

**November is Rotary Foundation month:** We enjoyed guest speaker Susan Campbell, District Chair of Foundation, who provided clarity around how the Rotary Foundation funding works, and reminded us of the exponential value of Foundation giving locally, nationally and internationally.

DGE Raewyn Kirkman's focus will be on Foundation Giving during her year as DG, and as our club's Foundation champion, she's challenged members to give personally to The Rotary Foundation as our charity of choice, as well as through club donations. **Become a Centurion, giving \$NZ100 or a Sustaining member, giving \$US100 (\$NZ134).**

## Member resignation:



Waikato Sunrise members wish Tom Wallace and his wife Karen well in their retirement to Waihi Beach. Tom joined our club in 1992 and has been an active member contributing to the life and events of our club until heading overseas for an extended holiday earlier this year. In his resignation letter, Tom said he's enjoyed his years in Rotary, and may well join another club in the future.



**Colleen Kaelin**

Colleen is currently employed as an Internship Coordinator for the Hamilton Multi Cultural Service Trust. In her role, she assists migrants and new comers to New Zealand to find work or internships. Colleen and her husband Christopher have three sons, Christopher, Bernie and Sam. She is involved with a Zimbabwean group to collect and send books to rural schools in Zimbabwe and her interests include family life, walking, tennis and people. Colleen is interested in joining our club, as she would like to get more involved in the community and believes Waikato Sunrise will be a good fit for her. **Welcome Colleen!**

## "Sunrise @ Six"

With the busy Christmas Season upon us, our monthly social event - **Sunrise @ Six** - is now on hold and will resume in the New Year

## Entrepreneur's Risky investment pays off with National Award!

It may have been a risky move in these uncertain economic times to close your retail showroom for major renovations during the quiet winter months, but Waikato Sunrise member **Paul Street** has had his faith in doing so well and truly validated by winning a top national award for **Best Bathroom and Plumbing Showroom** in the **2010 Plumbing Distributers Association (NZ) Awards**. The PDANZ is a specialist trade section within the NZ Retailer's Association.

Paul, who has owned and operated Zip Plumbing Plus for nearly 20 years with his wife Moira, is no stranger to the Awards process having recently also been a finalist in the Top Shop Awards, Specialty Store Category 2010, and again in 2008. He took home both the category and overall Top Shop award in 2007, but says that this one, being a National award is truly special.

**Big congratulations to you Paul and Moira from us all at Waikato Sunrise!**

## Introducing our two new members



**Bronwyn Tubman**

Bronwyn is currently employed as a Regional Retail Manager for the Red Cross. In her role, Bronwyn is responsible for overseeing 12 retail stores and three processing centres within the midland region. This is a varied role, which involves business development, locating new sites, project management, recruitment and training, management of annual trading accounts, relationship management and national logistics & stock management. Bronwyn enjoys tramping, reading, travelling, water-skiing, snow skiing and volunteering in New Zealand and has previously been a committee member and funding assistant for Cambridge Riding for the Disabled and has been a committee member and treasurer for the Human Resources Institute of New Zealand (HRINZ). Bronwyn is currently on the Board of Trustees for Volunteering Waikato. She is very pleased to be welcomed in to the club and is looking forward to taking part in future activities. **Welcome Bronwyn!**

Follow Timon's daily blog:

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## 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:**



**Yvonne Hall  
School Management**

Yvonne began with Rotary in the autumn of 2002, introduced by Geoff Kay.

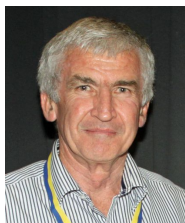
Yvonne has served as a Board member for a couple of years and also on the Social Committee. She has also been drawn on to assist with RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - where she's been guest speaker on ethics and other interesting topics. Yvonne is a talented poet and has recited some great creative ditties for us over the years, including a very memorable 3-minute speech last year.

Due to illness, Yvonne has been absent from the club for some months this year and we're very pleased to welcome her back to our meetings in recent weeks.



**Bob Simcock  
Political Analyst**

Another person we're pleased to see back in our midst is Bob Simcock, originally introduced to our club by Jim Galt. Bob has assisted with organising hosting of inbound GSE teams and selling beer when available at the stadium. In recent times he has been our resident club Mayor. We're pleased to have Bob back at our meetings and look forward to seeing him more regularly now that the whirlwind of his mayoral commitments have come to an end.



**Colin Sanderson  
Fraud Investigator**

Colin joined the club in 2003 - introduced by past member Tracey Haynes. He'd previously been a member of the Taihape Rotary Club for about 18 months in 1985-86 when he was working there.

Colin was Sergeant with Justin Vodane in 2004-2005 (Denys Dickenson's year). In 2006 he joined the District IYE committee as Outbound Coordinator and took over as chairman in July 2008, a role he still holds. He has helped in the beer tents at rugby and the V8s and has taken part in a couple of activity day events.

Colin was awarded a PH fellowship in June this year for his significant contribution to Rotary at District level, through his involvement with IYE.



**Joe Doherty  
Banking Business,  
National Bank NZ**

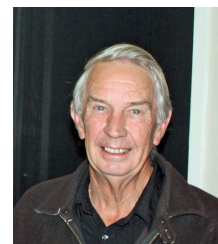
Joe joined Whakatane West around Nov 2000, introduced by Doug Wilson a PH Fellow and member of Rotary for 30 years. For the first couple of meetings he sat with Doug, but once inducted decided to "move around" to get to know other members. He was promptly told off for "sitting in a member's seat"! Joe told this person that he couldn't see his name on it so wasn't going to move, and in any event - even though he'd had just joined Rotary - he was aware that fellowship was a key aspect and didn't think this approach supported that philosophy!!!. (way to go Joe!)

Joe moved to Hamilton in Dec 2002 and was introduced to Waikato Sunrise by Malcolm Neil. He was keen to attend mornings as it then wouldn't impact on his work / family / golf so much.

Whilst in Whakatane, he was involved in running an Annual Golf tournament fundraiser, which earned for the Club in excess of \$10k. He recalls that this took a lot of time and effort especially the preparatory meeting, which involved many a beer to discuss matters (which of course was thoroughly enjoyable).

Since moving to Hamilton, Joe's been involved in assisting with the beer tents. He recently served as Sergeant, which he really enjoyed as it allowed his true cynicism to be put to good use! Joe's also served as Director for 2 years previously, and is again on the Directors this year as our President Elect.

Joe's been heavily involved in IYE having hosted Stefanie, and then was Counsellor for both Cecilie and Ana during their year with our club. He describes being a host parent and also Counsellor to be an extremely humbling, thoroughly enjoyable and one of the most rewarding experiences he's ever had in Rotary and thoroughly recommends being a host parent to anyone.



**John Tulloch  
Retired  
Engineering**

**Consultant**

John was painting the roof of his house and had fallen off it twice. As a consequence he went to see his doctor on injury related matters.

Dr. Ken Couper suggested that he take up less hazardous activities and introduced him to our Rotary Club. John liked what he saw and joined on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2002.

Since joining, John has been an

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active member on a number of different committees. Along with other things, he was among the first to serve beer at the rugby and continued this for several years as tent supervisor, also serving at the V8's. He's assisted by accompanying RYLA awardees to meet business leaders in the city, and more recently was the driver for the RFE Swedish exchange during their visit with our club. John has thoroughly enjoyed all of these activities along with his current role Club Secretary, which he took over in April 2008.

**Yvonne, Bob, Colin, Joe and John, you are valued members of Waikato Sunrise, and we thank you for your contributions to Rotary.**



## Christmas puddings to Greymouth...

As we enter the Christmas season, our hearts go out to the families of miners and the Greymouth community in the wake of the Pike River Mine disaster. There has been a swift initiative requesting NZ Rotary clubs combine their contributions to deliver 1000 Christmas puddings to the Greymouth community, and Waikato Sunrise has contributed to this effort.

## District Training

DGE Raewyn and District Trainer Libby presented AG and PETS 1 training during November, running courses in Taupo, Napier, Maketu and Morrinsville for Assistant Governors and Presidents Elect in District 9930.

The training was well received by those who attended and offered Raewyn the opportunity to share her vision and goals for her 2011/12 year as District Governor.

Presidents Elect have been encouraged to lead their clubs proactively, ensuring the clubs are energized, aligned with the bigger picture of Rotary, and relevant to the community they serve.

Presidents Elect will attend South Pacific PETS – the first ever multi-district PETS event held outside of USA – to complete their training in March 2011. This will be an opportunity to experience firsthand the internationality of Rotary, and guest speakers will include RI World President, Ray Klingensmith.

## What makes a makeup?

- \* Attend another club meeting
- \* Attend a meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship
- \* Attend an RI convention, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, or any other meeting convened by RI
- \* Attend a Rotary multi-zone conference or District Assembly
- \* Attend and participate in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the Board
- \* Attend a Board meeting or a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned
- \* Participate through a club web site in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 mins of participation

**Members, please notify John Higgins - club Attendance Officer - of any make ups so that these contribute to our attendance stats. Thank you.**

## News from Tel Aviv



District 9930's Ambassadorial Scholar, **Robbie Frances**, has started her University studies in Tel Aviv. She writes ...

Hi everyone,  
So much has happened since my last email. I am fully under way with my studies and have settled into the hustle bustle of Tel Aviv life. Life is good although time is flying by - I am already half way through my first semester. Uni is good, although it feels very demanding at times. I got my first assignment back last week – came top of negotiation class with 100%!! It's funny considering I am the youngest and most un-educated in my class :)

**Another adventure:** Last weekend we hired a car and drove south to the Dead Sea. It was a disgusting but incredible experience! The first beach we stopped at we had to pass through a settlement of old Jordanian houses left empty from the West Bank conflict in the 60's. It was like a ghost town with all the houses shredded with bullet holes. We ended up off roading to the sea. It was very muddy (black clay mixed with salt). We rubbed our bodies with the clay then bathed in the sea like all the tourists do. The sea was so salty. This makes you more buoyant than usual. We then decided to go further south to Masada. Driving through the desert was awesome. Camels crossing the plains, Bedouin tribes nested in the sandy hills...

**And another adventure:** Some friends and I caught a sharoot (taxi/bus) to Jerusalem and then to the West Bank. It was such a strange experience going into occupied territory. The wall that divides Palestine and Israel is huge and being on the other side of the fence was an indescribable experience. It took me a week or two to process the experience- so many emotions. I have to be careful about what I say but one gets the sense of a caged bird being on the other side (to say the least). The situation is very complicated. We were met by a classmate who lives there and he showed us around the town. Made a stop at Arafat's tomb. Ramallah is very much the capital of the West Bank. It is primarily Arab Muslim. the people were so friendly and the food deliciously cheap! It was such a fun day. Coming home was an experience in itself- crossing through the checkpoint. I won't go into details but there were lots of weapons, barbed wire and security. As a foreigner we could cross freely but otherwise it is illegal for the corresponding sides to enter into each other's territory.

### **And some other awesome road trips I've done over the last few weeks...**

Visit to Arab city Taybe to witness some of the injustice happening there.

- Memorial for the 15-year anniversary of Rabin's death (1995). Huge peace concert in the town square close to my house (where he was shot). Security was intense. Snipers lining the roofs of all the surrounding buildings, armed security everywhere, three or four helicopters search over head...crazy. Speeches from the current president and highest court judge etc. Really fun experience. Many young people attended from left wing peace groups.

- Day in Jerusalem; Muslim quarter, Wailing

Jewish quarter, rock they laid Jesus' body on, Jesus' tomb etc

- Trip to Holon to speak at the Israel Rotary International conference. It went really well. I've been invited to speak at Beer Sheva (in the desert in the South) as well as Nazareth (north).

Today I went to church and then to an Arab/Israeli family fun day in Jaffa, which was promoting co-existence and peace. Unfortunately the electric scooter I was riding ran out of battery and I ended up walking from Jaffa to Tel Aviv! *Robbie*

**Robbie's mum will be visiting with Robbie in Tel Aviv in the New Year. If you wish to send a small gift to Robbie with her mum, please let Libby know before Christmas.**