

+ Rotary Friendship Exchange from District 2360 West Sweden

This month Waikato Sunrise hosted 11 Swedish Friendship Exchange guests.

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Rotary Fellowship in Action

Photo above:

Rotary Friendship Exchange team from West Sweden Pia & Leif Skarenhed, Isolde & Lars Sundberg, Kerstin & Bert Lundgren, Birgitta & Jorgen Qvint, Gud-Lis & Bengt Bolling, and Marie Follin with DG Peter Signal and wife Rebecca, and Geoff Martin, District Chair RFE.

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Coming up in November:

- 5 Nov **Club Forum**
- 5 Nov **Sunrise @ Six 6pm** at House in Hood St - see advertisement p3
- 12 Oct **Guest Speaker: Mitchell Smith, Club Member** 'This is My Life'
- 19 Nov **Guest Speaker: Jenny McGee** 'Cultural Diversity in the Workplace'
- 26 Nov **Guest Speaker: Susan Campbell, District Chair of Foundation** 'The Rotary Foundation – the Engine of Rotary Service'
- 3 Dec **Guest Speaker: Renee Casserly, Club Member** 'This is My Life'



Waikato Sunrise welcomed the RFE group from West Sweden with a Kiwi BBQ at

Tim and Libby's home. The following day they visited Raglan Area School, for a Maori welcome, morning tea and a tour of the school. Lunch was fish and chips at the beach, followed by a visit to Bridal Veil Falls. The evening meal was held at Lee and Bob's home that evening, where we continued to fellowship and even shared some impromptu singing! Friday morning, the RFE team presented at the club meeting, involving presentations to District Governor Peter Signal and wife Rebecca, to Geoff Martin District Chair of RFE, and Gavin Petrie to



acknowledge their work in coordinating this exchange. The team also presented a talk on Sweden, and exchanged Rotary banners with our club and District. Following the club meeting, the team headed to Mount Maungatautari then returned to their hosts for an evening of rest and fellowship.

Rotary in Action ... Tanzania



Waikato Sunrise is pleased to sponsor Helen Mumby, GSE Team Member to School of St

Jude in Tanzania. Helen writes:

I have been lucky enough to be selected to go to the School of St Jude in Tanzania with the Rotary GSE this November. I am 25 years old and have almost completed my studies to be a high school teacher of English and Social Studies. I grew up in rural Taranaki but

I have lived in Hamilton for the last couple of years. I have many interests; I like to play netball, spending time with my friends and family, and am involved in leading a local Girl Guide unit. I am also an International Exchange Coordinator for EF foundation exchange students, which I really enjoy because I love learning about other cultures and languages. I have lived and worked overseas in Japan and America previously and was

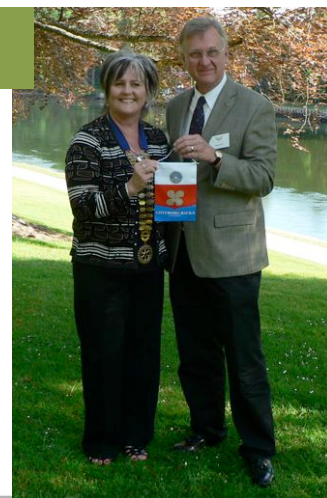
lucky enough to spend 2 weeks volunteering in Cambodia a couple of years ago, which was an extremely rewarding experience. I suppose these experiences have fed my love of travel and my desire to take part in this trip. I am really looking forward to going to Tanzania and am excited about the opportunities to try new things that I may find on this trip.

We will see Helen at our club on 12 Nov, to farewell her.

RFE Friendship Exchange Team Thank You:

We extend a big thank you to Phyllis Huitema for her role as Friendship Exchange Coordinator and home host; also to John Tulloch for driving the van, and Malcolm Cox and staff from Raglan Area School for their hospitality.

Thanks too to Lee & Bob and Tim & Libby for their dinnertime hospitality, and to our home hosts Ross and Jane Hargood, Jeremy & Barbara Brook, Malcolm & Sandra Neil, and Murray & Shona Wright. A great club effort!





Carol Croft

Carol is new to Rotary and loving it! She is the Regional Diabetes Services Administrator for the Waikato DHB as of 11 weeks ago when she first moved to Hamilton. She has Psychiatric Nursing Registration and has completed many and various vocational-specific courses over the years. Carol is very keen to become involved in Rotary after several

years break from various positions on sports and playcentre committees, including President, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Officer etc. She has already volunteered to help fund raise in the Montana beer tents, and had her first 'taste' of it a few weeks ago, enjoying it very much.

Carol has joined our Innovation Committee and is looking forward to providing input and sharing of ideas with a group of inspirational like-minded people. She's looking forward to many enjoyable Rotary years to come.

Welcome Carol!

Introducing our two new members



Kay Kerr

Kay has spent most of her working life in a variety of Commercial Accounting roles in the Motor Industry, Civil and Electronic Engineering, Transport, Aviation and Manufacturing. She spent nearly 5 years living in New Caledonia and Vanuatu working for a French Civil Engineering company and then working for herself. She started her own accounting practice in 1990 and was admitted as an Associate of

the Institute of Management in 1991. In the 1990s she tried to change direction and completed a Bachelor in Sociology and Politics and a Masters in Health Demography at the University of Waikato, then went on to study at Post-Grad level at Auckland's Medical School. Over the years Kay has acted as a Trustee or on the management committees of many Not-for Profit organisations, and is proud to have been a Trustee of the University of Waikato's Foundation (the University's fundraising arm) between 1999 and 2007. Kay has been a Rotarian for 5 years at Hamilton East Club and held the positions of Foundation Committee Director

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"Sunrise @ Six"

is our social pub night, on the first Friday of every month at a venue selected by our social committee.

Six O'clock kick off or earlier if you feel so inclined. Feel free to bring partners and we extend an invite to members of other local Rotary Clubs.

Next gathering:
Friday 5 October
6pm at House on Hood St
See you there!

for 2 years and Bulletin Editor for the last 3 years. She admits to having an enquiring mind and a lust for learning and knowledge and is really looking forward to contributing to and participating in Waikato Sunrise Club's activities and fundraising projects. Kay has also joined our Innovation Committee, keen to help research fund raising opportunities and projects on behalf of the club.

Welcome Kay!

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:



**John Higgins
Insurance Broker**

John joined Waikato Sunrise in 1996. Prior to that, he was a member of the Rotoract club in Tokoroa for 2 yrs whilst stationed there and says he met a couple of really nice ladies, so had lots of fun!

John wanted to join a service organisation and whilst his father was a member of a Lions club for many years, that didn't appeal. As it happened, he knew Rod Tomblason, had a talk to him and joined the club, introduced by Rod.

John has been a sergeant, has sat on a few committees over the years, and helped with fund raising when possible. This year he monitors attendance and arrives early on Friday to keep tabs on everyone.



**Neil Mallard
Operations Management**

Neil First Joined Ellerslie Sunrise in March 1999, then transferred to Waikato Sunrise May 2001. He was

introduced to our club by Raewyn, who was on the interview panel for the position Neil applied for at Canpac International (he thinks he got a secret tick!).

At Ellerslie Sunrise, Neil was involved with Hot Seat Rides which was a great fund raiser involving rides in race cars at Pukekohe. With Waikato Sunrise he's been sergeant, director, and served for several years organizing the volunteers for Waikato Stadium beer tents. Neil's also assisted at all 3 A1 Grand Prix events at Taupo as a bar manager.

This year, Neil's involved with the Circus Quirkus organising committee, and continues to help where he can with club fund raising.



**Gary Fraser
Retail Sporting**

Gary joined our club and Rotary in 2001, introduced by Colin Clare after coming along as a guest speaker. He was director of Community Services when Harvey was club president and proud of their achievements that year. The club donated and installed a number of TV's & DVD players in the children's ward at Waikato Hospital, which are still in service today and were well received at the time by the Hospital. We also provided a number of emergency boxes & collected a wide array of Christmas gifts for the children of the families of Link House that year.

Gary has also been guest speaker organizer a few times for the club

and recalls a couple of memorable speakers in his time. Two speakers from the USA on assignment to the Mormon Temple came along & spoke of their involvement in NASA's space shuttle space programme – much to Harvey's delight who has since been known to say "we've even had real rocket scientists come and talk to us!". Another speaker was Gary's son who spoke about the RNZAF involvement following the deployment of Peace Keepers to East Timor. He was a crew member of 3 squadron at the time (the Iroquois helicopters) and the Air Force allowed them to fly in to Hamilton in their helicopter. After the meeting, members had the opportunity to talk with the crew and climb aboard the helicopter. Ken Couper remarked at the time of his involvement with the Iroquois as a medic in Vietnam and that the aircraft were actually older than the boys flying them! To accommodate their arrival in the helicopter, the club transferred proceedings to Seddon Park for that morning and had to get through a bit of red tape including Council resource consent to allow the helicopter to land within the city. Permission was also granted by Seddon Park to land there as long as there was no damage to the grounds. Gary felt a bit guilty when they took leaving two quite deep indentations where the helicopter was sitting, however nothing was ever said. In addition to the above, Gary has served on various other committees over the years, and has enjoyed his involvement as a member of Rotary.

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**Jan Martin
Development Manager**

Jan's Rotary involvement started at Napier Girls High "quite a few years ago" when Jan was a founding Director of the NGHS Interact club.

Jan was invited to join Wairoa Rotary Club about 1997 where she was one of three women members in a club of about 22 members (and they changed the jokes they told on the nights when none of the women members were present).

Jan joined Waikato Sunrise in 2000 when she transferred to Hamilton. She has served as a Director on three separate terms and is particularly interested in Youth Leadership development.

Jan is a member of the District's Club Visioning Team, which comprises Rotarians from several clubs in the District. She is also co-chair of the district RYLA committee and worked with the University to develop a partnership with RYLA.

Jan was made a Paul Harris Fellow at this year's club changeover and was extremely embarrassed at the time because she was wearing a bright yellow wig and carrying a very large toy spider! See below: Jan Martin aka Little Miss Muffet, soon after receiving her Paul Harris Fellowship.



**The Chamber of
Commerce
BA5 event
was held 4 Oct**

This Rotary PR event was kindly sponsored by Kirkman HR.

While there was a light attendance of chamber members, feedback was very positive and it was notable that community members don't necessarily know what Rotary is about, which has a direct impact on membership potential.

We hope to have more of these events in the future, to increase public awareness and understanding, and increase Rotary membership within our community.

PDG Colin Olesen visited Waikato Sunrise in October to speak on **Ethics**, as part of Vocational Month.

This address is available in hard copy, if you missed his presentation or would like to read about **Rotary ethics and their application to business today**.

If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact Libby

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**Raewyn Kirkman
Human Resource Management**

Raewyn joined Waikato Sunrise 25th Sept 1998. She had previous history with Rotary as a GSE team member to Holland in 1992, and later as an ambassadorial scholar 1994/5 to New York City. She bumped into Phyllis at a 'women in the boardroom' course mid 1998, and joined Rotary soon after.

Raewyn has held various club committee roles over the years, was Club President 2006/7, and was later awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. Her involvement in District roles has included RYLA, GSE, Ambassadorial & Peace Scholar committees, along with speaking at various Rotary seminars and events.

She was team leader for GSE exchange to Turkey in 2009, and just prior to leaving was notified that she had been selected as District Governor for 2011/12 year. She is currently District Governor Elect.

Raewyn served on the Membership committee last year, involved with initiating our current membership recruitment and development focus. She has a particular interest in The Rotary Foundation, and is club champion for Foundation this year.

Thank you John, Neil, Gary, Jan and Raewyn for your service to our club and Rotary. You are valued members of Waikato Sunrise.

News from Tel Aviv



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

Shabat Shalom! I have just come to the end of Shabat (Jewish weekend- Friday/Saturday). I have been here precisely 1 month! I've had the most amazing time and feel like I'm at home. I've settled into my apartment - a three bedroom flat in the city center of Tel Aviv. We are 3 minutes walk to the beach and 3 minutes walk to the city center. As you can imagine, it is very noisy with all the buses, trucks and people - this city never sleeps. You can walk around at 3 in the morning and it is just as busy as the daytime. So, I am officially a fully-fledged international student of Tel Aviv University, I have my student card, bus card and medical insurance to

prove it! My first week at university was great. We have a class of around 40 students from over 20 different countries. We toured campus and got to know each other. This was made easier by the fact that a few of us had got together the week before in a local bar/cafe. After orientation we went on a class trip to the North of Israel. The journey began by driving through Jezreel valley, then to the West bank where we saw a city, which is divided into the Israeli quarter and Palestinian quarter. For many years they had no communication whatsoever, despite living on the same land. Now they live alongside each other and are an example of peaceful co-existence. Next we went to a Druze village on Mt Carmel. Here we had the opportunity to ask a Druze man any question we wanted before having an amazing Israeli meal at his house. The Druze people are a religious Islamic sect who are known to pledge their allegiance to whatever country they are living in at the time.

University update: Last week I started my classes. I'm taking the following papers: Cross cultural aspects of conflict resolution, Negotiation, Political aspects of conflict and resolution, International law, Academic reading and writing, History of the Middle East, Socio-psychology of conflict. Each of my professors are top in their field, in fact almost all of them work full time then travel to Tel Aviv just to teach our class. For example our professor of international law is traveling back and forth between Israel and Holland as he has just been hired as a consultant to a Dutch businessman who has been arrested for war crimes because he supplied cranes, which helped build the Israeli wall. Another professor is an advisor to the Israeli prime minister...the list goes on.

Tomorrow I start Hebrew classes and hopefully in the next few weeks I will start interning/volunteering with an organisation, which deals with illegal immigrants (mainly African) and human trafficking (mainly Russian). I'll let you know how that goes. I think it will generally involve prison visits and advocacy for the illegal people of this country who face deportation and/or prison.

So in the case of Israel, even though they are often Arab Muslims, they are dedicated to the Israeli government. The proportion of their young people who serve in the Israeli army is 80-90% compared to Jewish young people, which is 60-80%.

Our next stop was Acre where we learned about the history of the Ottoman Empire and the crusades. Then to a kibbutz on the Jordan River for dinner (delish!), then on to another kibbutz where we stayed the night. It was also on the Jordan River and very close to where Syria/Lebanon/Israel meet. The next day we went to Mt Neftali and looked out over Lebanon. We were super close to the border. One guy on our course (American) served in the Israeli army for the last 2 years and had been on border patrol of the Lebanese/Israeli border. It seemed very

peaceful but he gave us a talk about how fighting can break out at any time and there is so much tension that the slightest misunderstanding can cause a riot. For example, in the last couple of months soldiers have died along the border because of this state of tension. We then drove to the area where Jesus was said to tell Simon that he was Peter. We went on what they called a 'hike' to the Banyas, then drove on roads winding their way through mine fields, which were never cleared. Apparently when the Syrian/Israeli borders changed they failed to exchange mine maps. It's too expensive to remove them so they just graze cattle. A couple of times a year a cow will blow up, and not long ago a small boy died as well ☹ Next, we made our way up Golan Heights and overlooked the Valley of Tears, where they fought over the control of Golan Heights with tanks and air raids not so long ago. *Robbie*

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