



The combined Rotary clubs of Hamilton presented the inaugural Police Person of the Year award, 9 Dec 2011.

President Les Christopher of Te Rapa Rotary represented the combined clubs of Hamilton at the Police Pay Parade, held at the Waikato Stadium. He presented the award to Lexlei Taylor from Big Brothers Big Sisters – a programme of Taiohi Toa Trust – in acknowledgement of the excellent work Lexlei oversees with youth in our community.



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Coming up in January / February

- 20 Jan** Guest Speaker **Patrick Cummings**
'Christchurch Earthquake – Red Cross response then and now'
- 27 Jan** Guest Speaker **Don Lord – Hagar NZ**
'The two Sue's – Hagar Cambodia'
- 3 Feb** Guest Speaker **Mike & Rosemary Riddell**
'Making of the movie Insatiable Moon'
- 10 Feb** Guest Speaker **Graeme Hills**
'Hamilton Search and Rescue'
- 17 Feb** Guest Speaker **Maraea Nikora**
'Youth and Youth Affairs'
- 24 Feb** Guest Speaker **Mystery Guest**
'This is my life'
- 2 Mar** Guest speaker **Danae Cooney**
'Habitat for Humanity build in Cambodia'

Christmas Puddings Donated to Community Families

Waikato Sunrise donated 42 Christmas puddings this month to Link House Agency. Link House fosters wellbeing and independence in single parent families, and offers quality education and counseling to the wider community. Read more about Link House <http://www.linkhouse.org.nz>



The sale of Rotary plum puddings is a project of the Rotary Club of Ellerslie, supported by many Rotary clubs around NZ each year.

Christmas Greetings from our District Governor

Very best Rotary wishes for a happy and hearty summer break – may it be sun filled and fun filled!! Geoff and I are taking a total break from Rotary – we have to go to a remote Pacific Island so that we don't have any computer or phone connectivity!!! Look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Raewyn & Geoff





Waikato Sunrise hosted the District farewell of the Group Study Exchange Team to India, held at SkyCity Function Centre, 8 December.

Rotarians, family and friends enjoyed some social time with the team, who welcomed the chance to show off their colourful travel uniforms, sporting the Rotary International theme for 2011/12 'Reach Within to Embrace Humanity'. The team then changed in to their formal uniform for their presentation, and did a practice run of their presentation for audiences in India. District Governor Raewyn farewelled

the team presenting them with Rotary pins; and Indian prayers of blessing for the team were conducted by Piyush Grover. The team leaves for D3050 India 20 December and returns 29 January.



Photo above: Geoff Tizard chats with GSE team members Lucy and Wende.



Photo above: Piyush Grover conducts Indian prayers of blessing for the team.



Photo above: Waikato Sunrise President Joe Doherty and District Governor Raewyn Kirkman with the Group Study Exchange team.



It's all go in D9930

... at the Rotary Club of Gisborne

The first weekend in December was marked by the 23rd Gisborne International Music competition. This competition is recognised worldwide as a top showcase, and major career step, for young musicians. Begun in 1988, it is an annual project of the Rotary Club of Gisborne.

The competition is intense, and just being invited to participate is an honour. Over half of the competitors come from overseas. The list of past winners reads like a "Who's Who" of top musicians in professional orchestras, chamber groups, and soloists worldwide.

This year, \$20,000 in prize money will be awarded - but the real reward is not financial. It is the honour of having this event on their resume.

For raising the bar in musical excellence, and for raising the profile of Rotary on such a global scale, the Rotary Club of Gisborne truly rocks!



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Message of Thanks

My sincere thanks to all at Waikato Sunrise for the care and support given to Neil and myself during the last precious months of his time here with us. Wendi, Hayden, Arna and Shania join me in thanking everyone who joined us on the 25th November to remember Neil and celebrate his life, and for all the kind wishes and thoughts extended to us following the loss of our dearly loved and loving Neil. Special thanks to Raewyn Kirkman and Marg Jenkins for their personal contribution to Neil's funeral service. What comes from the heart reaches the heart.

With love & kindest regards, Betty MacGregor

D9930 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programme acknowledged by Rotary International



At the recent GSE farewell evening, past District Governor Peter Signal surprised Waikato Sunrise with a Rotary International Model Vocational Service Project award for the 2010/11 year, in acknowledgement of the outstanding quality and success of our District's RYLA programme. The award was presented to Waikato Sunrise members Jan Martin (District Chair RYLA) and Libby Gairdner (Programme Facilitator), both of whom have contributed their vocational expertise to the design, development and delivery of the RYLA programme in recent years. Jan has also been instrumental in getting the RYLA leadership training programme accredited by the University of Waikato, increasing its credibility with employers as a high quality training programme for young emerging leaders.

Warkworth Rotary Walks Two days – Saturday 17 – Sunday 18 March 2012

This unique and memorable two-day experience includes Mount Tamahunga, Pakiri Coastal Beach and private walks on Kawau Island. Climb the mountains, meet the surf on our impressive coastline, wander through Northland native forest, then travel by ferry to Kawau Island returning from Mansion House on the restored sailing scow "Jane Gifford".

Organised by the Warkworth Rotary Club with all profits benefitting and supporting local communities. For further information and to register www.warkworthrotarywalks.co.nz



From our President:

On behalf of Club members I would like to wish Libby and her Group Study Exchange team well in their forthcoming trip to India. What a fascinating and culturally enlightening trip this will be. Libby, we look forward to keeping up with your journey and the adventures that will no doubt unfold. Be

assured Tim will be well looked after by the 'Rotary family' in your absence! If the presentation of the team last Thurs night was anything to go by, I'm sure the trip will be a great success, as the performance evidenced was professional, polished and well prepared.

The festive season and a Xmas break from Rotary meetings is now near at hand. Thanks to everyone for your support to date. Enjoy your Xmas holiday with family and friends, and I look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year.

Joe



Reaching within to embrace humanity in Cambodia



Thanks to generous sponsorship from Waikato Sunrise and others, 17 yr old Danae Cooney travelled to Cambodia late November as part of a Habitat for Humanity project, and helped build a village of homes for people living on a rubbish dump in Phnom Penh. Danae looks forward to sharing her experiences with us all in 2012.



Membership News



Waikato Sunrise members enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at the club's Christmas garden party held at The Olde Creamery, Sunday 12 Dec.

Photo left: Bob Simcock, Dianne Pollard-Williams, Keith Small, Kay Kerr and David Natzky.



Geoff's Jaunts: Diary of a District Governor's right hand man

It's been a busy couple of weeks. Saturday December 3rd we witnessed inspiring performances at the Gisborne International Music Competition. We then attended a District meeting in Taupo on Sunday, a Conference Committee meeting on Monday, and the GSE farewell ay SkyCity on Thursday followed that same evening by the Summer Science School dinner at the University. We attended the IYE day in Rotorua on Sunday, a Rotorua Sunrise meeting on Tuesday morning followed by a Mt. Maunganui meeting that night; then a Tauranga club meeting the next night and

finally a DG's team meeting in Tauranga on Sunday. That's the official duties over for the year. After Christmas, Raewyn and I are off to the Solomon Islands for 12 days diving from a remote coral atoll on the edge of the Marovo Lagoon. It's the only clear two weeks from Rotary that we've had all year and it will be a welcome break. We are going with the Rotarian couple that home hosted us in Florida in January. I'll think of you as we celebrate New Years.



Photos above left: Bryce Weal puts his best pinky forward.
Photo above right: Jan Martin, Virginia Schnauer, Sharyn Bell and Janet Weal.
Photo below: Richard Frances, Malcolm Neil, Bob Simcock and Carol Croft.



Would you like to be a 'Friend of Rotary' volunteer?

Rotary makes a real difference in community the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise raises significant funds each year for charitable purposes. We need all the help we can get for fund raising and active service projects.

If you would like to be a 'Friend of Rotary' volunteer, to work alongside our hard working and fun loving Rotarian members, please contact: Mel Hopkins via our website 'contact us' page or friends@waikatosunrise.org.nz



The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's own charity, supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share Rotary's vision of a better world. These contributions enable Rotary to fund projects and programmes that improve the lives of people worldwide.



Waikato Sunrise wishes you all a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and enjoyable holiday season.



Want to know more about Rotary?

Check out www.waikatosunrise.org.nz - we warmly invite you to visit the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise