



Waikato Sunrise proudly hosted the Rotary Paul Harris Community Awards in Hamilton, 3 March.

Rotary International President, **Ray Klinginsmith**, was guest speaker at this prestigious black tie event.

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Photo above: Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, delivers an inspiring message.

Coming up in April:

- 1 April** Guest Speaker: **Stuart Daniel** 'This is My Life'
- 1 April** **Sunrise @ Six**
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- 3 April** **District Assembly**
Rotorua
- 8 April** Guest Speaker: **Cayla Were**
Youth Search and Rescue
- 15 April** Guest Speaker: **Julie Walsh** Customer Services
- 22 April** Good Friday
No meeting
- 29 April** **Club Assembly**
'Where are we at? Committee progress reports'

Rotary in Community - Hamilton



Photo left: Guests at the PH Community Awards: District Governor Nominee, Roger Miller, District 9930 Delegate for Council on Legislation, Ian Holyoake, Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, and District Governor, Peter Signal.

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6 May **Sunrise @ Six**

6-8 May **District Conference**
Kingsgate Hotel
Hamilton

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3 July **District Changeover**
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District Conference
Kingsgate Hotel, 6-8 May
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<http://www.rotarysouthpacific.org/district>
9930 District Conference



Waikato Sunrise was pleased to sponsor Hamilton Girl's High School year 13 pupil, Deanna Jordan, to the Summer Science School early Dec.

The Summer school was from the 5th-10th of December 2010 at the University of Waikato. Sunday 5th, we met and got to know our teams at the University. The following day we visited Karangahake Gorge, Golden Cross mine site to learn about the history of gold mining. We then stayed the night at Waitawheta Camp. On Tuesday, we visited Martha Mine in Waihi to observe the modern processes of gold mining, then studied organisms in Bowentown for the afternoon. That night we returned to the University.

Wednesday, we began our science lab sessions, in the chemistry, biochemical engineering, electronic engineering and earth sciences labs.

Thursday 9th, we continued our lab sessions in the chemistry, biological sciences, earth sciences and electronic engineering labs, and then in the evening we had our gourmet dinner in the performing arts centre at the university.

Friday morning was spent in a small lecturing room where we presented our teams case about where we would like to plan a mine.



Deanna was guest speaker at our club 25 February, to share her experience with us. She writes ...

Rotary in Action ... Youth Development



Engagement Congratulations



Top marks for member, Stuart Daniel, who recently proposed to his partner Michelle, at the top of Lomnický štít (Peak), Slovakia, 2639m above sea level. Michelle had no idea it was coming so she was very surprised and happy. This photo was taken moments after the proposal.

Conveniently there was a bar at the top of the peak so

they were able to have a bottle of champagne afterwards. All this happened before 10am, then they spent the remainder of the day skiing. **Congratulations to you both!**



Carl Wright - joined in 1990, and has served as Director, Treasurer and President. He was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for

his service and contributions to Rotary. Carl has also assisted, when able, with the Montana Beverage tents. His Bar Manager's license has recently been renewed and he hopes to continue assisting us a Rotary Volunteer with the Rugby and V8's.

Member resignations

We farewell three members who have recently resigned due to personal and/or professional circumstances:



Gary Fraser - joined in 2001 and has served on various committees over the years including Director of Community Services.



Paul Carpenter - joined in 2004 and has served on various committees over the years including as a Board Director. Paul

contributed his professional expertise as a Policeman last year, assisting with the coordination of the successful RYDA programme for Hamilton Girls High School. Paul writes "I'm grateful to all of the current and past members I've been involved with, for their friendship and fellowship".

Resigning from Rotary has not been an easy decision for any of these members. It's understood that family and business commitments can sometimes prevent members from contributing as proactively to the Rotary cause as they would like to.

Thank you Gary, Paul and Carl for your contributions over the years. Best wishes to you all.

Rotary Paul Harris Community Awards – a huge success

This event was an initiative of the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise ... Together with other local clubs - the Rotary clubs of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Fairfield and Huntly – seven Paul Harris Fellowships were awarded to non-Rotarian, community contributors.

Rotary's work – locally, nationally and internationally – is focused on humanitarian contribution and the wellbeing of communities. Rotary also promotes high ethical standards in business. Those awarded a Paul Harris fellowship were measured alongside these important Rotary principles.



The evening commenced with a formal welcome of Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, by the Hamilton Girl's High School kapa haka group, followed by the NZ National Anthem, led by the Charter President of Hillcrest High School's Interact Club, Danae Cooney.

President Ray spoke later in the evening about the Rotary Foundation and its significant contribution every year to humanitarian and community focused projects. Hamilton Mayor, Julie Hardaker, welcomed Pres Ray to Hamilton city, congratulated the Paul Harris recipients, and applauded Rotary for its contributions to community.



Photo left: Hamilton Mayor, Julie Hardaker



The Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Anthea Simcock, CEO of Child Matters, in special appreciation for her contribution to community in raising awareness of child abuse and neglect, and encouraging all to stand up and be a voice for the protection of our youth.

Photo below: International Exchange Student, Timon Krause, at the Paul Harris Community Awards



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Photo above: Danae Cooney leading the National Anthem.
Photo left: Waikato Sunrise member, Owen Culliney, MC for the evening.



The Rotary Club of Fairfield awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Yvonne Wilson, founding manager of the Frankton Dinsdale Rauaawawa Trust, in special appreciation for her contribution to community, in particular the development of services for older Maori.



The Rotary Club of Hamilton awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Christine East, founding Trustee of Hamilton Hydrotherapy Pool Charitable Trust in special appreciation for her forethought and tenacity, which has championed the creation of a Hydrotherapy Pool facility that all of our community can access for their wellbeing and enjoyment.

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



Lee Furness
Business Manager
City Planning and
Environmental Services
Hamilton City Council

Lee Furness began her Rotary career helping a friend at a Rotary fundraiser - a wine competition held in Griffith NSW every year. Then when Lee and Bob moved to Shepparton, their next-door neighbour, Richie Trevaskis, was a Rotarian and invited her to an "Albanian" evening, which celebrated food and culture of Albania. Lee eventually joined the Shepparton Rotary Club in June 2004.

During her time there, she held the roles of community services director and secretary. She was president Elect, and would have been the first woman President of the Shepparton Club, but reluctantly had to resign from this opportunity when she and Bob moved back to New Zealand, for Bob's appointment as CEO of Environment Waikato.

In addition to club service while in Australia, Lee also served on the District GSE Committee and was also involved in many fundraising activities such as annual calendars, Christmas ham raffle, charity golf day and diabetes awareness. Once in Hamilton, she joined Waikato Sunrise with the assistance of Malcolm Neil.

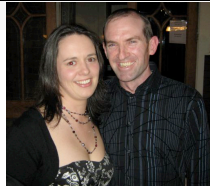
Since joining our club, Lee has helped out at the HGHS RYDA day, the rugby, the boxing, and has gained her bar manager's license. She enjoys working at the rugby as it gives her an opportunity to get to know people better. Currently she is Chairperson of the Innovation Committee and next year will be our President Elect.



"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 1 April
6pm at The Londoner
 See you there!

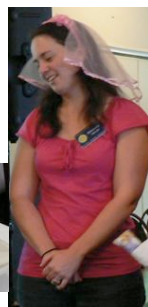


Mel Tipler
Business
Advisory
Manager
Staples Rodway

Mel joined Waikato Sunrise in 2010, introduced by Sharyn Bell. Mel has quickly become involved in Rotary service assisting in the beverage tents at the rugby. She also agreed, while very new to the club, to be one of the Sergeants this Rotary year, a role she has really enjoyed.

Mel's professional skill has offered her an opportunity to serve as Treasurer for the District Committee of RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

Last year, Mel became engaged to her partner Bryan and will marry on Sat 2 April. We surprised her last Friday morning with a pink veil (to wear for the meeting) and a good old fashioned 'kitchen tea party' complete with gifts and cupcakes.



Fellow sergeant, Keith, shared 'tips for wives' sourced from internet archives ... eg 'quick clean up before he gets home', 'take off his shoes for him' etc. Girls, we missed our calling ... not!



Dianne Pollard-Williams
Principal
Melville Primary School

Dianne joined on 29 May 2009 in the year of Bryce and Fraser. She found out about Waikato Sunrise through Fraser when he presented Rotary dictionaries to Melville Primary School Year 4 students. She'd been thinking about joining a Rotary club and - although NOT a morning girl by choice - thought the Sunrise meeting time fitted well with her work.

Since joining, Dianne has helped plant up the area at Wellington Beach River bank where Rotarians had removed the agapanthus. She's attended Rotary training in Rotorua and the 2010 Rotary conference in Tauranga where we won the Fancy Dress cup as Masai Warriors! Dianne's also helped at the Tua Fight in the Beer tents, has done the Bar Managers training, intends to assist with the V8s and other fund raising opportunities as they arise.

Dianne's most grateful to Waikato Sunrise for our support of Melville Primary School – spreading mulch around kowhai trees for the 2010 District Project Day, supporting pupils attend the Young Leaders conference in Rotorua, and providing the Rotary dictionaries each year.

The philosophy of Rotary, the four way test and the motto of 'service above self' are principles that Dianne holds dear and promotes through Melville Primary's 'restoring virtues' programme.

Rotary is a good fit for Dianne. The fellowship and fellowess-ship in Rotary is friendly and caring and she enjoys mixing with people outside of the education field. "Together we have greatness and wisdom to share with each other and the world".

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Rotary Paul Harris Community Awards continued ...

Service above self
continued...



The Rotary Club of Hamilton East awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Neil Bruce, founder of Men's Sheds, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in special appreciation for his contribution to community service in the fields of education, music and the wellbeing of men in the community.

The Rotary Club of Fairfield awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Barbara Redfern, Waikato Refugee Resettlement Society, in special appreciation for her work in refugee settlement, and for the many facets of her work that creates better lives for refugees and their integration in to our community.



Renee Casserly
Community Arts
Advisor
Arts Waikato

Renee joined Waikato Sunrise in 2010, introduced by Justin Vodane. Since joining, she has really enjoy meeting people and the enthusiasm that everyone has for supporting the community locally and overseas, in particular those involved in the Innovation committee and the Youth projects we support. Renee also loves the social aspect of Rotary and she's appreciated the support that members have offered, assisting with her film-making (some of whom stuck it out until the very bitter 3am end!).



Photo above: Singing also enhanced the evening - Danae sang a duet 'Dare to Dream with Waikato Sunrise member Charles Sorensson, and ended the evening with 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'.



Photo left: Hamilton Boy's High School pupil, Sam Franisevic, provided dinner music. Sam was recently winner of the National finals of Search for the Stars.

The Rotary Club of Huntly awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Claire Molloy, Order of St John, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in special appreciation for her contribution to the Huntly community, in particular to St John and to youth.

The Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to Elizabeth Bang, CEO of Hospice Waikato, in special appreciation for her contribution to community, particularly to women, and to the establishment of a state of the art Hospice centre to serve the Waikato Community.

Renee successfully and energetically combines her passion for the arts and her passion for making a difference in our community. In her daily life as an Arts Advisor, a film-maker, and an actress, she's been involved in making a very real difference to our community during the months she's been with us. Her combined efforts in all her personal, professional and Rotary activities has helped her realise her knowledge level, her ability to facilitate direction in and with others, and her ability to assist with general fundraising, project planning and organizational expertise.

This month we said goodbye to Renee as she's venturing overseas for at least the next 6 months. She extends a hearty thanks to you all for embracing her in Rotary, and we extend our love and well wishes for her OE adventure.

Lee, Dianne, Mel and Renee, you are valued members of our club, and we thank you for your contribution to Rotary.





IYE student, Stewart Gibson, shares about life in Argentina...

2 March 2011: I've been here roughly one month now, and I've loved every minute. I definitely see how exchange students get fat easily; everyone practically shoves food down

your throat. But the food is amazing. Here they never have things by themselves. For example; salad always has oil and mayonnaise, fruit always has syrup and meat is drenched in salt. What I really want is an apple! And everything has sugar - so sweet - but to combat this I have joined the local rugby club here (Nevado). I've told the whole team that I play for the All Blacks back in New Zealand ha-ha. We had our first game last Saturday against the team which last year won the competition, we won 24-19. I also scored a try. The field has no grass to speak of, which is very weird coming from New Zealand.

I turned 18 at the beginning of February and my family put on a big party for me. They also shaved my head (which is tradition here). I've also attended a week long festival called Chaya, which celebrates the earth - it is mainly a big paint fights with girls against boys. A lot of fun.

The language is going ok. I'm not exactly speeding along, but I'm not doing too badly. I am receiving lessons from my host mother who owns an institute that teaches English. Also, I write down all the words I don't know in a book and read them at night. I've found there are a lot of similar words in Spanish that sound exactly like words in English, so if I don't know a word I just say it with a Spanish accent and just might get it right. Some of the friends I have made here speak English, so that is helpful while I'm learning.

The Rotary club in the town has only about 5 families and usually the whole family is involved. I don't quite fully understand it but they have this organisation called Rotarak (*maybe Rotaract?*). This is for people who are aged 12 - 18 and usually children of the Rotary members. They give up their time on Saturdays to help other people less fortunate than themselves. The club itself is very new - only 5 years old.



Chilecito is a little town nestled in between two huge mountain ranges. To give you an idea of how big they are, it is snowing on them at the moment when it is 30 degrees down here. Canel that today it hit 40. I find it really weird. There are about 40,000 people here with the

surrounding little villages, from what all my friends tell me it gets really boring in the winter as all small towns do but we will see. We (Rotary IYE) have our first orientation day on the 11th 12th and 13th of March where I will meet all the others that are here. Bueno, chau. *Stewart*

23 March 2011: I have now settled into normal life of school and early mornings, which are not my specialty but I am trying hard to get up on time. At school, I don't understand a lot but some things I copy down in the hope that later I will understand it. Math's, I understand most of it, as numbers are the same in English and Spanish, even though some people who actually speak Spanish don't even understand it! English here is a joke and most students in the class can speak more than the teacher.

On the 11th of March I went to a Rotary weekend in Cordoba where I met all the exchange students in district 4815 - Cordoba, Catamarca and La Rioja. We New Zealanders were the only ones that had just arrived (end of January) and could hardly speak Spanish, whereas everyone else was from the northern hemisphere and had been speaking Spanish for about 6 or 7 months. It was rather interesting that the District President expected us to speak perfect Spanish after about a month.

The very next day after I returned to Chilecito, I was back in Cordoba (9 hours drive) but this time with my host father who needed to buy some things for himself and an apartment in the city. Two days later, on the Thursday, we were joined by my host sister and host mother, who needed things for her English school that she runs. I went out clubbing with my host father on the Friday night to which I experienced some very good music, food and a very late night/early morning.



This weekend is yet another long weekend - in February and March there have been a total of 14 or more public holidays, which I am not complaining about!

Bueno, chau. *Stewart*

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News from Tel Aviv



District 9930's Ambassadorial Scholar, Robbie Frances, currently studying at University in Tel Aviv, writes ...

Hello all. It's been a while! Excuse my failed attempts to keep in touch...the last few months have been a roller coaster ride to say the least. I'm just past the 6 month mark- it's hard to believe that time has gone by so quickly. My first semester ended chaotically with assignments due here there and everywhere. In fact I'm still writing 15 page essays even though my second semester started 3 weeks ago. Yesterday I handed in a history assignment on the persecution of Coptic Christians in Egypt, in a few days an international law paper on the blasphemy law in Pakistan - fascinating stuff. My semester break kicked off with Mum's visit to Israel. Blow me down, I got sick the day she arrived and didn't recover for over three weeks. She didn't mind though, she still had a ball.

I have taken up an extra class in Jerusalem at a private Jewish institution called Pardes. Biweekly I study with the Rabbi's in Jerusalem the Jewish perspective on peace and conflict. It is so interesting and I'm getting a lot out of the course. It is the third piece in my puzzle as I study religious conflicts (Christianity, Islam and Judaism). My other classes are all very interesting as well: Islam and the West, negotiation, humanitarian space, Israeli society, humanism vs fundamentalism, IGO and NGO involvement in international conflict...

We also have an array of interesting speakers for our class. A few weeks ago we had an American Jewish girl who was living in Cairo during the revolution and had to be evacuated under very dangerous circumstances, last week we had the chance to speak with three Darfurian refugees- people who had experienced and fled from genocide. Their stories were out of this world. One had his 8 year old daughter shot in the forehead as they tried to run away from the Sudanese/Arab officials who were destroying Darfur. His father was unable to run away quick enough and was burned alive in his hut. I hope to do some work with them in the coming months, teaching sewing skills to the women refugees. So if any of you are interested in helping out with this, please let me know.

While it must seem like a world away for most of you, please keep in your thoughts and prayers the thousands of Middle Easterners who have been killed in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and other nations as they fight for simple human rights most of us take for granted such as the right to voice an opinion, the right to be protected against corruption and torture, the right to vote, the right to be educated.

I imagine every one of you was affected by the earthquake in some way or another. Please know, that although I am on the other side of the world I felt it too. I received countless messages and phone calls from classmates, professors and locals as they expressed concerns for my New Zealand friends and family. One Israeli was killed in the quake so it was big news over here, Israel sent a team over to help. As for my family and friends, no fatalities but many tragic stories - my heart goes out to all of you who lost loved ones.

It's a strange sensation studying conflict amongst such tragedy. On Sunday a bomb went off in Jerusalem, taking the arm off a council worker. Thankfully no one else was hurt.

Highlights included being stuck in Jerusalem Old City hostel over looking David's Tower and the Golden Dome while it rained and rained, walking the division wall in Bethlehem to try and cross the border by foot because our attempt to illegally cross by bus failed, riding camels along a biblical incense route in the Negev desert, market shopping and bike rides along the beach. Of course much of her stay we spent glued to the television as we watched the events unfold in neighboring countries Egypt, West Bank and Jordan.

I understand that it was not exactly covered extensively in New Zealand media, but I tell you what, Israel was on alert and nervous. For those of you who weren't following it, Egypt's president, Mubarak, who ruled the country by dictatorship for 30 years, was forced to step down after the Egyptian people camped out in Cairo, causing a historical revolution. Mubarak was the one who signed a peace treaty with Israel and his departure potentially left Israel wide open and vulnerable to attacks. Every day reports were coming out from Egypt telling Israel to prepare for war. It was an intense time.

Daily we discuss and debate the issues surrounding us and I have no doubt that in a few years time it will be my class mates working in the field to resolve these conflicts.

On a lighter note, I am looking forward to summer. I had my togs on last weekend sunbathing on the beach. I'm also in great anticipation of the arrival of my long time buddy Simone Haylett-Petty in June (we hope to go to the Petra in Jordan if it is still peaceful) and Libbee Peary will be coming for my graduation in August.

It's party season here. the holiday is called Purim and the whole of Israel parties in fancy dress (a little bit like Halloween but much much longer). Tonight the festival begins with a student roof top party, which I will go to with my Israeli buddy Sagi. Tomorrow Shabat dinner with my neighbors, next Thursday 90s party, Friday street party in the day then student party at night, Saturday superhero party. I have many costumes to sew!

Robbie