

Waikato Sunrise is proud to be the home club of District Governor Raewyn Kirkman.

District Changeover was held on Sunday 3 July, to celebrate outgoing DG Peter Signal's year and to welcome Raewyn to the role.

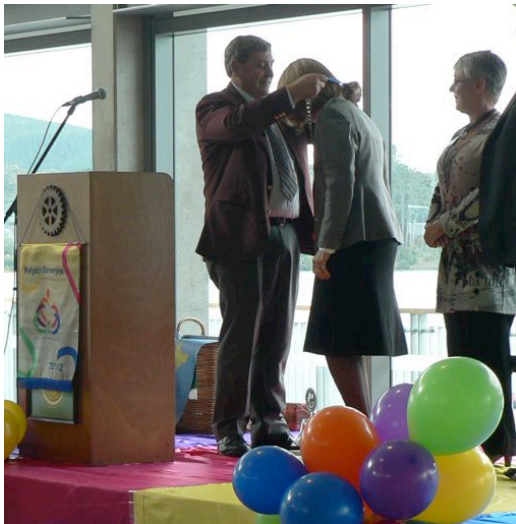
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Coming up in August:

- 5 Aug Guest Speaker Assistant Governor Tim Brooker 'Rotary'
- 5 Aug Sunrise @ Six 6pm The Londoner
- 12 Aug Guest Speaker Tony Ratcliffe 'The Elephant Man (Circus Life)'
- 19 Aug Guest Speaker Rob Waddell 'The Home of Cycling'
- 26 Aug Guest Speaker Mystery Guest 'This is my life'
- 2 Sept Guest Speaker Diane Yates 'Waikato Society of Arts'



Raewyn receiving the chain of office – more on District Changeover p3



Waikato Sunrise President 2011/2012 Joe Doherty

+ Rotary knowledge is important "It's every Rotarian's responsibility to be educated in Rotary"

-- District Training team 2011

Thoughts from our new President...

Special thanks to Libby for her terrific efforts as President during the Rotary year just ended. From my perspective, one of the highlights was the initiative around the inaugural Paul Harris Community Awards evening, which saw a) 7 well-deserving non-Rotarian Paul Harris Awardees and b) an event that was an outstanding success. Those Rotarians who didn't attend missed out on a great event. It's my hope this can be an ongoing annual event as this can assist to foster good relationships between the Area 1 Clubs and go a long way to further promoting Rotary within our Community.

Welcome to Carol Croft & Kay Kerr as our new Secretary & Treasurer respectively. A huge thanks also to their predecessors, John Tulloch & Sharyn Bell, for your fantastic efforts over the past 3 years. You have both done a fantastic job.

I am extremely proud to be President and we as Club members should feel honoured & privileged to have member Raewyn Kirkman as our District Governor for the next 12 months. The theme for the next 12 months of "Rotary Rocks" is entirely appropriate as we attempt to achieve an increase in membership across the District. To get new members to join Rotary we need to have fun on the way, be passionate about the organisation and also promote the causes that we are working towards.

I am keen to see growth within the Club in the following key areas over the next 12 months:

a) Supporting Raewyn as District Governor. A District Governor's role is extremely busy and it's important that we support Raewyn as much as possible to ensure her year is a success. To this end, I have appointed Ross Hargood as the conduit between the Club and Raewyn - thanks Ross. Ross will ensure that our Club members provide the necessary backup and support to ease the workload for Raewyn where possible. If you are able to assist in any way, Ross would appreciate your contact.

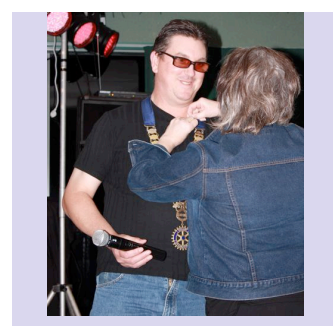
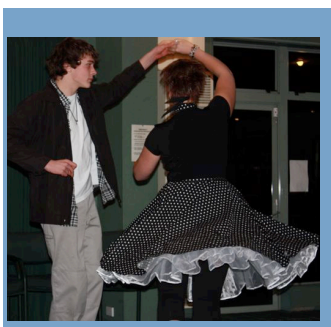
b) Engagement - it is absolutely vital, in my view, that members are engaged about Rotary. It is far easier to promote Rotary if we feel passionate about it. Education also has an important part to play in this process. There is a wealth of knowledge about Rotary within our membership, and I encourage those that possess this knowledge to share it and those members that don't possess it to enquire about it. More knowledge will enable better promotion of Rotary within the Community.

c) Rotary Foundation - This is an area that our DG is very passionate about and the goal in the next 12 months is to increase contributions to Rotary Foundation by 50% from the previous year.

d) Membership - this will be an increased area of focus immediately, watch this space. One key area here will be in formulating (and keeping regularly updated) a database for "Friends of Rotary". The intention is partner with people who can support us in our Club initiatives so that more monies generated from our activities can be dispersed to our designated organisations across the Community.

That's it for now, thanks everyone for your tremendous support to date. *Joe Doherty, President 2011/12*

Waikato Sunrise Changeover 2011



Paul Harris Fellow awards

Congratulations to members **Margaret Jenkins** and **Geoff Tizard** who were awarded Paul Harris Fellows at our changeover evening, in recognition of their extensive service to Rotary.





District Changeover 2011

8am at Don Rowlands Centre, Karapiro, it was all go. Colourful balloons and stage coverings were laid, lighting, sound and datashow set up, programmes set on seating, and sound checks completed in preparation for District changeover. What a team! By 9am, all was ready, and Hillcrest High School Interactors - dressed in traditional Indian costume - welcomed guests ("Namaste") as they arrived for morning tea.

Approximately 300 Rotarians, partners and friends attended this exciting District event, which was Indian themed in honour of the new Rotary International President, Kalyan Banerjee.

The morning programme saw district awards distributed to clubs by outgoing District Governor Peter Signal, a presentation of the Group Study Exchange team to Georgia, and Peter's parting thoughts, complete with a 3 min DVD of his travel's over the past 12 months to the aptly chosen song, "I've been everywhere man".

A sumptuous Indian buffet, catered by Indian Aroma Restaurant was enjoyed by all, as was the Roti chef's expertise kneading, tossing and cooking Roti bread on a kettle in the centre stage of the buffet.

The afternoon programme started with the formal changeover ceremony. Before receiving the chains of office, Raewyn was met at the foot of the stage by the Interactors, who offered an Indian ceremonial blessing on her role and upcoming year. Raewyn introduced her team for 2011/12 - 56 Presidents, plus Assistant Governors, and the various District chairs, coordinators, contacts & champions, and then concluded the event with a motivational incoming speech.

Waikato Sunrise was proud to host the District changeover event, which was competently MC'd by member Carmen Jacobsen. We wish Raewyn and Geoff all the best for the coming year.

Excerpts from DG Raewyn's incoming speech

On relevance: "Our purpose - to do good in the world - has stayed constant, but despite the world around us moving on, many of our practices (established at a point in time to help us achieve our purpose at that point in time), have not moved on. It is these outdated practices that make Rotary appear less relevant. We need to hang on to the essence of Rotary but change some of the ways we experience Rotary."

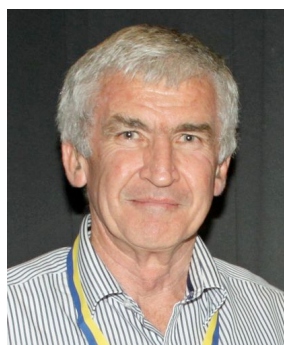
On diversity: "A club of men and woman - professional and non-professional, young and old, kiwi born and immigrants, people with disabilities and without - has a much wider range of talents, contacts, insights and ideas, and in those lie opportunities for the club to engage with its community in different ways." *Continued p 4*

District Changeover 2011 continued ...



Photo left: On behalf of Waikato Sunrise, Joe received the 'Home club of the District Governor' banner and the 'Home club of the District Governor's Handbag' banner.

Photo right: Cambridge Rotary's band "Bruised Brothers" performed throughout the day at District Changeover, including creative renditions of 'Cowboy Logic' for Peter, and 'Rockin Robin' & 'Rock around the Clock' for Raewyn, in honour of her Rotary Rocks theme.



District Paul Harris Fellow:

Congratulations to Waikato Sunrise member **Colin Sanderson**, who was awarded a Paul Harris sapphire pin by District Governor Peter in acknowledgement of Colin's years of service on the International Youth Exchange (IYE) District committee. Colin retired from the IYE District Chair position at the end of the 2010/11 Rotary year.

"Rotary Rocks – I didn't choose this theme – it chose me.

- Raewyn Kirkman

"For me, it does rock - it rocks my boat, puts power in my paddle. And I like to think about what happens when you throw a rock into water - how the ripples spread. Rotary does that."

Excerpts from DG Raewyn's incoming speech *continued*

On Public Image: "Public image is about branding. A brand is a promise that you make and that you keep in everything that you do. Like the four way test. Raising the public image - the brand - of Rotary, in my view, is simple, and there are two easy things that we can all do that will make a difference.

First, have a conversation with someone about Rotary every day. Imagine, across New Zealand, 9000 or so people talking about Rotary!

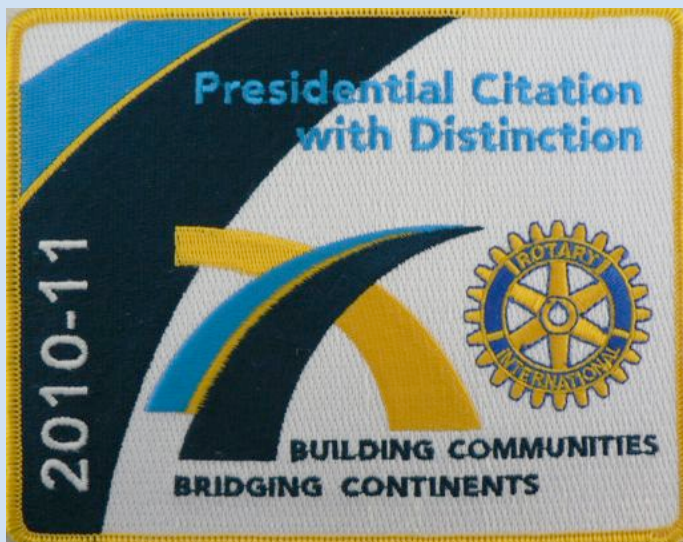
And the way we describe Rotary in those conversations will make a difference. How do you describe Rotary when someone asks?

Do you say: 'Rotary's a club that meets every week and we have dinner and hear a guest speaker, and usually we have a sergeant who fines everyone and normally I'm home by 8.00?'

Or do you tell them: '**Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities?**' This is the new essence statement of Rotary International. It makes a great elevator speech: you're in a lift, proudly wearing your Rotary pin, and someone asks you about it. You have the time it takes the lift to go two or three floors to tell them it's a Rotary pin, and explain what Rotary is. And if it is just one floor? I tell them that Rotary is about **good people doing good.**"



Congratulations
from past District Governor Peter Signal
to the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise
for achieving a
Presidential Citation with Distinction
for the 2010/11 year.



A Presidential Citation is recognition that a Club has reached standards that have been set by the current world president for achievement during the past Rotary year. A citation with distinction is achieved through *exceeding* standards in all four categories – a great credit to the club involved and the leadership of their President.



Membership News:

Welcome to new member, **Tim Anderson**, who joined Rotary in June 2011, sponsored by Carmen Jacobsen. Married to Libby Gairdner, Tim has contributed significantly as a friend of Rotary over the past five years: He's attended many of the conferences,

district assemblies, changeovers and training days; He travelled to Saqani in Fiji last year with a group of Rotarians to help refurbish a pre-school; He's helped several times with the leadership interviews for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) as well as, this year, running beginner workshops on public speaking; He served on the organisation committees this year for both the Rotary Paul Harris Community Awards and District Changeover.

Following this year's District Conference, Tim decided it's time to join Rotary to further his involvement in community service and to take the many opportunities Rotary offers.

Tim is a Policeman, and has served with the New Zealand Police for 22 years. He's currently a Senior Sergeant managing the Waikato Case Management Centre. He's previously been a member and secretary of Jaycees, and has more recently worked for Lifeline Waikato as a Telephone Councillor. Tim and Libby have a combined family of 4 children – Jared (21), Cloe (20), Adelle (18) and Danae (17). His interests include cycling and fishing, and hosting dinner parties with Libby.

Tim looks forward to increased involvement with Rotary. He brings leadership and project management skills along with a passion for youth to help Rotary make a difference in our community.



Membership News:

Welcome to new member, **Willemien Wennekers**, who joined Rotary in June 2011, sponsored by Jeremy Brook. Willemien is currently studying Tourism and Business Management full time. She is also an Independent Social Rehabilitation Assessor and Registered Nurse. She carries out needs analysis in the community for people of all ages with

injuries, medical issues and disabilities on behalf of the DHB, DSL, ACC or privately. Willemien is an active church member and is involved with the music team and facilitating small groups within her church. She has three children, Vera (28), Marisa (26) and Leon (20). Her interests include music, arts and crafts, tramping and reading.

Willemien thoroughly enjoys our meetings and the fellowship, and is looking forward to becoming more involved as a Rotarian and contributing to the wider community.



Feel the fear and do it anyway!

Congratulations, Carmen, on taking Rotary's personal/professional development ethos to new heights, throwing yourself out of a perfectly good plane recently, to expand your comfort zone for public speaking. Impressive!

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

So far it's been busy and tiring, but every club is different with a wealth of knowledge. We started July - having attended in the previous 15 days - 10 Club Changeovers, two art auctions and an Area 1 presidents' dinner. In early July we had another three Club Changeovers plus District, which was exceptionally hosted by Waikato Sunrise. Made us both proud. Thank you to everybody involved.

The Waikato Times article on Raewyn, published on 9 July, stirred quite some interest from all sectors and Rotary was certainly the winner. The first week of Official Club Visits started at Morrinsville on 11th July. We were going to visit a Rotorua Club on the Wednesday, but had to postpone at the last minute because they weren't ready for us. The following week we left for Hawke Bay early Monday morning and did six Club Visits in four days, departing 5.30 Friday morning to get home and do some work. We needed the ground clearance of the 4wd as we hit a slip in the hills just out of Napier in the rain and darkness.

Every club visit has been thoroughly enjoyable and attendances have been right up there. Many partners have also been attending and the reception of R's address has been quite overwhelming. After some trialing, the duration has been controlled to just over 20 minutes. We interspersed the Club visits with a return golf match with the Area Governors of Napier and Hastings. We had beaten them in our first match last year, but they were a bit more ruthless this time. A decider will have to be played at a later date. We also hired bicycles and spent a couple of hours exploring the Rotary Pathways, which has been a magnificent Rotary initiative through the area. We will do that again next time we're there.

This week our only Club Visit is a joint collaboration between Otorohanga and Te Kuiti to be held at The Big Apple. We have one Board meeting beforehand and the other afterwards. Should be a good night. *Geoff Tizard*

Read this month in Rotary Down Under

p5 'Be the change you want to see'

p10 'Why I resigned from Rotary'

Membership News:

We farewell three members this month, who have tendered their resignation for personal and professional reasons:



Warren Clarke has been a member of Waikato Sunrise since 1987. Since semi-retiring this past year from his

role as a structural and civil engineer Manager, he's been busier than ever working regularly in Christchurch and will continue to do for some time as the city recovers from earthquake devastation.



John Tulloch joined Waikato Sunrise in 2003. He has actively helped with fund raising activities, as club Secretary for 3 years, and enjoyed being the

van driver for the Rotary Friendship Exchange group from Sweden last year. John has tendered his resignation as personal commitments now prevent him from serving as actively as he would like.



Glen Williams Since joining in 2010, changes to Glen's business commitments have led him to reconsider his

involvement with Rotary.

Warren, John and Glen, thank you for your contributions to Waikato Sunrise and the Rotary cause. We wish you well.



Rotary PR - View an interview with Raewyn by Hawkes Bay TV 'Chatroom' Friday 5 August at 7.30 pm on TVHB - UHF channel 51 (re-broadcast on Saturday 6 August at 7.30 am and 12.30 pm). The broadcast will also be sent to other regional channels and could play on Cue TV on Sky 110 or Freeview channel 23. You can also see it on www.tvhb.co.nz

Congratulations

to Libby Gairdner selected this month to be Team Leader for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) team travelling to District 3050 Rajasthan India at the end of the year.

Team member selection will be completed in August.

Want to know more about Rotary?

Check out www.rotary.org and we warmly invite you to visit the Rotary Club of Waikato Sunrise