**President’s Report**

At our brief board meeting at the conclusion of last week’s meeting it was decided to disburse $1,000 directly to The Philippine Typhoon Disaster Fund. District Governor Bruce was able to join us and recommended we forward the money directly to Rotary District 3860, District Governor Edgar Chiongbian and it will be put straight to work. It really brings this catastrophe close to home when we are able to have such a direct contact with one of our Rotary family. Another matter discussed at the brief meeting was a nomination from Rotarian Kay Kidd to re admit Herbie Waltron as a member. Apparently there was a discussion at the table and when the benefits of E Club were explained, Herbie agreed to re-join. I will be very surprised if there are any dissenting voices.

Rotarian Richard Quinn provided interesting Rotary information on the history of make ups and how it fits in the unique culture of Rotary. Richard encouraged members to be aware of visitors to our club and a suggestion that members on registration identify a visitor to one of our members to ensure the visitor is looked after.

The long awaited presentation of the Fiji work tour from Rotarians Peter Chalk, Seelan Nair, Leon Wootton and their wives did not disappoint, in fact it was so popular, members want more and I am sure Rotarian John O’Donnell can organise that in 2014.

Leon opened proceedings with a history of the program. It is known as Fiji Rotahome Project Koriopita, or village of Peter, a tribute to its founders Peter and Jo Drysdale. Peter is a Rotarian and commenced this work 30 years ago. Leon could not speak highly enough of Peter, who is so generous and rules with strong discipline to maintain the standards that include no stealing, respect for women, religion and other cultures. Leon expressed concern as to what will happen when Peter is longer in charge and also the Rotary Club of Lautoka who sponsors this project. Leon suggested that we consider some form of sponsorship and as an example we could share in the annual subscription of their members and the board will give this serious consideration. In 2003 Rotary International have provided backing to this project and Rotarian Lou Pretorius heads the Board of Trustees.

The aim is to build low cost housing to alleviate sub-human living conditions to impoverished families in order to break the poverty cycle. The homes are small and cyclone proof. Peter showed some photographs and gave us a calculation of the number of nails used in strapping beams and joists together, space won’t permit to publish the number. Up to date there have been 700 homes built in Western Fiji, 200 of which are in the village of Koriopita and these homes accommodate close to 4000 people.

There was a team of ten in the group that our members volunteered for. Our members were joined by Rotarians from South Australia and Queensland. Photographs showed the ladies involved in physical work and painting. The ladies were also kept busy helping out in the kindergarten and some other social activities. Mention was made of the high quality badges supplied by Faye Owers, they far exceeded those of the other Rotarians. I’m out of space, Thankyou all for your tremendous self sacrifice and the excellent report.

Until next week…**Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 21 –21st November 2013 – Meeting – 1956 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| **Date** | **21-Nov-13** | **28-Nov-13** | **05-Dec-13** |
| **Speaker**  | Million Dollar Meal |   |   |
| **Subject** | Penguin Composites |   |   |
| **Chairman** | John van der Woude | Rick Campbell | Lance Cox |
| **Presidents** |   | Ian Macleod | Ian Murcott |
| **Table** |   | John O'Donnell | John Cook |
| **Reception** | Glenn O'Halloran | Richard Quinn | Alan Pattison |
|  |   | Steve Rockliff | John van der Woude |
| **Rotary Info** |   | Conference Update | Bob Farr |
| **(Job Talk)** |   | Mark Nugent - Catering |   |
| **Meetings** |   | Board  | Sub Committee |
| **Birthdays** |  |  |  |
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| **Rotary** | Esley Dunham 23Nov (18) | Ian Murcott 30Nov (13) | Richard Quinn 06Dec (34) |
| **Anniversary** | Matthew McConnell 26Nov (4) |   | John van der Woude 11Dec (10) |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **14th. Nov. 2013** |
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| Attendance: | 31 members |
| Make Ups: | Ian Macleod (Motor show) Rick Campbell (learn Grow) |
| Apologies: | Buz .Green, R Colbeck, B Gowans, I Macleod, L Titmus, R Stewart, J O'Donnell, R Lee. |
| Leave: | T Hartley, I Hutchinson, M Temple-Smith. |
| Guest Speaker | Club Fiji "Koroipita" team. |
| Guests: | L Jackson, (T Davies) H Waltran,T Lynch & P Wootton (L Wootton) |
| Visiting Rotarians: |  |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
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|  | or 0418 337 104 |
| Club website: | www.rotarydevnorth.org.au |
| Motor Show: | www.devonportnorthshow.com |
| Eclub | www.rotaryeclubone.org |
| Rotary International: | www.rotary.org |
| 9830 Conference | [www.9830conference.com.au](http://www.9830conference.com.au/) |

Future Events

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Location** |
| Thursday | 21st November, 2013 | Million $ Meal | Penguin Composites |
| Thursday | 05th December, 2013  | Degree C Opening | Ulverstone |
| Sunday | 08th December, 2013 | Fairbrother BBQ | Fairway Park, Ulverstone |
| Thursday | 12th December, 2013 | Christmas Dinner | Devonport Golf Club |
| Thursday | 19th December, 2013 | Breakfast Meeting | Elimatta |
| Tuesday | 24th December, 2013 | Breakfast in Park | Round House Park |
| Thursday | 9th January, 2014 | Normal Meeting | Maritime Museum ?? |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | D'port Motor Show | Round House Park |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |