



The Rotary Club of Stokes Valley Inc

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[Rotary 2010 Rotary international theme what does it mean \(click here now\)](#)

THE PRESIDENT'S SPOT

I want to challenge us to do things differently this year but above all have fun ... [View President Dennis's latest blog \(click here now\)](#)

CHANGEOVER NIGHT

A very special thanks to [Brendan Foote Motors](#) for allowing us to use their showroom, to those members and guests who made the night a great success. Who knew Dennis looked so handsome

Welcome to Guests. - Don O'Grady and Pat O'Grady, Ria Janssen,

Outgoing President John Anderson – "... People tell me it's been a 'good' year, and that's feedback I appreciate.

From my own perspective, it's a year that's had its highs and lows. ... Just some of the good things we did included:-

- ✓ Doing the additional plantings to continue development of Stokes Valley Stream walkway, which involved the in-bound exchange students.
- ✓ Contributing to cost of development of Under 5's playground at Plunket rooms, constructing the fence and painting Plunket rooms
- ✓ Continuing to fund Books in Schools at the three Stokes Valley primary schools.
- ✓ Running the Pinkies for Polio project involving the Stokes Valley Primary Schools, which helped raise awareness of being immunised against polio, as well as raising nearly \$500 to help eradicate polio.
- ✓ In conjunction with the Pelorus Trust sponsoring two Hutt Valley Youth workers to an Overseas

Conference to learn more about helping youth through tough times.

- ✓ Sponsoring a Taita College Student (Kristina Hendrie) to a National Science & Technology Forum in Auckland over the summer holidays.
- ✓ Running the 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Hutt Golf Club, which raised in excess of \$18,000 for the Stokes Valley Community.
- ✓ Sponsoring and overseas exchange student, from the USA for 12 months. Kendyl Glenna left this morning to be re-united with her family after what I'm sure was a life changing experience for her-and for some of us too. Kendyl also attended RYPEN.
- ✓ Running another successful Stokes Valley Christmas Parade and Market Day. It is great to see the Stokes Valley Christmas Parade still thriving when in other areas it has folded. Proceeds went to Wellington Free Ambulance to help them purchase a new ambulance.
- ✓ We helped Eastern Hutt Lions at the Trans Rail Open Day. Proceeds of over \$3,000 also went towards purchasing the Free Ambulance
- ✓ Donated \$2,500 to help have Guy Ngan sculpture erected in the Stokes Valley Shopping Centre.
- ✓ Donated \$5,000 to the Gilles McIndoe Foundation to help with the purchase of a new microscope for their world-class research facility.
- ✓ We were still actively involved in the Garden of Appreciation and with Te Omanga Hospice, helping with their Appeal Day
- ✓ And we got our Rotary Foundation involvement up and running again and easily met the level of pledges we set out to pass onto District.

And I'm sure there are many more ...” [To see Past President John's speech \(click here now\)](#)



Left to Right - Incoming president Dennis and Pam with outgoing president John and Liz

Incoming President Dennis O'Grady -

We owe much to our past; but our future relies on what we do today.

I would like to thank Past President John for his strong stewardship of our club over the past year. I know it has not always been easy for him but he has this knack of getting you to volunteer for a job without you already realizing what you have done. Hence, that is why I am up here tonight.

Anyway, a Big thanks to John for his direction in the club, the Charity Golf Tournament with his brother Peters help and to Elizabeth because behind every good man there is a good woman picking up the pieces.

ROTARY THEME

This year it is:

“Building Communities Bridging Continents”



We are Building our community though:

- Community Patrol
- Books in schools
- RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
- Xmas parade

Our District Theme is

“Actions Count”



And I'm sure every club member will join me this year in making our actions count.

CLUB VISIONING

As most of you know we have our own club visioning evening later this month. The facilitation process is aimed at helping our club design its own vision and setting out the steps needed to achieve that vision.

MY ASPERATIONS

I also have some hopes and dreams of my own.

I'm going to be like the turtle (God knows I move like one!) stick my neck out and move forward by involving the club in the following activities:

- Membership increase by 5 this year.**
- A wine sale with a different supplier**
- More inter club activities**
- John has kindly agreed to run another charity golf tournament**
- More involvement with the local schools**
- Above all have fun**

MY BOARD

I would like to introduce my board for the 2010/2011 year but by no means is this set in concrete as I see this year as a year of evolution.

President Elect	Russell Poole
Vice President/Rotary Foundation	John Anderson
Secretary	Richard Bridge
Sergeant	Alan Thorburn
Bulletin Editor	Bruce Jenks
Intl & Youth	Graeme Smeaton
Public Relations	Leigh Sutton
Student Support	Russell & Lynne Poole
Assistant District Governor	Mark Jacobson
Treasurer	Paula from my office is dealing with the day to day activities assisted by myself

In the words of our new RI President, let us build a bigger, better, bolder club

Lastly, I would like to thank my Wife for the encouragement she has given me leading up to my year as President.



Our new President Dennis and Pam.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome Paul and Karen to Rotary!



Left to right John, Paul, Karen and Dennis

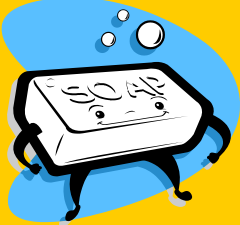
It is always fantastic to welcome into the fellowship of Rotary new members but especially so on outgoing president John's and incoming president Dennis' changeover night.

SERGEANTS SESSION – ALAN THORBURN:

A reprieve this week as Sergeant Alan compared part of the evening took photographs and attended to a few quick character changes! What a talent!

Parting Thought: Dennis O'Grady – "I want to challenge us to do things differently this year but above all have fun" Dennis O'Grady

SOAP BOX



"When are they going to get video referees in football" - GS

To have your say or pass on a witty thought. ([click here now](#))

NOW THAT'S FAIRLY INTERESTING

[2011 Rugby World Cup – Home Hosting of Visiting Fellow Rotarians \(click here now\)](#) This is a project worth checking out – see here for more information.

[Rotary International on Youtube \(click here now\)](#)
See here to check out Rotary International's Youtube page.

[This is amazing from the Hutt Rotary Bulletin ... I want one \(click here now\)](#)

[Something interesting to share? \(click here now\)](#)

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

To be added

WEEKLY CLUB MEETINGS

Date	13 Jul	20 Jul	27 Jul
Speaker	Martin Press	Visioning Night	Chris Hipkins
Topic	Chiropractor	District committee	Challenges and Highlights of his first half of his first parliamentary term
Host, Grace, Thought	Peter Anderson	Peter Wright	Phil Hines
Set Up, Thanks	Phil Hankinson	Richard Bridge	Ron Wainwright
Tidy Up	Russell Poole	Trevor Roberts	Wayne Leong
Recorder	Brian Profit		
Apologies or additional Guests: Email or telephone John Anderson (click here now)			



Read District Governor Howard Tong is keeping a blog of his year. ([click here now](#))

Four Way Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

President - [Dennis O'Grady](#)

Secretary - [Richard Bridge](#)

Bulletin Editor - [Bruce Jenks](#)

Meetings Level 1, Avalon Studios, Percy Cameron Street, Avalon, Lower Hutt. Each Tuesday at 6.00pm

For more information on the club and its committees, Rotary International, and District 9941

Please visit our website

www.stokesvalleyrotaryclub.org.nz