

ROTARY RAMBLE

Light Up Rotary | Change Lives

Meetings

Weekly meetings are held on Thursday, 5.30pm at Rotary House, 12 Story Place, Taupo

Visitors Welcome

Thursday 7 May

Colleen Clarke -

Thursday 14 May

TBC

Thursday 21 May

Club Forum

Officers

President: Phillipa Vivian
viviangolf@xtra.co.nz
0274 277 053 07 377 4344

Imm.P. President: Maureen Bayley
maureen@bayleystaupo.co.nz
0274 579 690

President Elect: Chris Wallis
chriswallis@xtra.co.nz
07 3784956

Secretary: Sylvia Churchman
sylvia.churchman@gmail.com
0212 329 328

Treasurer: Vera McIvor
cvmcivor@gmail.com
07 376 5908

Liaison Officer: RoseMary Chrisp
copy_cat@xtra.co.nz
07 378 7286

Rotary Ramble: Phillipa Vivian
Rotary House Manager: Mary Legg
rotaryhousetaupo@gmail.com
0212 690 730

this week

It's not everyone's idea of a holiday, but our guest speaker, Colleen Clarke, an absolute pocket rocket of a person, has spent many years working for the Red Cross in parts of the world some of us would rather avoid. She does this in her spare time.

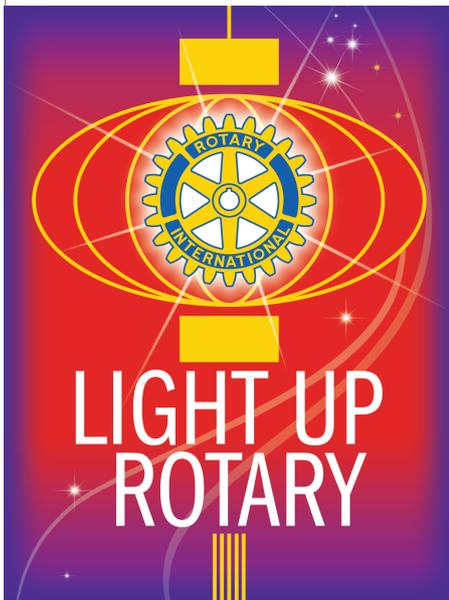
Colleen's working life is spent as a medic and helicopter landing officer on board an oil drilling ship off Taranaki's coast - the only female on board with three weeks on and three off.

As Andrew said, "Colleen is one of the most interesting people we have ever had present to us. We could have listened to her stories all morning - and then some".

An experienced paramedic, her role is to set up base hospitals in disaster areas -man made, natural, war zones and anything in between. She's just returned from southern Sudan where the hospital had no electricity or gas, no running water, few mattresses on the rusted beds, no sheets or towels - the most basic of basic, you get the picture!

Add in bats in the accommodation, squadrons of flies where the team had to foot-pump suction during surgery and hand fan to





Duty Roster

Thursday 7 May

Hospitality: RoseMary Crisp
Sergeant: Tom Gould
Introduction: Sylvia Churchman
Grace/PT: Kate McBreen

Thursday 14 May

Hospitality: RoseMary Crisp
Sergeant: Tom Gould
Introduction: John de Lautour
Grace/PT: Ann Robertson

Thursday 21 May

Hospitality: RoseMary Crisp
Sergeant: Tom Gould
Grace/PT: Sylvia Churchman

Apologies

Please phone **RoseMary Crisp** on **07 3787286** by 9am Wednesday or email.

facebook.com/rotaryhousetaupo
facebook.com/tauporotaryclub
www.tauporotaryclub.co.nz
email:rotaryhousetaupo@gmail.com

Gratification is not responsible for people falling in love.
- Albert Einstein

keep flies from settling on wounds.

This is a labour of love and one that sees Colleen mixing her medical skills with others from around the globe; part of what inspires her.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent works to help all sides of a conflict and Colleen's missions have taken her to Rwanda, the Thai Cambodia border, Pakistan, Banda Ache, Afghanistan (in Kabul teaching people to be ambulance officers) and Bosnia.

This is not a job for the faint-hearted. As Colleen says of nights in Africa "I feel safe even though there's the noise of unknown animals munching, screaming and people firing weapons". What a job these wonderful Red Cross workers do. Angels, saints and a bit of dare devil in all them we suspect.

~ Review courtesy of Taupo Expresso.

President's roundup

District Conference this weekend and RoseMary and Sandy have organised the accommodation and travel. Some, like me, are travelling over for Saturday only. The dress theme is Pacific Shirts and Fancy Shoes - so get your glad rags out! Registration opens at 7am on Saturday, so no sleeping in!!

Congratulations to Roland and Anne Vowles who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary! Along with the congratulatory card from the Queen, and a fabulous cake from Delightful Desserts, Roland will be shouting the bar! I hope you can all make the meeting to celebrate with Roland. 'I've got a lovely bunch of Coconuts' by Freddy Martin, was a popular song 60 years ago. Diamonds are and always have been a girl's best friend.



One of the two adventurers in the TV One series, *First Crossings*, Jamie Fitzgerald is a modern-day pioneer. Jamie strives for success in everything he does and is constantly searching for new ways to test his own boundaries.

In 2007, Jamie became the first ever Kiwi to reach the South Pole unsupported on foot with fellow adventurer Kevin Biggar.

Jamie Fitzgerald - just one of the many inspiring speakers at the Rotary District Conference.