

ROTARY RAMBLE

Be a Gift to the World

Meetings

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

Visitors Welcome

Thursday 20 August

DG Mike Smith- Joint Meeting
Partners night

Thursday 27 August

Taupo Band Concert

Thursday 3 September

Mark Taylor - Tenor

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this week

District Governor Mike Smith

Mike was born in Taumarunui and very soon moved to Napier. He has a twin brother and twin sisters who were born on the same day as Mike's wife Helen. Mike and Helen got married in 1971 and moved to Wellington. Mike was the manager of Avis Rental Cars and Helen was a Florist by profession and is now retired. She enjoys her art and singing.

He first joined Rotary in 1980 with the Rotary Club of Gisborne. In 1983 Mike and Helen moved to Napier where he joined the Rotary Club of Ahuriri. For sixteen years Mike has been active in many roles at district level. He has served as Past Chair of International Youth Exchange (IYE), Past Chair of Rotary NZ World Community Service, District Trainer, Assistant Governor, as a Rotary Leadership Institute facilitator and in 2013 Chair of the District Conference Committee. Mike also has been a past president of Diabetes New Zealand.



Duty Roster

Thursday 20 August

Hospitality: RoseMary Chrisp/
Athol Curtis

Sergeant: Chris Wallis

Introduction: President Ian Dykes

Grace/PT: Stuart Pickmere

Thursday 27 August

Official Meeting

Catering for Concert

Thursday 3 September

Hospitality: RoseMary Chrisp

Sergeant: Chris Wallis

Introduction: Brent Winkleman

Grace/PT: Kate McBreen

Saturday 31 October

Garage sale- Please collect items

Apologies

Please phone **RoseMary Chrisp** on **07 378 7286** or email **copy_cat@xtra.co.nz** by 9am Wednesday or email.

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Mike works as a real estate agent in Napier since 30 years. Mike and Helen have two adult daughters, Janine and Leah and four grand children. They both enjoy playing bowls.

Yours

Nath

President's Round-up

Thursday night's Speaker was Gloria Eves talking to us about family violence. This is not a very nice subject but one which has more meaning to us because Taupo has made the news recently with the murder of a partner and just the other day a child. Unfortunately, New Zealand is very high in these statistics and not a particularly good place to be when we are currently 5th in the world.

Our Guest Speaker has herself been a victim of family violence so she has been involved both as a counsellor and a recipient therefore she knows what she is talking about. The facts and figures Gloria presented to us were mind numbing and shocked us - how can this be? What can be done about it? The stories she told us, including the Police involvement, were also a revelation for a small town like Taupo and the result was a quiet hush in the room. Gloria answered some of our questions but no one person really has the answer to the current epidemic of family violence. A very interesting talk Gloria, thank you very much.

Next week we have the combined clubs meeting for the official visit of DG Mike Smith. The meeting will be hosted by Moana as it is their turn to take the meeting. Remember to bring a guest.

Yours

Chris.

People seldom notice old clothes if you wear a big smile.

-Lee Mildon

