



IYFR AUCKLAND FLEET NEWSLETTER September 2013

From the Commodore's Cabin:

After being your absentee Vice Commodore for the last year, Liz and I have returned from the south of France, Rotary International Convention and the IYFR Post Convention Cruise (PCC) ready to take up/resume our tasks in New Zealand.

For me, becoming Auckland Fleet Commodore and South Pacific Regional Commodore is a real pleasure. I look forward together with my Bridge to organising a range of events where we can have some fun and also in some small way contribute to the society in which we live.

I am writing this as though I am already the Commodore, time wise I am, but the formal handover and AGM has yet to occur. The details of this event and others are in this newsletter. Please join Liz and me at Romfords for fellowship over lunch as we plot our course for the year ahead.

As a Fleet we have some events to look forward to next year. The International Rotary Convention is on 1 – 4 June in Sydney. This as per IYFR tradition will be followed by the PCC. This is a great opportunity to mix with other Iyforians and to meet the new Executive Committee – Sergio Santi, the International Commodore; Jun Avecilla, the International Vice Commodore and Guillermo Arteta, the International Rear Commodore. They are all great people who will provide good leadership and leave us with happy memories over the coming years. Just ask anyone who attended the last PCC!

After the PCC I think it would be nice to invite those at PCC to visit our Fleet. Some overseas members may never pass this way again but would love to visit NZ. I am thinking of a post PCC weekend and boating if the weather is favourable along with home hosting – more of this at the AGM.

One thing I would really like to do this year is find a worthy cause that is aligned with IYFR objectives and give a grant that really makes a difference. If you have any thoughts on a suitable candidate or organisation please let me know in the next month. We will apply to see if we can get some grant money and look to supplement this from our own reserves.

There are hints that spring is just around the corner. Time to make sure your vessel is all ship shape and ready for the summer!

Yours in IYFR,

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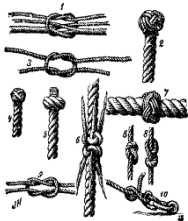
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Upcoming Events:

AGM & Changeover of officers is to be held on **Sunday 22 September 2013** in the Commodore's Room at Romfords, Tamaki Drive at 11.30am. Changeover and the AGM will follow a buffet lunch. \$35 per head with a cash bar.

Please RSVP to Peter Rowell at rowell@xtra.co.nz or (09) 424 5293 by **14 Sept.** We hope to see many of you there.



Know your knots? Come along to a fun event on **Sunday 10 November** to learn or pass on your knowledge. Knot tying along with soup and rolls for lunch will be at Peter and Vivien Rowells' home in Stanmore Bay. Further details to follow but please pencil in this date. It is certain to be lots of fun and fellowship.



Christmas Dinner will be held on **Thursday 12 December**. Please put this date in your diary NOW. Details of time and venue to follow.



June 2014 Rotary International Convention will be held in Sydney from 1-4 June. For those who have never attended an International Convention, Sydney will be the closest ever to New Zealand. It is an opportunity to experience Rotary and its breadth across the globe. Ask any Rotarians who have been to Convention – it is a wonderful chance to experience Rotary at an international level.

Following the Convention there will be PCC (Post Convention Cruise) for those IYFR members who wish to continue the fun and fellowship. Keep an eye open in Rotofloat for all the details.

As already mentioned in the Commodore's opening report, the Auckland Bridge are planning a PPCC (Post Post Convention Cruise) for Iyforians who would like to continue the journey down under and visit New Zealand. FC David has already spoken at the International Convention in Lisbon about this idea and we know there are some IYFR members who plan to come our way.

We would like to be able to offer home hosting, some sailing (weather dependant given the time of year) plus a Fleet weekend from 13 to 15 June. More will be said about this at the AGM. Meanwhile please give some thought as to how you could be part of this event.

From the Treasurer:

Annual subs of \$20 are due now. You can pay online - IYFR Auckland, ASB Bank 012 3026 0393942 00. Please put 'subs' and your name in reference. If any of your details have changed please let our Fleet Secretary, Meryl Stretton know.

Portugal 2013

The following is a summary of an article FC David wrote for Rotafloat about IYFR's activities at Convention and on the PCC.

IYFR was active at Convention having a booth in the House of Friendship which was manned by members in whites – which is always our point of difference amongst the Fellowships of Rotary.

The Commodore's Reception was held outside a waterfront restaurant near the convention centre. It provided a chance for mariner friends to meet again and swap stories over dinner and drinks.

Dinner at the Lisbon Yacht Club was an extra event attended by over 100 Iyforians and friends. The Yacht Club is in an historic location, being very close to the place where Vasco da Gama departed on his famous voyages of exploration. During dinner noise levels increased and it was not too long before the tables closest to the bar erupted in song. A great evening of fun and fellowship.

The Annual General Meeting had quick reports from each Area Commodore, on the accounts, on the Rules changes voting and on next year's PCC in Sydney. In summary Mariner numbers have held relatively constant, with some losses and some gains. In the past year new fleets were chartered in the Philippines and Monaco and new squadrons were formed in Israel and SE Asia.

The Commodore's Dinner had over 70 attendees who enjoyed this formal dinner and witnessed the ceremonial changeover of regalia from IC Clint Collier(USA) to Sergio Santi (Italy). Jun Avecilla (Philippines) stepped up to become IVC and Guillermo Arteta (Argentina) became RVC. In all a most enjoyable evening with great international fellowship.

Post Convention Cruise followed immediately after Convention when 36 members and partners travelled from Lisbon by coach to stay 4 nights in Porto. En route we stopped for lunch at a magnificent hotel. This lunch was to set the tone for a gastronomic PCC. During our stay in Porto we travelled twice up the Douro River-one trip taking us to the heart of the Douro Valley which is the centre of port wine growing. We also visited old palaces, churches and other historic buildings learning much about Portuguese history. Through all this were lunches, dinners and wine tasting – a wonderful gastronomic experience but not so good for the waistline! In summary PCC was a most enjoyable time of fun and fellowship which is sure to be repeated next year in Sydney.