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Relay for Life 25-26 February: Julie the mad scientist

Relay for Life 2006

Key Dates: March

- 13 March - General meeting at new venue, YMCA North Shore, 7 for 7.15pm
- 19 March – Waitakere City Rotary Soap Box Derby, Westgate
- 27 March - Exec presentation at ECB Rotary Club
- 27 March – General meeting

Sweat, blisters and aching bones- a team of twenty from the club took part in the Relay for Life, an event held by the Auckland Cancer Society to raise funds for cancer prevention and clinical research. This year the Relay took place at Sovereign Stadium during the last weekend of February, where we ran, walked and eventually hobbled our way around the track for 24 hours. Cancer survivors led the opening lap, with all participants following. Apart from the running there were various other activities around the stadium- spot prizes, rock climbing and volleyball, as well as live entertainment throughout the day. A particularly poignant ceremony

took place at dusk, where candlelit tributes were placed around the track. The paper bags were inscribed with personal messages, either to those currently fighting cancer or in memory of those who have passed. These were people who have fought a battle, and definitely served as an inspiration to those who were finding it difficult while trudging through the early hours of the morning.

On the whole the club raised over \$2500 – thanks to all the sponsors! A big thank you to Hayden and Erica for organizing us for the event, and to everyone else who helped make it a great success.

-Teresa



General club business

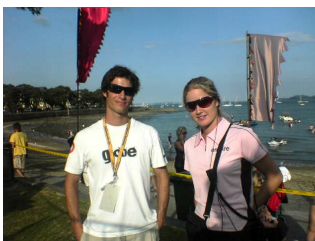
- Upcoming meetings: **Monday 13th and 27th March** at our new venue, **YMCA North Shore, Akoranga Drive- 7 for 7.15pm.**
- For each general meeting two people are to organise an icebreaker for the night, electing two new people each time for the next meeting.
- Thanks to **Christine McGregor of Ernst & Young**, the speaker at the meeting on Monday 27th February. She gave us an overview of the professional services provided by the company, as well as giving general tips for surviving the job recruitment process.
- We will be holding a **sausage sizzle** on an upcoming Saturday outside Freedom Furniture to help fundraise for the Vanuatu project. Any volunteers to **Julie julie.spray@gmail.com**
- The Social committee is organising a club event- Hoedown, to be held at Ashleigh's family farm in Whitford. Possible dates in April/May.
- The **Rotary Club of Waitakere City** is holding the **Third Annual All American Soap Box Derby** on **Sunday 19th March** at Westgate Drive, Massey. They are needing **5 to 10 helpers** on the day, from 8-12pm or 12-4pm. The project aims to bring together schools, businesses, the community and Rotary. All funds raised will go into charitable projects, many involving youth. How it works- local businesses sponsor a kitset car (\$3000) into 20 nominated West Auckland schools. The school provides a team of 5-10 students from year 6 to 10, and a teacher to oversee the project. The students then assemble the car, paint it in the sponsors and/or school colours and logos, and race it on behalf of the sponsor. Names to **Oliver oliver.bannatyne@gmail.com** More information at <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/soapboxderby.htm>

Last month...

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- *From Oliver Bannatyne and Rob Fogarin:* Pupuke Rotaractors became band groupies and backstage security at this year's Devonport Food & Wine Festival, supporting the Rotary Club of Devonport's bid to raise money for charity. Our roles included organising 'refreshments' for the performers, setting up marquees, traffic control near

the main stage and general crowd control. The beautiful sun, laid back music, large crowds and some awesome food & wine made this a fantastic event to get involved in.

- *Oliver on RYPEN 2006:* Rotaractors from all over Auckland became Team Leaders for the Rotary Club of Penrose's Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN). The weekend of 24-26 February saw Camp Adair host to 89 teens who were thrown into a range of outdoor and team-based activities designed to help them discover their full potential.



Devonport Food and Wine Festival: Rob and stage manager Petra Stringfellow