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To a night of  
inspirational Rotary  
fellowship

Wednesday 6 March 2013

7.00 for 7.30pm

At the West Wyalong

S&C Sports Club, Tallimba Rd

Cost per head - \$40 which  
includes a drink and dinner

(Two courses main & dessert)

Guest Speakers are two  
inspirational former RI directors

Stuart Heal and Tom

Thorfinnson

Please see  
attached sheet  
for RSVP  
details



*Fellowship*



*Motivate*



*Inspire*



*Leadership*



# Stuart Heal



Stuart has enjoyed a successful and varied business career. He was CEO of New Zealand's largest agricultural supply cooperative for 20 years until 2004. He is now self-employed as a business mentor and a director of a number of companies across many different sectors including power generation, manufacturing, wine, health, retail and forestry.

Adrienne was, until 2009, a teacher providing support for children aged 11 to 15 with learning and behavioural needs.

Stuart came into Rotary following selection as a team member on Group Study Exchange (GSE). He went to Nigeria in 1987 as a member of the team from District 9980. Much earlier, in 1971, he won a Rotary Youth Leadership award and attended District 9920 RYLA that year.

He subsequently joined the Dunedin Rotary Club in 1987. He was Club President in 1994/95 and District Governor in 1999/2000. He was involved with the GSE program as District Chair and Adrienne is currently a member of the District GSE Committee. Stuart has been a member of the Management Committee for RDU, our regional magazine for the past five years.

He has also been training leader at International Assembly twice (2003, 2004) and remains a member of his District's training team.

In 2005 he was awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation following 3 years as Foundation Chair for the District. Stuart and Adrienne have hosted five Rotary Youth Exchange students and are very supportive of Rotary Youth programmes.

They have two sons and a daughter, all pursuing successful business and professional careers. Adrienne is also a Rotarian and was Cromwell Club President in 2008/09. Leisure time is spent with family and, in the finest New Zealand traditions, enjoying good food, wine, gardening, travel, rugby and cricket.



# Tom Thorfinnson

Tom was brought into the Rotary Club of Hopkins Minnesota in 1980 and served as Club President in 1992-93. He started the Eden Prairie Noon Rotary Club and in 2003 became a charter member. Tom and his wife, Jamie, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and Level 4 Charter Members of the Bequest Society. Tom is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service to the Rotary Foundation.

The Thorfinnsons have hosted 3 Rotary Youth Exchange students and Tom served as a Country Representative for Rotary Youth Exchanges to and from Thailand, India and Indonesia. He chaired the multi-district youth exchange program for 5950-5960. In 1996-97 Tom served District 5950 as Governor. He has chaired numerous district committees many with a focus on fundraising for The Rotary Foundation. Tom was a representative to the Council on Legislation in 2001 and 2004, served as District Membership Chair; and as Special Representative for club extension in Orono and Eden Prairie.

Beyond the district level, Tom served as Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign National Advisor, as President's Representative, as a New Model Pilot Clubs Country Representative and as Major Gifts Advisor. Twice he chaired the Rotary Institute for Zones 27-28 and was the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) for Zone 27. Tom is a past Task Force Member and Literacy Task Force Coordinator.

At the international level Tom has served on the Administration Committee, as Board Liaison to Strategic Planning Committee, on the Reach out to Africa sub-committee and the Council on Legislation Advisory Committee to the Board. Currently Tom is serving as Vice President for Rotary International and is a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Rotarian Action Groups Committee, The Executive Committee, the Steering Committee for the Rotary/USAID Global Developmental Alliance and is Chair of the Audit Committee.

Having made twelve volunteer trips including many to Haiti, Tom is passionate about international service. He has chaired fundraising efforts among Rotarians in the upper Midwest in an effort to provide safe water to children.

Tom and Jamie are graduates of St. Olaf College and have post-graduate degrees from Marquette University: Tom with a law degree and Jamie with a Masters in Sociology. For 15 years they "enjoyed" following their daughters around the softball diamonds. Tom coached and Jamie ran tournaments. He is past director and board chair for the Hopkins Crime Prevention Foundation, Open Circle Adult Day Care, Eden Prairie ABC Foundation, and Eden Prairie Girls Athletic Association, Tom is past Lay Leader, Stewardship Chair and Administrative Board Chair for Minnetonka Methodist Church.

Tom has practiced corporate and real estate law for almost all of the last 30 years, and for 16 years was a business law lecturer at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. Tom is President and owner of Thorfinnson Law Offices, P.A. and is on the Board of Directors of First Minnetonka City Bank.

For 20 years Jamie has worked in administration at Forest Hills Elementary School in Eden Prairie; a public school where the over 650 students speak 37 different languages. She enjoys working with the diverse student population and loves the smiling faces that greet her each morning. She calms down during the summer with gardening.

Tom and Jamie have two daughters: Alexis McGuire, a Purdue graduate employed with Wells Fargo Bank; and Ashley Thorfinnson, a Dartmouth graduate, completing her masters in industrial design at Pratt Institute in NYC.

# Rotary Club Of West Wyalong Dinner Response Sheet

From the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_

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