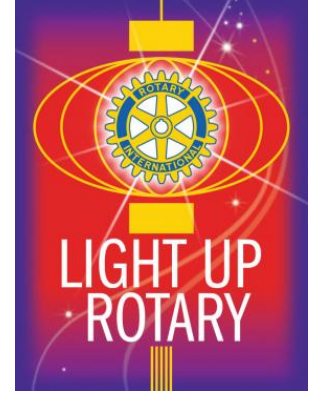




Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 11 March 2015

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President Gail welcomed members and Guests Dr Tekaa Nelesone & Nurse Patricia Puna to the meeting.

Apologies : Roger

One minute notices

- RF asking for \$125 per member. Bill has asked them for some information and stated that we are going to pay \$3000.
- We have applied to the Harold Thomas Trust for funding for The Bernard Bowden Trust.
- TRF have matching grants available for local groups of up to \$2500.
- Our 90th Birthday celebrations will include our Carry over Evening on 8 July 2015

Guest Speakers from Cook Islands Dr Tekaa Nelesone & Nurse Patricia Puna.

Dr Tekaa introduced himself and thanks Rotary for the opportunity to work in the ED department which is giving them valuable experience.

Tekaa works on the island of Tuvalu, this used to be Ellice Island and became independent in 1976. Tekaa went to Nelson College for 2 years then to Otago University to study Science. The government gave him a scholarship and Tekaa went to Fiji Medical School. A subsequent scholarship allowed him to study a Masters in Public Health in NSW University. Tekaa worked in Tokalau then moved to Tuvalu in 2008 where he is the Medical officer of health and specialises in Non-Communicable Diseases. Tekaa was the chief advisor to the government and now believes that Mental Health is the underlying problem to many of the problems with health all over the world. Obesity is an addiction to food and hence diabetes ensues which can be all linked to our mental health.

Nurse Puna is a registered Nurse also working in the ED department and thanks Rotary for the opportunity. Their Ed in Rarotonga has 5 beds and the whole hospital has 80 beds. Puna is from a large family and she is the youngest of 10 of which most are in Australia. Puna studied in the Nursing School in Raro and our ED is completely different to theirs, much faster, busier and computerised.

Pat thanked them both and was impressed with how they do so much, with so little. Pat spent time in Tuvalu many years ago and can appreciate their work conditions. Pat wished them well and asked us to show our appreciation in the normal manner.

Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)			
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)			
Duties	18 Feb (am)	25 Feb (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Lunch Forum	Francine Sheilds SPCA	Gail
Host	None	Roger	
Thanks	None	Roger	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Pat	Bill	Roger	

Parting Thought from Mike

“A closed mouth gathers no feet”