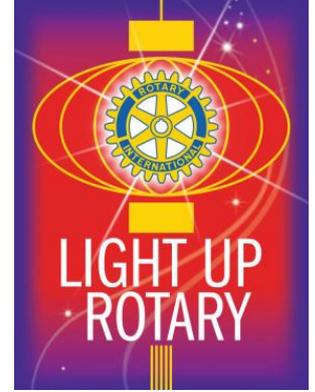




Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910



Chronicle for 13 May 2015

Int President Gary C.K. Huang

President – Gail Taylor, Secretary- Alison Rossiter, Treasurer – Bill Rossiter, Chronicle - Andrew Bax, Community – Andrew Bax, International - Roger Barber, Programme –Mike Elrick, Almoner - George Wilson, Historian - Lloyd Morris, Website - Andrew Bax, Board Member – Maurice Schicker,
District Governor – Bruce Rasmussen, Assistant Governor – Rosemary Meyer

President Gail welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies : Bill & Alison, Peter & Margaret, Pat.

One minute notices

- The Speaker is ill so had to apologize.
- 8 July is our rollover Dinner & 90th Party so please let Gail know your menu choice.
- Welcome back to Roger from his trip to Gallipoli.
- Roger reported that 1 year on Probus is now Probus NZ Inc and our Northland rep is James Taylor

Shirley gave an impromptu talk on family.

Family is very important and this club is a family, which leads to the importance of extended family & friends which are very important to all of us.

Last week Shirley resigned from the National Party after 40 years and she realised that they were also a family who have given her lots of friendship & love.

Last week Shirley was sick and her neighbours tried to visit her when she told them to stay away as she didn't want them to catch her bug. Next thing a group of them arrived dressed in overalls, rubber gloves and masks and made her day with their friendship.

“The best portion of your life will be the small, nameless moment you spend smiling with someone who matters to you”

Mike read a Speech from the District conference by DG Bruce

Rotary has a wonderful history through time – right from the start with Paul Harris 110 years ago.

The rotary foundation was established as an endowment fund in 1917 and enjoyed modest growth until Paul Harris died in January 1947 when the foundation launched what is known as ambassadorial scholarships today.

The name Rotary International (RI) was adopted in 1922.

In New Zealand there are many key milestones where rotary has delivered wonderful projects, many are now household names and some are still providing for our community today.

Let's get into our De Lorean time machine, turn the flux capacitor into reverse and go back in time

In 1921 two special commissioners were despatched to Australasia.

On the 7 June 1921 the Wellington club was formed and six days later the Auckland club was founded.

In 1923 the new Wellington club approved an obligation to Plunket assist with the building of Karitane hospital. 20,000 pounds was raised plus a loan with the loan being repaid by Rotarians over the next few years.

Over the 1923- 25 years clubs were chartered in several major provincial cities, which included Whangarei.

The first Australasian conference was held in Sydney in sept 1924. NZ had a good representation as we had twice as many clubs as Australia.

1928 saw the Wellington club start the milk in school programme which quickly expanded. It commenced in Whangarei in 1935.

In 1916 and again in 1924/25 there were major polio epidemics in NZ. In 1930 a Dr Alexander Gillies first spoke to the Wellington rotary club about the needs of the 5000 crippled children. But it took until 1935 when the Crippled Childrens Soc formed Rotary's Timaru conference. A year later Lord Nuffield donated 60,000 pounds plus his home in Takapuna.

A Mr and Mrs Wilson donated 10,000 pounds. Hence the Wilson home was established. Now days the Crippled Childrens Soc is called CCS disability action.

1937 – 38 saw Rotary's global project "Rotary in small towns" brought to new Zealand. Dargaville club was formed and proved successful.

During the worst of the war years in 1942, another 12 clubs were formed in NZ.

1945 saw New Plymouth club start the TB Association. This had particular relevance to me as my father contracted TB as a result of being in a German prison camp.

1945 National Womens hospital started through the Auckland Rotary club.

1948/49 were exceptional years for Rotary in New Zealand.

Appeals included:

- Cases of books for the Rangoon club.
- Several hundred pairs of glasses to Dr Hemming a medical missionary in the Soloman Islands
- The cancer campaign.
- Food for Britain campaign

Since the 1950's saw rotary bring us:

- 1961 Outward Bound Trust
- 1962 Riding for the Disabled
- 1971 National Child Health Research (Cure Kids)
- 1979 National Kidney Foundation
- 1988 National Science and Technology forum - Ben O'Brien, CEO for Stretchsense Technologies
- Ellerslie flower show

These things, plus many more, we have done in the name of Rotary.

NZ Prime Minister Syd Holland said in 1955.....

“Rotary has a sound tradition; it enjoys a solid status. It has built its foundations well; its future is assured. It is a movement which has my best wishes.”

We can all be very proud of our history It is now up to us all to make new history for future generations so that they can look back with pride, just as we are doing today.

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	20 May (am)	27 May (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Lunch Forum	Emma Rankin	Gail
Host	None	Roger	
Thanks	None	Roger	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	Bill	Roger	

Parting thought from Andrew

“Abraham Lincoln was once talking with a woman about how the North must treat the South. She disagreed with him, and said that she felt that we must destroy our enemies.

Lincoln replied, "What, madam? Do I not destroy them when I make them my friends?"”