

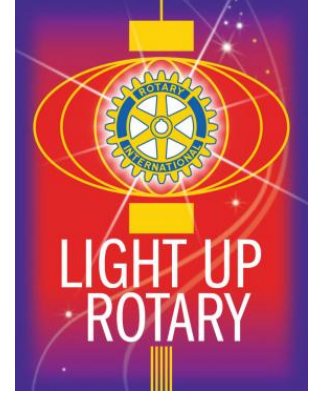


Whangarei Rotary

(Chartered 1925)

District 9910

Chronicle for 25 March 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 members and Guest speaker Francine Sheilds to the meeting.

Apologies : Roger, Jack & Barbara Lucy

One minute notices

- Bill took some metal to the scrap dealer and made \$54 plus sold some tools for \$15.
- Bill sent \$500 to the Vanuatu relief fund.
- Bill sent \$3000 to the Rotary Foundation as passed by the club.
- Bill suggested we setup a Vanuatu fund, Bill will co-ordinate.
- We received our second notice board for the school projects.
- 9 May is The Annual Quiz night a Matakana.

Guest Speaker – Francine Sheilds

Francine was nurse for 20 years, a volunteer ambulance officer for 9 years, 12 Years with the SPCA as a volunteer, now has been the manager of SPCA for about 10 years.

The aim of SPCA is to protect animals from cruelty under the Animal Welfare Act 1999. They attend injuries and prosecute offenders.

The public have expectations that are not necessarily achievable but they do their best with limited funds. These expectations are

- Animal adoption
- Take in all animals- won't turn them away but sometimes have to euthanize.
- Investigate complaints, mounts to about 1000 per year in the Whangarei & Dargaville areas.
- Catch feral cats
- 24 Hr rescue

Their Animal Welfare Inspectors are trained by MPI (Ministry of Prime Industries). They are appointed by the Governor General. They are trained in Prosecutions, investigations, forensics, and photography. They get \$15 per hr and often get verbal abuse and physical risk. They have to deal with gangs, drug users and violent offenders.

5 years ago they initiated a “Drop in Centre” which used to see daily call outs and now have been reduced to once a week. The centres are now in Otangarei, Onerahi and Ruakaka.

They perform about 25 de-sexing operations per day and all equipment is donated.

It cost \$1.5m to run and the Shop brings in \$350,000.

SPCA are always searching for money so they can do more, they need \$30,000 per month to continue their vital work. Any donations would be gratefully received.

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	1 Apr (am)	8 Apr (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Lunch Forum	Andria Beasley Quarry Arts	Gail
Host	None	Roger	
Thanks	None	Roger	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	Jack	Roger	

Parting Thought from Bill

“The only people I have ever known who don’t have problems, are in the cemetery”